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This Week Interview with Governor Mike Pence – Airing 10/18

Rafael Sanchez, RTV 6: Governor, thank you for joining us.

Governor Mike Pence: You bet.

Rafael Sanchez, RTV 6: You announced a major road program which you say will not, in any way, raise taxes. How is that possible?

Governor Mike Pence: Well, it's a real testament to the strong, fiscal responsibility that Indiana's demonstrated in recent years. Look, we have one of the strongest balance sheets in the country. We have a growing economy. We have record employment in the state of Indiana and the lowest unemployment rate in the Midwest. That's all created an environment where, in the end of the last fiscal year, we actually ended up with near record reserves in the bank. So, as we were looking at the priorities of the coming session and the General Assembly, I knew it would be possible for us to invest in the kind of preservation of our infrastructure, of roads and bridges, across the state of Indiana. By leveraging our fiscal strength without having to raise taxes on Hoosier motorists and taxpayers.

Rafael Sanchez, RTV 6: We're talking about \$1 billion. Will the legislature approve this money coming out of the rainy day fund?

Governor Mike Pence: Well, I'm hopeful that the legislature will embrace all of our 21st Century Crossroads plan. What we want to do, ultimately, is invest \$1 billion over the next four years to take what is already a good system of state roads and bridges, ranks above the national average, and even improve that still. And the good news is, we can do that without raising taxes on Hoosier motorists in this state. The way we make that happen is, I believe, that it is important that we maintain adequate reserves. But, I'll ask the General Assembly to allow me to move dollars above 11.5 percent into roads. And also, we have the highest credit rating of any state in the country – a Triple A bond rating. And that means we can borrow money at a very affordable rate. And so I'm also going to ask the legislature to give me the ability to borrow dollars over a 20 year period of time to invest in the preservation of our roads and bridges. I'm encouraged by the initial response that we have received from members of the General Assembly. But, I look forward to taking the case for the 21st Century Crossroads plan all across Indiana and into the well of the General Assembly next January.

Rafael Sanchez, RTV 6: The Indiana Democratic Party says that you've decided to speed this up; that this proposal that you announced last week is really an effort because of the numbers you're seeing in the 2016 campaign. Is there any truth to that, sir? Did you speed up this program in an effort to respond to the political radio ads that you possibly have been hearing that criticize the state for having neglected roads over these years?

Governor Mike Pence: You know, Rafael, our administration has invested in infrastructure every year since I became Governor. More than \$1.2 billion has been invested since I took the oath of office. This is simply building on that and, frankly, it was born as we closed out our fiscal year well ahead of where we expected to be in our budget reserves. We set a goal of 12.5 percent, which

would be very high for any state in the country. But, because Indiana's economy is expanding so rapidly, our reserves were over 14 percent. So I sat our team down and said 'What could we do in the upcoming short session of the General Assembly that would have the greatest impact on encouraging more investment and seeing more jobs created in the state of Indiana?' And roads and bridges and infrastructure were on top of the list.

Rafael Sanchez, RTV 6: The Democrats, as soon as you made your announcement, put out a release saying that Indiana roads are, I believe the grade that they gave them were a D or a D+. Is that just not accurate? Because I want to make sure that I understand. Are they making things up? Are they lying? The information that we're hearing from the other side; how would you characterize it if it's not the truth?

Governor Mike Pence: The suggestion that Indian's infrastructure is crumbling or suffering from neglect is just political nonsense. But look, that's ok. It's a free country. People can say what they want to say. I think that when you look at the real statistics, you'll see that the investments that are underway today have our roads and bridges in the state of Indiana in fair or even better condition in more than 90 percent of the cases. The \$1 billion that I want to invest now, in the 21st Century Crossroads plan, will take us even higher.

Rafael Sanchez, RTV 6: I want to move on to other big topics that, of course, your office has to deal with. Your state ordered investigation of Planned Parenthood found that those clinics were ok. They were in the clear. They were not misusing federal funds on abortions. Why then have a contract with Real Alternatives? Was that in response to Planned Parenthood? Or, why do you see Real Alternatives as being a suitable provider of health services for women in our state?

Governor Mike Pence: I'm very pleased that we were able to identify these resources. Hoosiers in northern Indiana were taking advantage of them over the last year and now, people all across the state, expectant moms across the state, will have more choices for counseling and support as the result.

Rafael Sanchez, RTV 6: Critics say that this group is really an anti-abortion group and that's where the criticism is coming from. Was it possible to find a provider that was neutral and still provide the services you wanted or did you like this service or this contract because of their anti-abortion stance?

Governor Mike Pence: A number of other states have contracted with Real Alternatives and had genuine results. Look, I think women ought to have the broadest range of choices available for counseling services.

Rafael Sanchez, RTV 6: But in this case, Governor, they're anti-abortion, so do they get full services?

Governor Mike Pence: It is, like me, an organization that recognizes the sanctity of life. But, it's important to note that Real Alternatives doesn't fail to provide medical services. Real Alternatives offers counseling and support to expectant mothers and also assistance in not only coming to term, but also exploring adoption opportunities. We've expanded access to adoption in the state of Indiana and I think this is all part and parcel in making sure that young women have the broadest range of choices available for counseling and support. I think that's the right approach and I'm grateful that we're able to expand this program at no additional cost to Hoosier taxpayers.

Rafael Sanchez, RTV 6: You recall the firestorm caused by RFRA. You have people like businessmen Bill Oesterle and former Governor Joe Kernan who are urging you to extend civil rights protections to the LGBT community. Will 2016 be that year? Will you either change their mind or will you encourage the legislature to extend statewide protections to those that are in the LGBTQ community?

Governor Mike Pence: Well, let me say that I abhor discrimination. One of the heroes of my youth was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. One of the greatest experiences of my life was walking across the Edmund Pettus Bridge next to John Lewis on the 45th anniversary of Bloody Sunday. Hoosiers don't tolerate discrimination against anybody. We are the kindest, most compassionate, most caring people in the world. But Hoosiers also cherish faith, religion and the freedoms that are associated with those things. And so I think that as we go forward, there are two things that are important. Number one is that as this debate continues in the public square, and maybe in the General Assembly, that it be done so in a way that shows compassion and respect for everyone, with every point of view. But what we're considering is whether those two great principles, the fact that Hoosiers don't tolerate discrimination and Hoosiers cherish faith and religion, whether it's possible to reconcile those two things in the law. We'll be thoughtful about it. Candidly, Rafael, I'm being prayerful about it. We've come to no determination yet, but we're listening to a lot of people respectfully. We're taking the matter seriously and we'll look to resolve our position on that issue and what we think is the best course for Indiana in the weeks and months ahead.

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No worries. I'm working on the response and will just have ISDH send. For the couple questions that deal with FSSA I will coordinate with TAM.

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Dear Ms. Shields,

Governor Mike Pence has recently announced that the State will enter into a statewide contract with Real Alternatives in order to conduct pregnancy and support services programs. The funding is to come from a portion of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) fund. Below are some questions that I have regarding the Real Alternatives program as well as the effect that it has on our state. If you could respond to my concerns in a timely manner it would be appreciated.

1. What evaluation was done of the first year contract?
2. What are the measures of success? What results were in hand when the contract was expanded?
3. Can you identify the subcontractors who receive funds from Real Alternatives?
4. Does Real Alternatives receive revenue for referrals?
5. Does Real Alternatives pay for referrals it receives?
6. What is the salary structure of Real Alternatives?
7. Does Real Alternatives refer people to or assist with getting insurance coverage?
8. Does it refer to HIP 2.0 which provides birth control?
9. Has Real Alternatives identified medical providers who do not provide family planning services?
10. Have any of the clients succeeded in using abstinence as an effective birth control method?
11. Has the use of these funds affected other TANF supported activities?

Respectively,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward O. DeLaney".

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CC: Secretary John J. Wernert, MD

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HOLLANDE SEES 'ACT OF WAR': French President François Hollande on Saturday blamed Islamic State for the terrorist attacks across Paris that left at least 127 people dead, and vowed to retaliate (*Wall Street Journal*). "It is an act of war that was waged by a terrorist army, a jihadist army, by Daesh, against France," Mr. Hollande said, using an Arabic name for Islamic State. "This act of war was prepared and planned from the outside, with accomplices inside," he added, saying France would respond to the attacks. "France, because it was freely, cowardly attacked, will be merciless against the terrorists," Mr. Hollande said in an address to the nation broadcast on French TV. "France will triumph over barbarism." Islamic State claimed responsibility in a statement posted to social media, saying the attacks were retaliation for French airstrikes against the group in Syria and Iraq. The extremist group's claim couldn't immediately be verified. Mr. Hollande didn't cite intelligence or give an explanation for attributing the attacks to Islamic State. The French president's remarks may herald a sharp escalation of France's military action in Syria and Iraq against Islamic State. France has been bombing the group's positions in both countries, but has so far refused to put troops on the ground.

COATS REACTS TO PARIS TERROR: U.S. Sen. Dan Coats (R-Ind.), a member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, today issued the following statement regarding the attacks in Paris: "The attacks in Paris are horrific and an unprecedented form of evil intended to disrupt the lives of free people. Tonight, all Americans stand in solidarity with Paris and the French people. I ask Hoosiers to join me in praying for France, our first and oldest ally, and its citizens. This isn't just an attack on Paris, this is an attack on the civilized world. Sadly, this tragedy reinforces that the battle against terrorism and extremism will not be fought only in the Middle East. The United States and Western nations are dealing with escalating security challenges that cannot be resolved through diplomacy. It is imperative that we address these new dangers to our homeland by acting to reassess and strengthen our border security and engage with leaders throughout the world to address the ever-spreading threat of terrorism." (Howey Politics Indiana)

OBAMA PONDERES OPTIONS AFTER PARIS MASSACRES: With calls growing for tougher action against ISIL in response to the Paris terror attacks, President Barack Obama is again reviewing a menu of policy options he has previously found unpalatable (*Politico*). "Clearly there's going to have to be an intensification of our efforts," Obama's

deputy national security adviser Ben Rhodes told NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday. Officials were mum on what that might mean. But several analysts predicted dramatic action in the coming days — including Special Forces raids on ISIL leaders and heavy airstrikes in Syria, like those conducted by France on Sunday. At the same time, they expressed doubt that Obama would dramatically shift his broader strategy in Iraq and Syria. "He may pull the trigger on some targeted killings and claim it as counterattacks — or might hit some ISIL fixed sites in Syria or Iraq and do the same," said Kenneth Pollack, a former Clinton administration official specializing in the Middle East now at the Brookings Institution. "But he has his strategy and he is sticking to it." Hewing to the current strategy will be a political challenge for Obama, however, as the critiques of his policy grow more bipartisan. Over the weekend, two leading national security voices within his party echoed longtime GOP criticisms that the U.S.-led campaign against ISIS has proved ineffectual.

CLINTON CALLS OUT MUSLIM ALLIES: Hillary Clinton took the unusual step of putting some of America's Muslim allies on notice Saturday night, saying they "have got to make up their minds" about where they stand in the battle against terrorism (*Politico*). The presidential candidate called out Turkey and the Gulf Arab states during the Democratic debate, suggesting they've equivocated for too long about how far they will go to stop extremists. "Are they going to stand with us against this kind of jihadi radicalism or not?" Clinton asked. "And there are many ways of doing it. They can provide sources, they can provide resources. But they need to be absolutely clear about where they stand."

CARSON STRUGGLES ON ISIS, TRUMP SHOUTS ON TWITTER: Jeb Bush, the former Florida governor, called for a declaration of war against the Islamic State. Sen. Marco Rubio said America was engaged in a "clash of civilizations." But Ben Carson struggled to articulate how exactly his foreign-policy vision would translate in the real world (*Politico*). "Well obviously, extending, you know, our support to the French," he said Sunday on *Fox News* when asked what a President Carson's first steps would have been following the Paris terror attack. When host Chris Wallace pressed him three times on who he would call first to put together an international military coalition, Carson demurred three times before saying he would call "all of the Arab states" and "all of our traditional allies." "I don't want to leave anybody out," Carson said. Donald Trump, who before the attack had said his ISIS policy would be to "bomb the s--t out of them," was unusually absent, not just from the Sunday interview circuit but the discussion. He had spent the weekend shouting on Twitter in all-caps: "When will President Obama issue the words RADICAL ISLAMIC TERRORISM?" "He is just so bad! CHANGE." "We need much tougher, much smarter leadership - and we need it NOW!" Bush, Kasich, Rubio and Sen. Lindsey Graham were among those who spoke fluently on foreign affairs on

the Sunday shows. "I have a plan. Please, for God's sake, wake up to the threats we face," Graham, whose poor polling caused him to be excluded from the last GOP debate, said on CNN. "Hit them before they hit us. Fight them in their backyard, not our backyard." Among the most hawkish candidates in the field, Graham has called for sending 10,000 American troops to Iraq and Syria. Bush spoke confidently about foreign affairs on both CNN's "State of the Union" and NBC's "*Meet the Press*." But when NBC's Chuck Todd asked Bush if he thought Carson or Trump were ready to be commander in chief, he replied, "I don't know. The words that I hear them speaking give me some concern."

GOP CANDIDATES LINK TERROR TO IMMIGRATION: The day after a series of terrorist attacks rocked Paris, Republican presidential candidates delivered a new message on immigration and border security: We told you so (*Politico*). In the attacks — perpetrated by agents of the Islamic State, at least one of whom may have entered the European Union among a group of Syrian refugees — several Republican contenders saw vindication of their criticisms of President Obama on those issues. But the real target of their barbs was each other, as nearly every GOP candidate stressed their conservative bona fides on a topic that has fired up voters, powered the rise of Donald Trump and hobbled Jeb Bush's strategy of being willing to "lose the primary to win the general." At the Sunshine Summit Republican gathering here, Chris Christie, Rand Paul and Bobby Jindal all tied the attacks to immigration on Saturday and raised the prospect that agents of ISIL had slipped into the United States already or could do so if the administration proceeds with plans to allow in Syrian refugees. On the campaign trail in Texas and South Carolina, Donald Trump and Ted Cruz did the same. "President Obama and Hillary Clinton's idea that we should bring tens of thousands of Syrian Muslim refugees to America: it is nothing less than lunacy," Cruz told Fox News from the site of his campaign's "rally for religious liberty" in Greenville. At a rally in Beaumont, Texas, Trump — who expressed support for taking in Syrian refugees in September but later reversed himself — called the administration's plan to admit thousands of them "insane."

MESSER BACKING BUSH FOR PRESIDENT: Rep. Luke Messer (R-Ind), the Republican Policy Committee chairman and fifth-ranking member of the House, endorsed Jeb Bush for president on Friday, bolstering the former Florida governor's Congressional endorsement lead over his GOP rivals (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "I've watched this primary carefully and believe Jeb Bush is uniquely qualified to lead our nation out of the morass created by the current administration," Messer said in a statement. Messer, who is the only elected member of House leadership to endorse in the presidential primary so far, lauded Bush's policy proposals on taxes, energy, and foreign policy, and said his record of conservative accomplishments as governor of

Florida is unmatched in the field. "Jeb's record in Florida proves he's a man of his word, a true conservative reformer who can change Washington and fix the big things that are broken with our federal government," Messer said. "I'm all in for Jeb, and think he would make a terrific Commander-in-Chief." With Messer in his corner, Bush now has endorsements from 25 members of the House, according to the FiveThirtyEight endorsement tracker.

REAL ALTERNATIVES PUSHES ABSTINENCE IN NO BID CONTRACT: Most of a \$3.5 million no-bid contract that Republican Gov. Mike Pence awarded to an anti-abortion nonprofit organization that pushes abstinence as the only method of birth control will be spent providing services to pregnant women who choose not to have an abortion (*Associated Press*). Pennsylvania-based Real Alternatives will essentially act as a middleman, signing up service providers around the state to "enable pregnant women in Indiana to maintain pregnancy and achieve positive healthy pregnancy outcomes through provision of pregnancy support services and referrals to care." The contract, first announced Oct. 12 by Pence, wasn't made public until this month. It follows a one-year pilot program in northern Indiana that was backed by the governor, who has long opposed funding for Planned Parenthood, a group that provides women's health services, including abortions. Under the deal, \$313,000 will go toward paying administrative expenses, including \$58,000 in salary for the president and CEO of the company, Kevin Bagatta. About \$2.4 million is set for direct client services, *The Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* reported. Real Alternatives receives taxpayer funding to provide pregnancy support services in Pennsylvania, Michigan and now Indiana. To participate, the service providers must have an anti-abortion mission, and the funding also cannot cover contraceptives. Pregnant women can receive parenting and pregnancy classes through the organization, as well as clothing, food, and information.

PEYTON MANNING BREAKS PASSING RECORD, THEN BENCHED: Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning is now the NFL's all-time leader in passing yards (*Sports Illustrated*). Manning entered Sunday only three yards shy of the record mark. He became the all-time passing yards leader on a four-yard completion to Ronnie Hillman in the first quarter of the Broncos' game against the Chiefs. The throw brought Manning to 71,840 passing yards in his career. Officials halted the game after the pass, allowing teammates to congratulate Manning while a prepared tribute aired on the videoboard. The ball used during the pass will be sent to the Hall of Fame. Brock Osweiler replaced Peyton Manning as the Denver Broncos quarterback during the second half of the team's game against the Chiefs on Sunday. Head coach Gary Kubiak told reporters after the game that, in retrospect, he should not have let Manning start the game because he had foot and rib injuries. Kubiak reiterated that Manning will be the starter as long as he remains healthy. Manning struggled right from the start of the

game, throwing an interception on his first pass. Manning was taken out after completing only five of 20 passes for 35 yards and four interceptions.

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: The huns are at the gates. It is only a matter of time before the horrors of Paris and Beirut are perpetrated here in the United States, potentially at a mall or a stadium. A little over 200 years ago, with Napoleon escaping exile and regathering an army, the European powers formed the Seventh Coalition to thwart his return to power. Under the command of the Duke of Wellington and Prussian Commander Gebhard Leberecht von Blücher, Napoleon was defeated at the Battle of Waterloo in Belgium on June 18, 1815. Like President George H.W. Bush did after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1991, President Obama needs to lead an international coalition to wipe out ISIS. The French should invoke Article V of the NATO charter. ISIS has stepped up its assault on civilization with the downing of a Russian airliner, the bombings in Beirut, and now Paris. They had raped women across their seized territory, decapitated American journalists and aide workers, their leaders have sexually defiled a female American aide worker, they have thrown gay people off roofs, induced children to execute prisoners, and have challenged just about every tenet of civilized behavior. The idea of returning American soldiers to a war in the Middle East is greatly troubling, particularly after the catastrophic blunder we perpetrated based on faulty intelligence in 2003 with the first Iraq invasion. But to stand idly by is to accept the kind of slaughter we saw in Paris here in the homeland. **On the political front,** Hoosier Republican leaders need to get serious about who their presidential nominee will be. It's been fun to watch the Donald Trump and Ben Carson reality shows, but the dangerous world we face requires seasoned leadership. Indiana's Congressional delegation needs to follow the lead of Rep. Messer this weekend in his endorsement of Jeb Bush (or Rep. Rokita's endorsement of Sen. Rubio), make a wise choice, and then convey the reason why to their constituents. - *Brian A. Howey*

Campaigns

HOLCOMB REACTS TO PARIS TERROR: U.S. Senate candidate Eric Holcomb issued the following statement on today's attacks in Paris, France: "The face of evil reared its ugly head today. Regardless of the motives of the perpetrators, the horrific attacks across Paris are a reminder that evil knows no boundaries and freedom remains under attack. Without strong American leadership on the world stage no city, no state and no country will be immune to those with evil in their hearts. Janet and I join millions of Hoosiers and Americans in sending our thoughts and prayers to Paris and the people of France this evening." (*Howey Politics Indiana*)

DICKERSON STUDENT DEBT PROPOSAL: John Dickerson, the former executive director of The Arc of Indiana, today addressed what he would do as Indiana's U.S. Senator to help college graduates tackle the heavy burden of student loans (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Dickerson unveiled a proposal that would allow college graduates to work in their desired field, while also putting in important hours that would result in reducing their debt. "I'm proposing we launch a national program in which you can work in a field of your choice, and where there is critical need – such as in programs for the elderly or people with disabilities or in hospitals, for example," Dickerson said. "And whatever hours you work in a 'needed' field will generate dollars that go toward paying your student loans. "Graduates who work at least 16 hours a month in a high-need field, while also working part- or full-time in their desired field, can have their loan payments, including interest accrual, put on hold. In addition, for every dollar earned in a high-need field, the federal government would contribute \$3 every month toward paying down their loan principal. "That means for every \$10 you earn through service in a qualified, high-need field, you would receive a \$30 reduction in the principal of your federally insured student loan. If you work 16 hours a month, that adds up to \$480 in principal reduction," Dickerson said.

COLEMAN EYES WALORSKI CHALLENGE: Lynn Coleman, former investigative division chief with South Bend police and mayoral assistant in the administration of Mayor Steve Luecke, is eyeing a race for Congress (Colwell, *South Bend Tribune*). Coleman discussed logistics of a challenge to U.S. Rep. Jackie Walorski, the Republican incumbent in Indiana's 2nd Congressional District, in a conference call Thursday with Democrats at the state and national levels. He isn't ready to formally announce but is expected to run and to be the favorite for the Democratic nomination in the primary election next May. Democratic sources say that Coleman's candidacy is looked upon favorably by such influential Democrats as U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly, South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg and St. Joseph County Democratic Chairman Jason Critchlow. It's too early for them to make formal endorsements, but all of them have been anxious to find a formidable challenger to Walorski, and they think Coleman could be that candidate.

SHOEMAKER ELECTED TO WARSAW CITY COUNCIL: Ron Shoemaker was elected to fill the vacant seat of the late Charlie Smith's Warsaw's district 2 council seat (*Howey Politics Indiana*). He grew up in Warsaw graduating from Warsaw High and attending Indiana University. In his early 20's he became a salesman for the Local orthopedic company Zimmer and in his mid-20s became the orthopedic distributor for HowMedica in Ohio and West Virginia.

HENRY CAMPAIGN USED NEW ALGORITHM: According to a program on campaign manager Rob Dible's computer, Mayor Tom Henry's mother was rated as about 85 percent likely to support his re-election campaign (Gong, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). That doesn't mean there was a 15 percent chance that she would vote for Councilman Mitch Harper, however. The algorithm the Henry camp used to assist with voter targeting efforts just couldn't take into account the familial relationship. But the data that analysis came from were invaluable as the mayor's re-election campaign allocated resources and made predictions throughout the 2015 campaign season. Henry's campaign used digital models to predict voter turnout and target voters who were on the fence about supporting the mayor or voting at all, Dible, who ran Henry's 2011 and 2015 campaigns. This time, Dible said the campaign used new technology and methods that weren't previously available. The campaign took voter registration data and records from previous elections to make predictions related to voter turnout, Dible said. Those data were compiled into a map that showed areas of the city where voter turnout would be highest. "The data was showing that the conventional wisdom is accurate," he said. "That is, people on the south-southeast side of the city were less likely to turn out and that the more northern part of the city, with a few exceptions, has a lot of more likely voters." A second set of data, collated from survey responses, helped the Henry campaign figure out how to best allocate resources like direct mailings and phone calls. Campaign volunteers made more than 130,000 phone calls throughout the campaign season, sometimes asking voters whom they were likely to support for mayor and which issues they found most important. Those data were then combined with the data on likely voters for use in the campaign's efforts to reach voters, Dible said. "Using those few pieces of data, we were able to exactly target the exact voters who were either very likely to support Tom Henry but not that likely to vote ... or target people who were very likely to vote but somewhere in the middle about whether they'd support Tom Henry," he said.

23% TURNOUT IN INDY: The Marion County Clerk's office hasn't only tallied up ballots from the recent election (*WIBC*). Clerk Myla Eldridge says the November municipal election cost taxpayers about \$1.2 million. About 23% of registered voters in the county cast ballots. That's up from 7% in the May primary. Eldridge says they budget about \$1.2 million for elections. She says that's a modest figure, but a lot of money spent for such low turnout. She says voter turnout continues to be a major disappointment given that there are roughly 650,000 registered voters in Marion County. Eldridge says early and absentee voting continue to be options to get people to cast ballots. She says it might also be worth it for state lawmakers to explore having municipal and Presidential elections during the same year.



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BARBS BETWEEN SANDERS, CLINTON IN DEBATE: With the country still reeling from deadly terrorist attacks in Paris, Hillary Rodham Clinton cast herself as America's strongest leader in a scary world, even as she found herself forced to defend her own role during the rise of the Islamic State militants (*Associated Press*). "This election is not only about electing a president, it's also about choosing our next commander in chief," Clinton declared Saturday night in the Democrats' second debate of the presidential campaign. "All of the other issues we want to deal with depend upon us being secure and strong." Amid the backdrop of global anxiety, Clinton found herself fending off questions about not only her foreign policy record but her economic ties, with both Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley painting the former senator from New York as a lackey for Wall Street and corporate interests. "Let's not be naive about it," said Sanders, noting that Clinton collected millions in campaign donations from Wall Street bankers. "They expect to get something. Everybody knows that." The barbs marked a far more aggressive shift in a primary race that has so far been notable for its civility. Democrats have spent months boasting about the substantive tone of their contest, attempting to set up a favorable early contrast with the "carnival barker" insults of the crowded Republican primary.

SANDERS EXPOSES CLINTON WALL STREET UNDERBELLY: The widespread expectation was that Saturday evening's Democratic debate would revolve around the Paris attacks. But it turned out Wall Street policy ended up driving the most striking moments here — painting a picture of a party animated most by its antipathy toward big banks, but divided over how to handle them (*Politico*). Accordingly, a discussion of bank regulation led to the sharpest clashes between the candidates — not to mention accusations of dirty tactics — and it was Hillary Clinton's relationship with the financial community she once represented that provided perhaps the most memorable, and questionable, moment of the evening, when she invoked the terrorist attacks of September 11. "I represented New York, and I represented New York on 9/11 when we were attacked," Clinton said, explaining her support from finance-world contributors. "Where were we attacked? We were attacked in downtown Manhattan, where Wall

Street is. I did spend a whole lot of time and effort helping them rebuild. That was good for New York. It was good for the economy and it was a way to rebuke the terrorists who had attacked our country." That remark, in the words of Bernie Sanders' top Iowa official, Robert Becker, was "a sort of defining moment. ... It was a major turning point." Clinton and Sanders' clearest clash on the topic came after moderator John Dickerson of CBS News asked the Vermont senator whether he was satisfied by Clinton's insistence that she is not beholden to her legions of Wall Street donors. "Not good enough," said the de facto leader of the party's progressive wing, to applause. "Let's not be naive about it. Why do — why, over her political career, has Wall Street been a major — the major — campaign contributor to Hillary Clinton? You know, maybe they're dumb and they don't know what they're going to get, but I don't think so."

CLINTON BLAMED FOR IRAQ VOTE: The Democratic presidential candidates jumped straight into offense on international terrorism Saturday night -- one day after the the violent attacks in Paris claimed by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, or ISIS (*CBS News*). Bernie Sanders and Martin O'Malley cut quickly to the invasion of Iraq and sought to fault Clinton for her vote on Iraq, her actions on foreign policy as secretary of state, and comments she made on the debate stage about the growth of terror groups including ISIS. Asked whether she and the Obama administration underestimated the threat from ISIS, Clinton responded, "I don't think that the United States has the bulk of the responsibility. I really put that on Assad and on the Iraqis and on the region itself." And she blamed then-Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki for "decimating" the Iraqi army that had been trained to defend Iraq.

ROMNEY WON'T RUN: Sorry Mitt Romney fans: He's just not that in to running for president (*CNN*). Fresh off a new Washington Post report that GOP establishment leaders are calling on Romney, who has run and lost twice before, to reconsider his decision to stay out of the 2016 race, associates of the 2012 Republican presidential nominee tell CNN there are a lot of "in bound" calls but that there are "no signs" he's changed his mind. One friend of Romney's said there were some calls to Romney confidant Beth Meyers and others in his circle asking him to consider being a lifeline to the Republican Party and its chaotic primary fight.

TRUMP IOWA SUPPORTERS SHRUG AFTER RANT: Iowa supporters' response to Donald Trump's 95-minute eruption? An "ugh" and a shrug (*Associated Press*). The reaction Friday to his speech in which the real estate mogul used a four-letter word not common to presidential campaign speeches, viciously attacked a rival and called the voters "stupid" was a mix of mild offense and resignation. Trump's speech, which at

times seemed to edge close to meltdown territory, was a change from recent behavior for the Republican presidential contender, who has appeared to be trying to tone down his rhetoric to broaden his appeal. And it comes as the Republican establishment has been growing increasingly alarmed at his staying power. "He did not do himself any favors when he said that. That's not the kind of thing you need to be doing," said Plymouth County Republican Chairman Don Kass, who is neutral in the GOP race. He said Trump's comments could turn off undecided voters as well as end up "galvanizing the opposition." But Dick Graves, a Trump supporter who attended the rally, said that while the candidate's comments were perhaps "a little rash," he wasn't offended. "It's Donald. And he's an entertaining speaker. I didn't take it too seriously," he said.

Sunday Talk

BUSH SAYS 'THIS IS OUR WAR': Republican presidential Jeb Bush wants the United States to bulk up its efforts against Islamic extremism, following Friday night's massacre in Paris (*The Hill*). "This is a war and we should act accordingly," the former governor of Florida said on CNN's *"State of the Union"* on Sunday. "This is a fight for western civilization," he added. "We need to be all in on it." In his interview, Bush attempted to draw a contrast both with the Obama administration, which he described as aimless, and Democratic presidential front-runner Hillary Clinton. During Saturday evening's Democratic debate, Clinton said that the fight against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) "cannot be an American fight, although American leadership is essential." "It is our fight," Bush retorted on Sunday. His interview came on the heels of Friday night's attack in Paris, where a series of coordinated strikes killed 129 people across the French capital. "This is a warning to our country that this threat is not going to be going away," Bush said on Sunday.

GRAHAM SAYS NEXT 9/11 IS COMING: Sen. Lindsey Graham on Sunday warned that another "9/11" is on the way from Syria, unless the Obama administration radically increases its military efforts against Islamic extremists in Iraq and Syria (*The Hill*). "You're only going to win this war if you go on offense," the Republican senator from South Carolina and fledgling presidential candidate said on CNN's *"State of the Union"*. "There's a 9/11 coming and it's coming from Syria if we don't disrupt their operations coming from Syria." Graham, who has long pushed for a more muscular foreign policy from the Obama administration, warned that the coordinated terror attacks across Paris on Friday night were just a preview of what was to come in the U.S. The only way to stop the violence, he said, was for the U.S. to lead an international armed push against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS). "Without

American boots on the ground in Syria and Iraq, we're going to be hit at home," Graham warned. In response to the Friday attacks, which killed 129 people, some analysts have speculated whether France will invoke Article 5 of the NATO treaty, which declares that an attack on one member is an attack on all. Invoking the article could lead to a dramatically stepped-up military campaign against ISIS. "I hope the French will invoke Article 5," Graham said on Sunday. "They should — the world should be at war with ISIL."

RUBIO SAYS WE'RE AT WAR: Sen. Marco Rubio (Fla.), a Republican presidential candidate, said on Sunday that he doesn't understand Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton's reluctance to say the nation is at war with radical Islam (*The Hill*). "That would be like saying we weren't at war with Nazis, because we were afraid to offend some Germans who may have been members of the Nazi Party but weren't violent themselves," he said on ABC's *"This Week,"* days after terrorists killed 129 people in Paris. "We are at war with radical Islam, with an interpretation of Islam by a significant number of people around the world, who they believe now justifies them in killing those who don't agree with their ideology."

McCAUL SEES COALITION FORMING: The Chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security said Sunday that, after the attacks in Paris last week, the White House has no choice but ramp up its involvement in the fight against ISIS (*NBC News*). "I think maybe reluctantly they will change. I think they have to," Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Texas, said on NBC's *"Meet the Press."* "What happened in Paris was so horrific, on such a large scale, that we can't afford not to respond to what happened." McCaul predicted Friday's coordinated attacks in Paris, for which ISIS has claimed responsibility, will bring the Arab nations and NATO coalition nations together. But, he said, the effort to take down ISIS has to be led by the U.S. "It's got to be under U.S. leadership with Special Forces embedded," McCaul told NBC's Chuck Todd. "We're not going to put a hundred U.S. combat troops on the ground, nor should we. But this has to be a policy of defeat and destruction and not this containment issue that's been going on for two years."

OBAMA REFUGEE PLAN PROCEEDING: President Obama still plans to allow 10,000 Syrian refugees into the country over the next year, despite terrorist attacks in Paris, at top aide said Sunday (*The Hill*). "We're still planning on taking in Syrian refugees," White House Deputy National Security Adviser Ben Rhodes said on *"Fox News Sunday."* "We had very robust vetting procedures for those refugees." "There are women and children, orphans of this war, and I think we need to do our along with our allies to

provide them a safe haven," he added. Rhodes said France should take the lead in how to respond to the attacks that left 129 dead in Paris on Friday. At least one of the Paris terrorists reportedly entered France by posing as a migrant. "I think we would stand shoulder to shoulder with France in whatever decision they make," he said. "In any case, we're going to be cooperating with them militarily going forward."

CARSON CITES OBAMA 'SUSPENSION OF INTELLECT': Republican presidential candidate Ben Carson is calling President Obama's decision to allow 10,000 Syrian refugees into the country over the next year a "suspension of intellect" (*The Hill*). "Bringing people into this country from that area of the world I think is a huge mistake, because why wouldn't they infiltrate them with people who are ideologically opposed to us?" Carson asked on "*Fox News Sunday*." "It would be foolish for them not to do that." Reports have surfaced that at least one of the terrorists who attacked Paris on Friday entered France posing as a migrant. The Republican presidential hopeful held out the option of putting U.S. boots on the ground to combat the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) if he is elected commander in chief. "I don't want to put a specific number on it, or indicate what types of people there are, because those are decisions that I think are made by people who have a tremendous amount of military experience and capability," Carson said.

ROGERS SAYS REFUGEES CAN'T BE FULLY VETTED: The U.S. and Europe are unable to effectively vet the millions of refugees streaming out of Syria, the former head of the House Intelligence Committee said on Sunday, after reports emerged that one of the men responsible for Friday's attacks in France had disguised himself among the migrants (*The Hill*). The intelligence is simply too thin to dig deep into the backgrounds of each and every refugee, former Rep. Mike Rogers (R-Mich.) said on CNN's "*State of the Union*." "I'm not sure why this shocked everybody," Rogers said. "There is not a vetting process ... that can vet every single individual refugee coming in on the refugee program."

Paris Terror

WORLD LEADERS PROMISE SOLIDARITY: World leaders promised a forceful response to Friday's terrorist attacks in Paris, including intensified airstrikes against Islamic State militants in Iraq and Syria, intelligence cooperation and measures to tighten border security (*Wall Street Journal*). In the earliest sign of that commitment, the French launched a series of strikes late Sunday against Islamic State targets in

Syria, in part based on the new intelligence provided by the U.S. The U.S. agreed to expand its intelligence-sharing with France, and on Sunday, the Pentagon provided its ally with detailed targeting information to steer French warplanes to key Islamic State positions, U.S. officials said. A senior administration official on Sunday said the U.S. has been working with France to specifically identify targets that would aid U.S. efforts to hit Islamic State's base in Raqqa. President Barack Obama promised to redouble the U.S.-led fight against Islamic State as well as diplomatic efforts to reach a political resolution to the conflict in Syria. "The killing of innocent people based on a twisted ideology is an attack not just on France." Mr. Obama said after meeting with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. "It's an attack on the civilized world."

PARIS POLICE NAME SUSPECT: Police on Sunday named a 29-year-old French citizen suspected of traveling to Syria as one of the seven attackers who killed at least 129 people in the brutal onslaught in Paris, in a sign of the security gaps that have left Europe vulnerable to violence by homegrown terrorists (*Wall Street Journal*). As the country entered three days of mourning and flags flew at half-staff, authorities were trying to reassure Parisians and to piece together a picture of how the attacks were coordinated and who carried them out, with new details emerging little by little. Police also said Sunday that a SEAT car with firearms inside, which may have been one of the vehicles used by the attackers on Friday night, was found in Montreuil, a suburb on the eastern edge of Paris, not far from the scene of the attacks on Paris's streets. It wasn't clear how the car would have gotten there. Authorities said Omar Ismail Mostefai—who had eight convictions between 2004 and 2010 for petty crime and had been on an extremist watch list since 2010—was identified from a severed finger found at the Bataclan concert hall, where gunmen killed at least 89 people before blowing themselves up using explosive belts.

SUSPECT SLIPPED THROUGH POLICE: Hours after the synchronized attacks that terrorized Paris, French police questioned and released the suspect who is now the focus of an international manhunt, officials told The Associated Press on Sunday (*Associated Press*). Saleh Abdelslam, 26, was one of three men in a getaway car, headed for France's border with Belgium, when police pulled them over after daybreak Saturday. The French president had already announced new border controls to prevent the perpetrators from escaping. Hours had passed since investigators identified Abdelslam as the renter of a Volkswagen Polo that carried hostage-takers to the Paris theater where almost three-quarters of the 129 victims were killed. It's not clear why the local French police, known as gendarmes, didn't take Abdelslam into custody. They checked his identification, but it's not known whether they had been informed of his apparent connection to the attacks. "It was a simple check. There was no lookout notice at the time of the traffic stop," a French police official told the AP.

HOLLANDE KEPT FANS IN STADIUM, AVOIDED SLAUGHTER: When the sound of a suicide bomber detonating an explosive vest rang out across the Stade de France, President François Hollande was in the stadium watching France's national soccer team take on Germany (*Wall Street Journal*). Within minutes, the French leader was given alarming news. Paris was coming under attack from Islamic State militants, and Mr. Hollande had to decide whether it was safer to evacuate the stadium or keep thousands inside. Huddling with at least two other VIP fans of Les Bleus—French Football Federation President Noël le Graët and France's top cop, Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve—Mr. Hollande decided to let play go uninterrupted, according to French officials. That meant French midfielders Lassana Diarra and Antoine Griezmann would continue maneuvering on the pitch while, on the other side of town, the players' own family members became caught in the line of fire. But Mr. Hollande judged it was too dangerous to send the crowd scrambling into the streets where other militants might be waiting. They were.

FRANCE BOMBS RAQQA: France bombed the Syrian city of Raqqa on Sunday night, its most aggressive strike against the Islamic State group it blames for killing 129 people in a string of terrorist attacks across Paris only two days before (*New York Times*). President François Hollande, who vowed to be "unforgiving with the barbarians" of the Islamic State after the carnage in Paris, decided on the airstrikes in a meeting with his national security team on Saturday, officials said. While France has been conducting scores of airstrikes against the Islamic State in Iraq, it had been bombing inside Syria only sparingly, wary of inadvertently strengthening the hand of President Bashar al-Assad by killing his enemies.

AMERICAN ROCK BAND ESCAPED: All members of a California-based band that was to perform at the Paris venue where one of Friday night's deadly attacks occurred are safe and have been accounted for, a U.S. official briefed by the Justice Department said. The band Eagles of Death Metal was supposed to perform at the Bataclan, a theater located in eastern Paris near the trendy Oberkampf area. People inside were taken hostage. Earlier Friday, management for the band said they were "trying to determine the safety and whereabouts" of the band and its crew. The *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, quoting the brother of the band's drummer, reported Friday night that all band members escaped the concert hall unharmed. The paper identified the drummer as Atlanta native Julian Dorio. "They saw a man with a machine gun just opening fire," Dorio's brother Michael Dorio told the newspaper. Michael Dorio said his brother told him band members hit the floor when they spotted the gunmen, then ran out a backstage door.

Congress

SIERRA CLUB TO TARGET DONNELLY ON POWER PLAN: Environmental group the Sierra Club will launch digital and print ads this weekend pushing Sen. Joe Donnelly, D-Ind., to oppose legislation curtailing the Environmental Protection Agency's new Clean Power Plan (Smith, *Indiana Public Media*). Donnelly is targeted as a potential swing vote in the Senate. The Clean Power Plan calls for a 20 percent reduction by 2030 from Indiana's 2005 carbon emission levels. Critics charge the plan ignores cost concerns from utilities and businesses and constitutes federal overreach by the EPA. Sierra Club spokesperson Jodi Perras says the ads call on Donnelly to stand up to what they call an "extreme attack" on protections from pollution. "We hope that it will have the impact of getting Hoosiers to call into his office and contact them and tell them how important it is that he not side with the extremists and that he support clean energy and our health," Perras says. Donnelly says he's undecided on the issue. "We want to be in a place where our children are able to live in a place with clean air, clean water. At the same time, we want to make sure that jobs-wise, we are able to provide a balance on this," the senator says.

DONNELLY WANTS TO CURE ACT CHANGES: Sen. Joe Donnelly, D-Ind., says he's confident in the Senate's support of legislation advocates hail as a huge boost to cancer research and drug development (*Indiana Public Media*). The Hoosier Democrat says he wants to add on to the so-called 21st Century Cures Act. The 21st Century Cures Act would streamline Food and Drug Administration approvals and dedicate billions of dollars for the National Institutes of Health. Donnelly says he wants to amend the bill to help one of Indiana's biggest sectors, the medical device industry, by helping speed along upgrades to medical devices. "Instead of having an entire new FDA process that will take years, that we be able to coordinate with some third party, outside groups who will assure the quality, assure the safety. And these are just upgrades – longer lasting parts, longer lasting materials, those kinds of things," Donnelly says.

General Assembly

CHAMBER PREVIEW LUNCHEON TODAY: Leaders in Indiana's House and Senate are set to speak at a forum where they will give a glimpse of issues on the horizon during the upcoming legislative session (Associated Press). Republican Senate President

Pro Tem David Long will join GOP House Speaker Brian Bosma and others Monday at the forum sponsored by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. Rep. Scott Pelath, the leader of minority Democrats, will also offer his thoughts on the session that begins in January and could fuel the 2016 gubernatorial race. Lawmakers are expected to face contentious debates over adding sexual orientation and gender identity to the state civil rights laws and how to fund highway improvement projects.

PROTESTS PLANNED ON TUESDAY: The Indiana General Assembly meets Tuesday for its annual one-day organizational session, but unlike past ceremonial openings of the Legislature, it appears lawmakers this year will have a lot of company in the Statehouse (Carden, *NWI Times*). Fans and foes of a proposal to add civil rights protections for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Hoosiers to Indiana law have declared they are coming in force to make their case for what is expected to be the biggest issue when the 10-week regular legislative session begins Jan. 5. The Indiana Pastors Alliance, led by Ron Johnson, pastor of Crown Point's Living Stones Church, is bringing at least two busloads and several caravans of privately owned vehicles filled with Hoosiers who believe LGBT protections will infringe on their religious liberty. At least some of those people will have been motivated by two widely shared Internet videos featuring Eric Miller, executive director of the pro-family group Advance America, warning of an Organization Day "sneak attack" by lawmakers in favor of LGBT protections. While it is technically possible to enact legislation in one day, both House Speaker Brian Bosma, R-Indianapolis, and Senate President David Long, R-Fort Wayne, have declared there is no "sneak attack" planned, and no proposals will be considered Tuesday. State Sen. Brandt Hershman, R-Buck Creek, who represents a portion of Jasper County, even offered to bet Miller \$10,000 there will be no "sneak attack." Miller did not take Hershman up on the wager. Freedom Indiana, a coalition of business and community groups in favor of LGBT rights, also will rally at the Statehouse on Tuesday and present lawmakers with poll results showing 56 percent of Hoosiers support a statewide nondiscrimination law. "We need to make sure that our record-high popular support, big endorsements and progress on local ordinances throughout Indiana turn into votes from our legislators to update the law to protect LGBT Hoosiers from discrimination," said Chris Paulsen, Freedom Indiana campaign manager.



State

GOVERNOR: PENCE ORDERS FLAGS LOWERED - In accordance with a presidential proclamation issued this evening, Gov. Mike Pence is directing flags at state facilities statewide be flown at half-staff in honor of the victims of the terrorist attacks in Paris, France (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Flags should be flown at half-staff effective immediately until sunset on Thursday, November 19, 2015. Pence also asks businesses and residents to lower their flags to half-staff to pay tribute to those who lost their lives in the attacks in Paris, France.

GOVERNOR: PENCE DECLARES ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH - Governor Mike Pence has issued a proclamation declaring the month of November as Adoption Awareness Month in the state of Indiana (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "Adoption Awareness Month is an important time to celebrate those around the state who have opened their hearts and their homes to Indiana's foster children," said Governor Pence. "We owe many of these success stories to the important work of adoption agencies and attorneys from around the state who help connect Hoosier families with some of our most vulnerable children. While our administration has made strides to improve the adoption process in Indiana, each of us must continue to play a role in seeing that every child in Indiana finds a loving home." In 2014, Governor Pence signed into law House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1222, which created a nonrefundable \$1,000 tax credit per adopted child beginning taxable year 2015. It also created an Adoption Study Committee to look at ways to make adoptions easier and more affordable for Hoosier families. The Governor's Adoption Study Committee completed its work and issued its final report with recommendations on June 30, 2015.

GOVERNOR: 1ST LADY CALLS PHONE DRIVE SUCCESSFUL - First Lady Karen Pence today announced the collection of 1,367 phones for the HopeLine from Verizon initiative that serves survivors of domestic violence (*Howey Politics Indiana*). This second annual phone drive, which the First Lady sponsored throughout the month of October, collects no-longer-used cell phones and accessories to refurbish and sell to raise funds for survivors of domestic violence. Donations this year surpassed that of 2014's drive, in which 1,200 phones were donated. "I'm so thankful for the generosity of state employees as they dropped off phones in HopeLine boxes around the government center campus," said First Lady Karen Pence. "HopeLine from Verizon is an

incredible program, and I hope that our efforts over the past month make a noticeable difference for survivors of domestic violence across the state."

GOVERNOR: 1ST LADY IN VIGO COUNTY - On Monday, First Lady Karen Pence, Indiana's Bicentennial Ambassador, will visit Terre Haute where she will learn about Bicentennial Legacy projects there and throughout Vigo County. Mrs. Pence, an avid cyclist, will also visit and ride the trails of Griffin Bike Park. The First Lady has visited additional counties throughout the past year. Later in the afternoon, First Lady Karen Pence will join the Governor at the 3rd Annual Information and Awareness Adoption Fair and will offer a closing prayer, following the Governor's remarks. The Adoption Fair will run from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Monday. Monday, November 16: 1:00 p.m. EST – First Lady Karen Pence to have lunch and hear about Vigo County Legacy Project Presentations, Vigo County Public Library – One Library Square, Terre Haute, IN, 2:10 p.m. EST – First Lady Karen Pence to visit and ride the trails of Griffin Bike Park, Griffin Bike Park, 10700 Bono Road, Terre Haute, IN; 4:30 p.m. EST – First Lady Karen Pence to offer a closing prayer at 3rd Annual Information & Awareness Adoption Fair, Indiana Statehouse - North Atrium, 200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN

MAYORS: REGIONAL OPEN DATA INITIATIVE COMING - Four Central Indiana mayors will announce a joint open data initiative and establish Central Indiana as a leader in regional open data (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Fishers, Greenwood, Indianapolis and Zionsville have all agreed to jointly pursue open data policies and share best practices, and efforts are underway to recruit more regional partners. Other U.S. cities have launched individual open data initiatives, but this marks the first time multiple cities have come together to pursue regional open data. The announcement will be made at 1:30 p.m. today at Herron School of Art and will include Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness, Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard, Zionsville Mayor Jeff Papa and Greenwood Mayor Mark Myers.

PHILANTROPY: NANCY IRSAY DIES - Nancy Irsay, the widow of former Indianapolis Colts owner Robert Irsay, has died (*IndyStar*). The 65-year-old Carmel resident died Nov. 7, according to an obituary listed on the website of Swartz Family Community Mortuary and Memorial Center. Known as a philanthropist in the community, Irsay often entertained and hosted charity events at the Robert Irsay Pavilion, a 6,000-square-foot barn adjacent to her Carmel home sometimes called the "party barn."

INDOT: I-69 CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES - All through Bloomington, it's clear a state highway's transformation into an interstate is well underway (*Evansville Courier & Press*). The Indiana Department of Transportation entered into a public/private partnership with I-69 Development Partners in 2014 to design, build, finance, operate and maintain Section 5 of Interstate 69 for 35 years. Section 5 is the 21-mile stretch of I-69 that will run from the south end of Bloomington to just south of Martinsville. Officials with I-69 Development Partners plan to complete all upgrades by November 2016. Tree clearing and utility relocation began last year. True road construction began last spring. Much of that effort was concentrated on the southern end of the project in anticipation of the opening of Section 4 this year. Section 4 is the 27-mile stretch that will connect Naval Support Activity Crane to Bloomington. When it opens, a four-lane, limited access highway will connect Evansville to Bloomington for the first time. That will make construction in Section 5 a little more challenging. "There'll be a lot more traffic when Section 4 opens," said John Fox, land owner relations representative with I-69 Development Partners.

Nation

WHITE HOUSE: OBAMA, PUTIN HUDDLE - President Barack Obama and Russian President Vladimir Putin have held an informal meeting on the sidelines of the Group of 20 economic summit in Turkey (*Fox News*). The two leaders chatted in a foursome with Obama's national security adviser Susan Rice and a Russian aide. Their meeting was visible on a television feed provided by the summit's host country of Turkey, but their conversation couldn't be heard. Reporters weren't allowed in for the meeting, which took place during a working lunch for leaders attending the summit. Obama and Putin both leaned in close to each other as they talked, with Obama gesturing expressively with his hands. The huddle comes as the U.S., Russia and other countries pursue a new diplomatic plan to try to end Syria's civil war.

WHITE HOUSE: OBAMA VOWS TO HELP IN MANHUNT - President Obama opened two days of talks with world leaders here Sunday by vowing to help France in "hunting down the perpetrators" of the terrorist attacks in Paris, but White House officials said the administration had no plans to alter its strategy to defeat the Islamic State (*Washington Post*). Shortly after arriving at the Group of 20 summit, Obama met with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and later huddled informally with Russian President Vladimir Putin amid questions about how the international community will respond to the mass killings claimed by the radical Islamist group. Senior aides said Obama agreed with French President Francois Hollande's characterization of the attacks

that killed at least 129 and wounded more than 350 as an "act of war." They said the administration expects France and other countries to "intensify their efforts" in the fight, including airstrikes and aid to resistance forces inside Syria.

WHITE HOUSE: OBAMA IN TURKEY - President Barack Obama pledged Sunday to redouble U.S. efforts eliminate the Islamic State and end the Syrian civil war that has fueled its rise, denouncing the extremist group's horrifying terror spree in Paris as "an attack on the civilized world" (Associated Press). Opening two days of talks with world leaders in Turkey, Obama pledging U.S. solidarity with France in the effort to hunt down the perpetrators and bring them to justice. He said "the skies have been darkened" by the horrifying terror spree, but offered no details about what the U.S. or its coalition partners might do to step up its assault against the extremist group. "The killing of innocent people, based on a twisted ideology, is an attack not just on France, not just on Turkey, but it's an attack on the civilized world," Obama said after meeting with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. In addition to the Paris attacks, IS is blamed for two bombings in Turkey this year that killed about 130 people.

WHITE HOUSE: OBAMA REACTS TO FRENCH TERROR - President Barack Obama condemned Friday night's attacks in Paris as an "outrageous attempt to terrorize innocent civilians" (Politico). "This is an attack not just on Paris, it's an attack not just on the people of France," Obama told reporters at the White House, "but this is an attack on all humanity and the universal values that we share." Obama continued, "We stand prepared and ready to provide whatever assistance that the government and the people of France need to respond" to the attacks, which left dozens dead in multiple locations.

WHITE HOUSE: EARNEST 'SPEECHLESS' OVER CARSON'S SYRIA CLAIM - White House press secretary Josh Earnest is speechless over Ben Carson's claim that he has better intelligence than the administration has when it comes to Syria. Carson was asked about his comments that China has a military presence in Syria during a news conference on Friday. The retired neurosurgeon responded that the White House's denial this week indicates that its intelligence is not as good as the intelligence he has on the matter. "We actually will be releasing some material on that before the weekend is over," he said. "I have several sources that I've got material from. I'm surprised that my sources are better than theirs." During the daily White House press briefing Friday afternoon, Earnest was asked about Carson's assertion. "Maybe it violates my job description as a spokesperson to be speechless, but I think in this case I am," Earnest said.



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CITIES: IMPD HAS VIDEO OF BLACKBURN SUSPECT - IMPD investigators say they've got neighborhood video surveillance of a young male believed connected to the murder of 28-year-old Amanda Blackburn (*WIBC*). They say the video shows the black male wearing a dark-colored hooded sweatshirt outside Blackburn's home. It also shows a dark colored SUV. Authorities believe the young man is also responsible for a burglary at a nearby home shortly before the Blackburn attack. That home was robbed of televisions and laptops. However, they say Blackburn's home shows no sign of forced entry. Blackburn was fatally shot around 6:45 a.m. Tuesday also during an apparent robbery. This happened while her husband Rev. Davey Blackburn was at the gym. Police describe the suspect as a young black male, slim build, medium complexion and about five foot four to five foot nine inches tall. On video, he's wearing light colored pants and a two-toned, dark hooded sweatshirt.

CITIES: INDY ON PACE FOR MOST MURDERS - This year could not only become the bloodiest in Indianapolis history – it could shatter the previous record in doing so (*WRTV*). Currently, the deadliest year on record in the city's history was 1998, when 143 people were killed. Ranked below that is 2006, which saw 140 homicides. But after three years of increasing violence, 2015 is on pace to hit as many as 156 homicides by year's end.

CITIES: 200 ATTEND AMOS BROWN FUNERAL - The criticisms and difficult conversations Amos Brown had with many people left some wondering whether he enjoyed their company (*IndyStar*). "I think he liked me," said Bart Peterson, a former Indianapolis mayor. "I'm not sure that you would find definitive proof that he liked me." The comment sparked a laugh from those in attendance at Brown's funeral Saturday,

because it was true. The late radio host never let elected officials forget they had a responsibility to serve all of the people, especially Indianapolis' black population, no matter how likable or friendly Brown might have found them to be. More than 200 people attended funeral services Saturday for Brown, who died Nov. 6, at the age of 64 after suffering what is believed to be a heart attack while visiting family in Chicago. Congressman Andre Carson, D-Ind., said Brown was proactive and encouraged others to be the same. He made people believe "we could solve problems not only in our community but in the entire world," Carson said. Gov. Mike Pence, a Republican, remembered the many arguments he had with Brown, lamenting that he had learned something from every conversation they shared. "I never won an argument with Amos Brown," Pence said. "But I won a friend." Steven Goldsmith, a former Republican mayor, said Brown's input was "definitely a little rough and unrelenting," particularly on white politicians. However, Goldsmith said, "our decisions were better as a result of Amos holding us accountable." Joe Hogsett, a Democrat, received a standing ovation from the crowd for his remarks about Brown. The mayor-elect recalled the journalist's last column in The Indianapolis Recorder. Brown had criticized Hogsett, saying he avoided issues. "I wasn't even sworn in yet," Hogsett said.

HOGSETT TRANSITION TEAM EXPANDS: Joe Hogsett has created a nonpartisan group to manage his transition efforts in the months before he becomes Indianapolis' next mayor (*IBJ*). The group, called "One City Indy," will house the administration's transition efforts. "Much like a company or non-profit's executive board, this group will manage committees, advise on policy and help provide input throughout the transition," said Taylor Schaffer, a Hogsett spokeswoman. One City Indy will be led by U.S. Rep. Andre Carson, former Lt. Gov. Kathy Davis and Indy Chamber President Michael Huber, along with Thomas Cook, Hogsett's campaign manager turned transition director. Hogsett also announced on Friday the groups' executive committee, which includes representatives from government, the business community, philanthropic groups and the assistant principal of an Indianapolis charter school. It also includes a Republican city-county councilor who lost last week's election to a Democrat.: Tori Castor-Lobbyist/IU Health; Scott Chinn-former Bart Peterson counsel/Faegre Baker Daniels partner; Mary Clark-International Market Coalition; Ben Hunter-Butler University/City-County Council member who spear-headed corrupt ROC deal; Laurel Judkins-Cummins; Maggie Lewis-President/City-County Council/Indiana Grand Casino; Rob MacPherson-Central Indiana Corporate Partnership (key player in Blue Indy/Vision Fleet/16 Tech); Dr. Ora Pescovitz-Eli Lilly; Edward Rangel-Tindley Genesis Academy (charter school); David Shaheed (Retired Marion Co. judge/father-in-law of Andre Carson) He also named attorneys Jeff Mallamad and Andrew Mallon as counsel to his transition team. Mallamad, a partner at Barnes & Thornburg, contributed more than \$125,000 to Hogsett's campaign.

CITIES: ORDERLY TRANSITION IN ANDERSON - With less than two months before taking office as Anderson's highest elective official, Mayor-elect Thomas Broderick Jr. has started the process of putting together a new administration (de la Bastide, *Anderson Herald-Bulletin*). Broderick, a Democrat, defeated incumbent Republican Mayor Kevin Smith on Nov. 3 and will be working during the next four years with a 7-2 majority on the Anderson City Council. One thing Broderick has experienced since the election is some people have started calling him mayor, even though he doesn't take office until Jan. 1. "Right now I can't go anywhere without someone making a comment," he said. "People are familiar with what happened." Broderick said Friday that most of the people he has talked with are more interested in making improvements in the city and not the politics of the election. "We want to work together," he said of Republicans and Democrats. "The goal is to keep things heading in the right direction. People want the city to move forward." Broderick said he has met with Smith to discuss the transition. He has also met with Anderson City Controller Jason Fenwick and Greg Winkler, executive director of the Anderson Economic Development Department. "It's going very well," Broderick said. "Kevin (Smith) has been helpful and professional."

CITIES: HAMILTON MAKING CHANGES IN BLOOMINGTON - Even though there's still more than a month to go before Mayor-elect John Hamilton takes charge, a new administration is beginning to take shape at City Hall (*Bloomington Herald-Times*). It's one that has some of the current team at City Hall staying beyond Jan. 1, when Hamilton takes office. But as the new administration takes shape, other personnel changes will displace current department heads, either with the new year or when Hamilton finds a replacement for them. Corporation Counsel Margie Rice, Controller Jeff Underwood, Police Chief Mike Diekhoff, Beverly Calender-Anderson, director of Community and Family Resources, and Rick Dietz, director of Information and Technology Services, have been asked to remain in their current positions. Hamilton also has asked Doris Sims, who currently directs the Human Resources department for the city, to shift offices and head the city's department of Housing and Neighborhood Development, and he has appointed current parks administrator Mick Renneisen to serve as interim deputy mayor for approximately six months while Hamilton searches for a second in command. After that person is hired, Renneisen will return to his former job. The people currently at the helm of Housing and Neighborhood Development, Public Works, Utilities and Economic and Sustainable Development and the city's communications director and the current deputy mayor — Lisa Abbott, Susie Johnson, Patrick Murphy, Danise Alano-Martin, Alexa Lopez and Adam Wason, respectively — have not been asked to continue in their positions going into the next administration. Two other department heads — Tom Micuda, who heads up planning and transportation, and Fire Chief Todd Easton — have been asked to remain as interim directors while Hamilton conducts a national search for people to fill those director-level positions.

CITIES: STORY INN OWNER FILES COUNTER SUIT - The owner of a rustic Brown County inn sued for allegedly ruining a summer wedding has countersued the groom, the bride, her brother and the lawyer representing them, claiming that he was the injured party in the incident and that his reputation has been damaged by news reports of "terrible lies" that traveled around the world (*Bloomington Herald-Times*). On June 7, Ashley Anderson and Chris Whitfield were united in marriage during an outdoor ceremony at the Story Inn in southern Brown County. They allege Rick Hofstetter was intoxicated and ruined their \$13,000 wedding by propositioning both the bride and her mother during the reception that followed. They filed a lawsuit against Hofstetter and his Story Inn Bed & Breakfast on Sept. 11. They want their money back and compensation for damages. In a letter to the couple's attorney dated Sept. 10, attorney Greg Garrison warned that the allegations made by the newlyweds damaged Hofstetter's business and standing in the community. "The melodramatic behavior by your clients garnered salacious interest as far away as the London Times," Garrison wrote to Jason Lopp. "And in view of the 16 years during which my client has worked tirelessly to build the fine reputation he and the business have throughout the Midwest, this kind of damage causes extensive loss to the entire enterprise." During the wedding reception, a verbal and then physical fight broke out between wedding guests and Hofstetter. A sheriff's deputy was called to the scene, and after interviewing those present, determined no criminal charges would be filed even though he reported that Hofstetter — who gave kids at the wedding rides on a golf cart — was drunk and had failed sobriety tests. In his report on the incident, the deputy described the 59-year-old Hofstetter as "uncooperative." In a letter addressed to "Story Inn Friends," Hofstetter denied the allegations and said he did not proposition anyone, nor was he intoxicated. "I never met Ms. Anderson, the bride," he wrote. "I never spoke to her. All the wedding details were handled by staff."

COUNTIES: VIGO SCHOOLS CONSIDERS DRONE POLICY - The Vigo County School Corp. on Monday will discuss a proposed policy that would prohibit unmanned aerial vehicles, or drones, on or above VCSC property, unless the operator has permission from the superintendent or a designee (*Terre Haute Tribune-Star*). The proposed policy addresses use of drones "on VCSC property or airspace." It says the district "shall remove from VCSC property anyone possessing, using or attempting to use a UAV without authorization. VCSC may also confiscate any UAV that violates this policy." The proposed policy will be discussed Monday but it is not up for action, says Superintendent Danny Tanoos. "We anticipate bringing it back as board policy and it would need three readings" before it is adopted. Monday's discussion is not a first reading, Tanoos said.

JOSH SPEIDEL WALKS ON TO COURT AT PURDUE: "Josh Strong" was not just echoed in the college basketball world Sunday, it was seen (*WRTV*). Josh Speidel walked into Mackey Arena in Purdue with the opposing team, the University of Vermont. In that moment, sides did not matter. The entire arena stood up with Josh to honor the former Columbus North basketball star with a standing ovation. Speidel suffered a traumatic brain injury following a car accident in February. Speidel was recruited by the University of Vermont. His parents deferred his enrollment at the University of Vermont until 2016. As the university's basketball team took on Purdue Sunday, they took time to recognize their recruit.

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GOVERNOR

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The Statehouse File

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WORK and Learn program comes to LHS campus

Reporter Net

Indiana Governor Mike Pence visited Lebanon High School Tuesday morning as the keynote speaker promoting the state's Elevating Work and Learn in Indiana initiative.

Gov. Pence honors our military on Veterans Day

WLFI

Indiana Gov. Mike Pence was at the Indiana Veterans' Home Wednesday for the annual Veterans Day Program.

Pence speaks with community at Fair Oaks Farms

Newsbug

Indiana Governor Mike Pence held a community conversation at the Farmhouse Restaurant and Convention Center at Fair Oaks Farms Nov. 10.

Gov. Pence pays off federal unemployment loan

WTHR

Gov. Mike Pence says Indiana has paid off a \$250 million debt owed on a recession-era federal loan that was used to pay unemployment benefits after the state depleted its own funds.

Pro-Life services contract detailed

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

Seventy percent of a \$3.5 million no-bid contract will go to direct services to help pregnant Hoosiers and moms who chose not to have an abortion. The rest of the money will go to administrative and other expenses under an agreement with pro-life group Real Alternatives Inc. based in Pennsylvania. The contract was announced Oct. 12 by Gov. Mike Pence but wasn't made public until this month. It follows a secret one-year pilot in northern Indiana.

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The Brazil Times

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LEGISLATURE

Senate Democrat calls for quick ISTEP fix

Indy Star

A Senate Democrat is calling on lawmakers to expedite the process of reducing the influence a drop in ISTEP test scores is anticipated to have on school quality ratings and teacher pay.

Legislature could act Tuesday to pause school accountability

NWI Times

State Sen. Mark Stoops, D-Bloomington, told reporters Wednesday he will propose the Republican-controlled Legislature approve his plan to adjust school A-F grades and guarantee no loss in teacher performance pay during its one-day organizational meeting on Tuesday.

STATEWIDES

Panel penalizes 2 at Anderson racetrack

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

The Indiana Horse Racing Commission has fined a Hoosier Park Racing and Casino horse trainer and reached a settlement with a driver in a disciplinary case at the Anderson track.

AROUND THE STATE

Toyota Indiana Exec Honored

Inside IN Business

Toyota Motor Manufacturing Inc. Vice President of Manufacturing Leah Curry has been selected by *Automotive News* as one of its 2015 "100 Leading Women in the North American Auto Industry." Curry joined the Princeton-based company in 1997 as part of the team preparing for production of the Tundra pickup truck.

100 Year Old Vet

My Wabash Valley

On this Veterans Day I want to introduce you to a special lady who recently celebrated a milestone of life after service to her country and the students of Martin County, Indiana.

IMMI Prepared doe school bus seat belts

Inside IN Business

Westfield-based IMMI says it is "poised to handle the increased demand" should regulators and school districts decide to mandate seat belts on school buses. The transportation safety and testing company's declaration comes after National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Administrator Mark Rosekind took a stance Sunday no one in his position had taken before. At a national industry conference, Rosekind said the NHTSA's goal is a three-point seat belt "for every child on every bus." IMMI says it has crash-tested more school buses than any other company in the world.

Feds: Amish targeted in \$3.9M Swindle

Indy Star

Federal officials are suing a northern Indiana man, saying he bilked \$3.9 million from at least 70 novice investors, including many who are Amish.

JOBS/ECONOMY

Indy Social Media Platform adding jobs

Inside IN Business

Indianapolis-based social content platform Odyssey says it will invest \$1.4 million to expand its Indianapolis headquarters and create 90 jobs by 2017. Since launching digitally in June 2014, Odyssey says it has grown to more than 16 million monthly unique users.

EDITORIAL

INDOT, Pence must address our concerns

Herald Bulletin

Indiana Department of Transportation, overseen by Gov. Mike Pence, reflects his disdain toward the average citizen. Anderson resident Mr. Carney was told by INDOT he could not have questions answered in front of the people. This mirrors Gov. Pence's reaction when Hoosiers attempt to contact him and is felt by Democrat and Republican voters alike. Gov. Pence is unresponsive to regular Hoosiers' issues and entering his final year of his first term, I don't see this changing.

First lady and others kick off month celebrating adoption

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INDIANAPOLIS – It's hard to imagine wanting to bear children but not being able to.

First Lady Karen Pence experienced this hardship firsthand. For a long time before having their children, the Pences were listed with an adoption agency.

One day, Pence received a call about a young girl who was having a child. The Pences were at the top of the list to adopt the child.

"It just so happened that I was pregnant with our first child," Pence said. "And so we decided it wouldn't be right for us to also adopt that child. We knew there were four other couples who were in the running for that child so we took our name out and it was a very difficult decision."

And so, in order to show her appreciation, Pence is volunteering to help out with National Adoption Month. Pence helped kickoff the event last week at a private reception for foster/adoptive families at the Children's Museum in Indianapolis.

"It's near and dear to our hearts because we were in that position where we thought we may not have any children of our own and so this was an opportunity for us to have a family," Pence said.

"And we are so grateful to young girls and young men who say you know we'll go ahead and give up this baby for adoption because there are a lot of homes that would welcome those children in."

Mary Beth Bonaventura, director of the Indiana Department of Child Services, said having a National Adoption Month is important because it brings about awareness.

"It makes us aware that there is in fact such a thing and that for those people that are contemplating it or know of others that are interested in adoption it's a time to be able to gather information and acquire agencies or learn what agencies might be able to assist you," Bonaventura said.

Bonaventura adopted a child during her time as a judge in Lake County. Sunny, an 11-year-old boy from India, appeared in the courts in Lake County. While visiting the living facility he was staying in, Bonaventura discovered he did not have anyone to spend Thanksgiving with so she and her family took him in.

"It wasn't something that I went into thinking, you know, I want to adopt. It was just love at first sight for me," she said. "After I spent that day with him, I didn't want my life to go on without him. I wanted him to be a part of my life."

After becoming his legal guardian, Bonaventura married her husband and they both adopted him in 1997. She said this month helps to highlight those children like Sunny and to thank adoptive parents in Indiana. The true reward, she said, is for the adoptive parents.

"It really changed my life in a lot of big ways because I didn't have kids or a spouse," she said. "I sat on a lot of boards that met after work time and once he came to life with me I cut all of that out of my life. It kept me home and helped me to stop working a little bit and I really had a real family then."

James Wide, deputy director of communications for the Indiana Department of Child Services, said the department is currently recruiting families for about 75 to 100 children. This is normal, he said, and November and December have the highest rates of adoption.

"There are usually about 130 adoptions for each month," he said. "In November 2014 there were 151 adoptions, in November 2013 there were 135 adoptions and 149 adoptions in November 2012."

On Nov. 16, Gov. Mike Pence and his wife will host the Third Annual Information and Awareness Adoption Fair at the Statehouse. The fair will begin at 4 p.m. in the North Atrium with representatives from DCS and more than a dozen adoption agencies and associations.

For National Adoption Month, the first lady said there are three goals.

"The first one is to celebrate families that have adopted because these families have given permanency to children," she said. "The other goal is to increase awareness of the Indiana Adoption Program. Then the third reason that we do all this in national adoptive month is to increase awareness for the need for more adoptive homes and especially for older children."

Another familiar face will be hosting and providing initiatives to adoption events in Indiana. Pro Bowl Cornerback for the Indianapolis Colts, Vontae Davis, was nearly on the verge of entering the foster care system as a child before being taken in and raised by his grandmother.

Davis has shown in previous years his support through holiday shopping spree events and this year he is also adding to these efforts by collaborating with the Department of Child Services. He will also be lending his name and image to photos and correspondence with adoptive parents, potential adoptive parents and youth in the foster care system.

DCS, partnering with the Children's Bureau and other adoption professionals, will host more than 25 National Adoption Month Celebrations throughout the state.

"I think the thing we're wanting to do is to bring awareness, especially to a lot of these families who are willing to adopt older children," Pence said. "We're encouraging them to share their stories and encouraging others to do the same so it's an opportunity for families to speak openly about their adoption experience and help others who are wanting to make that same decision."

Pence applauds court delay on Obama immigration policy

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Staff Report

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Obama issued executive orders almost a year ago that would have protected millions of undocumented immigrants from deportation. The orders took two forms, Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

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Indiana's Abortion Choice Percentage represents the percentage of women who chose to undergo abortions out of the total population of women who could. It was 10 percent in 2008 and since has dropped to 9 percent in 2013.

Indiana Right to Life representatives declined an interview - referring to a written press release statement.

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"16 Tech represents an opportunity for the city of Indianapolis to accelerate its economic growth in ways it has not had before by creating a place where talent and innovation and collaboration can all come together. It is enabled by a real estate development, but in the end, it only works if it helps attract talent to Indianapolis," said Betsy McCaw, chief operating officer of the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership.

City leaders think that if they make the 60-acre tract of land just north of the Indiana University School of Medicine campus a mix of all of the best the city has to offer—leading companies, urban apartments, retail, night life and parks—they can catch the eyes of more creative and highly sought-after workers.

If those talented workers congregate in one area—both at work and after hours—swapping ideas and insights, there's a better chance they'll design new technologies, start new companies and make research discoveries that are successful, generating large profits and high salaries that can enrich the entire city.

On Monday, Global Water Technologies announced it would move its office from the IU Innovation Center near the head of the Central Canal in downtown Indianapolis to an office building in 16 Tech. The firm, which typically employs three to five workers part-time as it handles various projects, is working to commercialize technologies that make water use more efficient.

"We've been working with some faculty from IUPUI to show the benefits of innovation in the emerging water tech sector, so the proximity to the campus was attractive," said company CEO Erik Hromadka. "The area also has a lot of significant water infrastructure and borders on two of the main waterways in Indianapolis, so that is a logical place for us as a water technology company. It's also nice to be close to the downtown area and all that offers."

Scott.A.Milkey

From: Brooks, Kara D
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 10:19 AM
To: Triol, Shelley;Ahearn, Mark;Anderson, Christopher M
Subject: Fwd: Public Records Request

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Jenn Stanley <jenn@rhrealitycheck.org>
Date: November 10, 2015 at 10:17:43 AM EST
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Jenn Stanley
2351 W. Charleston St. 2M
Chicago, IL 60647
11/10/2015

Dear Ms. Brooks

Under the Indiana Access to Public Records Act § 5-14-3-1 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of the 2015/2016 \$3.5 million contract between the State of Indiana and Real Alternatives.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$5. However, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the use of state funds for alternatives to abortion. I am a reporter with RH Reality Check.

The Indiana Access to Public Records Act requires a response time within seven business days. If access to the records I am requesting will take longer than seven days, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law. If you are not the right person to contact, please direct me accordingly.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

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From: Triol, Shelley
Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2015 11:15 AM
To: O'Malley, Jennifer
Cc: Craig, Lindsey M
Subject: Contract

Jeni – attached is the link to the Real Alternatives contract, which is public.
Please feel to provide this link any time after 2pm to any media requesting it.

[00000000000000014694.pdf](#)

Let me know if you have any questions.

Scott.A.Milkey

From: Triol, Shelley
Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2015 9:54 AM
To: Craig, Lindsey M
Subject: Just checking...

Lindsey – I am going to check in with Jeni O’Malley today about the Real Alternatives contract link – we you going to talk to them about the HPV letters?

Scott.A.Milkey

From: Lloyd, Matthew
Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 2:55 PM
To: Triol, Shelley
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Subject: [Govstate] Governor Pence Announces Statewide Contract with Real Alternatives

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Thanks for your help.

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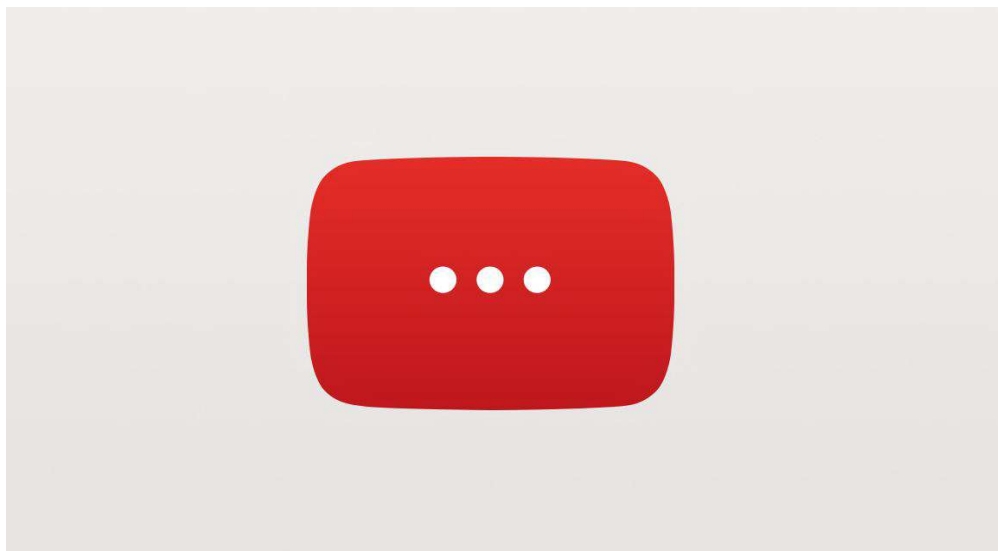
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Life in the fast lane

Everyone wants to speed up road funding . . . or be left in the dust

Infrastructure spending continues to be the largest looming non-social issue overarching both the 2016 session and 2016 general election, and state leaders from both parties are showing their respective and collective inclination to fast track spending . . . but there continues to be lots of sub rosa disagreement over how much to spend, where it should come from, when it should begin, where it should be targeted, and how long it should last.

But everyone wants to do something, because Hoosiers will make their political lives a bit bumpier if they don't act and act soon.

Governor Mike Pence (R) reveals his desire for a \$1 billion investment in additional road and bridge repair funding over a four-year period, which would require legislative approval. This "21st Century Crossroads" cash would be in addition to \$3.2 billion in already planned "preservation" funding over the next five years – but comes even as the state has failed to identify funding for the final section of the I-69 extension.

As we told you to expect, he wants to use some cash from his much-vaunted reserves – \$241 million at the end of Fiscal Year 2016 (we had told you it would be between \$200 million and \$250 million, pending the early October revenue collection numbers), reducing state reserves to 11.5% of the budget (House Committee on Ways and Means Chair Tim Brown (R) has typically urged about a 12% surplus to ensure cash is available to pay bills should the economy tank the Governor himself had sought a 12.5% - 14% cushion), and he also will seek to tap the Next Generation Trust Fund ahead of schedule in 2019 for an accelerated distribution of \$50 million in interest from the Indiana Toll Road lease proceeds still on deposit.

On top of this, the Guv will push legislators to add another \$450 million toward everyone's favorite new highest spending priority (in increments of \$150 million annually from sales taxes and bond refinancing – \$6.5 million annually – in each of fiscal years 2018 through 2020). You can bet that lawmakers will be looking at new funding sources (read: reassessing the gas tax) in the post-election 2017 session.

The Governor says that the proposed investment will allow the resurfacing of some 1,800 miles of state roads and the repairing of about 220 bridges (and help pave the way for the planned resurfacing of 16,000 miles of roads over the next 15 years). All the talk now focuses on maintenance, not new lanes.

While there is typically a degree of legislative caution about a big-buck gubernatorial initiative, there was a pronounced dearth of enthusiasm from top Republicans for the specifics of this initiative. After the announcement, House Speaker Brian Bosma (R) reiterated "that road and bridge funding will be our top priority for this next legislative session, but then simply added that lawmakers "will keep his proposals in mind as we work together to address challenges facing infrastructure funding in both the short term and long term." "We are concerned about taking on any debt against the state's ongoing operating expenses," noted Ways and Means chair Brown. House Committee on Roads and Transportation Chair Ed Soliday (R), the legislative thought leader and adult in the room on infrastructure issues, added, "I look forward to working with the Governor and my legislative colleagues as we find data-driven, mutually agreeable solutions that don't leave our children with enormous debt in the form of decaying infrastructure."

For more, please see the following page . . .

Compliance and consequences

Public-private split over action and costs

Government entities are less likely to comply with certain federal environmental regulations than are similar entities owned by private companies, according to "When Governments Regulate Governments," a new study co-authored by David Konisky of the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at IU Bloomington published in the *American Journal of Political Science*.

The research by Konisky, a SPEA associate professor, with co-author Manny Teodoro, an associate professor of political science at Texas A&M University, also finds "pretty good evidence" that regulatory authorities are less vigorous in enforcing the rules against publicly owned facilities such as power plants, hospitals, and water utilities than against those owned and run by private firms.

The duo finds "government-owned facilities are more likely to violate standards than are their private-sector counterparts, and when they do violate, the government is less likely to come down hard on them." They note that public agencies and private firms often face different compliance costs, and that agencies have greater incentives than firms to appeal regulations through political channels. The typical enforcement instruments that regulators use to influence firm behavior may also be less effective against governments.

Konisky says the findings are significant – but not surprising given that public entities face higher regulatory compliance costs because of hurdles in raising funds needed to improve facilities and pushback from customers or taxpayers who object to higher rates and have political power to block them.

Public entities also face lower costs for violating the regulations, the authors argue, noting that they are often able to delay or avoid paying fines, and regulatory officials may be sympathetic to violations by public entities because they understand the difficulty of securing resources in the public sector.

Konisky suggests that privatizing regulated services may not be an answer, because that can lead to issues such as less accountability and over-spending for infrastructure. Other approaches could include providing stronger incentives and assistance to help public agencies comply with regulations.

Recall that Rep. Soliday suggested late this Summer that some \$300 million in funding would be required immediately simply for necessary short-term maintenance expenses (INDOT officials are now saying \$250 million after as recently as two weeks ago citing the \$300 million figure, and he's upset with seemingly moving targets), and another \$1 billion (the same figure bandied about by IUOE Local 150, a friend of the Daniels Administration and thorn in the side of Team Pence) must be added to comport with what the public expected from its current roads – even before talking about new construction.

You can expect this to be bent and shaped in a few different ways (particularly funding sources and specific projects or outcomes) in the 2016 session . . . not a problem with Gov. Pence, who has been collaborative and willing to share credit with lawmakers. He won't budge on the parameters that will maintain the AAA state bond rating, but everything else would seem to be on the table in his work with GOP leadership.

The Indiana Democratic Party continues to chide the Governor on a daily basis over transportation issues, and Democratic legislative leaders are doing much the same . . . but without offering any serious detailed proposals of their own.

House Democratic Leader Scott Pelath (D) is unimpressed by what the plan – which would see no cash flow until at least July 1, 2016 – portends for the short-run: “Not too much for now, since the 2015 construction season is just about over. There will be no aggressive, Teddy Roosevelt-style ambitions to become a true Crossroads of America. There will not even be an unshackling of local communities to let them solve their own problems.” He also questions the lack of emphasis on the basic knitting: “If you have to navigate local roads and bridges – which are in some places more potholes than pavement – you'll be left to fend for yourself. This plan is all about bigger projects. It's a nose job when all the arteries are clogged.”

Senate Democratic Leader Tim Lanane (D) labels it just “a drop in the bucket when you consider Indiana's infrastructure situation as a whole.” Sen. Lanane reinforces the Pelath comments about local needs, explaining that “For every one centerline mile of road the Indiana Department of Transportation maintains, cities, towns and counties maintain nearly nine. For every structurally deficient bridge INDOT must repair, locals have five.” He wants a sustainable revenue source for the locals.

A soon-to-be-released Indiana Department of Transportation study on long-term funding alternatives is expected to address some of the Democratic Party leadership concerns.

Meanwhile, demand continues unabated for new construction.

The Southeast Regional Logistics Council alone released a strategic plan for 15 Indiana counties Tuesday that calls for adding lanes to I-64 and I-65 (to up to eight lanes total for I-65, with four lanes for trucks and four for cars), and U.S. 421 and U.S. 50; connecting Madison to I-65; creating a truck transportation corridor from Aurora to east of Lawrenceburg; making \$60.8 million in improvements to S.R. 111; redesigning the Sherman Minton Bridge; and improving U.S. 150 to the tune of \$339 million.

As Indiana continues to contemplate the widening of I-65 (and other state highways under Major Moves 2020) to accommodate additional travel lanes, Kentucky awards a \$68.6 million construction contract for a 10-mile stretch to a Bluegrass firm that would complete the widening of I-65 to six lanes from the Ohio River to the Tennessee border – 137.3 miles – by November 2018.

At the same time, however, Michigan's governor lamented Tuesday that his negotiations with legislative leaders over a \$1.2 billion road-funding plan north of our border are at an impasse.

And as other states ponder gas tax hikes (even states with Republican chief executives, though that would seem to be out of the question here in 2016 as a result of all the no-tax pledges Hoosier lawmakers have signed) and as some locally clamor for a change in the financing structure to account for better vehicle fuel economy, changed travel patterns, and electric cars and natural gas-fueled vehicles, that's too heavy a lift for a non-budget session, particularly without a longer interim review.

There is also no funding in the Governor's proposal for local road funding (Democrats claim that the Governor's package “Neglects 90% of Indiana's Infrastructure”), and agricultural groups also push for rural roads and improving structural capacity and extending weight limits for bridges – “Brownfield infrastructure” – to be included. You can bet that this will become a major item of discussion, and any final package will ultimately include local dollars . . . although it's largely anyone's guess as to how much is needed for those wish lists.

The 2016 legislative session is shaping up to be a road show, exactly one decade after lawmakers authorized the lease of the Indiana Toll Road to a foreign consortium for an up-front payment of \$3.85 billion. Infrastructure dollars and planning will be the top substantive non-social issue on the agenda, and while there is widespread agreement that funding must come in this non-budget session, there is no magic Toll Road lease windfall on the horizon, and we're still a long way from any consensus about the four corners of the box.

IN Politics

Federal Office Races . . .

- Team Marlin changes line-ups, and the big shake-up ends with U.S. Rep. Marlin Stutzman (R) turning to his old friend from State House days, Mike Gentry and his Mark it Red, to handle things in his U.S. Senate campaign going forward. As the first full week of October ended, resignations were turned in by the bulk of his much-vaunted campaign team: campaign manager Brendon DeToro (who formerly worked for U.S. Rep. Jackie Walorski (R)); general consultant Brooks Kochvar of GS Strategy Group who handled polling and media strategy (he worked for Rep. Walorski and former U.S. Rep. Chris Chocola (R) locally); and political director Joe Knepper. The other big name that was part of the initial team, media consultant Rob Jesmer, a former executive director of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, remains aboard.

□ Word on the street is that the resignations came over different “strategic direction” visions, and members of the carefully crafted national team ultimately decided that the candidate would be better served by individuals who shared the Stutzman family vision. As we’ve seen over the years with Team Marlin – both in his official office and campaigns – he’s experienced a considerable churn at the top levels, and he typically turns to loyal former colleagues or campaign aides for the reboot.

● No surprises in the bottom line numbers from the three Republican candidates for U.S. Senate in their respective third quarter reports (details are still lacking, given that reports will not be made available by the Federal Election Commission until closer to the end of the month). U.S. Rep. Todd Young (R) continues his fundraising juggernaut, raking in more than \$720,000 during the quarter. For the 2016 cycle, Rep. Young has now raised more than \$2.16 million, and his campaign confirms that he has more than \$2.25 million in cash-on-hand. According to campaign officials, Rep. Young has now raised \$1.7 million+ from individual donors (79%). For the third quarter, more than \$646,000 was received from individuals (90%). He has now raised in excess of \$1 million from individual Hoosiers (\$1.19 million total; 69% of all of his individual contributions), including close to \$377,000 from Hoosiers in the third quarter (58% of his total). Others who have parsed his numbers suggest that he’s tapped out many of his early contributors . . . U.S. Rep. Marlin Stutzman (R) raised about \$618,000 during the third quarter and begins October with approximately \$1.1 million in cash-on-hand. Of interest, according to someone who peeked at his report: he has either yet to begin serious D.C. PAC fundraising, or he simply can’t seem to tap into that network . . . former Indiana Republican Party chair Eric Holcomb (R) raised more than \$110,000 during the quarter and has close to \$300,000 in cash-on-hand, with a distinct Hoosier flavor to his contribution list.

□ Informal word on the numbers from the two Democratic hopefuls, former U.S. Rep. Baron Hill (D) and retired Arc of Indiana leader John Dickerson (R) suggests they won’t excite the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. Expect the combined total for the two will barely top \$325,000 . . . and Hill will likely show a hefty burn rate for less than \$270,000 in Q3 bucks (expect under \$35,000 for Dickerson).

□ While each of the Senate candidates will tout their respective numbers, they pale in comparison to the fundraising just across our western border. Illinois’ incumbent Republican U.S. senator raised more than \$1 million during the quarter and has \$3.6 million in cash going into October, and the Democratic U.S. House member challenging him raised \$1.46 million during the third quarter and has \$2.8 million in cash-on-hand (and both of them will be spending big on Chicago media next Fall, largely freezing out any spending on Chicago TV aimed at Northwest Indiana by Indiana’s U.S. Senate hopefuls).

● Here is a quick glance at the 2015 third quarter numbers for Hoosier members of Congress from their campaign finance reports due October 15:

CD Candidate	Q3 Contribs.	Cycle Contribs.	Cycle Spent	Cash Left
01 Visclosky (D)	\$ 88,616	\$ 814,238	\$ 873,202	\$ 222,790
02 Walorski (R)	\$ 210,962	\$ 693,060	\$ 350,398	\$ 709,243
03 Banks (R)	\$ 161,594	\$ 301,705	\$ 42,629	\$ 259,076
03 Galloway (R)	\$ 119,520	\$ 170,944	\$ 120,445	\$ 50,499
03 Brown (R)	\$ 65,173	\$ 188,941	\$ 42,214	\$ 146,727
03 Tom (R)	\$ 153,775	\$ 153,775	\$ 9,533	\$ 144,243
03 Night’nlsr (D)	\$ 230	\$ 230	\$ 26	\$ 204
04 Rokita (R)	\$ 219,724	\$ 469,734	\$ 368,717	\$ 1,241,956
05 Brooks (R)	\$ 215,190	\$ 727,427	\$ 435,581	\$ 1,185,428
05 Demaree (D)	\$ 12,123	\$ 12,123	\$ 2,382	\$ 9,742
06 Messer (R)	\$ 231,034	\$ 690,157	\$ 658,114	\$ 522,123
07 Carson (D)	\$ 128,837	\$ 399,708	\$ 310,648	\$ 838,587
08 Bucshon (R)	\$ 114,840	\$ 358,184	\$ 245,090	\$ 448,772
09 Waltz (R)	\$ 63,561	\$ 63,561	\$ 12,291	\$ 51,270
09 Houchin (R)	\$ 129,835	\$ 129,835	\$ 20,709	\$ 109,126
09 Zoeller (R)	\$ 130,779	\$ 130,779	\$ 34,868	\$ 95,911
09 Pfaff (R)	\$ 8,720	\$ 8,720	\$ 1,683	\$ 7,037
09 Yoder (D)	\$ 150,168	\$ 150,168	\$ 4,772	\$ 135,397

□ In CD 03. Dr. Pam Galloway (R) pumps up her treasury with another personal \$100,000 loan, bringing to \$150,000 the total she loans to her campaign (of ≈ \$170,000 raised) . . . no personal cash was reported as a loan or contribution to the campaigns of Sen. Brent Waltz (R) in CD 09 or Kip Tom (R) in CD 03 . . . Tom impresses with many four-figure individual contributions, from the agriculture community and economic development and banking industry leaders, as well as \$1,000 from former Rep. Rebecca Kubacki (R). There are a lot of big-dollar contributions from Northeast Indiana, both for a candidate out of the gate, and from folks whose names haven’t typically shown up on contribution reports . . . Sen. Liz Brown (R) in CD 03 adds cash from Sen. Eric Bassler (R) and Reps. Dave Ober (R) and Martin Carbaugh (R) . . . U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky (D) spent \$18,000 last month for CD 01 polling . . . Rep. Visclosky is tithing \$11,363.64/month to the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee . . . U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita (R) makes a \$1,000 end of September contribution to Sen. Erin Houchin (R) for her CD 09 primary race (after a \$5,000 contribution to the Indiana Republican Party) . . . Sen. Houchin receives contributions from 13 Senate colleagues, even as she runs against a fellow senator and a statewide elective official. She also receives \$500 from Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann (R) and \$250 from former state auditor Connie Nass (R), and a lot of help from big Indianapolis business names as well as Reps. Todd Huston (R) and Lloyd Arnold (R), and some fellow Lugar Series alumnae . . . former U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh (D) eases purse strings on his campaign committee to contribute \$2,000 to CD 09 open seat candidate Shelli Yoder (D), who also sees \$250 from former U.S. Rep. Lee Hamilton (D) and \$2,000 from U.S. Rep. John Yarmuth (D-KY) whose district is just across the Ohio River. U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly (D) and U.S. Rep. André Carson (D) also tithe. Her campaign claims this is “One of the highest first quarter performances for a non-incumbent Democratic candidate in Indiana,” and points to the low (less than four percent) burn rate. More than 90% of Yoder’s donors are Hoosiers, and almost 88% of her total was raised from Indiana donors in 45 days . . . Club for Growth backing has yet to pay off with serious cash for its endorsees.

- An Indianapolis veterinarian, Dr. Angela Demarree (D), opened a campaign committee in September for a run against U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks (R).

- Sen. Erin Houchin (R) was the only one of the five announced Republican candidates for the open CD 09 seat to skip Tuesday night's first debate of the season in Bloomington.

State Office Races . . .

- With infrastructure issues bursting at the seams, could that boost Rep. Terri Austin (D) as a potential lieutenant governor nominee? She's chaired the House Committee on Roads and Transportation, and taken a national lead on infrastructure issues, serving as co-chair for the National Conference of State Legislatures' Task Force on Public Private Partnerships in Transportation, and as vice chair of NCSL's Transportation Committee. And she's a woman from north of U.S. 40, providing both gender and geographic balance.

□ Another name gaining traction: South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg (D), who would add executive, business, and military experience to the ticket and help Democrats offer an alternative to moderate Republicans and those in the corporate world who may have issues with statewide Republicans over anti-discrimination legislation. He's also familiar with what it takes to run statewide, having waged an unsuccessful 2010 bid for state treasurer vs. then-incumbent Richard Mourdock (R).

Legislative Races . . .

- We're hearing that Rep. Jim Lucas (R) backed off a possible open seat SD 44 primary race against Rep. Eric Koch (R).

- As of late Thursday, three candidates filed for the October 22 Republican Party caucus to fill the vacancy in HD 68: Dearborn County Council President Randy Lyness (R), who made an unsuccessful 2010 primary bid in the old HD 55; Franklin County Councilmember Keith Hall (R) of West Harrison; and third-generation Franklin County auctioneer and flea market operator Dave White (R), who has served on local planning boards.

Mayoral Races . . .

- In the Elkhart mayoral race, a negative Indiana Democratic Party mailer reminds Elkhart voters that former Rep. Tim Neese (R) voted for the locally unpopular Toll Road lease, local government tax caps, and cuts for public education.

- After a strange week of on-again, off-again pledges to withdraw from the open seat Richmond mayoral race after moving outside the city boundaries, Kamara Gard (L) finally withdraws from the contest . . . but is now making noise about running for superintendent of public instruction.

Other Political News . . .

- The All America PAC, the federal leadership political action committee of former U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh (D), lost a net \$32,197.12 from its investments with Raymond James & Associates during the third quarter, and after spending \$150 on software, the PAC opened October with a cash-on-hand balance of \$415,506.

- The latest list of bundlers – “volunteer fundraisers who have raised a minimum \$17,600 for the Jeb 2016 primary election” – from Indiana includes: Former Rep. Dan Dumezich (R); Bob Grand of Barnes & Thornburg; former Indiana Republican Party chair Al Hubbard and Kathy Hubbard; John Lechleiter of Eli Lilly & Company; Toby McClamroch of Bingham Greenebaum Doll; Mark Miles of Hulman & Company; and former Rep. Mike Murphy (R).

IN Brief

IN Federal Circles . . .

- U.S. Rep. André Carson (D) is one of 10 cosponsors of H.R. 3740, introduced by U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA) that would “add a national goal and performance measure to improve road conditions in economically distressed urban communities.”

- U.S. Rep. Marlin Stutzman (R) led 43 of his Republican colleagues (including U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita (R)) in a letter urging GOP House leadership to maintain the spending caps that were included in the House and Senate Budget Conference Report and passed into law by the Budget Control Act (BCA) of 2011. “While imperfect, the BCA spending caps have greatly restrained the reckless Obama Administration and acted as hard limits on portions of Washington’s out-of-control spending,” explained Rep. Stutzman of the caps that do not cover mandatory spending. “With part of the federal budget at lower levels not seen since before President Obama took office, it would be irresponsible to abandon the fiscal victories that have been achieved over the last four years. Unsurprisingly, President Obama and Senate Democrats are demanding that Congress increase spending at the end of the year. In our letter, my House colleagues and I request that we adhere to the House and Senate budget, which balanced in less than 10 years and prioritized funding for national defense. Specifically, we insist that Congress maintain the spending caps that have done more to control federal overspending than anything else has in years. Continuing the short-sighted ‘borrow, tax, and spend culture’ of Washington is not what the American people sent us here to do.”

- U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita (R), as the vice chair of the House Budget Committee, helped lead the panel’s passage of the “Restoring Americans’ Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act.” He calls the bill “an opportunity to bring meaningful health care reform to the President’s desk. This is the first step towards repealing and replacing the most fiscally reckless parts of Obamacare with patient-centered solutions that reduce the costs of health care and lower our debt. At the same time, we ensure that no taxpayer dollars are going towards organizations that cut up babies and sell their body parts.” Reconciliation effectively renders the bill filibuster-proof, and “requires the Senate to actually vote on this bill, ensuring this fight ends in the White House. This will ultimately force a President, who frequently sidesteps the Constitution, to fulfill his Constitutional duty to either veto or sign the bill.”



● U.S. Rep. Luke Messer (R) saw the full House approve a pair of his amendments aimed at protecting national security (the ban benefits energy competitors like Russia and Saudi Arabia at our expense) included in a measure that will lift the oil export ban imposed under the Ford Administration in 1975. The president would continue to maintain the authority to ban or limit exports during times of national emergency and distress. H.R. 702, a bill to repeal federal restrictions on foreign sales of American energy products, passed by a 261-159 vote after adding the Messer amendments. These amendments would ensure that once the export ban is lifted, restrictions on exports can still be placed on state sponsors of terrorism and American crude oil, and that its byproducts (refined petroleum and petrochemical products like plastic, asphalt, paints, and cell phones) are not sent to Iran. The Messer amendments passed the House 414-1 and 419-0 respectively. "America is now one of the world's largest oil producers thanks to a boom in production across the country," Rep. Messer observes, while "Gas prices are at historic lows and our refineries are near capacity. Yet, our laws do not reflect this new reality. [This] decision to lift the ban on American crude oil exports grows our economy, creates thousands of jobs, and increases our national security." He says his amendments would guarantee that the repeal would "not inadvertently help our enemies" . . . Rep. Messer, chair of the House Republican Policy Committee, added his voice to GOP lawmakers seeking changes to House rules that would empower rank-and-file members. he has recently spoken frequently about the vast differences between the U.S. House of Representatives and the Indiana House of Representatives in giving a voice to all members. A "Dear Colleague" letter opens by telling fellow solons that "No matter your opinion on how we got here, nobody likes where we are." He says that members must band together "to make our Conference work again The American people demand it. The left wins when we don't. There is no other option." He lays out a construct for "a governing structure that enables us to govern while living with our differences." He seeks to do this by building a leadership team that better reflects the diversity of the Conference, particularly newer members; opening up the process "at least a little" and empowering individual members to force debate on amendments and broader legislation; developing rules "we can actually follow" and that aren't discarded when convenient via a majority vote; and offering "good faith efforts to operate within the structure of our team. And, in the spirit of Ronald Reagan's adage to 'trust but verify,' those commitments must somehow be enforceable." He concludes by reiterating that "This much is clear: we should not keep doing things the same way unless we want to continue getting the same results," and adds that "The next Speaker needs the benefit of a strong structure - a system that better reflects the makeup of our Conference, allows for input from rank-and-file Members and relies on well-understood rules that are enforceable. This work will not be easy, but it will be worth it."

IN State Circles . . .

● Expect a ruling by Judge Sarah Evans Barker of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana in advance of Election Day on the so-called "ballot selfie" litigation.

□ The American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana and the Office of the Attorney General served up arguments Tuesday over the constitutionality of the law barring Hoosier voters from taking and sharing pictures of their "ballots," and all indications are that Judge Barker will toss out the law on an as-applied basis, contending that the potential harm (allowing miscreants to prove to vote-buyers that they 'properly' cast their votes) isn't all that valid these days . . . even in Crawford County.

□ Chancellor's Professor of Law Rick Hasen of the University of California, Irvine School of Law, a leading election law practitioner and academic, snarks on his Election Law Blog, "Oh, this is interesting. The same federal judge who found in the *Crawford* [case] that Indiana could pass its voter id law despite any evidence that voter impersonation fraud was ever a problem in Indiana seems to think it is a problem that Indiana doesn't have evidence of vote buying to support its anti-selfie law. Will be interested to see how the judge purports to distinguish the cases."

● The Office of Utility Consumer Counselor recommends that the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission deny Vectren Energy Delivery's proposed two-year electric energy efficiency plan. In testimony filed October 7, OUCC contends that the request is not reasonable under the 2015 state law requiring electric utilities to file such plans. OUCC specifically recommends that the IURC deny Vectren's request to recover lost margins and shareholder incentives, citing lack of detail and transparency, problems with calculations and cost-benefit analyses, and performance and shareholder incentives.

● State Auditor Suzanne Crouch (R) completes her retinue of visits to each of Indiana's 92 counties over the last seven months, where she visited the county auditors and their staff to discuss state and local transparency - an odyssey which she says leaves her even more committed to "increasing the transparency of Indiana's financial information in order to help Hoosiers understand where their hard-earned tax dollars are being spent and improving communication between the State and local entities."

● As Mexican drug cartels continue to pump out cheap heroin that has ravaged Indiana's rural and urban communities, Attorney General Greg Zoeller (R) traveled to Mexico City last week on the dime of the Conference of Western Attorneys General Alliance (CWAG) Partnership for a criminal justice conference with other state attorneys general from the U.S. and their Mexican counterparts coordinated with the U.S. Department of State. The CWAG Alliance Partnership Binational State Attorney General Exchange is a follow-up to a training event Zoeller hosted in Indianapolis in September 2010 where some 70 prosecutors and investigators from Mexico were trained by Indiana officials on the rule of law. The U.S. AGs and their counterparts from the Mexican states didn't capture El Chapo, but they committed to continuing collaboration - including sharing info to prosecute human trafficking, money laundering, and Internet crimes; conducting binational seminars and exchange programs; and assisting the Mexican officials with investigation, prosecution, and trial techniques such as forensic evidence.

□ Zoeller and the other state AGs originally were scheduled to continue on from Mexico City to Havana, Cuba for two days of meetings this week with members of Cuba's legal community. That leg of the trip was canceled late October 9 when CWAG Alliance Partnership was notified that entry visas would not be issued for the U.S. officials because Cuba's attorney general was out of the country and meeting him was the primary purpose of their visit. CWAG Alliance Partnership is attempting to reschedule the Cuba trip for a later date.

● On the Columbus Day state holiday, the Governor revealed via a news release that he will expand Indiana's affiliation with the non-profit Real Alternatives program following what he says is a successful \$1 million one-year pilot program in Northern Indiana. The pilot effort assisted 8,452 clients during 16,839 pregnancy-related and parenting support services visits. Real Alternatives works with local service providers to assist women during pregnancy and through 12 months after birth with counseling support and referrals to other social service resources (pro-choice groups contend that the program counsels pregnant women against abortion and advocates abstinence as the sole method of birth control).

□ The Pennsylvania-based group wins a \$3.5 million no-bid, sole-source contract (funded with Temporary Assistance for Needy Family (TANF) program dollars) to expand its services on a statewide basis. The contract, which runs through September 30, 2016, includes services for counseling for breastfeeding, childcare, depression, drug abuse, grief, emotional abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse, fetal development, and additional services. Referral support may include housing, legal, medical health, and mental health referrals - but service providers working with Real Alternatives can't have affiliations with abortion-performing entities.

● Let's hope the amount of cash set aside in the fund to pay litigation settlements (and related legal expenses) can accommodate nine-figure payouts, because in just the last 30 days the State has been slapped with a \$31 million compensatory damages judgment by a federal court jury in Northern Indiana, and the Bureau of Motor Vehicles acknowledged last week that the amount that it has overcharged motorists dating back through Democratic administrations has now grown by another \$40 million to \$50 million - in addition to the \$60 million in overcharges previously disclosed . . . and the legal bills in the IBM welfare modernization contract judicial appeal continue to soar as the State seeks to protect itself against another potential eight-figure award (earlier this month, the Supreme Court denied IBM's Motion for Leave to File Post-Argument Submission of Supplemental Authority).

● A new set of studies released by the Workers Compensation Research Institute examining trends in payments, prices, and utilization of medical care for injured workers from 2008 through 2013 (with claims experience through March 2014) observe that in Indiana medical payments per workers' compensation claim were higher than in most of the 17 states studied, and rising faster, mainly driven by higher and growing prices.

● Between the end of March and the end of June, 29 states and the District of Columbia lost federal and state health insurance exchange enrollees, according to an Americans for Tax Reform analysis of recently released data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Only six states - Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, and New Jersey - "lost" more such enrollees than did Indiana (- 13,268).

● Attorney General Greg Zoeller (R) and 16 other state attorneys general from both political parties write a letter to Phusion Projects, LLC and its officers calling for Phusion to lower the alcohol content in the flavored malt beverage Four Loko to the industry standard of 8.0% alcohol by volume. In March 2014, a settlement joined by General Zoeller and 19 other AGs resolved allegations that Phusion marketed and sold Four Loko in violation of consumer protection and trade practice statutes by promoting the alcoholic beverage to minors. Four Loko, with a 12% alcohol concentration in a 23.5-oz. container, has been linked to multiple deaths in driving under the influence cases across the country in the last five years. Based on Centers for Disease Control standards, drinking just one can of Four Loko constitutes a binge drinking episode.

□ General Zoeller is also slated to keynote the fourth annual Arkansas Prescription Drug Abuse Summit on November 3 in Hot Springs, Arkansas, billed as a training and educational opportunity for law enforcement officers, medical professionals, pharmacists, and educators regarding prescription drug abuse prevention and treatment. AG Zoeller created and serves as co-chair of Indiana's Prescription Drug Task Force.

● The "big" Monday announcement by Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear (D-KY), Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann (R), and the mayors of Jeffersonville and Louisville: the new Ohio River bridge connecting downtown Louisville and Jeffersonville (next to the I-65 Kennedy Bridge) is expected to open earlier than projected - by Christmas. How much earlier than expected would this be? Well, perhaps only by about a week. Estimates by officials from both states and project officials had pegged the opening of the bridge by early January. The new one-way bridge, when opened, will initially carry two-way traffic while the seven-lane John F. Kennedy Memorial Bridge, which will have been opened for more than 52 years by that time, is shut down for an extensive \$22 million renovation project including a full-depth deck replacement and replacement of all the steel stringers, the beams that support the concrete road deck. The work will be handled by Walsh Construction Company, which has been responsible for the I-65 Wildcat Creek bridge over the Wabash River in Tippecanoe County, and the Kennedy Bridge will likely not reopen until October 2016.

□ While the overall project (including the second east end bridge) is expected to be effectively complete by October 2016, the hard deadline for the overall completion of the twin bridges and related interchanges is December 9, 2016. Walsh can earn a \$40,000 per day early-completion incentive, with the bonus capped at \$12 million (300 days). Walsh must also forego \$80,000 per day for each day the project is delayed beyond the hard completion date, and there is no cap on that penalty. Tolling will not begin until the entire project is traffic-ready.

IN the Economy

- After adjusting the numbers to account for a tax payment system processing error, September state revenue collections track the most recent revenue forecast despite appearing to serve up a 5.9% shortfall, and through the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2016, revenue is also effectively aligned with projections. General Fund collections once massaged, graded out at \$2.3 million more than projected for September.

□ A Department of Revenue transition to a new tax payment processing system didn't proceed quite as seamlessly as anticipated, and an error in the process meant that about 40% (approximately 50,000 of 120,000+ tax payments) received by the state in September were diverted to time-consuming manual processing operations, shifting some \$86 million in tax collections to October, and significantly depressing the official September numbers (the short explanation is that the revenue was collected in September, but will actually be counted in October). As a result, overall September collections appeared to be more than \$80 million below forecast. While individual income tax collections appeared to fall short of the forecast by \$52 million, they actually outpaced the estimates by \$23 million dollars. However, that improvement was negated by sales tax and corporate income tax collections, which collectively lagged the forecast by \$23.2 million even after the adjustments – virtually all of that due to disappointing September sales tax collections.

□ The State Budget Agency explains that had the \$86.3 million in revenue been processed in the month of September, revenue results would have been as follows:

- General Fund collections for September totaled \$1,428.9 million, \$2.3 million more than the monthly estimate.
- Year-to-date General Fund collections rose to \$3,549.70 million, \$2.6 million more than estimated, and \$47.2 million above collections for the same period last year.
- Sales tax collections accounted for \$607.1 million for September, \$22.8 million (- 3.6%) below the monthly estimate, and \$2.6 million (0.4%) above revenue in September 2014.
- Individual income tax collections came to \$512.8 million, \$23.2 million (4.7%) above the monthly estimate, and \$37.8 million (- 6.9%) below revenue in September 2014.
- Corporate tax collections generated \$201.3 million, approximately \$400,000 (- 0.2%) below the estimate for September, and \$26 million (- 11.4%) below revenue in September 2014.

- The Indiana Business Research Center of the Indiana University Kelley School of Business does the mathematical heavy lifting on direct foreign investment and finds that during 2012 (the last year for which such figures are available), 152,700 Hoosier workers were employed by majority-owned U.S. affiliate (MOUSA) enterprises. Indiana ranked 14th in the nation in MOUSA employment, and has added 12% more MOUSA employees in this 2010-12 period.

□ Almost one in 20 (4.8%) Hoosier private employment jobs were in MOUSAs in 2012, a 20% decrease from 2012. While the manufacturing industry captured the largest share of MOUSA employment nationally at 37.7%, Indiana dwarfed those figures, with 64.1% of MOUSA employment in manufacturing. The 97,900 such manufacturing jobs accounted for 3.1 percent of the state's private employment.

□ Between 2012 and 2014, Indiana had 127 foreign direct investment (FDI) announcements valued at \$4.6 billion and projected to create almost 13,300 jobs, approximately 4,400 new jobs on an annual basis. The automobile and components industries captured the largest share of Indiana's expected FDI jobs with almost 7,000 new positions – some 52% of the total anticipated FDI jobs announced between 2012 and 2014, or more than 2,300 new jobs in manufacturing per year. Manufacturing remained the most popular business activity for foreign investment in Indiana. Almost three-quarters (≈ 74%) of all announced new jobs were manufacturing-related in the Hoosier state, double the 37% nationally.

- The Illinois Policy Institute does the number crunching on (tax year) 2013 – Illinois' record year of migration losses – and finds that Illinois lost a net 6,575 taxpayers and dependents to Indiana, the most popular destination for Illini expatriates after Texas and Florida. While 15,169 Hoosiers entered Illinois during that year (more than from any other state), 21,744 exited the Land of Lincoln.

□ In terms of taxable income alone, the Illini research team estimates that Indiana lost \$358,323,000 to Illinois in 2013, but gained \$528,088,000, for a net gain of \$169,765 in taxable income.

- As he tries to convince Missouri to adopt a Right to Work law (over the objections of his state's Democratic governor), Missouri Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder (R-MO), a Republican gubernatorial candidate, uses an op-ed to point to our 2012 Right to Work law as the key for Indiana's recent employment and economic development success. He credits RTW for the reduction in Elkhart's unemployment rate from a 2009 national high of 20.3% to just five percent today, and "No. 3 in the nation for job growth. Indeed, the entire state of Indiana had one of the fastest-growing economies in the nation between 2012 and 2013." He asserts that "Job growth and income levels are greater in right-to-work states vs. forced-union states, and more telling, union membership rises in states that enact right-to-work legislation In March 2012, the month the Hoosier State's right-to-work law took effect, average weekly earnings for private-sector employees were \$732.48. By December 2014, the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated the average weekly earnings were \$803.56. Despite right-to-work naysayers' dire warnings, weekly earnings in Indiana rose almost 10 percent in a little less than three years, more than double the earnings increase nationwide over the same period In Indiana, union membership actually has increased – from 9.1 percent of all workers in 2012, to 10.7 percent last year. As jobs were added in the Hoosier state and more people went back to work, construction activity – much of it union work – increased."

- Representatives of Indiana's agriculture and food sectors came to Capitol Hill earlier this month under the aegis of the Coalition for Safe Affordable Food to urge passage by Congress of a uniform, national labeling standard for foods made with genetically modified organisms (GMOs), and stave off what they see as the negative effects of a patchwork of differing state labeling laws. Indiana farmers told lawmakers and regulators that they rely on GMOs to help them grow more crops on less land while using fewer pesticides, less irrigation, and limiting greenhouse gas emissions.

- In 2014, 88% of the corn and 92% of the soybeans grown in Indiana were genetically modified.

- The Indiana State Department of Agriculture's Indiana Grown Initiative launched this Summer reports that despite Indiana being home to 60,000 farms that grow, produce, and process products, less than 10% of the \$16 billion Hoosiers spend annually on food is sourced within Indiana. The initiative is now working to help Indiana farmers and producers build a greater market for their products; support Indiana processors in efforts to process more Indiana Grown products; and educate consumers on the importance of buying Indiana Grown products.

- In a move that may sound familiar, a pair of Michigan lawmakers introduce legislation in both the House and Senate "to help local governments that are losing money when big box stores successfully argue to the Michigan Tax Tribunal that their taxes should be drastically reduced." They suggest that "Creative lawyers working for big corporations should not be the force behind the state's tax policy - a policy that is devastating local units of government and is unfair to local retailers and residents," said the Republican Senate author, who added that "Unfortunately, the tax tribunal is letting it happen with its embrace of this 'dark stores' theory, which permits national retailers to receive unfair and unfounded tax reductions at the expense of our schools, libraries, seniors, public safety departments, public transit agencies and residents. These national and regional corporations argue that newly built stores are almost entirely worthless as soon as construction is complete and that their stores are different from every other store. That is nonsense. Fortunately, we have crafted a solution that finally closes this loophole."

- Their "solution," they say, would state that the true cash value of a property shall consider the highest and best use of the property, the value of the property as vacant, and the value of the property as improved. For any limited use property, like a big box store, the highest and best use of the property is the continued use of the property as improved . . . and the Democratic state representative behind the package observes that "A nearly identical approach to bring fairness and uniformity to the assessing process was recently approved in the Indiana Legislature, which passed the legislation, 98-0."

- Moody's Investors Service drops the bond rating for the county-owned Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes by one level to Baa2. This directly affects \$81.6 million of outstanding debt issued by Knox County.

- Moody's is wary of GSH's decline in absolute liquidity well below projections and weak Fiscal Year 2015 operating cash flow, and warns of further ratings deterioration with a negative outlook on the issuance, reflecting Good Sam's challenges in achieving targeted operating improvement in FY 2015 and FY 2016, and the risk of further liquidity decline absent improvements. Moody's also notes that the 165-bed acute care hospital is undergoing a management transition and recruiting a permanent CFO, which adds uncertainty to the outlook.

- As we were headed to press Friday, the state Budget Committee was poised to recommend a General Fund loan to pay off the ~ \$253 million federal Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund loan, saving employers \$126 per employee annually.

- In an op-ed last week, Mark Maassel, president of the Indiana Energy Association, reveals that "since 2004, four of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities have invested over \$3.7 billion to comply with federal environmental mandates."

- Seeking to save some \$500,000 after enrollment failed to meet projections, the GEO Foundation's 21st Century Charter School in Gary furloughs eight staffers: one administrator, a pair of teachers, and five classroom assistants. Our sister newsletter, **INDIANA EDUCATION INSIGHT**, reported that given the paucity of quality options in Gary, the charter school had anticipated a waiting list of 265 students for Fall 2015.

- The *Indianapolis Business Journal* reports that DuraMark Technologies, Inc., a producer of safety labels and branding decals for manufacturing companies, plans to invest \$2.1 million in building a new 18,000-square-foot production facility and headquarters in Westfield, making the move from its current local facility and adding almost 20 new jobs to its current complement of 45 with the help of a 10-year property tax abatement requested from the Westfield City Council . . . Advanced Centers for Cancer Care, a health care services company, plans to invest \$7 million to renovate and equip an existing leased facility in downtown South Bend and employ as many as 110 people with the help of \$900,000 in new technology equipment from the City of South Bend.

IN Transition

- At the behest of the Indiana Democratic Party, the Governor appoints Angela M. Nussmeyer of Indianapolis, the a former director of elections for the Marion County Election Board, to serve a four-year term as Democratic co-director of the Indiana Election Division through September 30, 2019.

- House Committee on Education Chair Bob Behning (R) has taken a position as an advancement officer in the Office of Institutional Advancement at Marian University, working specifically with the Academy for Teaching and Learning Leadership. Rep. Behning had served on the board of directors at Community Westview Hospital, Indiana's only osteopathic hospital, where he was a key advocate for Marian University's College of Osteopathic Medicine, Indiana's second medical school, which opened two years ago.

- Our sister newsletter, **INDIANA EDUCATION INSIGHT**, tips readers to new faces at the Indiana Charter School Board.

□ James Betley, the Governor's deputy director of education policy and general counsel and director of policy for the State Board of Education, has been named the new executive director. Betley formerly worked for Ice Miller, LLP handling tax issues in the non-profit world. In 2012 he co-authored the *Indiana Charter School Handbook*. Betley replaces Nick LeRoy who left in July to start a consulting group serving charter and private schools . . . Emily Richardson, director of school performance and the longest-serving member of the Charter School Board staff (and the Board's former interim executive director), is relocating to Denver. She is scheduled to receive her Ph.D. in education policy studies from Indiana University Bloomington in December.

□ Virtually the entire membership of the State Charter School Board has turned over, and many of the new names are familiar faces in the Indiana government world: Former Rep. Kreg Battles (D), chair of the science department at Lincoln High School in Vincennes, has been appointed by House Democratic Leader Scott Pelath (D) . . . Dr. Virginia Calvin, former chancellor of Ivy Tech Community College North Central and former superintendent of the South Bend Community School Corporation, is appointed by the Governor . . . Daniel Lopez, director of state operations for U.S. Sen. Dan Coats (R), has been appointed by Senate President Pro Tem David Long (R) . . . Joshua Owens, an instructor of economics and statistics at Butler University and a former staffer for U.S. Rep. Luke Messer (R) who ran for the Indianapolis Public Schools Board in 2014, is also named by the Governor . . . Kristen Reed, senior project consultant for Thomas P. Miller & Associates and former policy and research coordinator for the Indiana Department of Education, was appointed by Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz (D) . . . DeLyn Beard of Evansville, owner of the eLeader Academy, a technology training company, is also new to the panel.

● John Snethen has been promoted to executive director of the State Board of Education. Snethen, the SBOE general counsel and former attorney in the Office of the Attorney General, has served as interim executive director since Bob Guffin retired in late May.

● Kaitlin Boldt leaves her post as assistant director in the Indiana Department of Education's Office of School Finance to join the Franklin Township Community School Corporation as director of operations. She also formerly staffed the now-defunct (and much-reviled) School Property Tax Control Board. Boldt is replaced at IDOE by Amy Pattison, former State Budget Agency chief education analyst.

● Alecia Nafziger returns to the staff of the House Republican Caucus in a new capacity as fiscal analyst. She is a former legislative assistant and deputy staff director who also had a brief stint with the now-defunct Indiana Public Charter Schools Association.

● Mark Moore, who served as Indiana's public finance director in two different stints (1990-95 and 2002-04) for two different Democratic governors, joins Chicago-based David A. Noyes & Company as vice president of fixed income capital markets, helping Noyes expand its Indiana investment banking team.

□ Moore also spent many years with Faegre Baker Daniels LLP and Ice Miller LLP after getting his start in Washington, D.C. handling bond work for Kutak, Rock & Huie.

● The Governor makes a series of assorted appointments and reappointments to various boards and commissions: Boiler and Pressure Vessel Rules Board - Sean M. Burke of Porter County appointed to serve a four-year term through September 30, 2018 . . . State Board of Cosmetology & Barber Examiners - Gary O'Dell of St. Joseph County and Diana R. Weisheit of Warrick County each reappointed to serve a respective three-year term through September 30, 2018 . . . Early Learning Advisory Committee - Kevin Rea Bain of Vanderburgh County; and Charlie D. Geier, Connie Barr Sherman, and Christopher J. Stokes, all of Marion County, each reappointed to serve a respective two-year term through September 30, 2017 . . . Graduate Medical Education Board - Dr. Steven G. Becker of Vanderburgh County; Dr. James E. Buchanan of DeKalb County; Dr. Mark S. Cantieri of St. Joseph County; Dr. Paul Evans, Dr. Paul R. Haut, Bryan A. Mills, and Dr. Peter M. Nalin all of Hamilton County; Dr. Tricia Lynn Hern of Boone County; Timothy L. Putnam of Ripley County; and Beth A. Wrobel of Pike County appointed each appointed to serve a respective two-year term beginning January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017 . . . Historic Preservation Review Board - State Archivist James R. Corridan of Boone County reappointed to serve a term through December 31, 2018; former Indianapolis City-County Council member John "Scott" Keller (R) of Marion County appointed to serve a three-year term through September 30, 2018; and Daniel C. Kloc of Hamilton County and Beth K. McCord of Delaware County each reappointed to serve a respective three-year term through September 30, 2018 . . . Indiana Council on Independent Living - Beverly A. Harding of Allen County and Cynthia Rockwell and Frederick Vaiana of Hamilton County each appointed to serve a respective three-year term through September 30, 2018 . . . Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants & Toddlers with Disabilities - Sen. Vaneta Becker (R) of Evansville appointed to serve a three-year term through September 30, 2018 . . . Motor Vehicle Sales Advisory Board - Mark M. Dougherty of Marion County and Scott Alan Stidham of Johnson County each appointed to respectively complete an unexpired three-year term through April 15, 2017 . . . Regional Works Councils - Audra L. Peterson of Porter County appointed to Region 1 to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017; former Sen. William E. Kovach (D) of Kosciusko County reappointed to Region 2 to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017 and Amish S. Shah of Elkhart County and Kathryn "Kate" Sue Lee of St. Joseph County each appointed to Region 2 to serve a respective two-year term through September 30, 2017; Robert "Marty" Martin Palmer, Keith E. Davis, and Kathleen H. Randolph of Allen County each reappointed to Region 3 to serve a respective two-year term through September 30, 2017; Michelle L. Simmons of Carroll County reappointed to Region 4 to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017; John C. Newby, Robert James Turk, and William D. Turner of Marion County each reappointed to Region 5 to serve respective two-year terms through September 30, 2017; Michael E. Row of Delaware County and Timothy Jay Conley of Henry County reappointed to Region 6 to serve respective two-year terms through September 30, 2017; Lea Anne Crooks of Sullivan County, Heather J. Moffat of Knox County, and Lisa L. Pepperworth of Vigo County each reappointed to Region 7 to serve respective two-year terms through September 30, 2017; David Wayne Stagnolia of Monroe County appointed to Region 8 to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017; Harold J. Wilson of Hamilton County, appointed to Region 9 to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017; Michael John Szakaly of Vanderburgh County, reappointed to Region 11 to serve a two-year term through

September 30, 2017; and Dr. Darrel L. Bobe of Knox County reappointed to Region 11 to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017 . . . Indiana Secondary Market for Education Loans Board of Directors - **Anthony T. Armstrong** of Monroe County, **Brett M. Merritt** of Bartholomew County, and **C. Todd Richardson** of Hamilton County each reappointed to serve respective three-year terms through September 30, 2018 . . . Secured School Safety Board - **Madison County Sheriff Scott C. Mellinger** (D), a former state representative, appointed to serve at the pleasure of the governor . . . Indiana Stadium & Convention Building Authority - **Sen. Luke Kenley** (R) of Noblesville and **Rep. Jeff Thompson** (R) of Lizton appointed to serve respective three-year terms through September 30, 2018 . . . Committee for the Purchase of Products and Services of Persons w/Severe Disabilities - State Use Committee - **C. David Moore** of Marion County appointed to serve at the pleasure of the governor . . . Indiana Spinal Cord & Brain Injury Research Fund Board - **Chris Leeuw** of Indianapolis appointed to serve a four-year term through September 30, 2019 . . . State Workforce Innovation Council - former Indianapolis City Council member **Joanne M. Sanders** (D) of Indianapolis appointed to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017.

- The VOX Global strategic communications and public affairs firm adds former congressional staffer **Jonathan Coffin** to its Indianapolis team as a vice president, supporting the firm's local clients and contributing to the education and financial service practice areas. He directed communications for then-U.S. Rep. **Shelley Moore Capito** (R-WV) - now a U.S. senator - and also supported outreach connecting military families with a coalition of non-profits and corporate partners while working for the U.S. Department of Defense. Coffin most recently served DePauw University as chief of staff to the president and associate vice president for communications.

IN the Lobby

- We're expecting that you'll soon hear of a top-tier lobbyist moving from one major Indianapolis law firm to the biggest law firm lobbying shop in town.
- Former U.S. secretary of agriculture **Clayton Yeutter** and former U.S. Sen. **Dick Lugar** (R) (a family farmer and a former chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry) have endorsed retiring **Indiana Farm Bureau President Don Villwock's** candidacy for president of the American Farm Bureau Federation.
- DePauw University alum **Bobby Frederick** leaves his job as legislative director for U.S. Rep. **Rodney Davis** (R-IL) to become the National Grain and Feed Association's new director of legislative affairs and public policy. He has more than a decade of Capitol Hill experience, having previously worked as senior legislative assistant for then-U.S. Rep. **Tim Johnson** (R-IL) and as acting chief of staff and legislative director for then-U.S. Rep. **Bobby Schilling** (R-IL).
- **FaegreBD Consulting** adds a pair of advisors to the firm's health and biosciences team in Washington, D.C.

- **Matthew J. Rubin**, who has an extensive background in clinical research and degree in biologic sciences, will work with clients and coalitions to advance the understanding and implementation of public policy and health care. Rubin was an associate clinical researcher and study project coordinator with **Indivumed Inc.** at the **Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center** at **MedStar Georgetown University Hospital** and at **MedStar Washington Hospital Center**. His research is geared toward the creation of an oncologic tissue biorepository and clinical database used in drug development, biomarker discover and validation, and novel therapeutic research.

- **Lauren K. Bloch** will be a leader and manager of day-to-day operations of core coalitions involving the health and biosciences industry, as well as in privacy, data security and cybersecurity matters. She comes from multiple positions as a management consultant and project manager at the U.S. departments of Health and Human Services, Defense, and Homeland Security, and is experienced in providing strategy and management consulting for high profile programs and collaborating with diverse stakeholder groups to solve complex challenges.

- **FaegreBD Consulting** files a federal lobby registration on behalf of telecommunications services provider **Chickasaw Telephone Company of Sulfur, Oklahoma**, to lobby Congress on "Universal Service Fund reform."

IN Court

- **Matthew P. Brookman** will leave his job in the Evansville Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, where he serves as chief of the Office's Drug and Violent Crime Unit and lead Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force attorney, to become a U.S. magistrate judge, filling the vacancy created by the impending retirement on January 31, 2016, of Magistrate Judge **William G. Hussmann**, who has served the court since April 1988.
- The Governor names mediator **Alicia Gooden** as a Marion County Superior Court judge to fill the position vacated by Judge **Robert Altice, Jr.**, elevated to the Court of Appeals.

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Young cash lead in unconventional cycle

Stutzman campaign shakeup; Holcomb marches to different beat; Hill posts \$269k

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY**

INDIANAPOLIS – The conventional wisdom from the U.S. Senate race third quarter FEC reports seems to reinforce the status quo. U.S. Rep. Todd Young is financially in the driver's seat with \$2.25 million cash on

hand. The campaign of U.S. Rep. Marlin Stutzman is in turmoil with dramatic staff changes coming at a critical point

in the campaign, and he will post \$618,000 and have about \$1 million in the bank. Stutzman had roughly \$60,000 in independent expenditures made on his behalf by the Senate



Eric Holcomb has broken in his cowboy boots as he traverses Indiana. (HPI Photo by Brian A. Howey)

Conservatives Fund and the Conservative Action Fund.

And then there's Eric Holcomb, who posted \$110,000 and is a distant third in cash on hand with \$300,000 in the bank.

So the early conventional betting line is that this is Young's race to lose. "Our continued fundraising success, especially with Indiana donors, shows Hoosiers are embracing Todd Young's campaign. The third quarter numbers are a good proxy to see the direction of this race," said campaign man-

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Can Pvt. Ryan save House?

By **MARK SOUDER**

FORT WAYNE – Republican Party insiders wait with bated breath: Will Pvt. Paul Ryan run for Speaker and save the Washington congressmen from further humiliation?

The depth of the desperation of House Republicans is illustrated by the popularity of blaming everything on communication systems. In business graduate school, Notre Dame used the case analysis system developed by Harvard. The idea was to train managers to be able to go into any situation, have a systematic approach to identifying problems, and then propose solutions and measurements. For two years, it was drummed



"Thanks, Bernie."

- Democrat Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton after Sen. Bernie Sanders said in Tuesday's debate he was tired of hearing the "damn email" story



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into me daily and I never forgot it.

One of those lessons was that if you identified communication as the source problem, you flunked. Failure to communicate can aggravate a problem. Flawed processes can squeeze out information needed to make wise solutions. Improved communication systems are often a key part of any compromise solution. But the key word is "compromise" not "communication." Otherwise clarity merely results in higher decibels of communication conflict.

The "hot" memo on Capitol Hill is from Daniel Webster. Not the famous Daniel Webster who said in his classic speech: "It is not to be denied that we live in the midst of strong agitations, and are surrounded by very considerable dangers to our institutions and government....I speak today for the preservation of the Union. 'Hear me for my cause.' I speak, today, out of a solicitous and anxious heart for the restoration to the country of that quiet and that harmony which make the blessings of this Union so rich and so dear to us all."

Most definitely not that Daniel Webster.

The current Daniel Webster is a congressman representing the 10th District of Florida. He is a former Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives and leader of the Florida Senate. He's a rock-ribbed conservative and a respected man. His well-publicized memo is titled, "Widgets, Principles and Republicans."

It is one page long and contains no real substance. Donald Trump is over-simplistic and usually wrong, but at least he attempts to address specific issues. "Widgets" says things like "power and principle cannot co-exist." Actually, that is the major point.

"Power demands to be heard; principle earns the right to be heard." Webster is the Freedom Caucus candidate for Speaker. His followers credit themselves with "bringing down" Speaker John Boehner. Was that "earned" or a "power" play? In other words, who gets to define "power" and "principle"? Well, actually power does in a democratic Republic. A minority, especially a small minority, in America (or Congress) deserves rights but the "right to prevail in votes" is not one of them.

But I forgot. "Power focuses on rights; principles focus on responsibility." Apparently the widgets memo and the Freedom Caucus believe that what is a "right" and what is a "responsibility" for a Congressman gets to be defined solely by them. For example, they believe that they have the right to let the nation default on its

debts if their minority view can't be forced on the majority and that there is no responsibility to avoid it.

The pile of widget words is to get to this point: The Freedom Caucus wants to focus on the merits of the idea itself, not "an idea based on the position, loyalty, rank, or seniority of the sponsor." There you have it. Webster concludes with: "The Republicans have a choice. This is it. This is our moment. We only have one opportunity to make a first impression.

Flawed widgets or solid principles: Which will it be?"

I doubt that 200,000 true believers will be storming Washington so that the junior members can now have their names on amendments and get a new committee chairmanship. No wonder Paul Ryan is debating about whether he'd even accept one of the most powerful positions in the world. This really is the theater of the absurd.



Chairman Paul Ryan and Lucas Babcock Monday night at Wrigley Field in Chicago. (HPI Photo by Kyle Babcock)

We dealt with much of this when the Republicans first took over in 1995. I was a leader among the "rowdy freshmen" as we were not lovingly called. Newt Gingrich wanted to break the back of the pure seniority system from the time he first arrived in Congress. He never desired to be a committee chairman. He wanted the power in the speaker's office. We were his willing tools. We were principled, the new crusaders who had come to Washington.

We also had power. Seventy-three of us which, when combined with the sophomore class, constituted a majority of the conference. Some admired our principles. Newt and the leadership respected our power.

The power, not the principle, enabled us to get more members on the steering committee (which selects important committee assignments), in leadership meetings, chairmanships, and the like. We brought down some rules but were always soon back on the House floor with a modified plan because we were willing to accept compromises that could pass.

Majority Leader Dick Armey decided to implement weekly "unity dinners" at which a selected group of "moderates" and "conservatives" fought over the most contentious issues coming to the floor and the "amendment tree." I was honored to be the person who picked the conservatives and Congressman Jim Greenwood picked the more moderate members. The sessions were heated, and often personal. Gingrich, Armey and DeLay were working with a much narrower margin of control and back then we had many more moderates.

In other words, inclusive communication systems are vital to governing. However, the root problems in the Republican Congress go much deeper. For example, these are among the reforms necessary to function:

1) Respect one another. Just because you disagree doesn't mean that the other person is corrupt, without principle, or tainted. They just disagree with you.

2) You must be willing to compromise. Each

member of Congress represents roughly the same number of people. Each district is not the same. Even the so-called "base" is not the same in each area.

3) Learn how to count. Unless you have 218, you cannot pass legislation. Power is essential to passage of conservative ideas. Build your coalition. Don't whine and try to overturn democracy. Fight to be logically included in a coalition deal.

4) Understand the limits. There is a Senate. There is a President. They have power granted by the voters through the Constitution. You can't force them to do anything.

5) Lay out a vision of key principles a Republican Congress will fight for. Don't promise to make things law because that is not in your power. Don't talk about being honest; be honest. The original "Contract with America" stated only what we would pass. Criticism about what the Senate and President Clinton did or did not do was on them.

6) Don't make getting more personal power a key principle. It's not about you.

7) Risk having open town meetings and public debate. You represent the majority of America. Go home and persuade them. Get out of the circular loop of just talking to the people who agree with you. Publicize open meetings ahead. Take some heat. Generate some interest. Don't "holy huddle" in Washington with your friends.

Paul Ryan would accept this list because this is how he views the conference. He is not likely to agree to a list of "power" demands being given to him masquerading as "principle." If Ryan is given demands for guaranteed power by a small minority, the name of the Speaker is likely the same as the current one. John Boehner doesn't have to run for Speaker. He has not resigned. ❖

Souder is a former Republican Member of Congress from Fort Wayne.

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ager Trevor Foughty. For the 2016 cycle, Young has now raised over \$2.16 million. Young has raised over \$1.7 million from individual donors (79%). For the third quarter, over \$646,000 came from individuals (90%). Young has now raised over \$1 million from individual Hoosiers (\$1.19 million total; 69% of all individual contributions), including nearly \$377,000 from Hoosiers in the third quarter (58%).

The fly in that ointment is that 2016 is shaping up to be anything but conven-



Rep. Todd Young and Eric Holcomb campaign in Elkhart for mayoral candidate Tim Neese on Monday.

tional. While Young and Stutzman have Beltway bonafides in fundraising leverage from the former's Ways & Means Committee post to Stutzman's support from Club For Growth and the Senate Conservative Fund, Holcomb says the constant message he hears as he traverses the state six or seven days a week is that Hoosiers are fed up with the dysfunction in Congress. "There is a disgust with what's going on in Washington," Holcomb said as he stopped by Howey Politics Indiana's North American headquarters Wednesday morning. "With my

experience deeply rooted in Indiana's turn around, I've experienced people wanting fresh values in Washington. I'm hearing that everywhere."

The Young campaign is cognizant of that perception, particularly if the void in the speakership continues. "The congressman shares a lot of that frustration," said Foughty. "We've had success in actually getting conservative legislation moving. But we're stuck until we find a candidate for speaker."

The question for Holcomb is that if there is searing dissatisfaction with the status quo that Young and Stutzman represent on Capitol Hill, why isn't that translating into better funding?

Holcomb quickly launches into the three vital components of his campaign: Money, organization and message.

"My focus has been on organization," the former Republican chairman began. "The width and breadth of our support is deep. It comes in layers that I've developed as chairman, and with Gov. Daniels and Sen. Coats. I'm very comfortable that we'll have the organization and when the time is right, will have the funds necessary to get our message out. We're playing to my strength early on. We have the messaging. We're turning on the Mitch Daniels network. It's not a plug and play. It's about relationships I've built, like with the firefighters network that is turning on right now.

"We're getting the band back together," Holcomb declared.

And Holcomb stresses the unconventional nature of the cycle, and the fact that more money doesn't always equate victory. He points to U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar's substantial money advantage over Treasurer Richard Mourdock in the 2012 Republican Senate primary, or Mike Pence's commanding money lead over Democrat John Gregg in the general election, not to mention Supt. Tony Bennett's huge money advantage over Democrat Glenda Ritz. Lugar and Bennett lost and Pence barely won.

"I'm running a campaign that's not based solely on who has the most money," he said.

There are other dynamics in the race that could play out in Holcomb's favor. One is that Club For Growth on behalf of Stutzman will target Young, portraying the Bloomington Republican as a "RINO."

And there's the unpredictable status of the Stutzman campaign.

Turmoil on the prairie

Rep. Stutzman finds himself at a crossroads. His FEC report will show some of the Club For Growth and Senate Conservative Fund bundled money showing up, but Young's campaign suggests that much of Stutzman's money comes from out of state. Stutzman told HPI on Monday that "we hit our mark."

But he cites the unconventional nature of the cycle for making the campaign changes. "It's what I've been looking at for our team and where the political environment is right now," Stutzman said as he traveled to the Allen County Right to Life Harvest dinner in Columbia City.

"I thought it was good to have a team that has their finger on the pulse of Indiana politics," Stutzman confirmed that he has hired Mark It Red, the campaign consultant group headed by Mike Gentry, who heads the Indiana House Republican Campaign Committee. "I've been with Mark It Red and Mike since the 2002 election," Stutzman said. "With the environment the way it is now, I needed to go with some I've had experience with."

Stutzman said that with the presidential race in an unprecedented state of flux, with what looks to be a tossup Indiana U.S. Senate race, and the chaos on Capitol Hill, he and just about everyone else seeking office in 2016 is in uncharted waters. "What I'm referring to more with presidential politics is the intensity, and the sense of frustration. The entire political environment has changed. In the presidential race, I was a Scott Walker supporter, and he got hit by the tail of Donald Trump. The dynamic is demanding."

On the Capitol Hill front, Stutzman is a conspicuous member of the Freedom Caucus, which is deep into the prolonged leadership crisis after Speaker John Boehner resigned, then Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy bowed out of the race after his Benghazi Select Committee blunder.

Earlier in the day, TelToro told HPI, "Marlin and I had two different viewpoints on how best to run a Senate campaign and how to win. This is solely based on two different views on how to conduct that campaign. I would just say that I wish him the best. He and I had a difference of opinion on the direction of the campaign."

Multiple Indiana, Republican and Capitol Hill sources paint this scenario: The congressman's wife, Christy Stutzman, plays a big role in both the Congressional office and campaign. With the latter, the dynamic is one where decisions are made, sometimes with Christy Stutzman present, and they are later reversed after the couple goes home.

Stutzman and the Freedom Caucus

Stutzman is Indiana's only Republican member on the Freedom Caucus, the 40-member group made up of



U.S. Rep. Marlin Stutzman and wife Christy at the Mike Pence campaign kickoff in 2011. (HPI Photo by Brian A. Howey)

mostly members elected in the last three cycles and headed by U.S. Rep. Jim Jordan of Ohio. Just prior to McCarthy's bug out, the Freedom Caucus announced it was backing Rep. Daniel Webster for speaker. As the week unfolded, there has been considerable pressure to get Ways & Means Chairman Paul Ryan to run. He has repeatedly begged off. But staffers suggested that if he did decide to seek the top spot, he would have to have all tribes in the caucus on board with his vision.

Jonathan Allen of Vox observed, "The Wisconsin Republican is the only person in the GOP Conference who excels at the four most important functions of a speaker: Building a coalition within the party; translating the party's vision into an agenda; articulating that message in the media; and negotiating deals with the other side." But others note that Ryan chairs the Ways & Means Committee, which is his "dream job."

So that pressure on inertia is now shifting to the Freedom Caucus, and in the context of the Indiana Senate race, which could be key to maintaining Republican control of the chamber, to Stutzman.

"I like Paul Ryan a lot," Stutzman told Howey Politics Indiana on Monday. "We are good friends. But he's not made a decision and this is a family decision for him. I'll wait for him. If he decides to run, I'd be happy to talk with him. Paul Ryan is very well respected and very well liked. I think there would be a very good chance for him being selected. It could come down to what his vision is and his management style."

Stutzman, who was elected to the House in 2010 as part of a Tea Party wave, explained, "I was advocating for Daniel Webster. I voted for him in January. He has a great reputation in Florida."

Stutzman said that Webster's key attraction for him is to open up the amendment process, something that U.S. Rep. Luke Messer told Howey Politics in the Oct. 1 edition. "We need to reexamine our rules in the House," said Messer, the fifth ranking House Republican. "Your typical state legislator has far more ability to influence debate in their state than a typical member of the House because of our rules. In a state legislature, if you're willing to fix your name on a sheet of paper and hold it up for an amendment, you're going to have a debate and you're going to get a vote. There are procedural hurdles, but even then you'll get a vote on the ruling. Yet in the House it is virtually impossible for a rank- and-file member to push a policy onto the House floor. I think we need to open up our suspension calendar to empower individual members,



Rep. Stutzman with members of the Freedom Caucus on Capitol Hill.

which then empowers the American people."

Stutzman called the current House Republican caucus a top-down structure. "Webster wants a member-driven structure," Stutzman said. "He and others came in and talked to the Freedom Caucus and he wants to change the process."

The Freedom Caucus has taken extraordinary fire in recent days. Conservative commentator Hugh Hewitt criticized U.S. Rep. David Brat and other members of the caucus, on NBC's Meet The Press on Sunday.

"There's like 15 of you people," Hewitt said of the caucus, which has about 40 members. "The Freedom Caucus is like 15 people. Paul Ryan is liked by 225 Republicans. Get with the program." And New York Times conservative columnist David Brooks wrote on Tuesday, "These insurgents are incompetent at governing and unwilling to be governed. But they are not a spontaneous growth. It took a thousand small betrayals of conservatism to get to the dysfunction we see all around." (See Brooks' column on page 19).

Asked what role he plays within the Freedom Caucus, Stutzman explained, "I do speak up in the Freedom Caucus. Jim Jordan and I are close. He was my mentor when I came to the House. It's the best deliberative group of people I've participated with since I've been in Washington. We don't always agree. Even getting to Daniel Webster, there was a lot of work to get to that point. Everyone wants to see the process works."

Stutzman said that his Senate candidacy has limited some of his engagement within the Freedom Caucus. "In the debate between Webster and Jason Chaffetz, a majority supported Webster. For me, because I'm running in the Senate race, I just told them I can't be in an active leadership role."

Epilogue

The Republican Senate field in Indiana is set, with Young and Stutzman running more traditional campaigns, while Holcomb takes pages from Mitch Daniels' 2003-04 gubernatorial campaign, travels the state, continues to build relationships and is fueled by the widening and deepening "disgust" with Washington.

The race is wide open. The only independent polling available came from the Indianapolis Chamber Aug. 24-27 by Strategic Guidance Systems in Marion County that showed about 65% of likely voters undecided, and only Young anywhere close to the 20% mark. HPI has heard that this survey mirrors some statewide campaign polling that also shows a vast undecided segment.

Holcomb raised \$200,000 in the second quarter,

and \$110,000 in the third, but reports \$300,000 cash on hand. His tiny burn rate augments the unconventional nature of his organization. Holcomb insists that his organization building will pay off late next winter and spring, when there is the potential for a din created around the presidential race circus. Like his former boss named Mitch, success in his view comes from proper asset management, cogent messaging and savvy use of social media, an enthusiastic buy-in from those who have endorsed, and enough funds to spread the message.

For the Hoosier political junkie, this race seems to have it all.

Hill posts \$269,187 for quarter

In just over 100 days since the launch of his campaign, Democrat Baron Hill has raised over \$420,000 including \$269,187 during the last quarter. "We are very excited about the continued grassroots support of our campaign. Over 95% of our donors are individual supporters, with 86% of our donors being from right here in Indiana. Our finance team continues to grow and I'm very optimistic as we head into 2016," said Sarah Russell, Hill's finance director.

Hill faces John Dickerson in the primary. Dickerson has not released his third quarter totals. ❖

Pence moves into policy gauntlet

By BRIAN A. HOWEY

INDIANAPOLIS – Gov. Mike Pence began moving through a treacherous set of policy issues this week that will have a wide impact on his coming reelection bid.

On Tuesday, he unveiled a \$1 billion, four-year road and bridge maintenance plan that will need approval from the Indiana General Assembly. It was a policy response to criticism he and his administration have endured since the I-65 bridge closure near Lafayette in August, culminating in TV ads from BetterRoadsAhead.org that accused Pence of sacrificing lives to preserve a \$2 billion budget surplus.

On Monday, hours before he joined the Allen County Harvest Celebration for Life at the near Columbia City, an event hosted by U.S. Rep. Marlin and Christy Stutzman, Pence announced he had authorized a \$3.5 million statewide contract with Real Alternatives, a Pennsylvania anti-abortion group that offers free pregnancy and parenting

services. Pence keynoted that event. It is an attempt to deflect criticism that Pence is cutting female health access.

And last Friday, Pence reinstated school security funds that had been cut by 65% during the biennial budget passed last April. His action came in the wake of the 45th and 46th U.S. school shootings in Oregon and

Arizona the prior week, claiming the lives of 13 students and teachers. "Indiana was one of the first states to establish and fund a statewide program specifically designed with school safety in mind, and these additional funds will help ensure that Hoosier schools have resource officers to provide onsite security and quickly respond to threats," Pence said.

Still left in the quiver is how the governor and the Republican super majorities in the Indiana General Assembly will handle the proposed expansion of civil rights to include sexual orientation. As HPI observed last week, and the Associated Press analyzed over the weekend, all sides are digging in, with the so-called "Utah Compromise" not getting much traction.

On this front, Tea Party activist Monica Boyer wrote on her blog, "Not on My Watch," on Monday in a



Gov. Mike Pence makes his \$1 billion road plan public during a Tuesday press conference at an Indianapolis INDOT facility. (HPI Photo by Mark Curry)

letter to GOP legislators, "Word on the street says there are many backroom deals happening between your leadership, big business, and lobbyists to discuss the agenda of the upcoming legislative session. Some have even hinted at a potential compromise from the GOP. Now because Indiana is now owned by big money and liberal media

outlets, you want to create a special protected class and put Hoosiers of faith in the direct line of fire. What a far cry from the campaign trail when you boldly told us how much you loved our Constitution and liberty. We bought it and elected you. We didn't realize what you REALLY meant by liberty."

In five days, Pence has taken steps to reassure his social conservative base, tried to staunch the damage on the infrastructure front, and inoculate his administration in the event of the school massacre trend arriving in Indiana.

His foray to Columbia City to break bread with the Right to Life movement can be seen as a preparation step before he wades into the sticky civil rights issue.

Here's an issue-by-issue analysis of what the governor is facing and the potential benefits and fall out:

■ **Infrastructure:** The I-65 bridge closing was an engineering miscalculation by an on-site construction company, and not caused by delayed maintenance. But probable Democratic gubernatorial nominee John Gregg, Indiana Democrats and the BetterRoadsAhead outfit have pounded Pence on that incident, the D+ rating given to state roads and bridges by the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the news that hundreds of miles of recent asphalt may have a premature lifespan.

In an overt move, INDOT and the Indiana Republican Party jumped into the fray in a Twitter battle with Indiana Democrats last week. An INDOT press release sent Oct. 7 noted that bridges rated fair or better actually increased from 93 to 95.3%. The Pence proposals announced Tuesday would bring that up to 97% and comes on top of \$3.2 billion INDOT was preparing to spend over the next five years.

"Hoosiers can be proud of their infrastructure," INDOT Commissioner Brandye Hendrickson said. "INDOT's bridges and roads are rated at or above the national average and continue to improve, which will ensure Indiana remains 'The Crossroads of America.'" Indiana Republicans followed, with spokesman Robert Vane saying, "Their latest mail piece actually politicizes personal tragedies without remorse and proves once again they will say anything to attack Mike Pence. It's shameful."

At the INDOT garage in Indianapolis on Tuesday, Pence explained, "These additional funds will help INDOT

make future maintenance and repairs as the interstate system comes of age, and will help ensure that our roads can support the economic and employment growth our state has seen over the last few years. Just as Hoosiers seek to build a financial reputation that allows them to build a future, our state has put in the hard work to guarantee that Indiana's future is bright as we enter our third century."

After his announcement, Indiana Republican Chairman Jeff Cardwell said, "Gov. Pence's leadership on Indiana's transportation issues is making a real difference for Hoosiers and our economy. Today's announcement of the governor's '21st-century Crossroads Plan' is yet another example of the governor's commitment to building and improving our state's infrastructure, and will feature \$1 billion in additional funding on top of over \$600 million already dedicated for our roads and bridges since Gov. Pence took office. Speaker Bosma said he "appreciates"

the governor's proposals. Senate President David Long said that he is "glad to see our governor proposing ideas here in Indiana that invest in our infrastructure without raising taxes."

But House Minority Leader Scott Pelath called the initiative "sheepish." Senate Minority Leader Tim Lanane described it as a "drop in the bucket."

The Michigan City Democrat explained, "The sheepish proposal offered today is typical of the way this governor and his brood have handled Indiana's crises. They hear the cries through the wall, read the poll numbers, and attempt the bare minimum to make them go away. As you may recall, the governor and his House and Senate super majorities forgot our roads and bridges were falling apart until the day after the 2015 legislative session was over. They waited until the day after the session before they

admitted we might have a problem, and they'd set about fixing it sometime in the future. After a summer of interminable detours and closures, it turns out we really shouldn't be waiting. Something needs to be announced now, or at least long enough before the true start of a gubernatorial campaign where our governor's inaction will be made accountable."

Here's the danger for the Pence administration. Ask 10 people in an Indiana restaurant, bar or football game how they would rate state roads and bridges. Ask them if they are "proud" of their infrastructure. But after weeks of criticism, Pence and his administration have responded aggressively, as he did in Clark County on



Gov. Pence faces a gauntlet of policy issues that will frame his coming reelection battle. (HPI Photo by Mark Curry)

Wednesday when he hailed the early opening of a new Ohio River bridge.

■ **School safety:** One of the most perplexing budget cudgels from last spring was the 65% cut in school safety funds. While the U.S. has had 46 school or campus shootings so far in 2015, since the Newtown, Conn., massacre of December 2012, there have been more than 100 such incidents, though, luckily, none in Indiana where a student or teacher was injured or killed. The potential political fallout if a Newtown or Columbine style school attack takes place here would be severe for state and local officials. Look no further than South Carolina where severe flooding and dam breaches have prompted reporting that the state had spent little on dam inspections and repair. A multiple casualty school atrocity would bring that type of scrutiny 10-fold.

The unmistakable trend is that school shootings are up, they are perpetrated by mentally ill copy cats looking for headlines and infamy, and educators and public servants need to be preparing. Indiana Democratic Chairman John Zody observed after the fund reinstatement, "For the Pence Administration to say earlier this year that certain aspects of the program were no longer necessary, then decide they are, shows the governor's ideology got in the way of sound decision-making that impacts thousands of Hoosier children. School safety should have been – and should always be – a priority for Mike Pence. Period."

■ **Women's health:** While Gov. Pence and Republicans in Congress and the General Assembly have consistently targeted Planned Parenthood funding, the fact is that the general public, by a wide margin, supports such funding. In a recent NBC/Wall Street Journal poll, Planned Parenthood had a 47% positive perception and 31% negative, compared to 29/45% for the Republican Party. A USA Today/Suffolk Poll in late September showed 65% supporting federal funding for Planned Parenthood and 29% say it should be cut off. The timing of the Real Alternatives contract with the Allen County Right to Life Harvest event reveals an attempt to assuage the base, which has been sharply critical of Pence during the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and ensuing "fix."

But like the coming civil rights debate, this may be akin to squeezing the tube. Moving to bolster the base

support may mean bleeding with the independent, female voter likely to determine who the next governor will be. Between a September 2012 Howe/DePauw Indiana Battleground Poll and the 2012 election, Pence saw an 18% drop in female support, and it nearly cost him the election. The political impact of the Real Alternatives contract is just beginning to gather. This one will play well with the base, but it may end up being a double edged sword as Pence attempts to draw independent, female support.



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Enjoying Allen County Harvest Celebration for Life tonight @ Eshelman Farm w/ @FirstLadyIN #prolife @ichooselifefw



■ **Civil rights expansion:** This is the elephant on the table. As we analyzed last week, all sides are digging in and thumbing their noses the notion of compromise. This creates a situation where either Gov. Pence, Speaker Bosma or Senate President Long will have to take the lead. Bosma and Long ain't talkin' specifics, though Bosma said last week that a civil rights expansion won't be the No. 1, issue, and Long told Indiana Public Media that the Senate Majority Caucus will "have our own contributions to this discussion." Pence is playing his cards close to the vest. He has repeatedly said that he will listen to the "merits" of the coming, noisy debate as Freedom Indiana and the Indiana Pastors Alliance will hold dueling demonstrations during Organization Day in November.

Indiana University public affairs Prof. Paul Helmke, former Fort Wayne mayor, characterized the various sides digging in as setting the stage for "a huge mess." If the various stakeholders won't come to the table in an attempt to find common ground, then Pence will have to make a fateful decision that could end up pleasing one faction or the other, or perhaps nobody.

The bottom line, as seen in thousands of circus parades, is that the elephant on the table could end up creating one huge mess. ❖

Local governments need sustainable road funding

By BRIAN A. HOWEY

INDIANAPOLIS – Gov. Mike Pence kicked off the infrastructure debate with a \$1 billion proposal to repair state highways, interstates and bridges. Local government officials want the governor and General Assembly to take it several steps further, and provide what the Indiana Association of Cities & Towns calls a “sustainable” funding source



Senate Minority Leader Tim Lanane called the Pence proposal a “drop in the bucket” and pointed out, “We can repave state highways all we want, the fact is the majority of roads in the Hoosier State are maintained by local governments. For every one centerline mile of

road the Indiana Department of Transportation maintains, cities, towns and counties maintain nearly nine. For every structurally deficient bridge INDOT must repair, locals have five.” IACT puts the statewide figures at 84,000 lane miles and INDOT/state maintains about 14,000 lane miles.

IACT President Matthew Greller told Howey Politics Indiana on Wednesday that the Pence plan is a good start. “The big thing is it’s good the administration is addressing infrastructure in a very serious way with a very serious proposal and a lot of money. But it includes no money for city and town streets and county roads. I’m disappointed because the vast majority of road miles in Indiana are maintained by local governments.”

Greller said that the Pence administration contacted local officials. “They did say that they will begin discussions about how we address local roads.” Those discussions will come almost three years after the first Pence biennial budget pumped in \$64.5 million for local roads.

In IACT’s view, the future should provide a sustainable source of road funding. “Everyone agrees we must build quality communities, attractive towns and cities, but how do we do that without infrastructure needs being met?” Greller asks.

“They did do a one-time infusion and that was appreciated,” he said of the 2013 budget. “That’s gone. We have to look beyond one-time infusions of cash. We have to find some type of sustainable, longterm funding mechanism.”

Greller believes that there are a number of incremental steps that can be taken quickly, and without a general gasoline tax hike. One would be to give cities and towns the authority to establish a wheel tax. Currently, only a county council can do that. Another would be to

allow local governments to use local road funds “inter-changeably.”

“Often you’ll have money in one account but not the other,” Greller said.

Another would be indexing the gas tax. “That’s something we should have done 20 years ago. If we had, we wouldn’t be in the shape we’re in now. We’re at the very low end of state local road funding.” And, Greller added, the state needs to look at user fees. The example he gave would be electric and hybrid vehicles pay little or no gas tax, yet contribute to the wear and tear on roads, bridges and highways.

Are these ideas resonating with legislators? “To some degree,” Greller said, noting that House Roads and Transportation Chairman Ed Soliday has authored legislation that would allow for local wheel taxes. ❖



Long term solutions needed for roads

By MAUREEN HAYDEN

TERRE HAUTE – Worn-out roads weren’t on Toby Daggett’s mind when he pulled his 1996 Chevy Cavalier into a Jiffy Mini-Mart on Tuesday.

He had enough cash in his pocket to buy a soda and about two gallons of gas to get his daughter to school and back for a few days.

Unemployed and disabled, Daggett said he can’t afford an increase in gas taxes even if the extra pennies help fill potholes and repair bridges.

“Can’t they get the money to fix the roads from someplace else?” he said.

Indiana Gov. Mike Pence thinks so. On Tuesday, he announced a plan to spend \$1 billion in new funding for state highways and bridges over the next four years without raising taxes.

Under increasing political pressure, Pence instead proposes pulling money from several sources, including the state’s surplus and general fund, to combine with borrowed dollars.

“Indiana is committed to ensuring we have the infrastructure for our families and our communities and our state to prosper,” he said at a press conference.

Skeptics say doing that will take much more. They cite studies that find the state’s current funding to maintain its infrastructure falls short by \$1 billion year. They want the governor and lawmakers to look long-term solutions, including at the unpalatable proposal of hiking the gas tax.

Scott Hornsby, an Indianapolis engineer, said Pence’s proposal is “better than nothing.”

"But we need a long-term fix," he said.

Hornsby heads a coalition of industries and individuals with a stake in road funding. The group, called Fix My Roads Indiana, is working to educate voters on how deteriorating infrastructure is already costing them money, from broken tire rims to time lost on congested highways.

They hope the argument softens the blow of an increase in the gas tax, now 18 cents per gallon, or other options that ask motorists to pay more.

Justin Palmer, who was also buying gasoline at the Jiffy Mini-Mart in Terre Haute, said he hasn't seen the campaign on social media or billboards, but he agrees with the premise. He said he is willing to spend another 20 cents for a gallon of gas, on one condition. "It would have to be spent on fixing the roads," he said.

The state's gasoline tax hasn't increased since 2003. But collections are eroding due to several factors: Increased fuel efficiency, reduced miles traveled and a decline in buying power because of inflation.

The state Department of Transportation, which has taken no position on a gas tax hike, estimates the average Hoosier spends about \$18 a month in federal and state gas taxes.

Had the gas tax kept up with inflation, increasing to 23 cents per gallon, Indiana would collect an additional \$500 million per year in road and bridge repair funds.

David Bottorff, head of the Association of Indiana Counties, said that money "would go a long way" toward helping communities repair aging infrastructure.

Of 22 percent of bridges that are considered structurally deficient or functionally obsolete, most are owned by counties, not the state.

Pence's plan doesn't include new dollars for counties, cities or towns.

"We'd hope locals would be included in (Pence's proposed) revenue stream," Bottorff said. "We've got 69 percent of the roads and over 12,000 bridges that we have to maintain."

Rep. Alan Morrison, R-Terre Haute, agrees that Pence's plan won't drum up enough money. "The roads in some parts of rural Indiana are awful, awful, awful," he said.

Many states, including those led by Republicans, are hiking gas taxes to keep up deteriorating roads and bridges. This year, six states increased gas taxes by a range of less than a penny to 7 cents on the gallon.

Purdue University economist Larry DeBoer says an increase of one penny per gallon will generate \$29 million for the state every year.

"Who's going to notice one cent, two cents or even a 10-cent hike? Gas prices fluctuate every day," DeBoer said. "But raising taxes just doesn't fly in Indiana." ❖

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Pence neglects Region, Cline Avenue bridge

By **RICH JAMES**

MERRILLVILLE — Gov. Mike Pence likes to call Indiana the Crossroads of America. And there are those who say it is the Crossroads of America because most people cross over but few actually stop.

The Republican Pence administration this week said the governor's \$1 billion highway improvement plan is designed to maintain the Crossroads of America label. The question is whether a \$1 billion highway plan over the next five years is enough to stop the bleeding, as Pence in some polls is a slight underdog in his quest for a second term.

The International Union of Operating Engineers would stand to gain from an expansive highway plan

because its members are heavily involved in road construction. But it is unlikely that the Merrillville-based union will remove the sign from its marquee that reads: Fire Pence, Hire (John) Gregg. The union twice supported former Gov. Mitch Daniels because of his Major Moves highway plan. But the union has turned against Pence because of his anti-union stance on a variety of issues.

The Pence highway plan won't win the favor of many in Northwest Indiana because of the Cline Avenue Bridge. Many in NWI look upon Daniels and Pence as the same person politically, especially where Cline Avenue is involved. Many view Pence's \$1 billion highway plan as a slap in the face because Daniels refused to rebuild the bridge even though the state had a \$2 billion surplus.

And now, Pence is taking almost \$250 million of the surplus to fund his highway plan that isn't expected to benefit Northwest Indiana. And Pence is taking the insult to NWI a step further by saying he wants to borrow \$240 million more to help fix Indiana's highways, while the state refused to rebuild Cline Avenue. Additionally, none of the \$250 million in state highway funding approved by the Legislature earlier this year was earmarked for NWI projects. All the while, construction of Cline Avenue by a private firm that will turn it into a toll road has yet to start.

Pence's plan and highway funding in general are expected to dominate the 2016 session of the General Assembly, just before voters go to the polls to pick a new governor. In a way, Pence has Democrats in a precarious position. While Democrats likely will be inclined to oppose Pence's plan, going against highway funding is somewhat like being opposed to apple pie. ❖

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Banks reports \$161k; Kip Tom raises \$153k

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY**

INDIANAPOLIS – State Sen. Jim Banks posted \$161,594.07 for the third quarter, bringing him to \$301,705.09 for the cycle, leading the 3rd CD race among those candidates who have reported.



Howey Politics Indiana has not received State Sen. Liz Brown's third quarter FEC report.

Banks had \$35,574 in expenditures and closed the period with \$259,076.17 cash on hand.

Banks received donations from Jim Bopp Jr. (\$250), John Hammond III (\$5,000), Dr. John Crawford (\$800), Rod Ratcliff (\$2,500), Dan Dumezich (\$1,000), Fred Klipsch (\$2,000), Brian Burdock (\$500), Rep. Casey Cox (\$526), John Popp (\$5,200), Committee to Elect Ben Smaltz (\$400), and Jim Jordan for Congress (\$2,000), and Christopher Judy for State Representative (\$500).

Leesburg farmer and businessman Kip Tom will report raising more than \$153,000 in the first 25 days of his campaign for Indiana's 3rd CD. "The response we've received from Hoosiers in the first weeks of this campaign has been overwhelming," Tom said. "Hoosiers agree Congress needs more conservative citizen legislators who have created jobs, met a payroll, and helped improve their communities, and fewer career politicians." Ninety-seven percent of Tom's contributions came from individuals. In addition, 98 percent of Tom's contributions are designated for the primary election and do not include any loans or contributions from the candidate. The campaign will report having more than \$144,000 cash on hand at the close of the filing period.

The campaign of former Wisconsin State Sen. Pam Galloway showed \$119,520 in receipts for the third quarter and she has loaned her campaign \$150,000. She ended up with \$50,498.95 cash on hand. **Horse Race Status:** Leans Banks

Mayoral trends

Mayoral races are heading into the homestretch

and as of this writing, the biggest story seems to be the "minority party mayors" – the incumbents ruling in cities where the opposition party has more voters – seem to be in good shape.

In this group, we still see Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry (D), Terre Haute Mayor Duke Bennett (R), Anderson Mayor Kevin Smith (R) and Evansville Mayor Lloyd Winnecke (R) in relatively good shape. All have substantial money advantages, all have had an advertising advantage and none seems to be vulnerable for an upset in three weeks.

The most likely incumbents to lose appear to be Democrat Elkhart Mayor Dick Moore, who is facing an intense and well-funded challenge from former state representative Tim Neese, and Republican Logansport Mayor Ted Franklin, who is facing former journalist Dave Kitchell. We will be watching closely races in Jasper (Republican Terry Seitz), Portage (Republican Jim Snyder), Jeffersonville (Republican Mike Moore), and the open seat in Lebanon where Republican nominee Matt Gentry is facing a spirited challenge from Democrat school board member Michele Thomas.

We still are forecasting big wins for Indianapolis Democrat Joe Hogsett, Richmond Republican Kyle Ingram, Bloomington Democrat John Hamilton, Hammond Democratic Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr., Gary Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson, East Chicago Mayor Anthony Copeland, South Bend Mayor Peter Buttigieg, and Kokomo Mayor Greg Goodnight.

HPI will have a full rundown on the competitive mayor races in our Oct. 29 edition.

Mayors

Evansville: Winnecke, Riecken to debate

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke and his reelection challenger, Gail Riecken, will meet in a televised debate Oct. 22, sponsored by multiple media organizations, two of which have representatives who contributed to Winnecke's campaign (Langhorne, Evansville Courier & Press). Winnecke's most recent campaign finance report, from April, lists

WFIE-NBC14 news anchor Randy Moore and his wife, Lisa, as being \$125 contributors. Moore was set to be on a panel of questioners for the mayoral debate. On Tuesday night, 14 News announced that Jackie Monroe would take his place. Moore suggested the change, according to the station. DuJuan McCoy, CEO of Bayou Broadcasting, parent company of WEVV-CBS/Fox44, is a \$1,000 contributor to Winnecke. Moore said his name appears on Winnecke's re-



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port because his wife, a Winnecke supporter and campaign volunteer, likely wrote the \$125 campaign check from the couple's joint account without realizing it could raise questions about his role as a journalist. Lisa Moore, then known as Lisa Kelsey, also is listed as a \$108 contributor to Winnecke's campaign finance report for 2014. Randy Moore



acknowledged knowing Winnecke for many years, dating back to Winnecke's past career in local television, but said he is neutral in the mayoral race and sees no problem with his being a debate panelist.

Riecken released her education plan on Tuesday: The mayor's responsibility is to bring businesses to Evansville. "In the past few months, voters across the city have voiced their concerns to me that our children are not being prepared for available jobs," said Riecken. "As mayor, I will work with leaders in education, business and parents to ensure that our children are prepared for these jobs and jobs of the future."

In split votes Monday night, the City Council on Monday rejected Mayor Lloyd Winnecke's 2016 budget proposal but approved a 1-percent pay increase for city employees (Martin, Evansville Courier & Press). The council exempted itself from the pay raise. The 1-percent pay bump will cost about \$650,000. But in rejecting Winnecke's

budget, leaders of the City Council called for the mayor to cut expenditures in other areas. Winnecke had agreed to cut the budget he presented to the council in August by about \$3 million, but the council's majority on Monday said those reductions don't go far enough, and cash reserves would still be needed to balance revenues and costs. The vote against his budget was 5-4. "The biggest thing we have to do right now is rein in spending," said Finance Committee Chairman Conor O'Daniel, D-at-large. "I gave the mayor certain parameters not only in the general fund, but in local income tax and in riverboat, and he didn't meet my numbers. I think the cuts he proposed were really already baked into the inflated number they proposed to begin with." Winnecke's staff had asked the City Council for a vote on the budget. Now that the proposal has been rejected, "we'll regroup," City Controller Russ Lloyd Jr. said after the meeting. **Horse Race Status:** Likely Winnecke.

Elkhart: State Dem mailer hits Neese

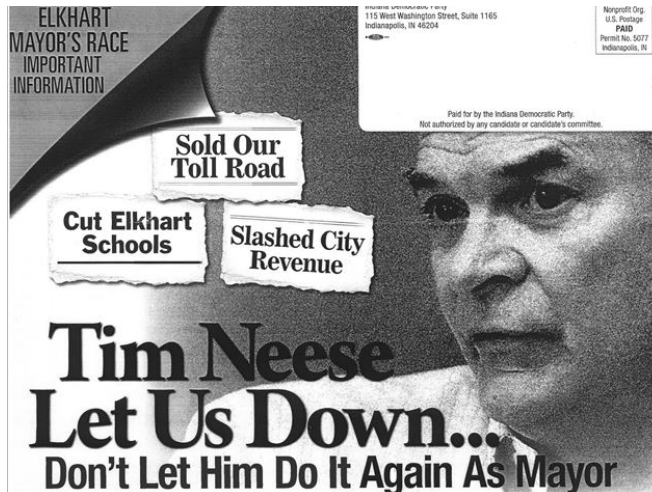
Democrats have sent out a new campaign mailer that lashes out at GOP mayoral hopeful Tim Neese, criticizing some of the votes he made as a member of the Indiana House (Lee, Elkhart Truth). The mailer offers the most direct criticism against the candidate so far in the campaign, perhaps, but Neese said "desperate political campaigns take desperate steps." The mailer, sent by the Indiana Democratic Party, criticizes Neese for votes

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that have "sold off our vital infrastructure, cut our schools and reduced revenue to our city." It further reads that the Indiana Democratic Party paid for the mailer and that it was "not authorized by any candidate or candidate's committee." The move is part of the party's effort to help incumbent mayors and candidates across the state, spokesperson Drew Anderson said.

While Elkhart Mayor Dick Moore echoed that he did not have anything to do with the mailer, he added that it was "pretty accurate." "While we were at home surviving — and we did — (Neese) was down there voting on things that didn't help us very much," Moore said. Neese said some of the money the state got from the lease has benefited the county. Per the toll road deal, Elkhart County received around \$40 million in what was dubbed Major Moves funds, including around \$8.3 million for the city of Elkhart. "Some of that money has already been used towards the completion of the Lerner Theatre, the completion of the Prairie Street overpass and the Johnson Street bridge," Neese said. "During my time in the legislature, I always had the taxpayer in mind," Neese said. "There's not a 'maybe' button in the House of Representatives. There's a 'yea' or 'nay,' and you have to make difficult decisions, but I always did that with regards to the taxpayer coming first."

Elkhart Mayor Dick Moore promised "more of the same" if re-elected, while challenger Tim Neese said he would put the residents of the city first if he wins (Vandenack, Elkhart Truth). The candidates faced off in their fourth forum ahead of Election Day, Nov. 3, sounding familiar messages and themes. Moore, a Democrat seeking his third term, focused on projects completed during his tenure, including downtown lighting and the Lerner Theatre overhaul. "People tell us Elkhart has never looked better," Moore said. In his years in office, he's gotten "very few complaints," Moore said. And he pointed to project proposals in the works, including North Main Street improvements, upgrades to the city plaza on Main Street and development of a piece of riverfront land the city plans to acquire near the Jackson Boulevard-Goshen Avenue crossing. "We want to continue to do more of the same," Moore said. Neese, a Republican and former member of the Indiana House, zeroed in on leadership style. He'd lead a government that would "cooperate, not intimidate" the public. "I don't want to work with yes-people, I want people to challenge me on a daily basis," said Neese, who has criticized Moore as a heavy-handed leader. Residents of the city, he went on, "will always be right." The two candidates jabbed at each other, first when Moore suggested



Neese didn't correctly remember an encounter when the Republican was a state lawmaker. Moore had said he met with several lawmakers to discuss annexation, a red-hot issue here, while Neese reported meeting with the mayor only over sewer compact fees and assessed valuations. "I'm older than you are, but your memory is fading a little bit," Moore told Neese. **Horse Race Status:** Leans Neese.

Lebanon: Mayoral race at a crossroads

With an incumbent mayor on his way out of office, Lebanon's mayoral candidates are fighting for the chance to reshape the city and focus on its longterm future (IndyStar). "We're at a real crossroads, and we're poised for some really good things to happen with the right direction," said Democratic mayoral candidate Michele Thomas. "Lebanon is at a crossroads, and I want to see Lebanon really embrace its future," said Republican mayoral candidate Matt Gentry. In addition to their shared views the candidates have similar goals. They want to focus on quality of life for residents, jobs, and infrastructure needs to accommodate future residential growth. Areas of emphasis is what seems to set the two candidates apart. Incumbent Mayor Harold "Huck" Lewis, a Republican, was defeated in the primary by Gentry. Thomas is a 54-year-old mother of three who has lived in Lebanon for 12 years while working full time in Fishers at Wiley Publishing Inc. She served on the school board for seven years, two as board president. Thomas said her track record shows a commitment to the city, which she said needs a new direction. "I want to continue my role as a public servant in my home (town)," she said. "I think I can be most effective in seeing some positive change in Lebanon as the mayor, as the leader of the city."

Gentry, 26, was raised in Boone County but did not move to Lebanon until after graduating from Purdue University and buying a house in 2012. Previously a Statehouse staffer for the House of Representatives, he is an advertising consultant for media consulting firm Mark It Red (IndyStar). Gentry said someone needed to step up to make change happen in Lebanon, and waiting until the next term would be too late. "We have a lot of challenges facing our community, and it's time to get things on the right path," he said. "I really felt that I had to step up."

Horse Race Status: Tossup.

Richmond: Ingram, Snow talk jobs

Richmond Republican Kyle Ingram and Democrat Dave Snow talked economic development with the Richmond Palladium-Item. "I've sat at the table with CEOs, purchasing agents and engineers, and with small business

owners, and I know the challenges they face," Ingram said. "My background is in manufacturing, and do I think there are manufacturing jobs out there? Absolutely. Do I think businesses would relocate to Indiana? Of course. Indiana is one of the top states in America in terms of job growth," Ingram said. "I like to say that the state of Indiana is throwing a party and they've been throwing a party for a long time. And guess who's not elected to attend. The city of Richmond. I want to take Richmond to that party," he said. Snow's plan also calls for a commission of local business owners, contractors and city inspectors who would review local building and safety codes and how they are interpreted and enforced locally. "We need to make this process easier for those looking to invest in the community. We need to cut as much red tape as possible," Snow said. "We also need to use tax abatements creatively so that they are more competitive and require a longer commitment to the community. "I will work with city council to offer abatements that grow the longer the company stays in Richmond," he said. Ingram promises to be "a full-time mayor," though he said he hopes to continue officiating "on a much lesser scale." **Horse Race Status:** Leans Ingram.

Goshen: Candidates talk blight issue

Democratic mayoral candidate Jeremy Stutsman has unveiled a five-point plan to fight blight that calls for getting tough on "problem landlords" who allow their rental properties to deteriorate (Hernandez, Elkhart Truth). Stutsman's plan includes expanding the use of the city's court-appointed receivership program, in which a judge names a property manager to fix the blighted buildings with city funds and the city is reimbursed once the work is completed. His opponent in the Nov. 3 election, Republican Mary Cripe, said while she supports the use of tools provided by the state, including the receivership program, she would only use it when all other methods have been exhausted. **Horse Race Status:** Likely Stutsman.

Indianapolis: Hogsett, Brewer talk neighborhoods

Republican Chuck Brewer and Democrat Joe Hogsett both credit prior administrations for building Downtown to what it is today, they also say the time has come to shift the city's redevelopment focus to the rest of the city. "I recall (former Mayor Bill Hudnut) saying this many times, 'you can't be a suburb of nothing,'" Hogsett said. "I want to add the Hogsett corollary to the Hudnut doctrine: You can't be a downtown of nothing. A strong downtown will only remain strong if it has thriving neighborhoods around it." **Horse Race Status:** Safe Hogsett.

9th CD: Republicans, sans Houchin, debate

The manufacturing consultant who describes himself as the "most conservative candidate" and notes emphatically that he didn't make politics his career (Banta, Bloomington Herald-Times). The public policy consultant

and former chief of staff for a Republican congressman from Kansas who points to his conservative values and principles. The three-term state senator from Greenwood who says he has spent his time in politics, both at the local and state level, fighting the establishment. The attorney general who's tired of overreaching federal policies and says it's time to take the fight from his current position to Washington, D.C. Those are four of the candidates – Bob Hall, Jim Pfaff, Brent Waltz and Greg Zoeller, respectively – who are seeking the Republican Party's nomination next year to represent Indiana's 9th CD. And they took to the stage Tuesday night at the Monroe County Public Library auditorium to debate, sometimes heatedly, about the issues, from economic development to the federal deficit to illegal immigration. A fifth declared candidate, state Sen. Erin Houchin, R-Salem, also received an invitation from the Monroe County Republican Party to participate, but declined. The four have similar reasons for running: They all are, in some way, tired of what's going on in the nation's capital. "I am very unhappy with the direction of our country," Hall said, blaming career politicians (something he repeatedly emphasized he is not) on both sides of the aisle. "I am fed up with the status quo. I will be a voice for the grassroots, a true conservative voice in Congress," said Hall, who is a Bloomington resident. "It is time we put our country on the right track again. I will fight and be a true conservative."

Pfaff also wants to see conservative principles taken back to Capitol Hill. "I'm asking for your vote because, as a fellow Hoosier, we know that we must have principled, conservative leadership," he said. "My values and principles are the right values and principles to do this job, (and) I also have the experience to get the job done." Pfaff said he believes his skills are what's need and his principles are what Hoosiers need in their representative in Congress. "I stand for the right of Americans to follow and live by the freedoms (of the Constitution)," he said.

Waltz said he takes pride in the fact that he stands up for the Constitution and that he has not only fought the establishment, but also won. "People are sick and tired of politicians lying to them," he said. "It is not always easy to stand up to the establishment ... but I have been doing that since the first time I went knocking on doors asking for votes." Zoeller has a different kind of fight that he wants to continue, one against the federal government's actions that take power away from state and local governments. In his time as Indiana's attorney general, Zoeller has fought for state and local officials' rights to keep their responsibilities rather than have them dictated by the federal government, he said. "But it's more than that. It's pushing back against the federal overreach," he said. "After years and years of frustration ... it's really time that I take the battle to Washington." **Horse Race Status:** Leans Zoeller. ❖

Gun control and the wimpy liberal left

By CRAIG DUNN

KOKOMO – I might as well get it out in the open right up front. I own guns. I have a .22 rifle for shooting varmints, a 12 gauge over/under shotgun for shooting sporting clays and a 9 mm handgun for personal protection. I also have a few Civil War era rifles, carbines and pistols that I keep for their historical value. Up to this point in my life, none of my guns has got up by themselves, gone out and shot anyone. In fact, that is the way it is with all law abiding American citizens; they practice firearms safety and responsibility.



Every time some nut job malcontent tries to make a name for himself by shooting up a school, his employer or someone else, there is a hue and cry from the wimpy liberal left, aided by a breathless mainstream media, to enact gun laws that would strip Americans of their 2nd Amendment constitutional protection to keep and bear arms. To quote the mayor of Murderville, USA, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, "Let no serious crisis go to waste." Let's not blame the shooter. Let's blame his gun.

I could go and recite the NRA mantra of, "Guns don't kill people, people kill people," or "You don't outlaw kitchen knives because people use them to kill." I could even toss out, "50,000 people are killed in car wrecks every year but you don't outlaw autos." I could even throw out one that hits close to home, "You don't outlaw Cheetos just because fat people die of heart attacks." I could mention all of these, but they're trite and Mr. Howe tells me that my columns should be highbrow and reflect the highest journalistic standards.

Let's tackle the issue of gun control on a very pragmatic basis. Forget all of the emotion and hype on both sides of the issue and deal with facts.

Fact One: The United States government tried and failed to prohibit the manufacture and sale of alcohol with the Volstead Act. It failed miserably.

Fact Two: The United States government along with state and local governments have laws on the books that make the possession, manufacture and distribution of narcotics and many substances illegal. The enforcement of these laws has failed miserably.

Fact Three: We have laws that make it an illegal act to enter the United States without a passport or visa through an official entry point. There are close to 20 million illegal aliens who would tell you that the United States'

laws on immigration are unenforceable and a joke. Can you imagine the liberals' dilemma if every illegal immigrant carried a gun across the border? Why then, if we couldn't or can't enforce alcohol, drugs and immigration control laws, would we even fool ourselves into thinking that we could control gun ownership?

Several years ago, while serving as co-chairman of the Howard County Drug Summit Committee along with the Howard County prosecutor, I learned that successful enforcement of drug laws drives up street prices. Drug trafficking becomes more profitable and some really nasty people come to town. Our county drug enforcement was so successful in Howard County that the street price of crack cocaine was roughly three times what it was in Harvey, Ill. That was the simple answer to the question of why so many thugs from Harvey were being arrested in our fair community. It is all a matter of economics. Money goes where it is treated best and the criminals follow. Incidentally, my service on this committee is why I now own the 9 mm handgun. Mamma and the kids didn't like the death threats.

I could just stop here and let my argument rest, but why not beat a dead horse a little further. Picture this scenario: In 2017, the Congress passes gun control legislation or a power mad president issues an executive order that effectively outlaws private gun ownership.

The first thing that would happen is that there would be an absolute stampede to the stores and gun shops to buy up every last gun, bullet and shotgun shell that was available. You don't think so? Between the run up between the passage of the 18th Amendment mandating prohibition and the enactment of the Volstead Act in January, 1920, the American public virtually made legally manufactured distilled spirits disappear from the shelves in an act of laying away booze for a rainy day. There is no reason to believe that gun prohibition would be any different.

With the manufacture of alcohol banned in the United States, illegal contraband booze flowed in from Canada, Mexico and overseas. Fortunes were made from the trade of illegal alcohol, politicians and police were corrupted, and crime lords gained in stature and ferocity and violent crime rates steadily rose. Part of the roar of the Roaring Twenties came from the rat-a-tat-tat of machine gun fire as turf wars were settled with the gun. Two bit pimps like Al Capone and Lucky Luciano were elevated to superstardom solely because of government's attempt to prohibit alcohol, a commodity strongly desired by a thirsty public. Some laws, like the law of supply and demand, supersede the laws passed by Congress.

Americans love their guns, more than they love booze or drugs. Gun ownership and freedom was one of the founding principles of our country. Some will say this is hogwash. I would merely point to the 2nd Amendment in our Bill of Rights as evidence of where our founding fathers thought gun ownership ranked.

I would just hate to look into the future and find

some Al Pacino lookalike gun lord in his mansion in Nashville, sitting behind an enormous desk with guns piled high and snarling, "Say hello to my leetle frenz!" Unfortunately, it not only could happen, it would happen.

It would serve us well to remember that guns aren't the only way that people murder to suit their purposes. In 2008, an 18-year-old in Alaska killed four people with a knife and a man in Shanghai killed six police officers with a knife. In 2001, a school janitor killed eight children with a kitchen knife.

Lest we forget Timothy McVay and his bombing in Oklahoma City that murdered 168 people. Think McVay's act was just a twisted recent phenomenon? In 1927, in Bath, Mich., a man murdered 44 people, 38 of them children when he blew up the Bath Consolidated School.

My point is that mentally disturbed people will

find a way to kill, if that is their objective. No law can stop them. At best, gun control laws would become mere speed bumps along their paths of destruction.

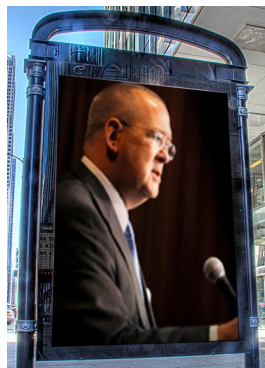
I believe that there is a deeper issue involving the liberal quest for gun control. An unarmed public would be a public defenseless against all forms of governmental tyranny. Every repressive regime throughout history has attempted to remove guns from the public. When your game plan is to take from one group of people and give to another group, those nasty people with guns could be a big problem. Just ask old King George III what happens when you come to get the guns. It isn't pretty. ❖

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Home affordability rates & what it tells us

By **MICHAEL HICKS**

MUNCIE – Every few months, a new rating on housing affordability makes the news. Most recently, a group ranked Muncie the most affordable college town, while earlier ones rank cities by size or region. Communities inevitably bask in the notion of offering affordable options for homebuyers. That, however, is the wrong lesson to draw from these rankings.



The buying and selling of homes is a well-ordered market with transactions agents, many buyers and sellers and formal and informal rules about disclosure of information about the home. So, the price of a house is a very clear measure of how much buyers and seller value that house.

A good affordability ranking accounts for the differences in the construction, age, size and other features of the home itself. So, differences in the prices of homes among regions aren't due to extra bedrooms or brick construction. Instead they are due to neighborhood effects of a wide variety. A simple mental exercise can help explain the matter.

Suppose we have two completely identical homes, but we put them in two different locations. One has top-ranked schools and great walkable neighborhoods; the second is located in an unsafe portion of town with poorly performing schools and is surrounded by abandoned housing. Clearly, one of these houses will be a lot more 'affordable' than the others, but in the same way a

1982 Gremlin is more affordable than a 2015 Lexus.

This insight is hardly news, but the lessons that can be derived from this are very valuable. Economists have analyzed hundreds of millions of home transactions with detailed records of home and neighborhood attributes. This allows a researcher to separate the various impacts of different characteristics on price. So, there are fine studies that very clearly measure the impacts on home prices of such factors as school quality, crime, toxic waste dumps, the proximity of a registered sex offender, walking trails, parks, tax rates, playgrounds, airport noise and everything else we can measure. These measures can help communities target their most troubled areas and emphasize what is most beneficial to them.

One consequence of this is that home affordability rankings ought to serve as warning signs to communities that all is not well. But, there is a silver lining to this story. Like most markets, housing markets are imperfect. The Great Recession left in its wake a great deal of poorly priced housing along with a whole generation of young people who are skittish about high-priced housing.

Cities with 'affordable housing' may actually have a window of opportunity in which they can attract younger households. The hope is that these new homeowners may place a greater value on affordability than other amenities. In a study I wrote about last week, cities that had lower-priced housing actually did better than expected in worker productivity in 2010. That is potentially good news for Muncie and other places in the Midwest, but only for the communities that are well into remedying their most vexing problems. ❖

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Kelly Jones a serious South Bend Republican

By JACK COLWELL

SOUTH BEND – The Republican nominee for mayor of South Bend is not a nut.

This is news in a city where a question about that often was asked by voters during decades of pathetic GOP mayoral campaigns since a Republican last was elected mayor in 1967. Kelly Jones is the little-known Republican nominee this time, challenging Democratic Mayor Pete Buttigieg, who's as sure of reelection as is Mishawaka's Republican Mayor Dave Wood. Wood is unopposed.



In the only mayoral debate of the campaign, Jones came across last week as pleasant and concerned about issues, not a nutty bomb-thrower or wingnut. Buttigieg, running on his record of economic development, downtown revitalization and neighborhood improvements, summed up his view of a new South Bend image and attitude this way: "In just four years, the debate over

whether the city is dying is over." He was careful also to say that "our work isn't done" and to ask for a chance to continue in "maybe the best job I'll ever have."

Jones praised many of the achievements the mayor cited and his choice for a new police chief, but she also offered suggestions and was critical of such efforts as the expanded bike lanes and "Smart Streets" changes in traffic patterns. A challenger should offer suggestions and alternatives. At least there is a challenger for mayor in South Bend. Democrats didn't even field one in Mishawaka.

But Jones, 47-year-old jewelry maker with no governmental or political experience other than a failed quest for a school board seat, offers no compelling reason for voters to believe she would be a better mayor than Buttigieg. She also lacks an effective campaign organization, campaign funding and support even from Republicans in the business community. Name recognition lags this close to the election.

Asked prior to the debate if she had received Republican organization support, she said "no," but hastened to say a Republican women's group had been very helpful. Republican Party leaders didn't recruit her. She first thought of running as a Democrat. But the Democratic county chairman told her he would not sign off on the election law stipulation against filing as a Democrat if having voted Republican in the last election. She had voted Republican. So she filed as a Republican, the only one to

do so.

Jones said she had been a Democrat, now leans more Republican and regards herself as bipartisan, "conservative but not too conservative." not extreme. She said she says what she thinks, not worrying about political niceties or strategies.

In the debate, Jones did indeed say what she thinks, sometimes turning aside chances to hit at the mayor. When a question from the audience suggested that Mishawaka does a better job than South Bend with snow plowing, Jones joined with Buttigieg in praise of South Bend snow-removal crews and added that South Bend is bigger than Mishawaka, with more streets to plow. She joined in praise in general of development around Notre Dame, though questioning if adequate provision was made for people displaced.

She didn't belittle the mayor's successful repair or demolition of 1,000 vacant and abandoned houses in 1,000 days. But she went on to propose a "tiny house program" of numerous structures for the homeless and veterans on now-vacant lots.

Would the candidates pledge to serve all four years of the term at stake in November? Jones of course said "yes."

Buttigieg, when prodded by the moderator, said he was "completely focused on this job," but that he couldn't "speak to everything that will happen in the future." The political answer for Buttigieg would have been to say "yes." The truthful answer was the one he gave. He has no intention of running for Congress in 2016. Maybe never. It's uncertain, however, what other opportunities in government, elective or appointive, or outside government might be presented in the next four years.

Buttigieg will be reelected. Still, Jones is filling a needed role as challenger. She is not a nut. ❖

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Hillary a clear winner

By **LARRY SABATO, KYLE KONDIK**
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CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. – Last year at this time, Democrats were in the final month of their losing battle to hold the U.S. Senate. But while licking their wounds after the election, they consoled themselves with a 2016 comeback vision. Democrats already had a candidate so credentialed she was likely to sweep to the nomination and be in a solid position to bury the eventual GOP nominee. Demographics and destiny were on Hillary Clinton's side, and she'd help the party recapture the Senate too. What a difference a year makes. It's hard to recall much of anything that has gone Clinton's way in 2015. She has four opponents but has run mainly against herself, yet steadily lost ground.

The email scandal, which she mismanaged so badly it was political malpractice, is a big part of it but not the whole story. Then there is the lackadaisical campaign she ran for months, scripted, sanitized, and sterile. Clinton was bubble-wrapped, and she avoided pesky reporters and chose prescreened voters for her personal interactions. Never a natural campaigner like her husband, Clinton became as uninspiring and packaged as Robert Redford ended up being in the classic 1972 film, "The Candidate." (He won, though.)

Even worse, Clinton has been dogged by the non-maybe-*proto* candidacy of Vice President Joe Biden. The tragic death of his son Beau produced not just a wave of sympathy but a complete reevaluation of a gaffe-prone politician often not taken seriously. As Hillary appeared less electable, Biden loomed ever larger, the perfect substitute just out of reach. If Biden finally jumps in, his image will surely blemish again because politics takes a terrible toll on every participant. For now, though, Clinton is competing with a ghost, and the ghost is winning in some ways.

Lately, Clinton has accepted reality and changed directions. Press interviews are plentiful, more open town halls are on the schedule, and appearances on late-night comedy programs show some sparks of Hillary humor.

Clinton's numbers have declined over the last several months in part because she has been trapped in a recurring cycle of bad news. The falling poll numbers are a story. So are the private emails. And the Bernie Sanders surge and Biden's shadow candidacy. Reasonable minds can disagree about whether she deserves a break, but she's probably about to get one:

Clinton was a clear winner in Tuesday night's debate and likely will be covered as one.

Debates can generate a roller-coaster effect; ask

this year's Republicans. Debates can also solidify the existing hierarchy. That's what we saw last night. Clinton's deep experience in debates shone brightly. She was better than at any joint forum in her previous campaign. Clinton went into the debate the frontrunner and she came out exactly the same, probably strengthened in that role.

The former secretary of state's debate night was thematically about President Obama and her gender. Time and time again, Clinton connected herself with Obama, cozying up to a politician who remains very popular among base Democrats. She even avoided criticizing Obama when asked if she would be "Obama's third term," saying she would want to build on Obama's successes. It was an interesting twist for Clinton, who recently broke with the administration on the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal. But she more than any person on stage was resoundingly positive about the incumbent.

She also regularly brought up the history-making potential of her candidacy to perhaps become the first woman president. For example, when pressed on a question about Social Security, Clinton said she

wanted to "enhance" the program to help poorer individuals, particularly single women who may have been widowed and had never had large salaries. Clinton's gender was not as much of a central point of her 2008 campaign, perhaps in part because Obama's candidacy had an even more dramatic historical dimension. But this time around, she's proudly emphasizing it.

Sanders went in as the chief challenger and he came out the same, maybe even strengthened. His courage of conviction was steely; the most liberal Democrats were thrilled.

He showed that it's too late to reverse the changes wrought in the Democratic contest during Clinton's decline. Sanders, the most unlikely of challengers, has zoomed ahead of Clinton in New Hampshire and is in striking distance in Iowa. Sanders is moving up in plenty of other states, including California, though early polls in late-voting states (the Golden State primary is June 7) are especially useless. Still, his blunt talk about income inequality has struck a nerve with Democrats of many stripes.

Sanders clearly understood the need to make inroads with nonwhite voters, specifically citing black and Latino incarceration figures to stress the need for changes in the criminal justice system, as well as later arguing that institutional racism remains a serious problem in the United States. He was unabashed about his strongly progressive views, including a defense of the label "democratic socialist," a move that must have made Clinton smile given what the polling says about that term. Overall, Sanders came across as genuine, which is both a good and bad thing for the sometimes irascible Vermont senator. His appeal to the party's left was there - whether he can build on that is the challenge he faces. ❖



David Brooks, New York Times: The House Republican caucus is close to ungovernable these days. How did this situation come about? This was not just the work of the Freedom Caucus or Ted Cruz or one month's activity. The Republican Party's capacity for effective self-governance degraded slowly, over the course of a long chain of rhetorical excesses, mental corruptions and philosophical betrayals. Basically, the party abandoned traditional conservatism for right-wing radicalism. Republicans came to see themselves as insurgents and revolutionaries, and every revolution tends toward anarchy and ends up devouring its own. By traditional definitions, conservatism stands for intellectual humility, a belief in steady, incremental change, a preference for reform rather than revolution, a respect for hierarchy, precedence, balance and order, and a tone of voice that is prudent, measured and responsible. Conservatives of this disposition can be dull, but they know how to nurture and run institutions. They also see the nation as one organic whole. All of this has been overturned in dangerous parts of the Republican Party. Over the past 30 years, or at least since Rush Limbaugh came on the scene, the Republican rhetorical tone has grown ever more bombastic, hyperbolic and imbalanced. Public figures are prisoners of their own prose styles, and Republicans from Newt Gingrich through Ben Carson have become addicted to a crisis mentality. Civilization was always on the brink of collapse. Every setback, like the passage of Obamacare, became the ruination of the republic. Comparisons to Nazi Germany became a staple.

This produced a radical mind-set. Conservatives started talking about the Reagan "revolution," the Gingrich "revolution." Among people too ill educated to understand the different spheres, political practitioners adopted the mental habits of the entrepreneur. Everything had to be transformational and disruptive. Hierarchy and authority were equated with injustice. Self-expression became more valued than self-restraint and coalition building. A contempt for politics infested the Republican mind. Politics is the process of making decisions amid diverse opinions. It involves conversation, calm deliberation, self-discipline, the capacity to listen to other points of view and balance valid but competing ideas and interests. But this new Republican faction regards the messy business of politics as soiled and impure. Compromise is corruption. Inconvenient facts are ignored. Countrymen with different views are regarded as aliens. Political identity became a sort of ethnic identity, and any compromise was regarded as a blood betrayal. This anti-political political ethos produced elected leaders of jaw-dropping incompetence. Running a government is a craft, like carpentry. But the new Republican officials did not believe in government and so did not respect its traditions, its disciplines and its craftsmanship. They do not accept the hierarchical structures of authority inherent in political activity. Welcome to Ted Cruz, Donald Trump and the Freedom Caucus. ❖



Doug Ross, NWI Times: Some of the earliest roads in Indiana were toll roads made out of wood. Yes, believe it or not, trees were felled and their logs used to make a less muddy route through the wilderness. Now Indiana's travelers need protection through the political wilderness. Republicans and Democrats are rolling up their sleeves and preparing to slug it out over transportation funding. An early skirmish broke out on Thursday, when the Indiana Department of Transportation responded to Democrats' criticism of the Pence administration by releasing a series of Twitter posts "setting the record straight on infrastructure," to quote INDOT. The agency plans to invest nearly \$3.2 billion in bridge and pavement preservation over the next five years, a 58 percent increase from the prior five years, its tweets said. That's not much comfort to the people in Northwest Indiana who daily drive on the region's roads. Region drivers watched the statewide outcry over a bridge on Interstate 65 near Lafayette being shut down this summer and wondered where those downstate folks were when the Cline Avenue bridge was closed for the same reason, that it was no longer structurally sound. The I-65 bridge was quickly fixed. It has been years since then-Gov. Mitch Daniels promised the Cline Avenue bridge would be replaced. ❖

John Krull, Statehouse File: We Americans recorded a couple of milestones a few days ago. We notched our 150th school shooting since the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Connecticut. And we racked up our 300th mass shooting of 2015. Given that we're less than three years past the grieving and burials in Newtown and not far into October, those are impressive achievements – even in the trigger-happy free-fire zone that is the National Rifle Association's idea of what a civilized country should be. Here in Indiana, gun devotees reacted to the mass murder in Oregon and these other more recent shootings in predictable fashion. Indiana Rep. Jim Lucas, R-Seymour, is the NRA's chief cheerleader and errand runner in the Hoosier state. He told a reporter from WIBC that America's lax gun policies are doing such a bang-up job that we should loosen them even more. In this upcoming session of the Indiana General Assembly, Lucas told WIBC that he's contemplating measures that would dispense with requiring gun owners to secure permits and that would subject businesses to severe penalties for banning guns on their premises. Lucas's argument is the same tired argument that all NRA true believers advance – and, these days, that only they believe. Gun laws just don't work. To refute that inarguable factual point, gun devotees point to the mayhem in, say, Chicago. They argue, with selective accuracy, that the Windy City has an appalling record of gun violence despite some relatively strict gun laws. What they neglect to mention is that, as The Chicago Tribune has reported, many of the guns used in the ongoing carnage in Chicago come from states with much laxer gun laws. One of those states is Indiana. ❖

Murder charge for councilman

EAST CHICAGO - An East Chicago City Council member was charged with murder Wednesday in Lake Criminal Court and indicted in federal court on a charge of possession with intent to distribute marijuana (NWI Times). Robert Battle, 42, is accused of shooting Reimundo Camarillo Jr., 31, of East Chicago, once in the back Monday, court records state. Battle, who represents East Chicago's 3rd District, is running unopposed in the Nov. 3 election. Police found Camarillo face down with blood coming from his nose about 8 a.m. in an alley behind the 4200 block of Euclid Avenue, a probable cause affidavit says. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Authorities met Monday afternoon with Battle's attorney, Walter Alvarez, who told police Battle shot Camarillo after Camarillo allegedly pulled a knife on Battle as the two talked in the alley, the affidavit says. On further questioning, Battle told Alvarez there was no struggle and that he threw the gun somewhere in the house at 4228 Euclid Ave.



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Donnelly poised to buck Obama

INDIANAPOLIS - U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly, D-Ind., is poised to again pick the practical over the partisan, putting him at odds with President Barack Obama and his fellow Senate Democrats (Carden, NWI Times). This time Donnelly plans to vote with the Republicans, including U.S. Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind., to override Obama's expected veto of the National Defense Authorization Act, the annual spending plan for the nation's military that also contains Donnelly's latest proposals to reduce servicemember and veteran suicides. The measure passed the Senate on Wednesday, 70-27, and cleared the House earlier this month, 270-156. However, the White House last week threatened a veto because the legislation spends \$38 billion more than permitted under the 2011 budget sequestration caps by classifying ordinary military spending as emergency overseas contingency funding.

SBOE to loan \$40M to charter schools

INDIANAPOLIS - The Indiana State Board of Education on Wednesday endorsed a plan to divvy out as much as \$40 million in loans in the 2015-16 school year through a controversial new state program to fund charter schools (IndyStar). At least 12 charter schools have requested \$25 million in loans through a program enacted in the state budget that began in July. In all, the state legislature approved \$50 million in loans, but the state board voted to save \$10 mil-

lion of that money for the next school year. At Wednesday's meeting, the state board moved quickly to approve the distribution formula with limited discussion. However, John O'Neal, of the Indiana State Teachers Association, said the program is a significant amount of money and leads him to question whether it's the best use of tax dollars. "Should we be giving that much money to schools that have D and F grades? Or brand new charters that don't have grades at all?" O'Neal asked.

GOP rep: Benghazi panel is political

LAS VEGAS - Another Republican lawmaker says the House Select Committee on Benghazi is meant to go after the reputation of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Rep. Richard Hanna, R-New York, said Wednesday on New York's WIBX 950 said "Sometimes the biggest sin you can commit in D.C. is to tell the truth." "This may not be politically correct, but I think that there was a big part of this investigation that was designed to go after people and an individual, Hillary Clinton," said Hanna, who is not a member of the committee. "After what Kevin McCarthy said, it's difficult to accept at least a part of it was not. I think that's the way Washington works. But you'd like to expect more from a committee that's spent millions of dollars and tons of time." Brian Fallon, the Clinton campaign's press secretary, said Wednesday that Hanna's comment show that "House Republicans aren't even shy anymore about admitting that the Benghazi Committee is a partisan farce."

Afghanistan war to continue for U.S.

WASHINGTON - President Obama is expected to announce a plan Thursday to keep 5,500 U.S. troops in Afghanistan into 2017, ending his ambitions to bring home most American forces from that war-torn country before he leaves office (Washington Post).

Big Trump poll leads in Nevada, SC

INDIANAPOLIS - Donald Trump holds double-digit leads over Ben Carson in both South Carolina and Nevada, the third and fourth states scheduled to hold nominating contests in next year's race for the presidency, with Trump widely seen in each state as the best candidate to handle a range of top issues, according to new CNN/ORC polls. Trump holds 38% support in Nevada, with Carson in second with 22%, and in South Carolina, Trump doubles Carson's support, 36% to 18%. No other candidate comes close to those top two in either state; the third-place candidate in each case has less than 10% support. Trump's

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Danielle

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To: Lloyd, Matthew; McGrath, Danielle; Triol, Shelley
Subject: Pro RA Article

From LifeNews.com

<http://www.lifenews.com/2015/10/13/indiana-to-fund-pregnancy-center-program-that-dropped-abortions-to-record-low-elsewhere/>

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YOUNG MAINTAINS INSEN MONEY LEAD; HOLCOMB REPORTS \$110K: U.S.

Rep. Todd Young's U.S. Senate campaign will maintain its money lead when third quarter FEC reports are officially filed this week. Young will report having over \$2.25 million in the bank after raising over \$720,000 in the third quarter. Sources are telling HPI that U.S. Rep. Marlin Stutzman will report about \$618,000. Eric Holcomb will report raising \$110,000 in the quarter with nearly \$300,000 cash on hand (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Holcomb campaign manager Justin Garrett issued the following statement on the filing: "Another quarter is behind us, and our campaign continues to grow. From the over 80 endorsements we have received to date from state legislators, mayors, state and local elected officials and leaders in the Republican Party, to the statewide network of Hoosiers who have generously contributed to our effort, we continue to feel and fuel the momentum on the ground each and every day. Stutzman told HPI that his campaign has hit "our mark." It comes after his campaign changed its campaign manager, political director and pollster. Stutzman and Eric Holcomb are expected to release their third quarter totals in the next day or so. In the second quarter, Young raised \$1 million, followed by \$600,000 for U.S. Rep. Marlin Stutzman and \$200,000 for Eric Holcomb. Stutzman told *Howey Politics Indiana* on Monday "We hit our mark," and said his campaign will post numbers higher than in the second quarter.

STUTZMAN OPEN TO RYAN SPEAKERSHIP: Could he live with Paul Ryan as speaker of the U.S. House? U.S. Rep. Marlin Stutzman says he's open for that discussion if the Wisconsin Republican decides to change course and get in (*Howey, Howey Politics Indiana*). Stutzman is Indiana's only Republican member on the Freedom Caucus, the 40-member group made up of mostly members elected in the last three cycles and headed by U.S. Rep. Jim Jordan of Ohio. It has been instrumental in plunging the House caucus into disarray after Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy pulled out of the race. "I like Paul Ryan a lot," Stutzman told *Howey Politics Indiana* on Monday. "We are good friends. But he's not made a decision and this is a family decision for him. I'll wait for him. If he decides to run, I'd be happy to talk with him. Paul Ryan is very well respected and very well liked. I think there would be a very good chance for him being selected. It could come down to what his vision is and his management style." The Freedom Caucus had come out for U.S. Rep. Daniel Webster of Florida, but that was before McCarthy opted not to run late last week. Stutzman, who was elected to the House in 2010 as part of a Tea Party wave, explained, "I was advocating for Daniel Webster. I voted for him in January. He has a great reputation in Florida."

PENCE PROPOSES \$1B ROAD FUNDING PLAN: Gov. Mike Pence unveiled his 21st Century Crossroads proposal, a plan that will make \$1 billion in new road funding available over the next four years without raising taxes. 21st Century Crossroads would put the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) on a path to resurface 16,000 miles of state highways and repair more than 5,200 bridges over the next 15 years (Howey, *Howey Politics Indiana*). "These additional funds will help INDOT make future maintenance and repairs as the interstate system comes of age, and will help ensure that our roads can support the economic and employment growth our state has seen over the last few years. Just as Hoosiers seek to build a financial reputation that allows them to build a future, our state has put in the hard work to guarantee that Indiana's future is bright as we enter our third century." But Senate Minority Leader Tim Lanane called the plan a "drop in the bucket" and ignores local governments which do most of the state's road maintenance, and House Minority Leader Scott Pelath termed the initiative "sheepish" adding, "They hear the cries through the wall, read the poll numbers, and attempt the bare minimum to make them go away." Pence's 21st Century Crossroads plan would continue to build upon improvements in statewide pavement and bridge condition, and would build upon the already \$3.2 billion INDOT was planning to spend over the next 5 years on road and bridge preservation. Since Governor Pence took office in 2013, state bridges rated as fair or better have increased from 93 percent to 95.3 percent, bringing it above last year's national average of 94 percent. Under the Governor's proposal, this would improve further to 97 percent in 10 years. Between 2012 and 2014, state-maintained pavement has improved from 89.3 percent in fair or better condition to 90.3 percent. With 21st Century Crossroads, this would improve further to 94 percent in 10 years.

ISU EVALUATES MASSACRE SCENARIOS; STRESSES RUN, HIDE, FIGHT:

Recent events of shootings, across several college campuses nationwide, have many questioning safety and security measures. One school revisiting their plan of action is Indiana State University (Blackburn, *WTHI-TV*). "It's one of those things that we feel there is a need to educate the public, as well as ourselves and our officers, increase our training," said Ian Loomis, ISU patrol captain. Loomis says the training for these tragic events is constant. Even if it's just an active shooter drill, they treat it as a real-life event. "As officers we train for this quite often," said Loomis, "It still gets our blood pumping and our hearts racing." The moment an emergency happens, Loomis says it's all hands on deck. No matter what place, no matter what time. "It wouldn't matter if it happened here, the mall, or at an elementary school," said Loomis, "Everyone goes because these incidents are so large that it requires such a large logistical and operational division." If a shooting were to happen, Loomis says the first officer on the scene makes the entry. Loomis says they no longer have to wait and form a perimeter and wait for a Special Response Team to show up. Officers would then go in, move

towards the sound of the gunfire or clear the building and neutralize the threat or take them in to custody. A technique that is being pushed nationwide for safety is "Run, Hide, Fight". "It's about the most basic way you could think about responding if you're a member of the public in an active-shooter incident," said Loomis. Loomis says if you're in a situation and you have the ability to run and remove yourself that is the best option. If the situation doesn't allow, another option is to hide. "Shutting off lights, turning your cell phone off, locking the door and barricading yourself is your second best option," said Loomis.

JURY RULES MILWAUKEE GUN DEALER NEGLIGENT: One of the nation's biggest sellers of crime-linked guns was found liable for negligence Tuesday in the case of two Milwaukee officers wounded by one of the shop's firearms (*NBC News*). Jurors in Milwaukee County have ordered Badger Guns to pay almost \$6 million to Officer Bryan Norberg and now-retired Officer Graham Kunisch, who were both shot in the face while in the line of duty in 2009. The two officers sued for negligence, alleging that the West Milwaukee gun shop should have known that the gun eventually used in the shooting was initially sold as part of a "straw" purchase. In those cases, someone buys the gun on behalf of someone else who is not legally permitted to purchase a gun. Badger Guns was also previously called Badger Outdoors, and at times was the No. 1 seller of firearms used in crimes in the U.S. — moving 537 guns that were recovered from crime scenes in 2005 alone, according to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Norberg and Kunisch weren't the only members of the police force injured by a gun bought at Badger: Between 2007 and 2009, six Milwaukee cops were hurt by guns sold by Badger Guns or Badger Outdoors, according to the suit. Jurors on Tuesday ordered Badger to pay him \$3.6 million, Norberg \$1.5 million, plus another \$730,000 in punitive damages. The case has been a rare trial pitting law enforcement against a gun seller, and has been in the public spotlight after Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton mentioned it on the campaign trail as part of her call for gun reform. An attorney for the two officers said Tuesday that he hopes the case can change the way guns are sold in straw purchases. "I would hope so. That might be asking for too much," attorney Patrick Dunphy said after the trial concluded. "One verdict in Milwaukee is a good step. Time will tell." Authorities have said more than 500 firearms recovered from crime scenes had been traced back to Badger Guns and Badger Outdoors, making it the "No. 1 crime gun dealer in America," according to a 2005 charging document from an unrelated case (*Fox News*). A former federal agent has also said the shop had failed take necessary precautions to prevent straw purchases.

BUCTION SAYS SOCIETY NEEDS TO CHANGE ON GUNS: When it comes to the issue of gun control, the debate never ends, and it only thickens after a mass shooting occurs, like the recent incident in Oregon (*WTWO-TV*). Congressman Larry Bucshon

states that it's not just the responsibility of lawmakers to help make a change. "We need to really revisit where we are as a society and realize that we need to have a cultural change on the way we see this issue." The congressman said it's time for people to no longer accept this type of behavior. He also feels that we must not overlook the mental health aspect of it all, and addressing that will help the nation solve its problem. "If you look at some of the biggest shootings we've had we've had people with mental health issues. We're working on legislation in one of our committees to really revamp the federal mental health programs. We have 112 or so programs that don't really coordinate well with each other."

CLINTON, SANDERS CLASH IN DEBATE: Hillary Rodham Clinton and Sen. Bernie Sanders clashed over U.S. involvement in the Middle East, gun control and economic policy in the first Democratic presidential debate Tuesday night, vigorously outlining competing visions for a party seeking to keep the White House for a third straight term (*Associated Press*). Yet in a moment of political unity – and levity – Sanders leapt to Clinton's defense on the issue of her controversial email practices as secretary of state. "The American people are sick and tired of hearing about your damn emails," Sanders exclaimed as the crowd in Las Vegas roared with applause. A smiling Clinton reached over to shake his hand and said, "Thank you." While the five candidates onstage took issue with each other, they also repeatedly sounded traditional Democratic themes – such as fighting income inequality – that are sure to carry over to the general election campaign against the Republicans. And they sought to cast the GOP as a party focused on sowing division and denigrating minorities and women. Before they face the Republicans, the Democrats must choose their own candidate. And throughout most of the two-hour debate Clinton played the role of aggressor, an unexpected shift for a candidate who had barely mentioned her Democratic rivals since launching her campaign six months ago. Until Tuesday night, Clinton and Sanders – who has surprisingly emerged as her toughest competition – had circled each other cautiously and avoided direct attacks. After Sanders, a self-described democratic socialist, derided "a casino capitalist process by which so few have so much," Clinton said it would be a "big mistake" for the U.S. to turn its back on the system that built the American middle class. Asked whether she thought Sanders, who has a mixed record on gun control legislation, had been tough enough on the issue, she said simply, "No, I do not." Sanders called the Iraq war "the worst foreign policy blunder in the history of our country" and said he would not support sending American combat troops back to the Middle East to fight terrorism. "Nobody does, Senator Sanders," Clinton interjected.

CLINTON BOXES BIDEN OUT: "But what would the guy at the bubble-wrapped sixth podium have said?" is not a question that came up at the first Democratic debate (*Politico*). Hillary Clinton left as little room as she could for people to ask it. Over the

course of two full hours of debate, no one even mentioned Joe Biden's name. "This debate was about the five people on this stage," said Clinton strategist Joel Benenson in the spin room after the debate, gingerly not engaging. "Vice President Biden has a very personal decision to make." Biden and his advisers knew that waiting until October to make a decision was a gamble: would Clinton's late-summer tailspin continue, would she would fumble and stumble through the first debate, and most importantly would the primary race was going to take off without him. Now, Biden's orbit has put out word that he's going to take another week to make a decision — right up against Clinton's appearance in front of the Benghazi Committee that once seemed like it could become an embarrassing inquisition, but that she's now already framing a tedious partisan fishing expedition.

CUBS WIN: Joe Maddon posed for a selfie on the field with his wife. Jon Lester sprayed champagne with his young son. Rocker Eddie Vedder partied on the mound (Associated Press). For the Chicago Cubs and their ever-hopeful fans, this bash was a long time in the making. Kyle Schwarber, Anthony Rizzo and Javier Baez homered and the fresh Cubs clinched a postseason series at Wrigley Field for the first time ever, beating the St. Louis Cardinals 6-4 Tuesday to win the NL Division Series in four games. "This is all just baseball fantasy, right?" a drenched chairman Tom Ricketts said. Only once since they last brought home the World Series in 1908 had the Cubs won a playoff series and never before had they finished off the job at their century-plus-old ballpark.

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: Tuesday was a big news day. Hillary Clinton rebounds and boxes Joe Biden out. A Milwaukee jury makes a landmark ruling on gun negligence while Indiana State University stresses "run, hide, fight." And the Cubs clinch their first post season series in the history of Wrigley Field. Congrats, Cub fans, it was time for the pain and sorrow to end. In Thursday's weekly Howey Politics Indiana edition - your weekly Hoosier political magazine - we'll wrap up a week of exclusive reporting into the most comprehensive U.S. Senate race analysis you can find, and we'll gauge Gov. Pence's path through a set of treacherous policy issues and the potential political impacts. And Mark Souder will analyze the race for U.S. House speaker. Look for it around 10 on Thursday morning. - *Brian A. Howey*

Campaigns

2015: MEDIA MEMBERS CONTRIBUTE TO WINNECKE - Mayor Lloyd Winnecke and his re-election challenger, Gail Riecken, will meet in a televised debate Oct. 22 sponsored by multiple media organizations — two of which have representatives who

contributed to Winnecke's campaign (Langhorne, *Evansville Courier & Press*). Winnecke's most recent campaign finance report, from April, lists WFIE-NBC14 news anchor Randy Moore and his wife, Lisa, as being \$125 contributors. Moore was set to be on a panel of questioners for the mayoral debate. On Tuesday night, 14 News announced that Jackie Monroe would take his place. Moore suggested the change, according to the station. DuJuan McCoy, CEO of Bayou Broadcasting, parent company of WEVV-CBS/Fox44, is a \$1,000 contributor to Winnecke. Moore said his name appears on Winnecke's report because his wife — a Winnecke supporter and campaign volunteer — likely wrote the \$125 campaign check from the couple's joint account without realizing it could raise questions about his role as a journalist. Lisa Moore, then known as Lisa Kelsey, also is listed as a \$108 contributor to Winnecke's campaign finance report for 2014. Randy Moore acknowledged knowing Winnecke for many years, dating back to Winnecke's past career in local television, but said he is neutral in the mayoral race and sees no problem with his being a debate panelist.

2015: LEBANON AT A MAYORAL CROSSROADS - With an incumbent mayor on his way out of office, Lebanon's mayoral candidates are fighting for the chance to reshape the city and focus on its long-term future (*IndyStar*). "We're at a real crossroads, and we're poised for some really good things to happen with the right direction," said Democratic mayoral candidate Michele Thomas. "Lebanon is at a crossroads, and I want to see Lebanon really embrace its future," said Republican mayoral candidate Matt Gentry. In addition to their shared views the candidates have similar goals. They want to focus on quality of life for residents, jobs, and infrastructure needs to accommodate future residential growth. Areas of emphasis is what seems to set the two candidates apart. Incumbent Mayor Harold "Huck" Lewis, a Republican, was defeated in the primary by Gentry. Thomas is a 54-year-old mother of three who has lived in Lebanon for 12 years while working full time in Fishers at Wiley Publishing Inc. She served on the school board for seven years, two as board president. Thomas said her track record shows a commitment to the city, which she said needs a new direction. "I want to continue my role as a public servant in my home (town)," she said. "I think I can be most effective in seeing some positive change in Lebanon as the mayor, as the leader of the city."

2015: GENTRY MOVED IN LEBANON IN 2012 - Gentry, 26, was raised in Boone County but did not move to Lebanon until after graduating from Purdue University and buying a house in 2012. Previously a Statehouse staffer for the House of Representatives, he is an advertising consultant for media consulting firm Mark It Red (*IndyStar*). Gentry said someone needed to step up to make change happen in Lebanon, and waiting until the next term would be too late. "We have a lot of

challenges facing our community, and it's time to get things on the right path," he said. "I really felt that I had to step up."

2015: STARK DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HAMILTON, TURNBULL - While the men vying to be Bloomington's next mayor have some things in common beyond a first name and a love for the city, one thing has become clear as the two have set out the way they would serve as the city's CEO: They have a lot of differences as well (Banta, *Bloomington Herald-Times*). Democrat John Hamilton and Republican John Turnbull both have been canvassing the city to talk with potential voters, though they've approached even that slightly differently. Turnbull said the campaign is "right on schedule" between walking from door to door, taking a trailer with a big campaign sign to football games and other community events and giving bunches of bananas to businesses as hospitality gifts. "Running for mayor is the most unpredictable thing I've ever done," Turnbull said. "But everyone has been civil." Hamilton also has been going door to door, sometimes with other Democratic candidates, in addition to making a lot of phone calls and attending a lot of house parties and other community events, both political and not. "One of the best parts of running for mayor is that you get to talk to a lot of people about the city," he said.

2015: RIECKEN ANNOUNCES EDUCATION PLAN - Democratic Evansville mayoral nominee Gail Riecken released her education plan on Tuesday (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The Mayor's responsibility is to bring businesses to Evansville. A large part of this is ensuring that the eligible work force has the skills and training necessary to perform the jobs they would bring. When choosing where to open a business, business owners look for a place where the workforce with the necessary skills exist. "In the past few months, voters across the city have voiced their concerns to me that our children are not being prepared for available jobs," said Riecken. "As Mayor, I will work with leaders in education, business and parents to ensure that our children are prepared for these jobs and jobs of the future. We must also work to ensure that adults looking to acquire new skills and trades can do so in a way that is affordable to working families and are geared towards a 21st century workforce. Higher education needs to be affordable for everyone," said Riecken. "There is a segment of the student population who want to continue their education after high school, but their families earn too much for them to get financial aid, and too little to afford to send them to college without it. These 'GAP students' need our help and as mayor, I will bring a program such as 'Cities of Promise' here to Evansville."

2016: 9TH CD REPUBLICANS DEBATE; HOUCHIN SKIPS - The manufacturing consultant who describes himself as the "most conservative candidate" and notes emphatically that he didn't make politics his career (Banta, *Bloomington Herald-Times*). The public policy consultant and former chief of staff for a Republican congressman from Kansas who points to his conservative values and principles. The three-term state senator from Greenwood who says he has spent his time in politics, both at the local and state level, fighting the establishment. The attorney general who's tired of overreaching federal policies and says it's time to take the fight from his current position to Washington, D.C. Those are four of the candidates — Bob Hall, Jim Pfaff, Brent Waltz and Greg Zoeller, respectively — who are seeking the Republican Party's nomination next year to represent Indiana's 9th Congressional District. And they took to the stage Tuesday night at the Monroe County Public Library auditorium to debate — sometimes heatedly — about the issues, from economic development to the federal deficit to illegal immigration. A fifth declared candidate — state Sen. Erin Houchin, R-Salem — also received an invitation from the Monroe County Republican Party to participate, but declined. The four all have similar reasons for running: They all are, in some way, tired of what's going on in the nation's capital. "I am very unhappy with the direction of our country," Hall said, blaming career politicians (something he repeatedly emphasized he is not) on both sides of the aisle. "I am fed up with the status quo." "I will be a voice for the grassroots, a true conservative voice in Congress," said Hall, who is a Bloomington resident. "It is time we put our country on the right track again. I will fight and be a true conservative." Pfaff also wants to see conservative principles taken back to Capitol Hill. "I'm asking for your vote because, as a fellow Hoosier, we know that we must have principled, conservative leadership," he said. "My values and principles are the right values and principles to do this job, (and) I also have the experience to get the job done." Pfaff said he believes his skills are what's needed to get the job done and his principles are what Hoosiers need in their representative in Congress. "I stand for the right of Americans to follow and live by the freedoms (of the Constitution)," he said. Waltz said he takes pride in the fact that he stands up for the Constitution and that he has not only fought the establishment, but also won. "People are sick and tired of politicians lying to them," he said. "It is not always easy to stand up to the establishment ... but I have been doing that since the first time I went knocking on doors asking for votes." Zoeller has a different kind of fight that he wants to continue: one against the federal government's actions that take power away from state and local governments. In his time as Indiana's attorney general, Zoeller has fought for state and local officials' rights to keep their responsibilities rather than have them dictated by the federal government, he said. "But it's more than that. It's pushing back against the federal overreach," he said. "After years and years of frustration ... it's really time that I take the battle to Washington."

2016: STAR TRUTH SQUAD LOOKS INTO ANTI-PENCE AD - The 30-second spot from the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150 begins with news

footage of several fatal crashes along a detour route in West Lafayette. The detour was the result of the unexpected closure of a bridge over Wildcat Creek on I-65 (Cook, *IndyStar*). "Deadly consequences of the neglect of just one Indiana bridge," a voiceover says. "Two thousand more are structurally unsound. And Gov. Pence's priority?" Clips of Mike Pence follow: "Hold the line on spending," he says in one. "Our agencies are funded at appropriate levels," he says in another. "With \$2 billion in reserves, Gov. Pence has no plan to prevent further road disasters," the voiceover says. "Tell us Gov. Pence, how many lives is your surplus worth?" The union is spending nearly \$150,000 to air the ad on television stations in Indianapolis and Lafayette. Those purchases included a single \$10,000 spot that aired during the Colts game on "Monday Night Football" a few weeks ago. Aspects of the ad are true. There were several crashes on the detour route. One of them resulted in the death of a Purdue University employee. It's also true that 1,900 bridges across the state are listed in "poor" condition, according to the federal highway department's 2014 statistics. And it's true that Pence has used budget surpluses to maintain the state's roughly \$2 billion in reserves — money that could be used for other purposes, including road maintenance. The ad's accusation that the bridge was neglected is debatable. A state contractor had been hired to widen and rehabilitate the bridge — and in doing so, drove a pile into an underground artesian spring that caused one of the existing bridge piers to sink 9 inches. But Indiana Department of Transportation inspectors had noted concerns about the bridge for years. One inspector speculated the problems stretched all the way back to the bridge's original construction.

2016: ZODY RESPONDS TO PENCE ROAD PROPOSAL - John Zody, Chairman of the Indiana Democratic Party, released the following statement after Governor Pence's infrastructure announcement this afternoon (*Howey Politics Indiana*): "It took a month-long interstate bridge closure, \$71 million wasted in faulty asphalt, and a public relations crisis for Governor Pence to finally put his ideology aside and begin tackling one of today's biggest problems facing our state. However, today's announcement only achieves the bare minimum that's needed to maintain Indiana's D+ rated infrastructure system. With campaign polling showing him 'in the low 30s', the governor is making a political reaction to a real problem Hoosiers have known about all along. The sudden change in course shows that when given the choice, the Governor Pence will choose his ideology over the well-being of our state 100% of the time, and these delays hurt our state."

2016: CARDWELL REACTS - Indiana Republican Party Chairman Jeff Cardwell issued the following statement regarding today's infrastructure announcement by Gov. Mike Pence (*Howey Politics Indiana*): "Governor Pence's leadership on Indiana's transportation issues is making a real difference for Hoosiers and our economy. Today's

announcement of the governor's '21st-century Crossroads Plan' is yet another example of the governor's commitment to building and improving our state's infrastructure, and will feature \$1 billion in additional funding on top of the over \$600 million already dedicated for our roads and bridges since Governor Pence took office. While some in politics invest their money in false attack ads that attempt to mislead Hoosiers, our governor is investing Hoosiers' money on the critical needs that drive our economy, create jobs, and move our state forward."



Presidential 2016

CLINTON UP 20% IN FOX POLL, BUT TRAILS GOP: Hillary Clinton leads the Democratic field, but Joe Biden fares better in hypothetical match-ups with Republicans, according to a new Fox News poll out ahead of Tuesday night's debate (*Politico*). Clinton holds a significant lead nationally among Democratic voters: 45 percent to Sanders' 25 percent. Vice President Biden, who has not yet indicated whether he'll run and is highly unlikely attend the debate in Las Vegas, is at 19 percent. Clinton's number has changed little since last month (when she was at 44 percent), but has gone down significantly from its high point in April 2014, when she polled at 69 percent. Back then, Biden followed her at 14 percent and Sanders was not ranked. When matched up with Republicans among general election voters, however, Clinton loses every time. Carly Fiorina would beat Clinton 42 percent to 39 percent. Jeb Bush comes out at 44 percent to Clinton's 40 percent. Donald Trump would trump her at 45 percent to 40 percent, and Ben Carson comes out at 50 percent to Clinton's 39 percent. But when Biden is included, things change: The vice president comes out ahead of his Republican opponent in every hypothetical pairing. Biden beats Trump 50 percent to 37 percent. He's ahead of Bush 46 percent to 41 percent. He also fares better than Clinton against both Fiorina and Carson, 46 percent to 42 percent. Biden barely edges Marco Rubio, 44 percent to 43 percent.

CLINTON REBOUNDS: On Tuesday night, after months of political heartburn, things finally started cutting Hillary Rodham Clinton's way (New York Times). Her performance at the first Democratic presidential debate was so commanding that even her greatest vulnerability — the lingering controversy over her private email practices as secretary of state — ended up redounding to her benefit. After she crisply explained that she made a "mistake" using a private email server and defended her judgment, the moderator, Anderson Cooper of CNN, turned to her biggest threat in the primary campaign so far, Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont, in hopes that he would attack her. Mr. Sanders instead came to her aid. "Let me say something that may not be great politics, but I think the secretary is right — and that is that the American people are sick and tired of hearing about your damn emails," Mr. Sanders said to cheers and a standing ovation from the Democratic audience. "Thank you!" Mrs. Clinton said, reaching out and shaking his hand. "Me, too! Me, too!"

CLINTON BOXES BIDEN OUT: "But what would the guy at the bubble-wrapped sixth podium have said?" is not a question that came up at the first Democratic debate (*Politico*). Hillary Clinton left as little room as she could for people to ask it. Over the course of two full hours of debate, no one even mentioned Joe Biden's name. "This debate was about the five people on this stage," said Clinton strategist Joel Benenson in the spin room after the debate, gingerly not engaging. "Vice President Biden has a very personal decision to make." Biden and his advisers knew that waiting until October to make a decision was a gamble: would Clinton's late-summer tailspin continue, would she would fumble and stumble through the first debate, and most importantly would the primary race was going to take off without him. Now, Biden's orbit has put out word that he's going to take another week to make a decision — right up against Clinton's appearance in front of the Benghazi Committee that once seemed like it could become an embarrassing inquisition, but that she's now already framing a tedious partisan fishing expedition.

SANDERS ON THE DEFENSIVE: Delivering his opening remarks at the first Democratic debate here Tuesday night, Bernie Sanders was the only candidate to skip introducing himself and his résumé and jump straight into what he darkly termed "a series of unprecedented crises" (*Washington Post*). But through much of the encounter — Sanders's first opportunity to share his views with a large national audience — the senator from Vermont found himself on the defensive: on his political philosophy, his mixed record on gun control, his reluctance to use force as commander in chief, and his mainstream appeal and electability. The assault came early, with chief rival Hillary Rodham Clinton moving fast to contrast herself with Sanders, a self-described

"democratic socialist" who has overtaken her in some early-state polls but whom she had previously avoided criticizing. When Clinton was asked whether Sanders was "tough enough" on guns, she responded sharply and without hesitation: "No, not at all."

CLINTON, SANDERS TALK POT POLICY: One burning question on some voters' minds was put to rest during the first Democratic debate, hosted by CNN and Facebook Tuesday night in Las Vegas: What would the top candidates do when it comes to legalizing marijuana (*CNN*). Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, who commands the liberal left with his economic policy positions, said he would vote in favor of a local Nevada measure that would legalize recreational pot use. "I would vote yes because I am seeing in this country too many lives being destroyed for non-violent offenses," he said. "We have a criminal justice system that lets CEOs on Wall Street walk away, and yet we are imprisoning or giving jail sentences to young people who are smoking marijuana." For former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, the answer was hazier. Asked if she was ready to take a position on legalizing recreational marijuana, she replied, "No." "I think that we have the opportunity through the states that are pursuing recreational marijuana to find out a lot more than we know today," she said. "I do support the use of medical marijuana, and I think even there we need to do a lot more research so that we know exactly how we're going to help people for whom medical marijuana provides relief."

BUSH BACKER QUESTIONS TRUMP: A young woman who confronted Donald Trump on Monday with a question about his respect for women is tied to the campaign for one of his opponents in the Republican primary race: Jeb Bush (*CNN*). "Maybe I'm wrong, maybe you can prove me wrong, but I don't think you're a friend to women," student Lauren Rose Batchelder said to applause from the audience. "I knew I shouldn't have picked her," Trump said in response. "I respect women incredibly." In social media posts online, Batchelder lists that she is an intern for Bush's presidential campaign and has also attended events with candidates like former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders.

Congress

BUCHSHON WEIGHS SPEAKER RACE SCENARIOS: Washington D.C. has also been shaken up by John Boehner's decision to resign as the House Speaker a few weeks ago. A decision that Congressman Bucshon understands (*WTWO-TV*). "It had become difficult for him for a variety of reasons but he had a long and distinguished career. I

think now we'll find another person who will lead the republicans in the house and will do a good job." Who will replace him is the question. House Majority leader, Kevin McCarthy, was looked at as the replacement. But the California congressman dropped out just last week. Wisconsin Congressman Paul Ryan is now the sought-after name. Congressman Bucshon hopes that the next speaker will be someone that will change the way things are done. "I think Speaker Boehner did a good job in a very difficult time but i do think that the next person will need to take a more bottom-up approach." And does the 8th District congressman have any intentions of throwing his hat in the ring? "No, I don't plan on running for leadership positions. I think we have some good people who are going to step up." Congressman Bucshon expects the House to select their next speaker within the next month. If Paul Ryan ultimately decides he wants the position, then Congressman Bucshon says that selection could be moved up a few weeks.

General Assembly

LONG REACTION TO PENCE ROAD FUNDING: Indiana Senate President Pro Tem David Long (R-Fort Wayne) made the following statement regarding Gov. Mike Pence's proposal to add \$1 billion in road funding over four years (*Howey Politics Indiana*): "As every state in the nation seeks ways to pay for their roads, I'm glad to see our governor proposing ideas here in Indiana that invest in our infrastructure without raising taxes on Hoosiers. The efforts he announced today are consistent with the investments we've made in the most recent two state budgets, including \$600 million for the Major Moves 2020 Fund and \$400 million for local road projects. As we move ahead, Senate Republicans look forward to working with the governor and other stakeholders to ensure that we continue to fully fund our transportation needs."

BOSMA REACTION: House Speaker Brian Bosma (R-Indianapolis) provided the following statement in response to Gov. Mike Pence's infrastructure funding proposal (*Howey Politics Indiana*): "We sincerely appreciate the governor's recognition that road and bridge funding will be our top priority for this next legislative session. We appreciate the governor's proposals and will keep his proposals in mind as we work together to address challenges facing infrastructure funding in both the short term and long term."

CHAIRMAN BROWN REACTS: House Ways and Means Chairman State Rep. Tim Brown (R-Crawfordsville) reacted to Gov. Pence's road funding proposal, saying, "We

are thankful for the governor's proposal as we continue evaluating possible funding solutions to address our state's long-term infrastructure needs. We are concerned about taking on any debt against the state's ongoing operating expenses. I will continue working with our leadership team to determine the best route for road funding as we move forward." (*Howey Politics Indiana*)

LANANE SAYS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS LEFT OUT: Senate Democratic Leader Tim Lanane (D-Anderson) issued the following statement in response to Governor Pence's infrastructure announcement (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "It's reassuring that Governor Pence now acknowledges that Indiana's infrastructure needs attention, but it seems the scope and immediacy of that need continues to elude him. His proposal is a drop in the bucket when you consider Indiana's infrastructure situation as a whole. Even now, the governor makes what he calls a 'significant' infrastructure investment with traditional construction season winding down and no new dollars available until July 2016. We can repave state highways all we want, the fact is the majority of roads in the Hoosier State are maintained by local governments. For every one centerline mile of road the Indiana Department of Transportation maintains, cities, towns and counties maintain nearly nine. For every structurally deficient bridge INDOT must repair, locals have five. Until we have a comprehensive plan for state and local governments to fund infrastructure in a sustainable way, the governor's announcement is the equivalent of filling potholes. For the safety of Hoosier drivers and passengers and for economic growth, the governor is not moving fast enough. The condition of Indiana's roads and bridges requires action now."

PELATH REACTS: Indiana House Democratic Leader Scott Pelath from Michigan City today issued the following statement in response to the "major infrastructure announcement" made by Indiana Gov. Mike Pence (*Howey Politics Indiana*): "The sheepish proposal offered today is typical of the way this governor and his brood have handled Indiana's crises. They hear the cries through the wall, read the poll numbers, and attempt the bare minimum to make them go away. As you may recall, the governor and his House and Senate supermajorities forgot our roads and bridges were falling apart until the day after the 2015 legislative session was over. They waited until the day after the session was over before they admitted we might have a problem, and they'd set about fixing it sometime in the future. After a summer of interminable detours and closures, it turns out we really shouldn't be waiting. Something needs to be announced now, or at least long enough before the true start of a gubernatorial campaign where our governor's inaction will be made accountable. Of course, there is a certain amount of wonderment here, since the governor and his minions announced just last week that their plan to fix Indiana's infrastructure was fine. So what can we expect from this tip-toeing? Not too much for now, since the 2015 construction season is just about over."

There will be no aggressive, Teddy Roosevelt-style ambitions to become a true Crossroads of America. There will not even be an unshackling of local communities to let them solve their own problems. If you have to navigate local roads and bridges – which are in some places more potholes than pavement – you'll be left to fend for yourself. This plan is all about bigger projects. It's a nose job when all the arteries are clogged. If the street on the way to work remains a Martian surface, things aren't getting better, are they?"

SOLIDAY REACTS: House Roads and Transportation Committee Chairman State Rep. Ed Soliday (R-Valparaiso) in your coverage of Governor Mike Pence's infrastructure proposal (*Howey Politics Indiana*): "I appreciate the Governor's initial recommendations. We have made improvements, but we also have a long way to go to address our state and local infrastructure challenges. I look forward to working with the Governor and my legislative colleagues as we find data-driven, mutually agreeable solutions that don't leave our children with enormous debt in the form of decaying infrastructure. "

CHAMBER BACKS ROAD PLAN: Indiana Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Kevin Brinegar reacts to Governor Pence's infrastructure funding announcement (*Howey Politics Indiana*): "Transportation infrastructure is a critical economic development tool and job creation asset that impacts the economic prosperity of all Hoosiers. It's time to shift the conversation from rhetoric and finger pointing to solutions. We are encouraged that today's near-term plan from Gov. Pence uses appropriate funding sources to start to get Indiana back 'on the road' to safely and efficiently moving our state's people and products. "Future needs, however, have been well documented. Policymakers must come together in a bipartisan manner to begin serious conversations about the long-term challenges that include a nearly \$1 billion gap annually in required road and bridge maintenance – not to mention funding for new construction, added travel lanes and more to fuel future economic growth.

LEGISLATORS MULL FARMLAND PRICE SPIKE: Legislators are struggling to control rising property taxes on farmland (Berman, *WIBC*). Farmland is taxed not on what it would be worth to someone else, but its productivity value as farmland. Purdue property tax specialist Larry DeBoer says those assessments are four years out of date - the state delayed assessments by two years after the Supreme Court threw out the old system in 1998, and has never caught up. And DeBoer says the state uses a six-year rolling average, after excluding the highest-valued year from the calculations. That means it'll be a few more years before pumped-up values from strong crops as far back

as eight years ago drop out of the formula. Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy Chairman Brandt Hershman (R-Buck Creek) says the lag means assessments are up 18-percent right as flooding has wiped out much of this year's crop. Legislators have temporarily frozen soil productivity factors the last two years to slow down double-digit increases.

DELPH SCHEDULES TOWN HALLS: State Sen. Mike Delph (R-Carmel) will host a town hall meeting Thursday, Oct. 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Carmel Clay Public Library (Howey Politics Indiana). Delph will host another town hall meeting Thursday, Oct. 22, at the Hussey-Mayfied Memorial Public Library in Zionsville, from 6 to 8 p.m. Delph encourages residents in Senate District 29 to attend these town hall meetings and share their thoughts on legislative topics.



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GOVERNOR: DETAILS OF PENCE ROAD PLAN - Gov. Pence's 21st Century Crossroads proposal relies upon a responsible and measured combination of the following funding sources (*Howey Politics Indiana*): Reserves: The state is projected to have more than \$2 billion in reserves beginning in July 2016. Approximately \$241 million may be invested in roads and bridges while maintaining 11.5 percent of the state's annual budget in reserves. Budget Appropriations: During upcoming budget sessions of the legislature, Governor Pence would propose an additional \$150 million during fiscal years 2018, 2019 and 2020, for a total of \$450 million. Next Generation Trust Fund: The 2006 Major Moves program invested \$500 million in a trust fund. An accelerated distribution of interest in 2019 would contribute an additional \$50 million. Bond Financing: Indiana's AAA credit rating and extraordinarily low interest rates will provide an additional source of \$240 million. Refinance existing bonds: At current interest rates, refinancing existing bonds will contribute \$6.5 million in annual savings through 2029. Every year since 2013, Governor Pence and the Indiana General Assembly have increased funding for transportation. In total, \$1.26 billion from the

state general fund, including \$200 million for local roads and bridges, has been budgeted since 2013. During the 2013 legislative session, highway account diversions were ended and 1 percent of all sales tax revenues were dedicated to transportation. During 2014, the Major Moves 2020 program funded highway widening and rehabilitation projects, including Interstate 65 near Lafayette. The current two-year state budget includes an additional \$200 million for state highways.

GOVERNOR: REAL ALTERNATIVES CONTRACT CONTROVERSIAL - A non-profit organization has been awarded a \$3.5 million contract from the state of Indiana, as part of a new deal announced Monday by the governor's office (Spehler, *Fox59*). The contract is with a group called Real Alternatives, which had already been working a pilot program with the state. Still, critics say the group merely counsels women against having an abortion, and doesn't paint a full picture of the options that might be available. "My understanding is that they don't offer all options, and that the discussion is all about parenting or adoption," said Betty Cockrum with Planned Parenthood of Indiana. "Those are two very important features and parts of the conversation, but at the same time there are real reasons why women should understand how to access a safe abortion in the state of Indiana." Cockrum said she felt her organization has been targeted politically, ever since the controversial out-of-state videos dealing with the sale of fetal tissue, a practice that investigators found did not take place here in Indiana. "I think it's a given that there's a lot of politics around our mission at this point in time maybe more so than ever," said Cockrum. "I understand the governor's interest in supporting women who are wishing to pursue pregnancies and that he feels there's been a success with that outreach in the first year my wish would be that we could help invest in helping women plan their pregnancies in the first place." State Rep. Ed DeLaney, D-Indianapolis, said he also had concerns about the contract. "Who does like abortion, okay? But we have to be honest with people," said DeLaney. "And honest especially about family planning which I thought was not controversial... This organization will not advise about birth control, instead will only recommend abstinence. So it's very strange. I hope the governor can explain what success it's had and why we need to add this to the list of services available to people."

GOVERNOR: RIGHT TO LIFE APPLAUDS CONTRACT - Indiana Right to Life applauded the governor's efforts, in a statement posted on the group's web site. "Real Alternatives offers life-affirming and compassionate care to women throughout pregnancy and as they begin their parenting journey," said Mike Fichter, President and CEO of Indiana Right to Life. "We have seen positive results from one year of Real Alternatives in Northern Indiana, and we look forward to seeing what the statewide impact of Real Alternatives will look like. We thank Gov. Mike Pence for expanding Real Alternatives throughout the state."

GOVERNOR: DRUG TASK FORCE TO MEET THURSDAY IN EVANSVILLE -

Governor's Task Force on Drug Enforcement, Treatment, and Prevention, Thursday, October 15, 2015, 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. CDT, University of Southern Indiana, Carter Hall, 8600 University Blvd., Evansville, IN

GOVERNOR: PENCE TEAM TWEETS -

Gov. Mike Pence can do more than multi-task. He can juggle (Kelly, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). On Tuesday, he made a major infrastructure announcement geared at improving Indiana roads and bridges. As you can imagine, his Twitter page was quite busy. GovPenceIN -- the governor's official Twitter page -- tweeted consistently from 1:41 p.m. to 1:51 p.m. "INDOT has been hard at work ensuring the Crossroads of America has the infrastructure to back that moniker up," one tweet said. Meanwhile, Mike_Pence -- the governor's campaign Twitter feed -- tweeted from 1:41 p.m. to 2 p.m. "This is a bold plan, and I've been very encouraged by our conversations about it with the IN Gen Assembly," one tweet said. All of these tweets came while Pence actually gave a speech about his proposal and took questions from the media.

GOVERNOR: FIRST LADY ENCOURAGES BICENTENNIAL PROJECTS - In order to be official when celebrating the state's bicentennial next year, you don't have to reinvent the wheel (Duffy, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). That was the message from Indiana's first lady, Karen Pence, who visited Fort Wayne on Tuesday as the state's bicentennial ambassador. Allen County was the third location she has visited in the past couple of months and cited the county as one of those "who have their act together." She has also visited Elkhart and Lawrence counties, she said. The state's bicentennial website, www.Indiana2016.gov, already has 600 legacy projects that are part of the celebration, which will kick off Statehood Day on Dec. 11 and continue for a year. "It could be anything to tweak it to make it relevant to the bicentennial," Stanley said. "The State Fair will be themed with the bicentennial theme."

EDUCATION: ISTEP SCORES TO DECLINE - ISTEP test passing rates could plummet by about 16 percentage points in English and 24 percentage points in math compared to 2014 if the Indiana State Board of Education approves a recommendation from educator panels Wednesday (*Chalkbeat*). Those drops are significantly worse than in prior years. ISTEP rarely has swung up or down by more than a few percentage points since 2010. But there's a good reason, Indiana Department of Education spokesman Daniel Altman said. "It's not exactly an apple to apples comparison because

this is the first time we've been testing on new standards," he said. "With more rigorous standards come higher expectations as well."

EDUCATION: BRINEGAR COMMENTS ON ISTEP SCORES - Indiana Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Kevin Brinegar comments on the state's ISTEP scores (*Howey Politics Indiana*): "The decline in English and math test scores is expected as a result of the significant enhancements to the college and career ready standards. In fact, Indiana's scores were either on par or higher than other states which have recently gone through this process of moving to more rigorous tests. The good news is these needed changes ultimately will better prepare Indiana students for the workforce and sets a baseline so educators can pinpoint where improvements need to be made. We applaud both students and teachers for their strong efforts, and look forward to seeing the growth in student learning and college and career readiness in the coming years."

EDUCATION: THOMPSON TO HEAD GEOLOGICAL SURVEY - The Indiana University-based office that's researched Indiana's energy, mineral and water resources for nearly 180 years has a new leader (Associated Press). Todd Thompson will become the Indiana Geological Survey's new director Nov. 1. He'll succeed John Steinmetz as both the survey's director and Indiana's state geologist. Steinmetz is stepping down after 17 years with the survey, which was founded in 1837. Thompson has performed research for the IU-based geological survey for 25 years.

UTILITIES: COUNSELOR RULES AGAINST VECTREN - Saying that Vectren is asking to recover more costs than necessary from customers, the Office of Utility Consumer Counselor is recommending regulators deny approval of its energy efficiency plan (*Evansville Courier & Press*). Without approval of the plan, the utility's energy efficiency programs will expire at the end of the year, said Chase Kelley, Vectren's vice president of communications. On the table is Vectren's two-year plan for energy efficiency programs in 2016 and 2017. She said Vectren is committed to energy efficiency programs but also has to be sensitive to its bottom line, because such programs encourage customers to use less of the energy through which utilities recover their costs and turn a profit by selling. "We have to be able to recover our fixed costs," Kelley said. But the OUCC believes Vectren is already doing that. "It's our view that the revenues needed to provide the programs are already there," said Anthony Swinger, OUCC spokesman.

INDOT: I-65, 465 RESTRICTIONS - Contractors for the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) plan various overnight lane restrictions this week near the south side I-65 and I-465 interchange (Howey Politics Indiana). The right lane of northbound I-65 may be restricted between I-465 and Southport Road beginning each night at 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. the next day as crews install sound walls along the interstate through the end of this month. Up to two lanes of eastbound and westbound I-465 may be restricted to install reflective pavement markers between I-65 and Emerson Avenue beginning at 9 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15 and ending before 6 a.m. on Friday.

CRIME: FED TEAR DOWN OUTLAWS HQ - Demolition crews have begun tearing down the old Outlaws Motorcycle Club compound on Indy's near eastside (*WIBC*). U.S. Attorney Josh Minkler says crews are razing all three properties: 305 North Jefferson Avenue, 2204 East New York Street and 2210 East New York Street. This follows the OMC's long and sordid history as an organized crime enterprise. 51 defendants were indicted following a federal probe that began back in 2012. During that time, federal authorities also seized their properties. All gang members were convicted of offenses that ranged from mail and wire fraud to drug trafficking, extortion and illegal gambling. IMPD Chief Rick Hite says the demolition serves as the destruction of a gang symbol. He says it sends a message to others who commit crime.

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WHITE HOUSE: OBAMA RECONSIDERS AFGHAN STRATEGY - With pressure building on the White House to slow or completely halt the withdrawal of American troops from Afghanistan, senior officials said that President Obama appears increasingly willing to keep a force there large enough to carry on the hunt for Al Qaeda and Islamic State militants (*New York Times*). For President Obama, leaving more than a small force to protect the embassy in Kabul beyond next year would mean abandoning his goal to bring home almost all American troops before leaving office. But even though Mr. Obama has declared the American war in Afghanistan to be over, the Taliban's recent advances have convinced the Pentagon, many in Congress and much of the national security establishment in Washington that it is critical for American troops to remain there.

ABORTION: PLANNED PARENTHOOD STOPS ACCEPTING TISSUE MONEY - Planned Parenthood officials said Tuesday they will no longer accept payments from

companies that use tissue left over from abortions for research (*Washington Post*). In a letter to the director of the National Institutes of Health, Planned Parenthood President Cecile Richards said the payments had become fodder for antiabortion activists. While the organization will continue to donate the tissue, its affiliates will no longer be permitted to recoup any costs from providing those donations, she said. "Our decision is first and foremost about preserving the ability of our patients to donate tissue, and to expose our opponents' false charges about this limited but important work," Richards wrote.

MICHIGAN: ROAD DEAL TALKS STALL - Months of talks over a \$1.2 billion plan to improve Michigan roads plan broke down Tuesday, with Gov. Rick Snyder and legislative leaders declaring an impasse (*Associated Press*). Republican House Speaker Kevin Cotter said a key sticking point in negotiations was linking a road proposal to a broader tax cut. The GOP governor declined to specify why a deal remained elusive but said "it's fair to say people have different perspectives on what tax relief might look like." Snyder, who has long pushed for increased fuel taxes and vehicle registration fees to boost stagnant state transportation spending, told reporters after a private meeting with House and Senate leaders that he would schedule no further talks "unless I see progress."



Local

CITIES: FORT WAYNE CLERK KENNEDY RESIGNS - Standing at the podium facing the Fort Wayne City Council on Tuesday night, attorney Mark GiaQuinta read a statement from longtime City Clerk Sandy Kennedy (*Gong, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). "I hope that I will be remembered as a loyal and conscientious public servant," GiaQuinta read. "I will miss the many friends that I have met and the citizens I have served." Her resignation is effective immediately, GiaQuinta said, noting that the resignation was filed at 4:35 p.m. Tuesday. Kennedy's resignation comes amid

accusations that she had engaged in electioneering in her office at Citizens Square. The accusations, along with a video recorded and edited by former parking enforcement supervisor Colin Keeney, surfaced late last week. In addition to Keeney, several clerk's employees have spoken out, on condition of anonymity, stating that they felt intimidated if they did not contribute to Deputy Clerk Angie Davis' election campaign. Keeney resigned his position in September.

CITIES: NEW ALBANY TO EXPAND GREENWAY - The third of four phases of the Ohio River Greenway Project will begin next spring in New Albany, according to a news release from the city (Clapp, *News & Tribune*). At Tuesday's Board of Public Works and Safety meeting, a contract for federal funding was approved. The contract calls for the city to match 20 percent of the funds at \$2.5 million with the federal government filling in the rest. The city's completed two phases — 18th Street to Silver Creek and from the Sherman Minton Bridge to East Eighth Street — and the third phase will connect those two sections. The second phase was completed in 2011. The work will connect the trail to East 10th Street, allowing better access to the Greenway from Main Street and the downtown area. The release says the fourth phase will run from the Sherman Minton to West 10th St. It also says Clarksville is expected to start building a bridge across Silver Creek, along with a multiuse path east toward Harrison Avenue next spring. The bridge will connect New Albany's Greenway to Clarksville. Jeff Gahan, mayor, said in the release that he's glad to see some movement on the project. "This is truly an exciting day for New Albany," Gahan said in the release. "We are ever closer to the dream of connecting our local communities and riverfronts through the Ohio River Greenway Project.

CITIES: BUTTIGIEG WELCOMES CANCER CENTER - Advanced Centers for Cancer Care, a healthcare management division of the northern Indiana cancers care provider, is headed to One Michiana Square, continuing to fuel the City's economic momentum (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "We're delighted to have this growing firm add to South Bend's tech sector," says Mayor Pete Buttigieg. "Bringing new life to One Michiana Square will provide job opportunities for many people and is yet another shot in the arm for downtown." The company, which employs 20 people, has committed to adding 110 jobs downtown by 2025 with average wages of \$25 per hour.

COUNTIES: BARTHOLOMEW COUNCIL REJECTS TAX HIKE - Workers in the Columbus area will not be required to pay a new income tax next year (Columbus Republic). By a vote of 5-2, the Bartholomew County Council voted down a motion Tuesday night by councilman Mark Gorbett to enact a Local Option Income Tax in 2016.

Only Chris Ogle voted with Gorbett in support of the tax as a way to improve the county's financial situation. The \$17,185,013 General Fund budget that was given final adoption during the meeting will keep the county more than \$500,000 in the black, said councilman Jim Reed, who said he would not support a new tax if the budget could be balanced without one.

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To: Craig, Lindsey M;McGuffee, Tyler Ann
Subject: FSSA/ISDH meeting

Lindsey and Tyler Ann -

As discussed, I'd like to have a team meeting with FSSA and ISDH to discuss the implementation of the RA program this week or early next week. I'd also like to be included and ask that a calendar invite please be sent to me. Katie can assist with scheduling if need be.

Thank you,
Danielle

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A major announcement about new bridge is expected Monday

http://www.bizjournals.com/louisville/blog/morning_call/2015/10/a-major-announcement-about-new-bridge-is-expected.html

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Gov. Steve Beshear, along with Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer, Jeffersonville Mayor Mike Moore and Indiana Lt. Gov. Sue Ellspermann are set to speak at 9:30 a.m.

*Also on: <http://www.whas11.com/story/news/traffic/2015/10/11/announcement-ohio-river-bridges-project-set-monday/73770930/>

<http://www.indystar.com/story/news/2015/10/11/announcement-louisville-ky-bridge-set-monday/73797682/>

<http://www.daillyherald.com/article/20151011/news/310119843/>

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30228066/ellspermann-to-give-update-on-ohio-river-bridges-project>

New I-65 bridge at Louisville to open by Christmas

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/travel/nation-now/2015/10/12/louisville-ky-interstate-65-bridge/73817236/>
USA today

"It's exciting to be here and stand on a bridge that was for decades a nebulous vision," Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear said. Joining him were Indiana Lt. Gov. Sue Ellspermann, Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer and Mayor Mike Moore of Jeffersonville, Ind., on the opposite shore.

*Also on: http://www.newsandtribune.com/news/update-new-downtown-ohio-river-bridge-expected-to-open-by/article_a89c6000-70e4-11e5-8dac-3b523fbb5e74.html

<http://www.indystar.com/story/news/politics/2015/10/12/ohio-river-bridge-open-christmas/73815932/>

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/oct/12/new-downtown-bridge-to-open-early/>

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30240952/major-bridge-project-stage-to-open-early>

Purdue Will Be Home To New State Cybersecurity Center

<http://indianapublicmedia.org/news/purdue-home-state-cybersecurity-center-88367/>

Indiana Public Media

Lt. Gov. Sue Ellspermann says state databases are the subject of millions of attempted hacks.

*Also on: <http://wbaa.org/post/new-state-cybersecurity-center-uses-students-monitor-hackers>

<http://www.benchmarkmonitor.com/hot-technology-stocks-intel-corporation-nasdaqintc-hewlett-packard-company-nysehpq-cisco-systems-inc-nasdaqcscsco-att-inc-nyset-verizon-communications-inc-nysevz/1811834/>

Industrial Park Named 'Shovel Ready Gold'

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30219943/industrial-park-named-shovel-ready-gold>

Inside Indiana Business

Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann, who oversees OCRA, says "communities like Knox County display the commitment to community and economic development and advancement opportunities as well as the planning, collaboration, and hard work that go into achieving it. I look forward to watching the job growth that will continue in Knox County through the US 41 Industrial Park."

Place Based Investment Funds Now Available

<http://www.clintoncountydailynews.com/place-based-investment-funds-now-available/>

Clinton County Daily News

Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann announced Thursday that the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) and the Indiana Office of Tourism Development (IOTD) have launched the latest round of the Place Based Investment Fund (PBIF) which gives communities throughout Indiana the opportunity to apply for grants to support community and economic development projects that focus on furthering quality of place initiatives.

AGRICULTURE:

Market Data

<http://agrinews-pubs.com/Content/News/MarketData/8/95>

Grant to Grow Kokomo Farmers Market

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30226351/grant-to-grow-kokomo-farmers-market>

Inside Indiana Business

The Kokomo Downtown Farmers Market has received a \$248,000 grant from the United States Department of Agriculture. The money will help increase awareness, accessibility and participation of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program clients at the market.

Agricultural and life sciences buildings to be named for Creighton brothers, Land O' Lakes

<https://extension.purdue.edu/Pages/article.aspx?intItemID=12634>

Purdue Extension

On Friday (Oct. 9) the Purdue University Board of Trustees approved naming the Hall of Animal Sciences and the Center for Experiential Learning - facilities scheduled to open in 2017 - for the Creighton Brothers founders and Land O' Lakes, respectively, in recognition of their gifts.

*Also on: <http://www.agprofessional.com/news/agricultural-and-life-sciences-buildings-be-named-creighton-brothers-land-o-lakes>

ISDA Livestock Grant Applications Now Available

<http://www.indianaagconnection.com/story-state.php?id=920&yr=2015>

Indiana Ag Connection

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) is now accepting applications for the livestock promotion and market development grants to foster growth within the Hoosier livestock industry. Applications are due by Dec. 1.

*Also on: <http://www.pal-item.com/story/money/2015/10/10/farm-notes/73604992/>

<https://www.morningagclips.com/isda-accepting-livestock-grant-applications/>

BioCrossroads Names Venture Competition Finalists

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30241062/biocrossroads-names-venture-competition-finalists>

Inside Indiana Business

Indiana's life sciences initiative has named six finalists for its New Venture Competition. BioCrossroads will announce the winners Wednesday during the Indiana Life Science Summit in Indianapolis.

Indiana Members of CFSAF Tell Congress of Urgent Need For Uniform, National Food Labeling Standard

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/indiana-members-of-cfsaf-tell-congress-of-urgent-need-for-uniform-national-food-labeling-standard-300157406.html>

PR Newswire

Representatives of Indiana's agriculture and food sectors came to Capitol Hill Wednesday to urge passage by Congress of a uniform, national labeling standard for foods made with genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

Indiana Farm Bureau convention set for November

<http://www.pal-item.com/story/money/2015/10/10/farm-notes/73604992/>

Pal-Item

Indiana Farm Bureau will have its annual state convention on Nov. 15-17 at the Indiana Convention Center.

ISDA recognizes Boone County livestock farmer for excellence in progressive farm practices

http://kokomoperspective.com/kp/isda-recognizes-boone-county-livestock-farmer-for-excellence-in-progressive/article_ff918f58-6b7a-11e5-8fce-4fa7003e13a2.html

Kokomo Perspective

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) recognized Jim & Heather Michalke, Boone County livestock producers from Lebanon, who recently completed the voluntary ISDA Certified Livestock Program.

Calm, practical, conservative

<http://www.journalgazette.net/news/local/local-politics/Calm--practical--conservative-9252247>

Journal Gazette

Lehman said his biggest overall legislative accomplishment has been the Indiana Grown initiative, which he championed in 2014. The program has grown to include grocery store displays touting food items produced in the Hoosier state.

Spring Tillage Transect Results Released - Indiana Farmers Plowing Less and Saving Top Soil

<http://www.wbiw.com/state/archive/2015/10/spring-tillage-transect-results-released-indiana-farmers-plowing-less-and-saving-top-soil.php>

WBIW

"These numbers confirm that Indiana is a national leader in acres of cover crops planted," said Ted McKinney, Director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA).

A Rush University-affiliated orthopedic clinic is expanding into Northwest Indiana.

<http://www.beefcentral.com/markets/pcas-alternative-promises-to-widen-access-for-grassfed-cattle-without-compromising-integrity/>

Beef Central

<http://www.beefcentral.com/markets/pcas-alternative-promises-to-widen-access-for-grassfed-cattle-without-compromising-integrity/>

Lawmakers: 'Indiana Grown' Good Idea to Support Hoosier Farmers

<http://dcbroadcasting.com/2015/10/lawmakers-indiana-grown-good-idea-to-support-hoosier-farmers/>

DC Broadcasting

Indiana Grown is a program that was established recently by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture. The goal of it is to work towards raising statewide awareness of products grown here in the Hoosier State and to connect local suppliers with local consumers, embracing the farm-to-fork concept. Of the \$16 billion that Indiana consumers typically spend on food, less than 10 percent of those purchases are currently sourced within Indiana according to officials.

USDA trims harvested acreage estimates

<http://agrinews-pubs.com/Content/Default/Indiana-News/Article/USDA-trims-harvested-acreage-estimates/-3/79/13389>

Agri News

As anticipated, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reduced harvested acre estimates in the October crop production report, putting them in line with crop insurance fillings.

Keep kids safe on farm

<http://agrinews-pubs.com/Content/Default/Indiana-News/Article/Keep-kids-safe-on-farm/-3/79/13392>

Agri News

The National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety held a webinar to share insight about safety concerns. It was held during National Farm Safety and Health Week.

USDA: PED virus likely linked to China

<http://agrinews-pubs.com/Content/Default/Indiana-News/Article/USDA-PED-virus-likely-linked-to-China/-/3/79/13384>
Agri News

A virus that killed more than 8 million baby pigs in 2013 and 2014 nearly matches the DNA of a virus found in China and likely was carried into the United States on reusable tote bags used in international trade, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said.

Tree deaths may be related to weather stress

<http://agrinews-pubs.com/Content/Default/Indiana-News/Article/Tree-deaths-may-be-related-to-weather-stress/-/3/79/13386>
Agri News

Agri News

Homeowners and landowners need to keep an eye on trees that may be dying from weather-related stress, Purdue University tree experts say.

Historic trade pact cuts tariffs

<http://agrinews-pubs.com/Content/Default/Indiana-News/Article/Historic-trade-pact-cuts-tariffs/-/3/79/13381>
Agri News

A historic agreement that includes tariff eliminations or reductions for U.S. agricultural exports was reached when trade ministers from 12 countries completed the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations on Oct. 5.

*Also on: <http://www.hoosieragtoday.com/agriculture-the-key-to-tpp-passage/>

Behind opposition to Trans-Pacific Partnership

<http://agrinews-pubs.com/Content/Default/Indiana-News/Article/Behind-opposition-to-Trans-Pacific-Partnership/-/3/79/13378>
Agri News

Agri News

Negotiations over the complex trade deal took more than five years. President Barack Obama has begun what may be a similarly difficult task — selling the Trans-Pacific Partnership to Congress and the American public.

Farm Bureau praises WOTUS ruling

<http://agrinews-pubs.com/Content/Default/Indiana-News/Article/Farm-Bureau-praises-WOTUS-ruling/-/3/79/13379>
Agri News

A federal court has ordered the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to stop enforcement nationwide of the Waters of the United States rule, and while Farm Bureau is pleased with this action, the organization cautions farmers and others who are concerned about WOTUS that the ruling is a temporary delay.

*Also on: <http://www.agri-pulse.com/Nationwide-stay-issued-on-WOTUS-rule-10092015.asp>

Beef industry scholarships offered

<http://agrinews-pubs.com/Content/Default/Indiana-News/Article/Beef-industry-scholarships-offered/-/3/79/13369>
Agri News

Ten scholarships of \$1,500 each will be awarded to outstanding students pursuing careers in the beef industry.

Antibiotics symposium features industry leaders

<http://agrinews-pubs.com/Content/Default/Indiana-News/Article/Antibiotics-symposium-features-industry-leaders/-/3/79/13372>
Agri News

Agri News

The National Institute for Animal Agriculture will host its annual antibiotic symposium Nov. 3-5 at the Crowne Plaza Atlanta Midtown in Atlanta.

Indiana Farm Fatalities Up in 2014

<http://www.hoosieragtoday.com/indiana-farm-fatalities-up-in-2014/>
Hoosier Ag Today

Harvest in the Midwest continues to move at a fast clip with many areas unfazed by any kind of weather delays. With all that equipment on the county roads and in Indiana farm fields, Bill Field at Purdue is optimistic for a relatively safe harvest season once it has wrapped up.

California Adopts Strict Livestock Antibiotic Limits

<http://www.hoosieragtoday.com/california-adopts-strict-livestock-antibiotic-limits/>

Hoosier Ag Today

California Governor Jerry Brown signed legislation that he says will curb the overuse of antibiotics in livestock. In a prepared statement, Governor Brown said “the science is clear that the overuse of antibiotics in livestock has contributed to the spread of antibiotic resistance and the undermining of decades of life-saving advances in medicine.” He called the overuse of antibiotics an urgent public health problem.

OPEC says U.S. Oil Supply to Drop for First time in Eight Years

<http://www.hoosieragtoday.com/opec-says-u-s-oil-supply-to-drop-for-first-time-in-eight-years/>

Hoosier Ag Today

U.S. oil output will decline in 2016 for the first time in eight years as producers slash spending, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries said Monday, boosting demand for the cartel’s own crude and vindicating its strategy of defending market share over price.

COMMUNITY:

Indiana’s Great Southwest - Helping to transform Indiana, the Midwest and the Rest of the Country

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/IndianasGreatSouthwest/RegionalCities/prweb13012206.htm>

PR Web

Seven Indiana regions, which plan to invest \$3.78 billion in more than 420 cultural and livability projects across the state, presented their formal Regional Cities Initiative proposals to the Strategic Review Committee on October 6 and 7 for consideration of state matching funds of up to \$42 million for the two chosen regions.

*Also on: <http://www.journalgazette.net/opinion/columns/Setting-out-on-a-transformational-path-9247267>

<http://www.pal-item.com/story/money/2015/10/11/forums-focus-creating-area-economic-group/73517088/>

Downtown revitalization among priorities in town council race

http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/local_story/Downtown-revitalization-among-_1444693050

Daily Journal

“The goal of any downtown revitalization is to increase the vitality of the downtown area by focusing on its rich history, beautifying the streetscape and making our downtown an attractive destination for town residents and visitors,” Burton said.

When the Stellar hype settles

http://www.journalreview.com/opinion/article_01f210fe-6e0c-11e5-a256-d7a20cd7b808.html

Journal Review

When Wabash won the Stellar designation, it was reported that we won \$28 million. That’s not at all true. In actuality, we asked for \$12.6 million from the Stellar Communities Program. The City of Wabash is providing \$4.2 million to the project, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources is providing \$450,000 and \$11 million listed as coming from private sources. Of the private sources listed, most of the funding is contingent on tax credits (the details of which are impossible to find out as a member of the public), a small part of it is coming from an Office of Community and Rural Affairs grant, and the rest from various charitable organizations as community stakeholders.

*Also on: <http://www.thepaper24-7.com/Content/Columnists/Columnists/Article/STELLAR-winner-expect-taxes-to-increase/165/537/53736>

Richmond gets \$500K federal loan for hospital cleanup

http://www.thenewsdispatch.com/news/indiana_state_news/article_81fbc38d-c21c-5880-a5a5-4884c2c5ff6b.html

News Dispatch

The city of Richmond is set to receive a \$500,000 interest-free loan for cleanup of a former hospital property.

Indiana's Great Southwest - Helping to transform Indiana, the Midwest and the Rest of the Country

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/IndianasGreatSouthwest/RegionalCities/prweb13012206.htm>

PR Web

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Evansville Company to Renovate Former Brewery

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30244713/evansville-company-to-renovate-former-brewery>

Inside Indiana Business

The city of Evansville and the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville have announced Old Evansville Brewery Development LLC will renovate and revitalize the former Sterling Brewery site. The city says the company will add mixed-use office space.

HOUSING:

IU Bloomington Energy Challenge kicks off Monday

<http://news.indiana.edu/releases/iu/2015/10/energy-challenge.shtml>

IU

Indiana University Bloomington's Energy Challenge, a biannual competition to conserve energy and water, begins Monday, Oct. 12, and will run until Nov. 9.

Housing projects clear 1st hurdles

The Republic

http://www.therepublic.com/view/local_story/Housing-projects-clear-1st-hur_1444609043

Woda Group is applying for tax credits through the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority to finance the project, which is being ...

NIPSCO's electric rates could rise

http://www.southbendtribune.com/news/business/nipsco-s-electric-rates-could-rise/article_53a47dac-dcd9-5189-a81f-08b89ccbc00f.html

South Bend Tribune

For the first time since 2011, Northern Indiana Public Service Co. has filed a new base rate case with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission. If passed, customers' bills could increase 11.5 percent.

Can Chicago artists salvage Gary, Indiana?

<http://www.chicagoreader.com/chicago/gary-indiana-heat-light-water-project-arthouse-social-kitchen/Content?oid=19435577>

Chicago Reader

Gary received \$6.6 million from the state's Hardest Hit Fund in 2014 to clear the blight.

Athenian Visions

http://www.journalreview.com/news/article_b16a1aa8-6ee4-11e5-b091-b3306aea628c.html

Journal Review

"The state has a program called 'My Community, My Vision,' geared toward engaging high school students and tasking them with creating a proposed plan of what they want the community to look like in a few years," Barton said.

Winter natural gas bills projected lower

http://www.tribstar.com/news/business_news/winter-natural-gas-bills-projected-lower/article_499a4287-fa32-5f04-8d55-27750e07567d.html

Trib Star

Vectren Energy Delivery of Indiana-North has announced that customers could see significantly lower natural gas bills than last winter, assuming normal winter weather year-over-year, thanks to continued low, stable natural gas prices. Decreases could be around 20 percent.

SMALL BUSINESS:

Rook Security's Brian O'Hara Named President of Indiana InfraGard Member Alliance

<http://worldnews.se/2015/10/08/rook-securitys-brian-ohara-named-president-of-indiana-infragard-member-alliance/>
World News

In 2014, TechPoint named Rook Security as the fastest-growing technology company in Indiana. The Indiana Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship (OSBE) in conjunction with the Indiana Small Business Development Center (ISBDC) also honored Rook Security as a 2014 Indiana Company to Watch by.

Steele Receives State Star Award

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30226701/steele-receives-state-star-award>

Inside Indiana Business

North Central Indiana Small Business Development Center Director Alan Steele has received the State Star Award at America's SBDC Conference. The professional development conference was recently held in San Francisco. The event featured more than 100 workshops, training sessions and meetings for SBDC participants.

Bloomington to Host Startup Weekend

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30247043/bloomington-to-host-startup-weekend>

Inside Indiana Business

Startup Weekend Bloomington will hold its annual entrepreneurship competition next month at the Indiana University Cyberinfrastructure Building. The event calls on participants to take business ideas from concept to launch in 54 hours.

TOURISM:

On-Court Success Fuels 'Phenomenal' Fever Year

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30226046/on-court-success-fuels-phenomenal-fever-year>

Inside Indiana Business

On-court success for the Indiana Fever is leading to a business boost as well. Director of Corporate Communications Eddie White says the team has had its best year selling corporate sponsorships, and will turn a profit.

Indiana bicentennial legacy project seeking quilt blocks

Greensburg Daily News

http://www.greensburgdailynews.com/news/local_news/indiana-bicentennial-legacy-project-seeking-quilt-blocks/article_cc4bf120-f695-5527-86db-9d3dfc8d0c95.html

In a Legacy Project endorsed by the Indiana Bicentennial Commission, Indiana Barn Foundation (IBF) invites quilters from across the ...

Clark County Museum accepted as an Indiana Bicentennial Legacy project

<http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/75ccc2aa449240d8a1eb9bc6f815438d/IN--County-Museum>

Daily Journal

The project, which has been in the works for several years, was recently accepted as an Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Project by the Indiana Bicentennial Commission. The museum in Jeffersonville is under construction.

*Also on: <http://indianaeconomicdigest.com/Main.asp?SectionID=31&SubSectionID=135&ArticleID=81456>

<https://duboiscountyherald.com/b/clark-county-museum-to-be-part-of-bicentennial-project>

<http://www.journalgazette.net/news/local/indiana/Museum-aims-for-bicentennial-9271511>

<http://www.tribtown.com/view/story/481fc8fcd6934ed8849949eb5f984815/IN--Clark-County-Museum>

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/oct/12/history-filled-indiana-county-finally-getting-hist/>

<http://www.wdrb.com/story/30239392/construction-begins-on-clark-county-museum-in-jeffersonville>

New Hoosier State Business Class Rolls Out

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30226405/new-hoosier-state-business-class-rolls-out>

Inside Indiana Business

More amenities and a wider view are some of the features of the new business class section launched by the operators of the Hoosier State Line. The service includes table seats, hot meals and access to a "dome lounge" in the upper-level.

CIB Approves 20-Year Indians Lease

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30247494/cib-approves-20-year-indians-lease>

Inside Indiana Business

The Capital Improvement Board in Indianapolis has approved a 20-year lease agreement to keep the Indianapolis Indians at Victory Field. The new agreement begins in April and calls on the team to pay no rent, but cover operational and maintenance expenses.

Hamilton County overhauls strategy, targets Chicago visitors

<http://www.ibj.com/articles/55256-hamilton-county-overhauls-strategy-targets-chicago-visitors>

IBJ

"That park is taking up all the hotel rooms during a prime time of the year," said Mark Newman, executive director of the Indiana Office of Tourism Development.

Alcohol ruling leaves Indiana Dunes pavilion project in limbo

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/post-tribune/news/ct-ptb-dunes-pavilion-next-st-1012-20151009-story.html>

Chicago Tribune

Other than a couple of Indiana Department of Natural Resources work trucks parked in the lot, all appeared quiet last week at the Indiana Dunes State Park pavilion.

Riley statue planned as part of Greenfield's Indiana bicentennial celebration

<http://indianaeconomicdigest.com/Main.asp?SectionID=31&SubSectionID=135&ArticleID=81445>

Indiana Economic Digest

As part of Indiana's bicentennial celebration in 2016 and in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Riley's death, officials with the James Whitcomb Riley Boyhood Home and Museum plan to unveil a new statue of the Hoosier poet. A fundraising effort will be launched in coming weeks to help pay for the project, which is estimated to cost \$40,000 to \$45,000.

*Also on: http://www.suncommercial.com/news/article_a9cf0074-6ebc-11e5-8484-a3ec1be1699b.html

Harris to coordinate bicentennial events

http://www.commercial-news.com/news/local_news/harris-to-coordinate-bicentennial-events/article_3b8b92be-6eb5-11e5-88ef-93a97040c58b.html

Commercial News

Cheryl A. Harris of Covington is the new Indiana Bicentennial coordinator for Fountain County. As coordinator, Harris will help shepherd Fountain County through 2016 and coordinate bicentennial events and activities.

Dunn's Bridge and the Calumet Trail offer recreation opportunities

http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/porter/valparaiso/dunn-s-bridge-and-the-calumet-trail-offer-recreation-opportunities/article_94123fa0-3f5a-5c71-a19b-52ae82c242a5.html

NWI Times

When thinking about the Porter County parks system, Dunn's Bridge County Park and the Calumet Trail don't immediately come to mind. However, these two places provide visitors with unique experiences that should not be missed.

Sycamore Land Trust purchases 339 acres in Monroe County

<http://www.idsnews.com/article/2015/10/sycamore-land-trust-purchases-339-acres-in-monroe-county>

Indiana Daily Student

Indiana has allocated \$1 million to the Bicentennial Nature Trust to save land for conservation and recreation in honor of Indiana's 200th anniversary.

Nickel Plate Trail joins national bike route from Canada to Kentucky

http://www.suncommercial.com/news/article_9d1e04ae-7111-11e5-8d10-57b08f839955.html

Sun Commercial

The Nickel Plate Trail, along with dozens of miles of roads in Howard and Tipton counties, have been designated to be part of a national bike route that runs from Canada to Kentucky.

New way to measure economic benefit of tournaments

The Republic

http://www.therepublic.com/view/local_story/New-way-to-measure-economic-be_1444694505

A new way of estimating the economic impact of sports tourism programs in small ... The findings were published in the Indiana Business Review.

BRU Burger to Open at Historic Evansville Site

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30243422/bru-burger-to-open-at-historic-evansville-site>

Inside Indiana Business

The historic Greyhound bus terminal in downtown Evansville is going to be home to a new restaurant. Our partners at WEHT-TV/WTWV-TV in Evansville report BRU Burger Bar will take over the recently-renovated building.

*Also on: <http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30240265/plans-to-be-announced-for-evansville-greyhound-station>

Kokomo to Host All-Star Game

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30239549/kokomo-to-host-all-star-game>

Inside Indiana Business

Kokomo Municipal Stadium has been chosen to host the Prospect League's 2016 All-Star Game. The new stadium, which is home to the Kokomo Jackrabbits baseball team, was named "Best Summer-Collegiate Ballpark" for 2015 by Ballpark Digest.

RiverRats Exiting Richmond

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30240415/riverrats-exiting-richmond>

Inside Indiana Business

After seven years, the RiverRats of the Prospect League are leaving Richmond. The Palladium-Item reports the co-owners of the collegiate summer league organization looked into other options such as joining a different league to keep a team in Richmond.

DEFENSE:

Naval officers shipping out on USS Indiana visit South Bend

<http://www.wndu.com/home/headlines/Naval-officers-shipping-out-on-USS-Indiana-visit-South-Bend-331862711.html>

WNDU

In 2017, four naval officers will be part of the crew shipping out on the USS Indiana.

Rolls-Royce to invest \$584m to modernise Indianapolis operations

<http://www.themanufacturer.com/articles/rolls-royce-to-invest-584m-to-modernise-indianapolis-operations/#sthash.OGZ4ZIR1.dpuf>

The Manufacturer

Rolls-Royce has announced it will invest \$584m to modernise its manufacturing operations in Indianapolis. - See more at: <http://www.themanufacturer.com/articles/rolls-royce-to-invest-584m-to-modernise-indianapolis-operations/#sthash.OGZ4ZIR1.dpuf>

Army Deeds Large Parcel to River Ridge

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30243283/army-deeds-large-parcel-to-river-ridge>

Inside Indiana Business

The U.S. Army has transferred around 830 acres of land to the control of the River Ridge Commerce Center. Officials say a long-standing dispute between the Army and the center over control of the property will end next year when a remaining 285 acres will be passed on to River Ridge.

AM General Humvee Deal Grows

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30239866/am-general-humvee-deal-grows>

Inside Indiana Business

South Bend-based AM General LLC has secured a more than \$42 million contract increase for existing deals involving production and training for vehicles and parts for domestic and foreign governments. The announcement follows a recent string of contracts for the defense industry manufacturer, including a nearly \$430 million deal for ambulance chassis Humvees for disaster relief work by the U.S. Army National Guard, Army Reserve and Army.

OTHER:

Notre Dame to Study School Choice

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30226697/notre-dame-to-study-school-choice>

Inside Indiana Business

The University of Notre Dame's Center for Research and Educational Opportunity has landed a \$1 million grant to study the effects of Indiana's school choice program. The funding from the Chicago-based Spencer Foundation will support research on the program's effects on students and schools.

Indiana Companies Saluted For Wellness

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30225489/indiana-companies-saluted-for-wellness>

Inside Indiana Business

Five companies in Indiana are being recognized for wellness initiatives by a national analytics firm based in Indianapolis. The Healthiest 100 from Healthiest Employer were selected from 800 participants.

'Operational Issue' Throws Off Revenue Numbers

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30226265/operational-issue-throws-off-revenue-numbers>

Inside Indiana Business

The Indiana State Budget Agency says a transition to new processing software has caused an inaccurate count of the monthly revenue report. The agency released a statement saying \$86.3 million intended for the September rolls was deposited in October. If the transaction had been completed correctly, the state says revenues would have been \$2.3 million above the forecast.

Purdue Trustees Approve Daniels Extension

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30226311/purdue-trustees-approve-daniels-contract-projects>

Inside Indiana Business

The Purdue University Board of Trustees has approved a contract extension for President Mitch Daniels, which increases the at-risk portion of his pay to 50 percent. The board also approved names for two new facilities and an academic structure for the combined Purdue University Northwest.

Older workers find organization a link to employment

http://www.heraldtimesonline.com/news/business/older-workers-find-organization-a-link-to-employment/article_4efb2807-3cb1-53b5-93e5-c36cb2388464.html

Herald Times

Affiliated with the U.S. Department of Labor, Experience Works is a 50-year-old, nonprofit organization present in 30 states, Puerto Rico and 43 counties within Indiana that started as a beautification program called Green Thumb.

From Notre Dame: "More Indiana STEM Students Earn College- and Career-Readiness through AP-TIP IN"

<https://sciencesprings.wordpress.com/2015/10/10/from-notre-dame-more-indiana-stem-students-earn-college-and-career-readiness-through-ap-tip-in/>

Science Springs

The Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program for Indiana (AP-TIP IN), administered by Notre Dame's Institute for Educational Initiatives since 2012, issued its annual report showing major gains in college- and career-readiness in STEM-related studies among students in Indiana's 30 public high schools that participated in the program as of last spring.

Tippecanoe County program helps inmates with mental illness

http://www.thenewsd Dispatch.com/news/indiana_state_news/article_ad9ddc40-9246-534b-80c4-7ee04139ab0f.html
News Dispatch

A new volunteer program offered by the Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Office is offering support to inmates with mental illnesses.

*Also on: http://www.newsbug.info/news/national/indiana/tippecanoe-county-program-helps-inmates-with-mental-illness/article_9fac0ea1-4c24-5e47-a464-af27682803ae.html

Indiana county discouraged by needle-exchange participation

http://www.thenewsd Dispatch.com/news/indiana_state_news/article_96159b3e-a6da-539b-a71e-786e29d8388d.html
News Dispatch

Health officials in a central Indiana county say they're discouraged by low participation in a needle-exchange program aimed at slowing the spread of hepatitis C among intravenous drug users.

Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush expanding into NWI

http://www.nw Times.com/news/midwest-orthopaedics-at-rush-expanding-into-nwi/article_c4b7ef97-8fbc-5696-822c-78d0311eb06f.html

NWI Times

A Rush University-affiliated orthopedic clinic is expanding into Northwest Indiana.

Indiana University Health Goshen Hospital Delivers More Comfortable Exams with Toshiba's Quiet and Patient-Focused MRI

<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/indiana-university-health-goshen-hospital-delivers-more-comfortable-exams-with-toshibas-quiet-and-patient-focused-mri-2015-10-12>

Market Watch

To provide the best possible patient experience with superb image quality, Indiana University Health Goshen Hospital installed the Vantage Titan [TM] 1.5T MR system from Toshiba America Medical Systems, Inc. Goshen is a part of Indiana's largest Integrated Delivery Network (IDN) and is utilizing the system in the hospital to support its heart and vascular center to improve patient outcomes with high-quality imaging and a comprehensive suite of patient-focused technologies.

*Also on: <http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20151012005860/en/Indiana-University-Health-Goshen-Hospital-Delivers-Comfortable#.Vh0FCfIViko>

Drop, cover, hold on

<http://www.thepaper24-7.com/Content/News/Local-News/Article/Drop-cover-hold-on-/23/22/53776>

Paper 24-7

The Great Central U.S. ShakeOut is less than a week away – Thursday – and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) encourages all Hoosiers to register and participate in this opportunity to practice earthquake safety.

Library board working on path to 2016 referendum

<http://www.duboiscountyfreepress.com/library-board-working-on-path-to-2016-referendum/>

Dubois County Free Press

The difference between the Jasper Library Board of 2011 that conceived of the plan for a library on South Newton and the Jasper Public Library Board that has decided to pursue the Hoosier Desk site is unity

Cummins to Toast 'Focal Point' in Seymour

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30243753/cummins-to-toast-focal-point-in-seymour>

Inside Indiana Business

One of the signature pieces of a large-scale expansion at Columbus-based Cummins Inc.'s (NYSE: CMI) Seymour operations is set to open this afternoon. The \$70 million Seymour Technical Center will be home to more than 400 workers and is part of an approximately \$300 million investment in Jackson County in recent years. Cummins calls the center the "global focal point" of engine development and low-emissions technology for the High-Horsepower Engine Business.

Market Reacts to Lilly Dropping Potential Blockbuster

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30242638/market-reacts-to-lilly-dropping-key-potential-treatment>

Inside Indiana Business

Indianapolis-based Eli Lilly and Co. (NYSE: LLY) stock opens the day down after the company announced it is discontinuing development of a high-profile investigational medicine. Lilly shares dropped nearly 8 percent Monday on news of the announcement.

White House to Honor Indiana Professor

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30242934/white-house-to-honor-indiana-professor>

Inside Indiana Business

The White House and the United States Department of Transportation will recognize Indiana University professor Marilyn Bull and 10 others from across the country as Transportation Champions of Change. Bull will attend a recognition ceremony Tuesday at the White House, followed by a West Wing tour.

Indiana Blood Center Names New CEO

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30240646/indiana-blood-center-names-new-ceo>

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<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30247100/pence-plans-major-infrastructure-announcement>

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SteadyServ Looks to Expand, Double Employment

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30237949/steadyserv-looks-to-expand-double-employment>

Inside Indiana Business

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Purdue Launches \$2B Campaign

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30228754/purdue-launches-2b-campaign>

Inside Indiana Business

Purdue University President Mitch Daniels has announced a more than \$2 billion fundraising campaign. "Ever True: The Campaign for Purdue University" will focus on three priorities: "Place Students First," "Build on Our Strengths" and "Champion Research and Innovation." The university says the goal is to raise the money by 2019, which is the 150th anniversary year of Purdue's founding.

Indy Beer System Expands to Africa

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30241037/indy-beer-system-expands-to-africa>

Inside Indiana Business

Indianapolis-based GrinOn Industries says its Bottoms Up Draft Beer Dispensing System is now available throughout southern Africa. The company says it has partnered with Bottoms Up Africa Ltd based in South Africa to meet demand from the region.

Rosenberg to Start New Role

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30228400/rosenberg-to-start-new-role>

Inside Indiana Business

The Office of Mayor Greg Ballard has announced Deputy Chief of Staff David Rosenberg will join the Indianapolis Public Schools senior leadership team as operations officer. Rosenberg, who has been a part of the 360 Coalition and the citywide Pre-K program, will begin his new role October 19.

Indy Packaging Company Makes Acquisition

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30235480/indy-packaging-company-makes-acquisition>

Inside Indiana Business

Indianapolis-based packaging product distributor FlexPAC has acquired janitorial supply company LBH Chemical in Fort Wayne. FlexPAC says the deal allows it to better serve northeast Indiana customers and strengthens its facility solutions division.

Gifts Boost Notre Dame Business, Football

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/30235538/gifts-boost-notre-dame-business-football>

Inside Indiana Business

The University of Notre Dame has announced \$23 million in gifts. The school says the funding will endow a new Institute for Global Investing and the Notre Dame football team's defensive backs coaching position.

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GOVERNOR/FIRST LADY

Ohio River Bridge to open Early

Inside IN Business

Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann says the expected early completion of the Downtown Crossing portion of the \$2.3 billion Ohio River Bridges Project represents a key accomplishment for "national model for collaboration" between states. The bridge is now slated to open to traffic in mid to late-December. Ellspermann tells Inside INdiana Business the project that began more than two years ago will be "one of the greatest economic boons" for southeast Indiana and the Louisville region.

Gov. Pence announces statewide contract with Real Alternatives

Tribune Star

Today, Governor Mike Pence announced a statewide contract with Real Alternatives, a non-profit charitable organization that partners with local service providers to offer free pregnancy and parenting services, such as counseling support for women during pregnancy through 12 months after birth and referral services to other social services organizations. The contract is with the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) and runs through September 30, 2016.

Pro-Life group gains contract from Pence

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

Gov. Mike Pence on Monday announced a \$3.5 million statewide contract with a Pennsylvania anti-abortion group to partner with local pregnancy centers to encourage Hoosier women to choose childbirth.

Pence announces services contract with anti-abortion group

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State contract with pregnancy counseling service brings criticism, controversy

Fox 59

A non-profit organization has been awarded a \$3.5 million contract from the state of Indiana, as part of a new deal announced Monday by the governor's office. The contract is with a group called Real Alternatives, which had already been working a pilot program with the state. Still, critics say the group merely counsels women against having an abortion, and

doesn't paint a full picture of the options that might be available... "After seeing the success of the Real Alternatives pilot program in northern Indiana, the importance of expanding the contract statewide became clear," said Governor Pence. "Today's announcement marks an important step for the health of Hoosier women and families in Indiana, and this additional funding will ensure important organizations across our state can continue supporting those in need."

Governor Pence restores cuts to school safety grant in wake of Fatal shooting

WBAA

Governor Mike Pence is increasing school safety grant funding by more than \$3 million in the wake of a shooting at an Oregon community college that left ten people, including the gunman, dead. However, the measure also comes after the new state budget cut that funding by more than half.

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Infrastructure announcement reportedly set as lawmakers weigh in on INDOT asphalt investigation

Fox 59

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Pence expected to announce roads spending plan

RTV 6

Governor Mike Pence is expected soon to announce a huge spending plan for highway construction – something that could potentially become one of the top issues in next year's governor's race.

Road funding emerges as top state issue

NWI Times

Pence's Indiana Department of Transportation last week struck back with data showing state-maintained pavement conditions rated fair or better have improved 1 percent to 90.3 percent since Pence took office in 2013.

STATEWIDES

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IBJ

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AROUND THE STATE

Hamilton County united in fight against heroin

Current Carmel

Indiana Gov. Mike Pence recently announced a new task force charged with tackling the "scourge" of heroin deaths. In Hamilton County, the mayors of Carmel, Fishers, Noblesville and Westfield all say they are sharply focusing on this rising statewide problem.

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JOBS/ECONOMY

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EDITORIAL

The next steps

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

Kennedy, a Democrat who had decided not to seek re-election this fall, has been an enduring figure in Fort Wayne politics. But undercover videos taken by former staff member Colin Keeney appear to show Kennedy discussing election strategy in her office, urging staff members to contribute to the campaign of her handpicked successor, Angie Davis, and seemingly threatening that those who don't could lose their jobs.

Region's efforts appear on target

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

Studies and surveys don't usually contain stunning new information. More often, they confirm that progress has been made and that an organization's or community's goals are in line with reality. A recent study of Indiana by Ball State University's Center for Business and Economic Research offers a bit of good news for this area and confirms that its overarching goals are appropriately targeted. But it also spotlights some long-range trends that worry just about anybody who ponders Indiana's future.

Indians sign new 20-year lease for Victory Field

The city's Capital Improvement Board on Monday unanimously approved a lease deal that will keep the Indianapolis Indians playing at Victory Field for the next 20 years.

The Indians board of directors had previously approved the deal.

Under the terms of the agreement, the Indians will pay no rent, but will continue to cover all maintenance, repairs and operational expenses. Under the former 20-year lease deal, the Indians paid \$500,000 annually to lease the 14-acre venue on the west edge of downtown and an additional \$50,000 annually as part of a ballpark improvement fund.

The new lease begins April 1, 2016, just a few months before the stadium turns 20 years old.

"We're excited about this deal," said Indians General Manager Randy Lewandowski. "We've been a good tenant and I think this deal shows the CIB recognizes the value we bring. We're growing and thriving right along with downtown, and

this cements that will continue to happen over the next 20 years.”

Lewandowski added that the team’s annual rent payment helped pay off the bonds to pay for the \$18 million venue. Now that those bonds are paid off, team officials didn’t think they should have to continue to pay the annual rent.

The CIB also agreed to invest \$6 million over the first four years of the new lease deal to improve Victory Field.

Under the old terms of the deal, the Indians were responsible for all facility expenses, including day-to-day operations and capital expenditures.

Under the new deal, the CIB agreed to pay \$1.95 million to \$2.15 million to replace the scoreboard and add ribbon signage boards; \$1.7 million to \$1.8 million to complete the Home Plate Club premium area on the suite level; \$1.5 million to \$1.95 million to renovate 30 suites; \$1.65 million to \$1.75 million to replace all stadium seating; and \$1.44 million to \$1.54 million to complete an extension to the administration office level.

The CIB also agreed to pay to replace the sound system, renovate the suite level common area and restrooms, and construct an auxiliary storage building.

“I think this is a good deal. A fair one,” said CIB Executive Director Barney Levensgood. “The Indians have been a good partner.”

Lewandowski said the team will continue to invest money in the facility.

“The \$6 million will not get everything accomplished,” Lewandowski said. “We want to keep this facility pristine.”

Indians officials sought a rent-free deal so the team would have more money to invest into the facility, he said.

“[The venue] is certainly going to take a little more TLC. It’s just like a house, when it gets to be this age, it needs a little extra care to keep it in really good shape,” Lewandowski said.

CIB Board President Earl Goode noted the team’s record attendance each of the last two years, adding “It’s been a major attraction for downtown.”

The Indians set a Victory Field attendance record this year by drawing 662,536 fans, breaking last year’s mark by nearly 2,000 fans.

Indians attendance has surged in recent years. The team drew 549,552 in its 2009 season. The annual figure edged to 569,969 in 2010, 580,082 in 2011 and 595,043 in 2012. The 2013 total, 637,579, was the highest in Minor League Baseball.

While the Indians certainly got a better lease deal the second time around, officials for the AAA Minor League baseball team could argue that it still doesn’t compare to the deals enjoyed by their major league neighbors.

Indiana taxpayers paid for \$620 million of the \$720 million to build Lucas Oil Stadium, home to the Indianapolis Colts home, plus the CIB pays for maintenance and operations for the coliseum facility. The Colts pay \$250,000 annually to lease the 63,000-seat venue and keep all game-day revenue, plus \$3.5 million in other revenue generated by the facility.

The Indiana Pacers pay a \$1 a year to rent Bankers Life Fieldhouse. The team keeps the revenue from the facility and the CIB pays \$16 million a year to help cover operations and maintenance costs.

The bonds on Victory Field were retired in June, and when that happened, the ownership of property reverted back to the White River State Park, as was stated in the original deal to build the venue. White River State Park officials have agreed to lease the land and facility back to the CIB at no charge. CIB officials said this has virtually no bearing on its deal with the Indians.

Indiana BMV admits in class-action case to 112 overcharges

Indiana’s Bureau of Motor Vehicles has admitted to more than 100 weight-class overcharges in court documents stemming from a class-action lawsuit alleging that the agency overcharged motorists by tens of millions of dollars.

The documents, filed in September in Marion Superior Court, show the BMV has admitted to 112 separate overcharges involving fees charged for dozens of vehicle weight classes. Attorney Irwin Levin, who sued the BMV and later won class-action status for the suit, said Monday the agency needs to refund the estimated \$40 million to \$50 million.

A legislative hearing held last week focused on an independent audit that concluded the agency might have overcharged motorists more than the \$60 million that it has previously disclosed since 2013. Levin said BMV officials never mentioned the 112 overcharges at the hearing.

BMV officials who promised significant reforms were underway need to be up front with Indiana residents about those other overcharges that are part of the lawsuit, Levin said.

“Hoosiers aren’t dumb. You can’t say ‘We’re being transformative because we’re not going to cheat you anymore.’ You have to say, ‘Hey, we overcharged, here’s your money back and we’re not going to do that anymore,’” Levin said.

BMV attorney Carl Hayes said the 112 overcharges involve dozens of weight classes of semitrailers and trucks, and that those numerous weight classes “inflate those numbers.”

The two sides will try to resolve their differences during an Oct. 19 court-ordered mediation session that Hayes said will be the fourth mediation in that case. He suggested that Levin and the plaintiffs' other attorney are focused on "getting as much as they can."

"From our perspective, we're looking to see if there's something that can be done to resolve the case in a way that's positive for taxpayers. And frankly, money that's paid to the plaintiffs' counsel, that's not necessarily good for taxpayers," Hayes said.

In September 2014, the BMV said it had overcharged motorists nearly \$29 million in excise taxes. In 2013, it settled a class-action lawsuit that claimed it overcharged customers by \$30 million.

Irwin's firm received \$6.3 million, or 21 percent, of the money awarded in the 2013 suit.

Software glitch prevents \$86 million from depositing into general fund

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Staff Report

TheStatehouseFile.com

INDIANAPOLIS – General fund collections for the state would have been \$2.3 million more than projected for the month of September – that is if a software glitch hadn't kept the state from processing about \$86 million in incoming revenue. The state's new software should work like an ATM where it reads and deposits incoming checks. Instead, according to Micah Vincent, director of office of management and budget for the state, last month the system "kicked it to a manual process where persons had to read the checks."

"That money which should have been part of September will be part of October officially," said Vincent.

Approximately 50,000 of more than 120,000 were put in a manual queue.

Taxpayers will not be affected. The state said in a release "all payments have been identified and deposited."

Without including the \$86.3 million (which will show up in October's numbers) the revenue is as follows:

- State general fund – \$1,342.6 million (\$84 million below estimate)
- State sales tax — \$606 million (\$24 million below estimate)
- Individual income tax – \$437 million (\$52.6 million below estimate)
- Corporate tax – \$192 million (\$9.8 million below estimate)
- Riverboat wagering – \$19.2 million (\$0.3 million below estimate)
- Racino wagering – \$7.8 million (\$0.1 million above estimate)

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Bill Bussick, Bill Garland and Steve Diller founded the company in 2007.

The company has requested a tax abatement from the city of Westfield that would save the company about 50 percent on its property taxes for the project over the next 10 years. The savings would total about \$279,000, according to city spokeswoman Erin Murphy.

According to city documents, 45 employees making an average annual wage of \$71,111 will be retained by the business, and 18 jobs will be created. The new employees will make an estimated annual salary of \$45,000.

Westfield City Council will consider the request at its meeting Monday night.

The council previously approved a 10-year personal property tax abatement for the company in December 2012. At that time, DuraMark pledged to spend \$1.6 million in new equipment and add six employees to its existing 17-employee base.

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PENCE RESTORES SCHOOL SAFETY FUNDS FOLLOWING MASSACRES: Gov.

Mike Pence reversed course Friday and added \$3.5 million to a school safety program he and lawmakers cut by 65 percent this year. The *Journal Gazette* exclusively reported the change in program funding in August. On Friday, Pence cited the recent shooting at an Oregon college campus and the continuing safety threat across the country as reason to find extra money. "Indiana was one of the first states to establish and fund a statewide program specifically designed with school safety in mind, and these additional funds will help ensure that Hoosier schools have resource officers to provide onsite security and quickly respond to threats," Pence said in a news release. "Providing resources to create and maintain protected school campuses for Indiana's students is critical to the well-being of our state and its citizens. We have no higher priority than to ensure the security of our children and faculty at our schools." The Secured School Safety Grant Program was established in 2013 following the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut. Pence and the legislature funneled \$20 million into the matching grants statewide during a two-year period. But in the budget session this year, they quietly slashed the program to \$7 million during the two-year spending cycle. That meant less money for law enforcement working as school resource officers as well as equipment such as cameras, fortified doors, radios and fencing. "For the Pence Administration to say earlier this year that certain aspects of the program were no longer necessary, then decide they are, shows the governor's ideology got in the way of sound decision-making that impacts thousands of Hoosier children," Indiana Democratic Party Chairman John Zody said. "School safety should have been – and should always be – a priority for Mike Pence. Period."

PENCE TO MAKE ROADS ANNOUNCEMENT TUESDAY: Gov. Mike Pence is planning an infrastructure announcement on Tuesday, likely aimed at improving roads (Cook, *IndyStar*). His office isn't sharing details, but the governor has previously said he is considering dipping into the state's \$2.14 billion in reserves as a short-term solution for road and bridge improvements. The announcement comes amid a political fight over the condition of the state's bridges and highways. Unions and Democrats including presumed nominee for governor John Gregg have blamed Pence for the monthlong shutdown of 33 miles of I-65 due to a broken bridge and tens of millions of dollars in potentially faulty road projects first disclosed last month in The Indianapolis Star. Pence and the Indiana Department of Transportation have fired back, unleashing a torrent of press releases and tweets in recent days defending the administration's record. "Accusations that Indiana's infrastructure is 'crumbling' are irresponsible and false and

only scare the public," Pence retweeted on Tuesday. The governor's announcement is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. at INDOT's Traffic Management Center on the city's Westside.

SHERIFF ROGERS WOULD DEFY OBAMA ON GUNS: If President Barack Obama were to issue an executive order that requires law enforcement agencies to register guns, Elkhart County's sheriff said he would not enforce it (Sokol, *Elkhart Truth*). Sheriff Bradley Rogers has said it before — that he is against additional gun regulations and will fight against them — but reiterated his position on television Sunday. Rogers was a guest on WNIT's Politically Speaking with Elizabeth Bennion, where he and four other panelists discussed gun violence and gun control. Other guests on the show were: The conversation came just two weeks after a gunman killed nine people on the campus of a community college in Oregon. Rogers, who has been outspoken in the past on the issue and staunchly defends the Second Amendment, said that he would not support any additional regulations of guns — even if it came in the form of a presidential executive order. "We've always had this conversation that we need more reasonable gun control put in place," he said on the show. "But we already have what is reasonable, in my opinion, and in fact it's probably overdone." He said that although he does register guns when citizens ask him to, he does not encourage or promote registration. An Elkhart woman contacted the station during the show to question Rogers on how he can say that after giving an oath that he would uphold the law. While Rogers' oath calls for him to support and defend the state and federal constitutions and to "faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office," he said: "That does not necessarily mean I have to enforce every law." Rogers said it's important to keep checks and balances between the branches of government. "We need to remove gun-free zones," he said. "I'm not saying we arm all teachers, but we should not promote that. The bad guys, the criminals and the terrorists, are looking for a place where concealed carry is not allowed. Schools are prime targets for those mass murders."

ALL EYES ON RYAN FOR SPEAKER: Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin has left the Capitol for the weekend after he received sustained pressure and encouragement from his colleagues to run for Speaker of the House (*NBC News*). A wide swath of Republican have reached out to Ryan, urging him to seriously consider taking a job that he has previously expressed no interest in. Less than 24 hours after leading contender Rep. Kevin McCarthy of California abruptly withdrew his name from the election as tea party-aligned members are demanding one of their own, members scrambled to determine a path forward and Ryan's name seems to be the only person that continues to be mentioned from Republicans of all stripes. Despite the full court press, Ryan continues to publicly deny that he will take a thankless job that could cost him a tremendous amount of political capital and a lot of time away from his young family to tend to fundraising and leadership duties. Ryan's spokesperson, Brendan Buck, said Ryan is not

running - for now. "Chairman Ryan appreciates the support he's getting from his colleagues but is still not running for Speaker."

MESSER EYES TEMPORARY SPEAKER: The fifth-ranking member of the House Republicans' leadership team is warning against the idea of a temporary House Speaker after the flame-out of Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (*Indiana Public Media*). House Republican Policy Chairman Rep, Luke Messer says the real question isn't who the next speaker is, but how to change what he calls an antiquated structure to give rank-and-file members more of a voice. Messer says it's unrealistic to expect a new speaker can single-handedly reconcile three warring Republican factions. "We need a full time speaker that is focused on the future of this country. We should focus on finding a person that will do this job not just for the next 18 months, but even moving forward," says Messer. Messer says he's "disappointed" at McCarthy's withdrawal and says he would have been an excellent speaker. Messer has previously said he won't seek to move up the leadership ranks himself unless the fourth-ranking post of conference chairman, now held by Cathy McMorris Rodgers of Washington, opens up.

DANIELS CONTRACT RENEWED: Last Monday, Brian Lamb, C-SPAN founder and namesake of Purdue University's school of communication, asked Mitch Daniels to name the best job he's ever had (Bangert, *Lafayette Journal & Courier*). "Well, when you ask that question in a few years, I hope I'll say president of Purdue University," Daniels said during a public session in Fowler Hall. "It's too soon to say. It all depends on whether you can say you did something useful or not." Purdue trustees, now promising a \$2 billion fundraising campaign that will finish in 2019, clearly weren't taking any chances on the "too soon" part of the Daniels equation this week. Trustees locked up their governor-turned-president until June 2020 — an extra two years put on his current five-year contract. The deal, in the works since this summer, comes with some sweet cash for Daniels. The bigger perk, though, to hear him and the Purdue trustees talk, is the chance to finish projects he's started that won't be done until 2019. That's Purdue's 150th anniversary and a year after his current contract ends. "Don't underestimate that part," Daniels said Friday, the day the trustees approved the contract extension. The deal was greeted by the usual mixed bag of reaction that goes with any news about Daniels since he arrived on campus in January 2013. Mike Young, Purdue student body president, said, "Students are pretty happy." Skeptical professors and staff might have privately groused about how trustees didn't feel out the faculty about whether two more years with Daniels was a good idea, but Kirk Alter, University Senate chairman, wasn't fazed. "I think that's good," Alter said. "I think he's just the guy to lead us into the 150th year. And his heart and his energy's in it, and I don't think I would have expected anything less ... I think most people in the know knew that was coming."

HILLARY IN POLL NOSEDIVE: Just days before she will take the stage in the first Democratic debate, Hillary Clinton's lead over rival Bernie Sanders has narrowed, according to a *Reuters/Ipsos* poll. Clinton's support among Democratic voters fell 10 points within less than a week. From October 4 to October 9, Clinton saw her support tumble from 51 percent of Democratic support to just 41 percent. Her nearest competitors, Vermont Senator Sanders and Vice President of the U.S. Joe Biden, who has yet to decide whether he will run, both made gains. Support for Sanders jumped from just over 24 percent to 28 percent, and Biden rose from 16 percent to an even 20 percent in the same time period. This is not the first time that Clinton's support has taken a steep nosedive. Just last month, Sanders edged within eight points of the former secretary of state — Clinton at 39 percent; Sanders at 31.

EX-STAFFER SAYS BENGHAZI PANEL POLITICAL; GOWDY REFUTES: An ex-GOP investigator for the House Select Committee on Benghazi says the Republican majority is conducting a politically motivated probe of Hillary Clinton (*Politico*). Major Bradley Podliska, who was fired from the committee in June after about 10 months on the job, told CNN the panel has veered off its original course to investigate the Sept. 11, 2012 attack that left four Americans dead — instead zeroing in on Clinton following news that she used private email while Secretary of State. The segment, to be broadcast on CNN's "State of the Union" Sunday, is sure to feed the partisan fire surrounding the committee, which has been on defense for more than a week after comments Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) made suggesting the committee's work has hurt Clinton on the 2016 campaign trail, where she is the frontrunner for the Democratic nomination. A GOP Benghazi panel spokesman in a statement called Podliska's allegations "transparently false." "I was fired for going on military service and I was fired for trying to conduct an objective, non-partisan, thorough investigation," Podliska will say, according to the CNN preview. "This individual was hired as a former intelligence staffer to focus on intelligence, not the politics of White House talking points," Chairman Trey Gowdy said (*CBS News*). Furthermore, the chair added, Podliska had not mentioned any complaint regarding Clinton while working for the committee. "Throughout the pendency of an ongoing legal mediation, which is set to conclude October 13, this staffer has not mentioned Secretary Clinton," he said. "But as this process prepares to wrap, he has demanded money from the Committee, the Committee has refused to pay him, and he has now run to the press with his new salacious allegations about Secretary Clinton."

STEEL INDUSTRY CHANGES WILL BE PAINFUL: In the future, the steel industry could be higher tech, with more robots and fewer workers (Pete, *NWI Times*). Industry

leaders see the steel business evolving over the coming decade. Change could come fast and it could be painful. U.S. Steel Chief Executive Officer Mario Longhi chaired a panel discussion on Manufacturing the Future: The Next Era of Global Growth at the World Steel Association's annual conference at the Fairmont Chicago Millennium Park Hotel Sunday. Panelists talked extensively about robots taking over manufacturing jobs, but said technological advances could also create new positions such as for digital mechanical engineers, data scientists and business operations data analysts. "You said we will have three billion people that will be deriving their income in the future in some shape or form," Longhi said. "The advancement of technology to a very high degree has inhibited job creation. How could countries figure out a way to bridge that gap, which could lead to a very significant social change?" Speakers envisioned a rapid transformation that could include more automation displacing traditional production jobs, 3-D printing and plastic cars eating away at demand for steel, and pencil lead-based graphene potentially replacing steel altogether. "I'll give you fair warning that you will be provoked and challenged and maybe a little frightened," World Steel Association President Charles Schmitt said. Longhi said the steel industry has "all the bricks for smart manufacturing, but not the connectivity." Historically, steelmakers haven't been as nimble or as influenced by new technological developments as companies in other sectors, he said. "As we've seen the speed of transformation due to new technologies is very, very fast," Longhi said. "Most of our businesses require on a regular basis billions of dollars to be invested that will have to last for two or three decades."

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: With 46 school shootings in the United States in 2015, including two in the last week, Gov. Pence was correct in reestablishing funding for school security, which was cut 65% during the last Indiana General Assembly session. But this zig—zag is just one troubling aspect to a nation awash in guns, and people lashing out at public institutions with lethal force. The Hoosier State is fortunate that we haven't had to witness one of these atrocities. But the action that school security wasn't a top budget priority leaves the Governor and his administration open to criticism if we no longer evade this violent trend. - *Brian A. Howey*

Campaigns

2015: RIECKEN HAS SAFETY CONCERNS - Democrat Gail Riecken promises to exempt Evansville police and firefighters from a city government hiring freeze she would support if elected mayor (Langhorne, *Evansville Courier & Press*). But that doesn't mean Riecken would have the local police and fire departments carry on

business as usual. Challenging Republican Mayor Lloyd Winnecke for re-election, Riecken said police officers must improve their relationship-building skills to form bonds with people who can help them apprehend criminals. Firefighters need better equipment, she said. The challenger believes police are only partially practicing community policing, doing foot and bicycle patrols, school programs and police substations but not the painstaking work of building relationships face-to-face. Riecken, a state legislator, recalled recent conversations with city residents she has known for years. "What has disappeared has been relationships with people in neighborhoods, and I'm speaking of at-risk neighborhoods, I guess — those neighborhoods that we really need to concentrate on," she said. Riecken said she has heard from police officers and residents that police aren't getting out of their cars in neighborhoods or otherwise taking pains to ensure that people know their names and faces. No longer, she said, do neighborhoods have street-level partnerships with officers that are built on trust — the kind of trust that can elicit reliable information helping solve and deter crimes.

2015: BLIGHT ISSUE IN GOSHEN - Democratic mayoral candidate Jeremy Stutsman has unveiled a five-point plan to fight blight that calls for getting tough on "problem landlords" who allow their rental properties to deteriorate (Hernandez, *Elkhart Truth*). Stutsman's plan includes expanding the use of the city's court-appointed receivership program, in which a judge names a property manager to fix the blighted buildings with city funds and the city is reimbursed once the work is completed. His opponent in the Nov. 3 election, Republican Mary Cripe said while she supports the use of tools provided by the state, including the receivership program, she would only use it when all other methods have been exhausted. A better approach would be communicating with homeowners about developing a plan in which the owners can improve their properties, she said.

2015: HOGSETT TALKS DOWNTOWN - If you're among the throngs that have flocked to Downtown Indianapolis since 2008, you may not see it (IndyStar). The 6,000-plus abandoned homes and the crime that they invite; the stagnant water that lingers weeks after it rains; the hopelessness that comes when road repairs on your block are put off for yet another year in a cash-strapped city that has to borrow from reserves to make ends meet. But even as decades of investment have made Downtown Indianapolis a regional destination, many of the capital city's neighborhoods have been left behind. Today, neighborhoods across the city are pock-marked with abandoned homes; there were at least five on Ratcliff's old block alone. It would take \$320 million to fix the city's drainage system, another \$350 million to install sidewalks everywhere that lack them. And that's on top of an \$830 million backlog of road, bridge and sidewalk repairs, according to Department of Public Works estimates. Though both candidates — Republican Chuck Brewer and Democrat Joe Hogsett — credit prior

administrations for building Downtown to what it is today, they also say the time has come to shift the city's redevelopment focus to the rest of the city. "I recall (former Mayor Bill Hudnut) saying this many times, 'you can't be a suburb of nothing,' " Hogsett said. "I want to add the Hogsett corollary to the Hudnut doctrine: You can't be a downtown of nothing. A strong downtown will only remain strong if it has thriving neighborhoods around it."

2015: VIDEO SHOWS FORT WAYNE CLERK ELECTIONEERING - Less than one month before the Fort Wayne Municipal election, allegations have surfaced that longtime Fort Wayne City Clerk Sandy Kennedy threatened employees' jobs if they did not contribute to Democratic Party election efforts (Gong, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). Former Parking Enforcement Supervisor Colin Keeney said he and other employees were told they were expected to contribute to Deputy Clerk Angie Davis' campaign to replace Kennedy, who is not seeking reelection after 32 years on the job. Keeney, who resigned his \$45,000 a year job last month, secretly recorded several conversations between Kennedy and staff members about participating in and contributing to Davis' campaign. To document his claims, Keeney recorded and edited together a series of videos centered on discussions Kennedy had with her staff in the City Clerk's office and Parking Enforcement department. Keeney and other employees say they felt intimidated, fearing for their jobs if they did not contribute or participate. "During my tenure with the City Clerk's office, I've witnessed countless examples of an elected official who routinely engages in employee intimidation, petty partisan harassment, and a City Clerk that frequently ignores the law and the city's official rules in favor of her own demands. As a supervisor, I've endured for years without the leadership of a coherent department head," Keeney wrote in a Sept. 8 resignation letter addressed to Mayor Tom Henry. The videos, which Keeney said were recorded between May and September, appear to support his claims. Kennedy is seen in several frames in her office at Citizens Square discussing the election with a few staff members about splitting the cost of a fundraising dinner among the employees at the clerk's office. "This is just a suggestion, as I said, you know, I'm not telling you what to do but I would make out a list and give to everybody and tell them that each and everyone's responsible for paying for this dinner because it's their job in jeopardy," Kennedy says in the video. When asked if making such a list was legal, Kennedy said, "No, no, but let them try to turn it in to an attorney, they'll be fired before the end of the year."

2016: HOLCOMB ADVERTISING ON NEWSPAPER WEBSITES - Republican U.S. Senate candidate Eric Holcomb's campaign is now running a series of ads in newspapers and on websites (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The ad reads "Holcomb For Senate: Make America economically strong." The ad has been appearing in the NWI Times and the South Bend Tribune. He is the second Senate candidate to begin an

advertising campaign. U.S. Rep. Todd Young ran a TV ad during the CNN presidential debate.



Presidential 2016

TRUMP AT 27% IN CBS POLL: Donald Trump maintains his spot atop the 2016 GOP presidential field, according to a new *CBS News* poll that shows outsider candidates drawing 63 percent of the vote (*The Hill*). The real-estate mogul garners 27 percent support in the poll, the same number he drew in the last edition of the poll one month ago. Ben Carson continues to place second with 21 percent support, down 2 points since the last poll. Carson is followed by Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) with 9 percent support and Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) with 8 percent support. Former Florida governor Jeb Bush and former business executive Carly Fiorina tie for fifth place with 6 percent support each. Trump, Carson, Cruz, and Fiorina – who are all running on an anti-establishment platform – combine for 63 percent of the vote. Eighty-four percent of respondents say Trump has strong leadership qualities, compared to 72 percent who said the same of Carson, and 60 percent who thought Fiorina was a good leader.

BIG LEAD FOR HILLARY IN CBS POLL: Just days before the first Democratic candidate debate, Hillary Clinton is ahead of Bernie Sanders by 19 points in the Democratic race for the nomination nationally. Forty-six percent would vote for her. Her lead is similar to last month, but has narrowed since August. Potential candidate Vice President Joe Biden comes in third, with 16 percent, while the other candidates trail far behind (*CBS News*). If Biden decides not to enter the race, Clinton's lead over Sanders widens. She would have 56 percent support, compared to 32 percent for Sanders. Clinton is still viewed as the candidate with the best chance of winning a general

election. Nearly six in 10 Democratic primary voters see her as the most electable, far ahead of the other candidates in the field. Clinton gets strong support from women (51 percent) and older voters (48 percent). Clinton's lead is narrower with men (39 percent), and she and Sanders run about even among Democratic primary voters under age 50.

DEMOCRATS TO DEBATE TUESDAY: The first Democratic primary debate Tuesday on CNN will provide Mrs. Clinton with an opportunity to present her policies to voters — policies that have been largely overshadowed in the news media by developments over her use of private email at the State Department and by the rise of her insurgent opponent, Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont (*New York Times*). But more important, the debate — perhaps more than any late-night appearances or social media gambit — will provide Mrs. Clinton with the largest platform yet to make a connection with voters and show off her genuine passion for policy. “It’s who she is at her core,” said Patti Solis Doyle, who was an aide to Mrs. Clinton from 1991 to 2008 and managed her last presidential campaign. “She’s an avid studier. She does her homework. She’s a massive preparer.”

ONLY 158 FAMILIES CONTRIBUTE HALF OF FUND: They are overwhelmingly white, rich, older and male, in a nation that is being remade by the young, by women, and by black and brown voters. Across a sprawling country, they reside in an archipelago of wealth, exclusive neighborhoods dotting a handful of cities and towns (*New York Times*). And in an economy that has minted billionaires in a dizzying array of industries, most made their fortunes in just two: finance and energy. Now they are deploying their vast wealth in the political arena, providing almost half of all the seed money raised to support Democratic and Republican presidential candidates. Just 158 families, along with companies they own or control, contributed \$176 million in the first phase of the campaign, a New York Times investigation found. Not since before Watergate have so few people and businesses provided so much early money in a campaign, most of it through channels legalized by the Supreme Court’s Citizens United decision five years ago. But regardless of industry, the families investing the most in presidential politics overwhelmingly lean right, contributing tens of millions of dollars to support Republican candidates who have pledged to pare regulations; cut taxes on income, capital gains and inheritances; and shrink entitlement programs.

SANDERS CALLS FOR ASSAULT WEAPON BAN: Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders on Saturday called for an assault weapons ban in his second straight day of talking about an issue - guns - where he has sometimes deviated from the Democratic Party's

consensus (*Associated Press*). In a campaign appearance ahead of next week's Democratic presidential debate, Sanders cited two shootings Friday at universities in Arizona and Texas as well as last week's slayings at an Oregon community college. "Instead of people yelling at each other, we have got to come together on commonsense approaches which, in fact, the vast majority of the American people support," said Sanders, who represents a rural state with few gun laws. He added that there is "widespread support to ban semi-automatic assault weapons, guns which have no other purpose but to kill people."

CLINTONS MARRIED 40 YEARS: The United States' ultimate political power couple, Bill and Hillary Clinton, celebrate 40 years of marriage today (*CBS News*). It's been a rocky union at times, especially during the 1990s when the former president faced allegations of infidelity and then an actual affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky. But the pair remained together and rededicated themselves to the Clinton Global Foundation, Hillary Clinton's political career, and, recently, a grandchild.

AEROSMITH ASKS TRUMP TO STOP: Aerosmith frontman Steven Tyler is asking Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump to stop using the power ballad "Dream On" at campaign events (*CBS News*). Attorneys for Tyler sent a second cease-and-desist letter to Trump's campaign committee on Saturday. The letter says that Trump does "not have our client's permission to use 'Dream On'" or any of Tyler's other songs and that it "gives the false impression that he is connected with or endorses Mr. Trump's presidential bid."

Sunday Talk

OBAMA SAYS HILLARY EMAIL NOT A SECURITY THREAT: President Barack Obama says he did not have knowledge of the private email server Hillary Clinton used while serving as secretary of state, but he asserted that it did not pose a national security threat. Speaking to Steve Kroft in an interview that aired on CBS' "*60 Minutes*" on Sunday, Obama said that Clinton made a mistake that she acknowledged, adding that those in high-level government offices have to be careful to "stay as far away from the line as possible," given the sensitive nature of such jobs. "She made a mistake," the president said. "She has acknowledged it." Obama acknowledged the former secretary of state's use of a non-government issued email address through a private home-brewed server is a "serious" issue, citing one important distinction. "The way it's been ginned-up — is in part — because of politics," he said, adding that the

persistent focus on Clinton's email is partially indicative of the larger pre-election political climate.

JORDAN 'FAVORABLE' TO RYAN AS SPEAKER: The chairman of the conservative House Freedom Caucus said on Sunday his group of some 40 members "would look favorably" on Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) as the new speaker (Politico). In an interview on "Fox News Sunday," Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) reiterated the caucus's endorsement for speaker of Rep. Daniel Webster (R-Fla.). But asked by Fox host Chris Wallace about the group's support for Ryan, who is under pressure from many Republicans to replace Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio), Jordan said: "If he gets in the race, I think our group would look favorably on him." But Jordan cautioned: "This is not just about who the next speaker is, it's about what's going to change the business-as-usual attitude ... That's what we're focused on." "The next speaker has to be committed to that," Jordan said. "I think Paul would be. I know Daniel Webster is."

COLE BELIEVES RYAN WILL AGREE: Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.) predicted on Sunday that Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) could ultimately decide to run to replace outgoing-Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio), despite Ryan's repeated insistence that he's not interested in the job (*The Hill*). "If my friend Paul Ryan decides to run, I think ultimately he'll win," Cole said on CNN's "State of the Union." Ryan has said repeatedly that he's not interested in running to replace Boehner, whose wants to resign Oct. 31. But with no clear leader amongst House Republicans, many have pressured Ryan to step in to lead. "In the end, I trust Paul to make the right decision," Cole said. "He shouldn't do it unless he's willing to do it with zest... [but] I think this is coming to him as the logical consensus." "I have enormous confidence that this is the right man for the right moment," Cole said.

GINGRICH COMPARES RYAN TO BOEHNER: Former Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) on Sunday said Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) to be "very cautious" with his decision over whether to run for Speaker (*The Hill*). Gingrich said the choice has serious implications for Ryan's political future, and Ryan could wind up with a similar political fate as outgoing Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio). "I think Paul should be very cautious," Gingrich, who served as Speaker from 1995 to 1999, said on "Fox News Sunday." "He is the most prestigious member of the House on the Republican side, he has the best future, he's still very young. It's easy to get 218 on the first vote, and then you get to keeping the government open through a continuing resolution, and then you get to the debt ceiling, and if you're not careful, by Christmas you resemble John Boehner." Ryan initially denied any interest in the Speaker position, but GOP leadership in the House is

pressuring him to run. Gingrich said Boehner made it more difficult to govern in the House by getting rid of earmarks and punishing dissent rather than rewarding loyalty. "We've gone through a period of centralization, where more and more power was residing in fewer and fewer people, and they try to then deal with people by punishment," Gingrich said. "In free societies, it's very difficult to try to govern by punishment, and what it leads to is things like the Freedom Caucus," he added.

HEWITT BLAST FREEDOM CAUCUS: Conservative radio host Hugh Hewitt on Sunday slammed Rep. David Brat (R-Va.) and the House Freedom Caucus for "holding the House hostage" and blocking Republicans from electing a successor to outgoing Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio), who wants to resign at the end of the month (The Hill). Hewitt said on NBC's *"Meet The Press"* that he hopes Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) -- who has said he doesn't want to be Speaker -- will change his mind. Hewitt then criticized Brat, who was on the roundtable, and the conservative House Freedom Caucus for giving Ryan a tepid response. "There's like 15 of you people," Hewitt said of the caucus, which has about 40 members. "The Freedom Caucus is like 15 people. Paul Ryan is liked by 225 Republicans. Get with the program." "How do you know we're not with the program?" said Brat, who defeated former House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-Va.) in a stunning primary upset. "Will you support Paul Ryan? If he wins a conference vote, will you support his agenda?" Hewitt asked. "We've got a Constitution as a country..." Brat responded. "It's not a hard question," Hewitt interrupted. "Will you support Paul Ryan?" "Well, if you let me answer it -- it'd be easier," Brat said. "I've got five policies outlined on my web page. By process, if he goes with that we're going to give him a strong look." "You're holding the House hostage," Hewitt said.

TRUMP 'OK' WITH RYAN AS SPEAKER: Republican presidential front-runner said in an interview broadcast Sunday that he would be "okay" with Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) as Speaker, adding that the next person in that position needs a "toughness." "I think he's somebody that probably that could get good support. I think he's a very nice person. I think he doesn't want it very badly, but you never know. Maybe he's playing one of the great games of all time," Trump said of Ryan on CBS's *"Face the Nation."* "It is Speaker of the House, I mean, it's a great position." Trump said he would bet that Ryan would take the position if it were offered to him.

CARSON DEFENDS NAZI COMMENTS: Republican presidential hopeful Ben Carson said on Sunday he wasn't exaggerating when he suggested that limiting access to guns in the U.S. could hinder Americans' ability to topple a government authority like the Nazis (*Politico*). In a new book, Carson writes the Holocaust would have been less deadly had

Germans been armed. "The likelihood of Hitler being able to accomplish his goals would have been greatly diminished if the people had been armed," he told CNN on Thursday as to his theory about Hitler's murder of 6 million Jews. Appearing Sunday on CBS' *"Face the Nation,"* Carson said the history of the Nazis' rise to power could repeat in the U.S. if access to guns were to be limited. "It's not hyperbole at all," the retired neurosurgeon said. "Whether it's on our doorstep or whether it's 50 years away, it's still a concern, and it's something we must defend against."

SANDERS TALKS ABOUT HIS SOCIALISM: Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) says he's tired of questions about whether he's a socialist, asking why more people don't want Republicans to defend themselves as capitalists (*The Hill*). "Look, when one of your Republican colleagues gets on the show, do you say, 'Are you a capitalist?'" the Democratic presidential candidate said on NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday. "Have you ever referred to them as capitalists?" The self-proclaimed Democratic socialist said he is ready to take on Wall St. and corporate America in the first Democratic primary debate on Tuesday. He said he wants to talk about his record in Congress of "standing up for working class families and the middle class" and his willingness "to take on virtually every aspect of corporate America." If elected president, Sanders said he will force Republicans in Congress to compromise by lining up "a million young people demonstrating and marching in Washington" to protest for affordable higher education. "I think we can do it," he said. "And I think that's what the bully pulpit is about. And that's what organizing effort's about. And that's what this campaign is about."

DNC CHAIR DODGES SOCIALISM QUESTIONS: Democratic National Committee Chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz dodged questions on Sunday about whether Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders's description of himself as a "socialist" would hurt the Democratic Party (*The Hill*). Sanders, an independent Vermont senator, has stunned political watchers as he's gained on Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton in the polls. His populist campaign rhetoric has tapped into the base of the Democratic Party's uneasiness with Clinton's candidacy. "He is a self-identified socialist," CNN's Dana Bash asked Wasserman Schultz, a representative from Florida. "If he is your party's nominee, would that social label hurt the Democratic Party's chances of winning the White House in 2016?" "This election is going to be decided on what the voters believe is the best choice in their candidate for president who is going to help ensure that their lives can get better," Wasserman Schultz answered. "I believe that any one of those candidates is in dramatic contrast to any of the Republican circus performer candidates that are on the other side."

CAN ANYONE LEAD HOUSE REPUBLICANS? The job of leading House Republicans may have gone from difficult to impossible (*Associated Press*). After two tumultuous weeks that saw the current speaker announce his resignation and his heir apparent abruptly pull out of the running, House Republicans are in disarray as they confront a leadership vacuum. And the only person widely deemed fit to fill it is a lawmaker who says he doesn't want to, Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and the party's 2012 vice presidential nominee. Even as they plead with Ryan to reconsider, Republicans are left asking themselves whether anyone can lead them. And even if Ryan does yield to their entreaties, some question whether even he could tame a House GOP that seems fractured beyond repair, with a "hell no" caucus ready to risk crises and government shutdowns to achieve its goals and establishment-minded lawmakers seemingly powerless to do anything about it. "It is bad," said Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y. "We cannot allow 35 or 40 people to hijack the party and blackmail the Congress. We have to get things done." On Friday, lawmakers left Washington in confusion and discord to head home to their districts for a weeklong recess. Ryan returned to Janesville, Wisconsin, to his wife and young family to turn over his options, with leading Republicans inside Congress and out urging him to step up for the good of the party. Before the House adjourned, outgoing Speaker John Boehner of Ohio, who'd intended to leave Congress Oct. 30, assured lawmakers he would stay on until a replacement can be selected. When that will happen is uncertain, but Boehner urged Republicans to find a way out of their turmoil together. "This institution cannot grind to a halt," he said at a closed-door meeting according to an account provided by someone in the room. "It's up to the people in this room to listen to each other, come together and figure this out. Time for us to take the walls down, open up our ears and listen to each other."

'PLAN C' FOR SPEAKER: With Rep. Paul Ryan still saying he won't run for speaker, Republicans are beginning to consider a "Plan C" (*Politico*). In the absence of a frontrunner, the field of alternatives is growing rapidly, though it's not clear that any of the would-be contenders could rally the 218 votes needed to take the speaker's gavel. More than a half-dozen GOP lawmakers are considering running to lead the fractious Republican Conference if Ryan doesn't step up. Texas Rep. Mike Conaway and Tennessee Reps. Marsha Blackburn and Diane Black have all been approached about jumping into the race. Georgia Rep. Lynn Westmoreland, California Rep. Darrell Issa and Oklahoma Rep. Tom Cole are considering making a play for the speaker's gavel as well. And Utah Rep. Jason Chaffetz and Florida Rep. Daniel Webster are continuing their bids to become the next speaker.

BENGHAZI COMMITTEE SHIFTED FROM SECURITY TO CLINTON: When the House select committee investigating the 2012 attacks on American government outposts in Benghazi, Libya, was created, Democrats immediately criticized it as a partisan effort to damage the political fortunes of Hillary Rodham Clinton (*New York Times*). But Representative Trey Gowdy, the South Carolina Republican and former federal prosecutor who is the committee's chairman, told Fox News at the time: "I have no friends to reward and no foes to punish. We're going to go wherever the facts take us." Now, 17 months later — longer than the Watergate investigation lasted — interviews with current and former committee staff members as well as internal committee documents reviewed by The New York Times show the extent to which the focus of the committee's work has shifted from the circumstances surrounding the Benghazi attack to the politically charged issue of Mrs. Clinton's use of a private email server while she was secretary of state. A committee with a stated initial goal of learning more about how four Americans, including Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens, were killed in Libya has created a political whirlwind in Washington, affecting not only Mrs. Clinton's presidential campaign, but now also the race for House speaker. Mrs. Clinton is scheduled to testify in front of the committee on Oct. 22. The committee has conducted only one of a dozen interviews that Mr. Gowdy said in February that he planned to hold with prominent intelligence, Defense Department and White House officials, and it has held none of the nine public hearings — with titles such as "Why Were We in Libya?" — that internal documents show have been proposed. At the same time, the committee has added at least 18 current and former State Department officials to its roster of witnesses, including three speechwriters and an information technology specialist who maintained Mrs. Clinton's private email server.

STUTZMAN LEADS 'FISCAL DISCIPLINE' EFFORT: U.S. Rep. Marlin Stutzman issued the following statement after leading 43 of his colleagues in a letter urging House Leadership to maintain the spending caps that were included in the House and Senate Budget Conference Report and passed into law by the Budget Control Act (BCA) of 2011 (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "While imperfect, the BCA spending caps have greatly restrained the reckless Obama Administration and acted as hard limits on portions of Washington's out-of-control spending. With part of the federal budget at lower levels not seen since before President Obama took office, it would be irresponsible to abandon the fiscal victories that have been achieved over the last four years. "Unsurprisingly, President Obama and Senate Democrats are demanding that Congress increase spending at the end of the year. In our letter, my House colleagues and I request that we adhere to the House and Senate budget, which balanced in less than ten years and prioritized funding for national defense. Specifically, we insist that Congress maintain the spending caps that have done more to control federal overspending than anything

else has in years. Continuing the short-sighted 'borrow, tax, and spend culture' of Washington is not what the American people sent us here to do."

ROKITA HAILS BUDGET BILL: U.S. Representative Todd Rokita (IN-04) issued the following statement after the Budget Committee passed the Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act: "This bill is an opportunity to bring meaningful health care reform to the President's desk. This is the first step towards repealing and replacing the most fiscally reckless parts of Obamacare with patient-centered solutions that reduce the costs of health care and lower our debt. At the same time, we ensure that no tax-payer dollars are going towards organizations that cut up babies and sell their body parts. The process of reconciliation requires consideration of these bills, in the House and Senate, making it filibuster-proof. This requires the Senate to actually vote on this bill, ensuring this fight ends in the White House. This will ultimately force a President, who frequently sidesteps the Constitution, to fulfill his Constitutional duty to either veto or sign the bill." (*Howey Politics Indiana*)

MESSER AMENDMENTS ON OIL BAN BILL: the House passed legislation to lift the American oil export ban which has stifled American energy production and economic growth for decades (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "America is now one of the world's largest oil producers thanks to a boom in production across the country," said Congressman Messer. "Gas prices are at historic lows and our refineries are near capacity. Yet, our laws do not reflect this new reality. Today's decision to lift the ban on American crude oil exports is an exciting one. It grows our economy, creates thousands of jobs, and increases our national security." During consideration of the bill, the House also adopted two amendments offered by Congressman Messer. These amendments ensure that while the export ban is lifted, restrictions on exports can still be placed on state sponsors of terrorism and American crude oil and its byproducts are not sent to Iran, respectively. "While we all want to see crude oil exports expanded, it's important that today's bill not inadvertently help our enemies," said Congressman Messer. "My amendments help make sure that doesn't happen." While Iran produces plenty of oil on its own, the country does not have the same capabilities as the US to refine oil or make petroleum-based products. One of the Messer amendments makes sure Iran will not have access to America's refined petroleum and petrochemical products like plastic, asphalt, paints and cell phones. The Messer amendments passed the house 414-1 and 419-0 respectively.

WALORSKI VOTES TO LIFT OIL BAN: Rep. Jackie Walorski (IN-02) issued the following statement after voting for bipartisan legislation to lift the ban on crude oil

which passed the House today by a vote of 261-159 and now heads to the Senate for further consideration: H.R. 702, to Adapt to Changing Crude Oil Market Conditions would lift the decades old ban on crude oil exports, allowing the U.S. to help allies, and enhance energy security. The president will continue to maintain the authority to ban or limit exports during times of national emergency and distress. "As a cosponsor of this legislation, it's time to update energy policies to reflect 21st Century realities. Oil and energy technology has improved drastically over recent decades, yet the laws from 40 years ago are still governing these resources," said Walorski. "Lifting this ban will generate billions of dollars in profit, lower gas prices, support jobs, and strengthen our national security."



State

GOVERNOR: PENCE HAILS WATER REGULATION - The 6th Circuit Court of Appeals issued an Order of Stay preventing the implementation of the Waters of the United States regulation pending final judicial review (*Howey Politics Indiana*). In response, Governor Mike Pence issued the following statement: "I am encouraged by the 6th Circuit's decision to halt this federal overreach. There are significant issues with this rule that must be carefully addressed. The court's Order of Stay ensures that Indiana will not be irreparably harmed by a rule that I believe will ultimately fail on its merits. "The solutions to the challenges we face will most effectively emanate from our state capitals, not federal bureaucrats in Washington, D.C. In Indiana, we are growing our economy, creating jobs, and feeding the world by eliminating bureaucratic red tape and reducing the size of government. I believe that Hoosiers know best how to protect our waters, and this rule inhibits Indiana's ability to manage its own affairs." The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued the Waters of United States regulation in an attempt to clarify and redefine the limits of federal jurisdiction over waterways under the Clean Water Act. In its Order, the 6th Circuit noted that, "the sheer breadth of the ripple effects caused by the Rule's definitional changes counsels strongly in favor of maintaining the status quo for the time being." In November of 2014, Governor Pence and Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann

sent letters to the EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers urging them to withdraw the proposed rule that redefines “Waters of the United States” protected under the Clean Water Act. The letter in full can be found attached.

GOVERNOR: PENCE MAKES APPOINTMENTS - Governor Mike Pence recently made appointments to various boards and commissions.

Co-Director of the Indiana Election Division: Angela M. Nussmeyer [Marion County], appointed to serve a four-year term through September 30, 2019.

Boiler and Pressure Vessel Rules Board: Sean M. Burke [Porter County], appointed to serve a four-year term through September 30, 2018

State Board of Cosmetology & Barber Examiners: Gary O'Dell [St. Joseph County], reappointed to serve a three-year term through September 30, 2018, Diana R. Weisheit [Warrick County], reappointed to serve a three-year term through September 30, 2018,

Early Learning Advisory Committee: Kevin Rea Bain [Vanderburgh County], reappointed to serve as chair for a two-year term through September 30, 2017, Charlie D. Geier [Marion County], reappointed to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017; Conniee Barr Sherman [Marion County], reappointed to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017; Christopher J. Stokes [Marion County], reappointed to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017.

Graduate Medical Education Board: Dr. Steven G. Becker [Vanderburgh County], appointed to serve a one-year term beginning January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016; Dr. James E. Buchanan [DeKalb County], appointed to serve a one-year term beginning January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016; Dr. Mark S. Cantieri [St. Joseph County], appointed to serve a two-year term beginning January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017; Dr. Paul Evans [Hamilton County], appointed to serve a two-year term beginning January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017; Dr. Paul R. Haut [Hamilton County], appointed to serve a two-year term beginning January 1, 2016

through December 31, 2017; Dr. Tricia Lynn Hern [Boone County], appointed to serve a two-year term beginning January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017; Bryan A. Mills [Hamilton County], appointed to serve a two-year term beginning January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017; Dr. Peter M. Nalin [Hamilton County], appointed to serve a one-year term beginning January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016; Timothy L. Putnam [Ripley County], appointed to serve a two-year term beginning January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017; Beth A. Wrobel [Pike County], appointed to serve a two-year term beginning January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017.

Historic Preservation Review Board: James R. Corridan [Boone County], reappointed to serve a three-year term beginning 1-January-2016 through 31-December-2018; John "Scott" Keller [Marion County], appointed to serve a three-year term through 30-September-2018; Daniel C. Kloc [Hamilton County], reappointed to serve a three-year term through 30-September-2018; Beth K. McCord [Delaware County], reappointed to serve a three-year term through 30-September-2018.

Indiana Council on Independent Living: Beverly A Harding [Allen County], appointed to serve a three-year term through September 30, 2018; Cynthia Rockwell [Hamilton], appointed to serve a three-year term through September 30, 2018; Frederick Vaiana [Hamilton], appointed to serve a three-year term through September 30, 2018.

Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants & Toddlers with Disabilities: Sen. Vaneta Becker [Vanderburgh County], appointed to serve a three-year term through September 30, 2018.

Motor Vehicle Sales Advisory Board: Mark M. Dougherty [Marion County], appointed to complete an unexpired three-year term through April 15, 2017; Scott Alan Stidham [Johnson County], appointed to complete an unexpired three-year term through April 15, 2017.

Regional Works Councils: Audra L. Peterson [Porter County], appointed to Region 1 to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017; William E. Kovach [Kosciusko County] (Recommended by Jackie Dowd), reappointed to Region 2 to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017; Amish S. Shah [Elkhart County] (Recommended by

Jackie Dowd), appointed to Region 2 to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017; Kathryn "Kate" Sue Lee [St. Joseph County], appointed to Region 2 to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017; Robert "Marty" Martin Palmer [Allen County], reappointed to Region 3 to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017; Keith E. Davis [Allen County], reappointed to Region 3 to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017; Kathleen H. Randolph [Allen County], reappointed to Region 3 to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017; Michelle L. Simmons [Carroll County], reappointed to Region 4 to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017; John C. Newby [Marion County], reappointed to Region 5 to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017; Robert James Tuerk [Marion County], reappointed to Region 5 to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017; William D. Turner [Marion County], reappointed to Region 5 to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017; Michael E. Row [Delaware County], reappointed to Region 6 to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017; Timothy Jay Conley [Henry County], reappointed to Region 6 to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017; Lea Anne Crooks [Sullivan County], reappointed to Region 7 to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017; Heather J. Moffat [Knox County], reappointed to Region 7 to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017; Lisa L. Pepperworth [Vigo County], reappointed to Region 7 to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017; David Wayne Stagnolia [Monroe County], appointed to Region 8 to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017; Harold J. Wilson [Hamilton County], appointed to Region 9 to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017; Michael John Szakaly [Vanderburg County], reappointed to Region 11 to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017

Dr. Darrel L. Bobe [Knox County], reappointed to Region 11 to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017.

Indiana Secondary Market for Education Loans Board of Directors: Anthony T. Armstrong [Monroe County], reappointed to serve a three-year term through September 30, 2018; Brett M. Merritt [Bartholomew County], reappointed to serve a three-year term through September 30, 2018; C. Todd Richardson [Hamilton County], reappointed to serve a three-year term through September 30, 2018.

Secured School Safety Board: Sheriff Scott C. Mellinger [Madison County], appointed to serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

Indiana Stadium & Convention Building Authority: Sen. Luke Kenley [Hamilton County], appointed to serve a three-year term through September 30, 2018; Rep. Jeffrey Thompson [Hendricks County], appointed to serve a three-year term through September 30, 2018.

Committee for the Purchase of Products and Services of Persons w/Severe Disabilities: State Use Committee: C. David Moore [Marion County], appointed to serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

Indiana Spinal Cord & Brain Injury Research Fund Board: Christopher "Chris" H. Leeuw [Marion County], appointed to serve a four-year term through September 30, 2019

State Workforce Innovation Council: Joanne M. Sanders [Marion County], appointed to serve a two-year term through September 30, 2017.

EDUCATION: SCHOOLS ADVISE ON MASSACRE DEFENSE - Indiana leaves it up to each public university to come up with plans on how to prepare for dealing with a gunman on campus (*WTHR-TV*). A review by The Associated Press of practices in more than three dozen states eight years after the Virginia Tech massacre prompted tighter campus security measures found that practices range from mandatory active shooter training to little guidance. Schools in Indiana generally give students and staff advice on what to do in those situations. All of Indiana's public universities have emergency alert systems that send text and email messages to students and staff. All the four-year universities except the University of Southern Indiana have armed police officers, while USI has unarmed public safety officers. Ivy Tech Community College, with 32 campuses, has unarmed security officers.

EDUCATION: PURDUE ANNOUNCES \$2B FUND DRIVE - Purdue University has announced a fundraising campaign in the hopes of raising more than \$2 billion. *WISHTV.Com* reports that Purdue's president Mitch Daniels announced the campaign called "Ever True __ The Campaign for Purdue University" on Friday. He says the goal is to raise the money by the time Purdue celebrates its 150th anniversary on 2019. The school is off to a good start, having raised \$900 million from 83,000 donors since the silent phase of the campaign began in 2012. But now the university is making

a very public push. The school hopes to raise money for a number of initiatives, including as much as \$500 million to expand research and as much as \$500 million for scholarships and other student support aimed at ensuring Purdue remains affordable.

ECONOMY: STEEL IMPORTS AT ALL-TIME HIGH - Berlin Metals President Roy Berlin has been in the steel business for 30 years, but he's never seen anything like the amount of imports that have been flooding into the United States (Pete, *NWI Times*). "It's a very tough time in the steel industry overall in the U.S.," he said at the Times Board of Economists meeting last month at Ciao Bella Ristorante, in Schererville. "The strong dollar is hurting the mills here terribly and incentivizing imports from overseas." Imports tied a record market share of 28 percent last year, according to the American Institute of Iron and Steel. So far this year, finished steel imports have captured 31 percent of the U.S. market, depressing prices and spurring thousands of steel industry layoffs nationwide. A glut of imports have caused steel prices to fall by 50 percent since 2008, ArcelorMittal USA Manager of Government Affairs Susan Zlajic said. The Luxembourg-based steelmaker has been trying in labor negotiations to cut its North American labor costs of \$2.1 billion a year. "On a more positive note, automotive has been a bright spot in the United States," she said. "Auto production was 16.1 million in 2014, and we expect to see at least that many units over the next few years. ArcelorMittal is the largest supplier of steel to the automotive industry with 17 percent of the worldwide market."

HORSES: COMMISSION FIRES DIRECTOR - The Indiana Horse Racing Commission followed through on Saturday with firing Executive Director Joe Gorajec—a move driven by commissioners' belief that they need a leader more focused on promoting the horse racing industry and less on enforcing regulations. The commission voted 4-0 to dismiss Gorajec, who had held the post since the state legalized parimutuel wagering 25 years ago, according to reports on the meeting posted on BloodHorse.com and the PaulickReport.com. Gorajec was replaced on an interim basis by Deena Pitman, the assistant executive director of the commission. IBJ reported Friday that the commission was poised to oust Gorajec. In an interview that day, Chairman Tom Weatherwax praised Gorajec's performance but said it was time to go in another direction. "We're at a crossroads," said Weatherwax, a Republican who served 24 years as a state senator before retiring in 2008. "It just takes a little different attitude to take it to the next level. We're going to be doing more to promote and market our business and get more people involved. Everything I'm telling you is economic development." The Indiana Horse Racing Commission has five commissioners, one of whom was absent for Saturday's vote. All are appointees of the governor, who also selects the chairman. Weatherwax said Friday that Gov. Mike Pence supports the commission's handling of the matter.

INDUSTRY: COOK VP, DAUGHTER KILLED IN PLANE CRASH - A Bloomington man and his daughter died in a plane crash in the mountains of northeastern Tennessee Friday night (Bloomington Herald-Times). Cook Medical public relations representative Marsha Lovejoy in a statement identified William S. "Bill" Gibbons Jr., vice president of engineering, and his daughter Abbey, a sophomore at Bloomington High School South, as the pilot and passenger in the aircraft when it crashed into Buffalo Mountain, southwest of Johnson City, Tennessee. "Our hearts are heavy today as we learned about the passing of our friend and coworker," Lovejoy said Saturday in a statement from the company.

QUAYLE, HALLAWAY FORM NEW FIRM: Former U.S. Rep. Ben Quayle (R-AZ), Rob Hobart and Rashid Hallaway today announced the launch of Hobart Hallaway & Quayle Ventures, LLC (HHQ Ventures), a boutique advocacy and business advisory firm (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The principals bring together more than four decades of bipartisan, bicameral public policy and business experience. Hobart formed his own lobbying firm, Hobart Ventures, in 2014. He brings nine years of lobbying experience and over a decade of policy and appropriations expertise at senior positions for three different Members of Congress. Hallaway served as Vice President of American Patriot Holdings and Ameriquel Group and was a staffer to former Sen. Evan Bayh (D-IN). Quayle represented Arizona's 3rd Congressional district, following which he joined Clark Hill's Government and Public Affairs practice group. "We are excited to launch our new venture at this pivotal time," said Quayle. "With leadership changes in the House – and as further changes in Washington unfold – we believe HHQ Ventures' experience and networks will offer our clients unique and actionable insight." HHQ Ventures will bring under one roof the partners' collective client base to provide federal advocacy services for business sectors including: industrial chemical, cybersecurity, defense, energy, financial services, transportation and technology. In addition, the firm will support clients in the development of state political and policy strategies.

Nation

WHITE HOUSE: OBAMA AVOIDS GUN ISSUE IN OREGON - President Barack Obama on Friday met with the loved ones of victims and survivors of last week's mass shooting at a community college in Oregon (*NBC News*). Protesters gathered in Roseburg ahead of the visit, some outraged over Obama's call for gun control reform following the shooting that killed nine people. Obama emerged from the private

meeting Friday and said, "Today it's about the families." In brief remarks, Obama thanked the town of about 22,000 for rallying around the victims' families, and said he pledged to the mayor that the government would provide any assistance it could. "I want to thank the entire community and the entire state of Oregon for coming together at this terrible time to support the families," Obama said. "Obviously, in moments like these, words aren't going to bring their loved ones back," Obama said. "But the one thing that they shared is how much they appreciate the entire UCC community coming together, how much they appreciate all their neighbors, all their friends and people all across the country who offered to help, who sent their thoughts and their prayers."

TRANSPORTATION: COMPUTER GLITCH HITS SOUTHWEST AIRLINES -

Southwest (LUV) warned customers Sunday that "technical issues" are requiring the airline to check-in customers manually, causing longer wait times (*CNN*). The problems persisted throughout the day Sunday, resulting in 450 delays as of 2:30 p.m. ET. "We're continuing to experience intermittent technical issues on Southwest.com platforms, the Southwest Mobile app, and in our phone centers, as well as in airports across our system today," the company said in a statement. Southwest warned fliers to arrive "at least two hours early" and advised customers to use kiosks to print boarding passes and bag tags. The airline has 3,600 scheduled throughout the day. Customers are encouraged to use swamedia.com for updates. Southwest's technical difficulties come just three months after a glitch at United Airlines grounded 4,900 scheduled flights.

SOUTH CAROLINA: 'BOOM' HEARD BEFORE SMITH PLANE CRASH - A witness heard a loud "boom" just before the Georgia plane crash that killed four Warsaw men, according to a preliminary report by the National Transportation Safety Board (*South Bend Tribune*). Another witness saw the single-engine Piper aircraft descend vertically, in a spiral motion, before disappearing behind a tree, the report states. The engine was reportedly running when the plane hit the ground near Lake Hartwell, on the Georgia-South Carolina border. Damage to the trees was indicative of near-vertical descent angle at impact. The men, including Warsaw Councilman Charles Smith, were on their way to the Notre Dame-Clemson football game in South Carolina on Oct. 2. A portion of the right wing of the plane as well as part of the tail assembly remain missing, the NTSB report states. The plane was carrying Smith, his son Scott Smith, Tony Elliot and Scott Bible. Weather conditions were "dismal" at the time, according to local news reports, due to Hurricane Joaquin.

CALIFORNIA: GOV. BROWN SIGNS POT REGS - A trio of bills aimed at bringing order and oversight to California's medical marijuana industry nearly 20 years after the

state led the nation in legalizing pot for medical use won Gov. Jerry Brown's signature, his office said Friday (*Associated Press*). The first statewide licensing and operating rules for pot growers, manufacturers of cannabis-infused products and retail weed stores comes as multiple groups try to qualify voter initiatives in 2016 that would allow adults to use marijuana recreationally. Even before Brown approved the package of new rules, initiative sponsors had started rewriting their proposed measures to incorporate many of its elements in hopes of not alienating the governor ahead of next year's election. "My hope is this will be viewed as a starting point, a solid foundation on which to build from," Assemblyman Ron Bonta, D-Oakland, the lead author of one of the bills, said Friday. "Whatever happens with recreational use, there needs to be proper regulation. This is a very strong contribution from the Legislature about what those regulations should look like."



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World

SUICIDE BOMBING KILLS 95 IN TURKEY: Mourners took to the streets in the Turkish capital on Sunday, decrying the country's deadliest terrorist attack a day after suicide bombings killed at least 95 people at a peace rally, sending shock waves across the nation and stoking anger three weeks before critical elections (*Wall Street Journal*). A few thousand demonstrators gathered in downtown Ankara to commemorate the victims amid fears that the death toll may rise further, as 65 of the hundreds of wounded remained in critical condition, according to the government. "There were too many wounded, tens of dead, body pieces scattered around, and people screaming. People were dying as we tried to help them, collapsing in our hands as we waited for ambulances," said Onder Bayindir, who was among the demonstrators in front of Ankara's train station in the immediate aftermath of the blasts, and who volunteered in a nearby hospital. "We didn't know what to do, we were also in shock."

IRAQ: CLAIMS AL-BAGHDADI MOTORCADE STRUCK - Iraq's military claims its air force struck a convoy in western Anbar province that included ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi (*CNN*). The fate of al-Baghdadi is unknown, the military statement said. "The Iraqi airforce carried out a heroic operation by striking al-Baghdadi's convoy while he on his way to attend a meeting with senior ISIS leaders in Karabelah," the statement said. The site of the meeting was also struck and several ISIS leaders were killed and wounded, the statement said. Claims that al-Baghdadi has been hit in airstrikes have been made twice over the past year. In November, Iraqi officials said he had been wounded in an airstrike. In March, Iraq's Interior Ministry said the Iraqi air force wounded al-Baghdadi in an airstrike on the Iraqi town of Al-Qaem. Each time, audio recordings of al-Baghdadi showed up on social media within days after the airstrikes.

IRAN: U.S. JOURNALIST CONVICTED - Washington Post reporter Jason Rezaian, who has been detained for more than a year on charges including espionage, has been convicted, a spokesman for the Iranian judiciary said (*Associated Press*). Gholam Hossein Mohseni Ejechi told state TV Sunday night, "He has been convicted, but I don't have the verdict's details." Ejechi said Rezaian and his lawyer are eligible to appeal the conviction within 20 days. Leila Ahsan, Rezaian's lawyer told The Associated Press Sunday "there are no new developments" and said she has not yet received the verdict. Ahsan was not reachable for comment on Monday. Rezaian was detained with his wife, who is a journalist for The National newspaper in the United Arab Emirates, and two photojournalists on July 22, 2014. All were later released except Rezaian. Rezaian, the Post's Tehran bureau chief since 2012, has dual Iranian-American nationality. Iran does not recognize dual nationality for its citizens.

Local

CITIES: EVANSVILLE BUDGET ON COUNCIL AGENDA - Mayor Lloyd Winnecke's administration wants the City Council to pass a 2016 budget on Monday night, but council members appeared split last week over one councilman's push for significant cuts that would mean layoffs and no pay raise (*Evansville Courier & Press*). The budget proposal now before the City Council contains \$85.6 million in general fund spending, a shade below this year's general fund level. It contains a 1-percent employee pay raise and retains the city's workforce. Council President Dan Adams, D-At-Large, said he will support passage of that budget. "I understand why my colleagues are concerned about the city's financial shakiness if the administration's profligate spending policies are continued," Adams said in a prepared statement. "I am not, however willing to accept the need to withhold a 1 percent pay increase for our city workers, when I initially

supported a 2 percent increase, nor am I willing to support layoffs of our city employees at this time in order to 'balance' the budget."

CITIES: LAKE STATION TO CONTROL FOOD PANTRIES - After its mayor was convicted of improperly using funds from Lake Station's food pantry, city officials are taken steps to increase accountability (*NWI Times*). The City Council has approved a resolution creating a designated fund and line item in Lake Station's budget for food pantry funding. The action comes weeks after a U.S. District Court jury found former Mayor Keith Soderquist and his wife, Deborah, guilty of improperly using funds from Keith Soderquist's campaign fund and the city's food pantry account to gamble. The indictment of the Soderquists indicated the food pantry's bank account was kept separate from other city government funds; Deborah Soderquist had access to an ATM card, and bank statements for the food pantry account were sent directly to the mayor's office. City Attorney Ray Szarmach said creating the line item allows the city to open a new bank account in which food pantry donations would be deposited. Szarmach said all appropriations for the food pantry now must be approved by the City Council.

CITIES: ELKHART HAS NEW TROLLEYS - The Interurban Trolley's new buses have a longer life to match their modern design (*Elkhart Truth*). Operator Michiana Area Council of Governments is expanding the trolley fleet from 11 to 13 by replacing five buses past their useful life with seven new vehicles. Three more new buses will roll onto Elkhart and Goshen streets early next year. The new buses should be useful for 10 to 12 years and 500,000 miles, more than twice as long as the old buses, MACOG Executive Director James Turnwald said. The vehicles that will be phased out had a useful life of seven years and 200,000 miles. "It'll definitely be an improvement, which will save us money in the long run," Turnwald said. Three of the new vehicles are pulling up to Elkhart County bus stops already. Four more will be in service by the end of the month. The upgraded buses cost \$392,000 each, Turnwald said, including extended warranties for the transmissions and engines.

COUNTIES: LaPORTE GETS FED COURT GRANT - LaPorte County has been awarded federal dollars to continue a focus on substance abuse treatment to keep offenders from landing back in jail (*NWI Times*). The LaPorte County Problem Solving Court has been awarded a two-year grant for \$197,805 from the Federal Bureau of Justice. Officials believe the grant is a reflection of the achievements of the court formed in 2012 to provide intensive substance abuse therapy as a first option for offenders before incarceration. "We have applied for this grant in the past and have not

received it. These are extremely competitive grants and we are thrilled to have been awarded this grant," said LaPorte Superior Court Judge Greta Friedman.

COUNTIES: SUPPORT FOR HORSE MANURE BAGS BUILDS IN LAGRANGE - A

push by residents in a northeastern Indiana county who want to eliminate horse manure in parking lots and roadways is facing opposition from its large community of Amish residents. LaGrange County resident Chad Fry said he has obtained more than 1,600 signatures on a petition asking county officials to require manure bags on horses because the waste left behind by the Amish's horses poses traffic hazards and health concerns. "We all share the roads ...," he said. "It's about cleaner roads, cleaner towns, a cleaner county." The Shipshewana and Topeka town councils have each approved resolutions supporting a county-wide requirement, The *Goshen News* and The *Kendallville News Sun* reported. Some 14,000 Amish live make up nearly 40 percent of the population in the rural county along the Indiana-Michigan state line, according to Indiana University researchers.

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YOUNG POSTS \$750K FOR 3RD QUARTER: Later this week, U.S. Rep. Todd Young's U.S. Senate campaign will report having over \$2.25 million in the bank after raising over \$720,000 in the third quarter (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Here's a quick breakdown of Young's fundraising to-date: For the 2016 cycle, Young has now raised over \$2.16 million. Young has raised over \$1.7 million from individual donors (79%). For the third quarter, over \$646,000 came from individuals (90%). Young has now raised over \$1 million from individual Hoosiers (\$1.19 million total; 69% of all individual contributions), including nearly \$377,000 from Hoosiers in the third quarter (58%). "Hoosiers continue to embrace Todd Young's conservative leadership," said campaign manager Trevor Foughty. "A Marine Corps officer with a proven record of advancing conservative legislation and winning tough races, Hoosiers know Todd Young is the candidate who can fight and win for them in the Senate." In the second quarter, Young raised \$1 million, followed by \$600,000 for U.S. Rep. Marlin Stutzman and \$200,000 for Eric Holcomb. Stutzman told *Howey Politics Indiana* on Monday "We hit our mark," and said his campaign will post numbers higher than in the second quarter. He said his campaign will release its numbers in the next day or so.

SHAKEUP IN STUTZMAN CAMPAIGN: U.S. Rep. Marlin Stutzman said he decided to make changes on his Senate campaign team now as the chaos in Congress, the presidential race and Indiana politics head into an unprecedented period (*Howey, Howey Politics Indiana*). Earlier Monday, *Howey Politics Indiana* reported that Senate campaign manager Brendon DelToro, political director Joe Knepper and pollster Brooks Kochvar had departed, with DelToro saying he had resigned last week. Stutzman said that he is in continued talks with Knepper, who has decided to stay on. "Joe wants to chat through some things over the next few days," Stutzman said. But on Monday evening, Knepper confirmed his departure to *HPI*. "I saw your updated story about the changes taking place with Marlin's campaign," Knepper said in an email. "I wanted to let you know that I will be leaving the campaign. I believe Marlin is the best candidate in this race and wish him well moving forward." Stutzman said the time was right to make changes. "It's what I've been looking at for our team and where the political environment is at right now," Stutzman said as he traveled the 3rd CD Monday afternoon. "I thought it was good to have a team that has their finger on the pulse of Indiana politics." Stutzman confirmed that he has hired Mark It Red, the campaign consultant group headed by Mike Gentry, who heads the Indiana House Republican Campaign Committee. "I've been with Mark It Red and Mike since the 2002 election," Stutzman said. "With the environment the way it is now, I needed to go with some I've had experience with." Earlier in the day, DelToro told *HPI*, "Marlin and I had two

different viewpoints on how best to run a Senate campaign and how to win. This is solely based on two different views on how to conduct that campaign. I would just say that I wish him the best. He and I had a difference of opinion on the direction of the campaign.” Stutzman said that with the presidential race in an unprecedented state of flux, with what looks to be a tossup Indiana U.S. Senate race, and the chaos on Capitol Hill, he and just about everyone else seeking office in 2016 is in uncharted waters. “What I’m referring to more with presidential politics is the intensity, and the sense of frustration. The entire political environment has changed. In the presidential race, I was a Scott Walker supporter, and he got hit by the tail of Donald Trump. The dynamic is demanding.”

PENCE TO ANNOUNCE ROAD PLAN: Gov. Mike Pence will announce a new road plan, coming as he has been under assault from Indiana Democrats and a road advocacy group that has run searing TV ads against him (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The governor's announcement is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. at INDOT's Traffic Management Center on the city's Westside. Statehouse sources are saying the plan could be nearly \$1 billion. It came after the Pence administration and the Indiana Republican Party along INDOT and its commissioner, began sparring on Twitter over the issue last week. Indiana Democrats are keeping the political heat on Pence, saying Monday there are more than 1,900 structurally deficient bridges across the state and \$71 million Hoosier taxpayer dollars wasted on faulty asphalt. The Indiana Democratic Party announced its “#FixOurRoads” campaign, an effort aimed at putting the power back in the hands of everyday Hoosiers by giving them the opportunity to show Governor Pence the crumbling roads and bridges around their community. “Governor Pence and the state can throw out statistics and claim the state’s roads and bridges are improving, but everyday Hoosiers aren’t buying it because they use Indiana’s D+ rate infrastructure system every day,” said Indiana Democratic Chairman John Zody.

BMV OVER CHARGES HIT \$100M: The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles recently admitted for the first time in court documents to overcharging Hoosier motorists for 112 more services, bringing the total amount of overcharges revealed since a 2013 lawsuit to more than \$100 million, according to the attorney representing BMV customers (*IndyStar*). Overcharges on the 112 fees amount to \$49 million, according to a document filed in September in a class action lawsuit against the BMV in Marion Superior Court by Indianapolis attorney Irwin Levin of the law firm of Cohen & Malad. The \$49 million tally -- based on the state's response to a request for fee data -- comes after the troubled agency previously admitted overcharging motorists about \$30 million for drivers license fees, about \$29 million in excise tax fees and about \$2 million in other fees for miscellaneous transaction. Indianapolis attorney Carl Hayes of Bingham Greenebaum Doll, who was hired to represent the state agency in the lawsuit,

downplayed the significance of the new information provided by the state. He also questioned the validity of Levin's \$49 million calculation for the overcharges the state acknowledged in a document filed Sept. 22 in the case.

RYAN FREEZES FIELD: It's the Paul Ryan paralysis syndrome and it's gripping any House Republican who wants to be speaker (*Politico*). The Wisconsin Republican has said he doesn't want to be speaker of the House, but he is considering it. And until he flatly rules it out, the other potential candidates for the chamber's top job — a list nearly two dozen names long and growing — are forced to proceed gingerly. With one breath they're gauging support, with the next they're letting would-be backers know their interest could be temporary if the Ways and Means Committee chairman gets in. The best example, perhaps, is Texas Rep. Bill Flores. The third-term Texas Republican who chairs the Republican Study Committee sent a letter to his House colleagues on Monday, indicating he is considering a campaign for speaker — only if Ryan doesn't run.

FORT WAYNE CLERK KENNEDY TO RESIGN: The city of Fort Wayne's city clerk will resign amid accusations of electioneering in her office at Citizens Square (Gong, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). City Clerk Sandy Kennedy is expected to announce her resignation within the next several days, her attorney Mark GiaQuinta said Monday. GiaQuinta, a former Fort Wayne city councilman, stressed that the clerk's resignation isn't the result of the allegations or a call by the Allen County Republican Party for her resignation. He said her decision to resign was due to an ongoing medical condition and under the advice of her doctor. Her resignation comes just weeks before the Nov. 3 municipal general election. "(Kennedy) is under her physician's care. She has been advised by her doctors, given the medical condition she is suffering, the stress of this office is not helping her get well," GiaQuinta said. "For that reason, she is going to resign." Allegations surfaced late last week that Kennedy threatened city employees' jobs if they did not contribute to or participate in the election campaign of Deputy City Clerk Angie Davis. Davis is running to replace Kennedy, who earlier this year announced that she would not seek another term. Kennedy has served 32 years as city clerk. The claims were accompanied by video recorded, edited and captioned by former parking enforcement supervisor Colin Keeney, who resigned his position last month. Parking enforcement operates under the supervision of the city clerk. The video shows Kennedy telling parking enforcement employees that they would lose their jobs if Republican candidate Lana Keesling is elected in November. Kennedy told employees in the video that the Republican Party would outsource their jobs to a private company.

EVANSVILLE COUNCIL REJECTS WINNECKE BUDGET: In split votes Monday night, the City Council on Monday rejected Mayor Lloyd Winnecke's 2016 budget proposal but approved a 1-percent pay increase for city employees (Martin, *Evansville Courier & Press*). The council exempted itself from the pay raise. The 1-percent pay bump will cost about \$650,000. But in rejecting Winnecke's budget, leaders of the City Council called for the mayor to cut expenditures in other areas. Winnecke had agreed to cut the budget he presented to the council in August by about \$3 million, but the council's majority on Monday said those reductions don't go far enough, and cash reserves would still be needed to balance revenues and costs. The vote against his budget was 5-4. "The biggest thing we have to do right now is rein in spending," said Finance Committee Chairman Conor O'Daniel, D-At-Large. "I gave the mayor certain parameters not only in the general fund, but in local income tax and in riverboat, and he didn't meet my numbers. I think the cuts he proposed were really already baked into the inflated number they proposed to begin with." Winnecke's staff had asked the City Council for a vote on the budget. Now that the proposal has been rejected, "we'll regroup," City Controller Russ Lloyd Jr. said after the meeting.

AP SAYS CLINTON SERVER WAS VULNERABLE TO HACKERS: The private email server running in Hillary Rodham Clinton's home basement when she was secretary of state was connected to the Internet in ways that made it more vulnerable to hackers, according to data and documents reviewed by The *Associated Press*. Clinton's server, which handled her personal and State Department correspondence, appeared to allow users to connect openly over the Internet to control it remotely, according to detailed records compiled in 2012. Experts said the Microsoft remote desktop service wasn't intended for such use without additional protective measures, and was the subject of U.S. government and industry warnings at the time over attacks from even low-skilled intruders. Records show that Clinton additionally operated two more devices on her home network in Chappaqua, New York, that also were directly accessible from the Internet. One contained similar remote-control software that also has suffered from security vulnerabilities, known as Virtual Network Computing, and the other appeared to be configured to run websites. The new details provide the first clues about how Clinton's computer, running Microsoft's server software, was set up and protected when she used it exclusively over four years as secretary of state for all work messages. Clinton's privately paid technology adviser, Bryan Pagliano, has declined to answer questions about his work from congressional investigators, citing the U.S. Constitution's Fifth Amendment protection against self-incrimination.

COMMON CORE BECOMES A REALITY (EVEN IN INDIANA): Note to 2016 GOP contenders: The Common Core has won the war (*Politico*). Republican presidential candidates are still bashing the divisive K-12 standards. Donald Trump recently called

the Common Core a “complete disaster,” and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz proclaimed they should be abolished — along with the Education Department. But it’s too late. Ask most any third grader: Just as Common Core and rigorous standards cheerleader-in-chief, Education Secretary Arne Duncan, prepares to step down, the standards that naysayers love to call “Obamacore” have become the reality on the ground for roughly 40 million students — or about four out of every five public school kids. In more than half of all states, millions of students took new standardized tests last spring based on the standards, and the expected uproar over these test scores hasn’t materialized. The conspiracy theories about how Common Core would require monitoring kids via iris scans, force teachers to use porn to help students learn to read or ban teaching cursive have largely quieted. After years of hand-wringing, very few of the 45 states that fully adopted the standards have attempted a clean break — and those that did found it wasn’t easy to do. In Indiana, where Republican Gov. Mike Pence signed a bill last year to ditch the standards, even Common Core haters have said the new ones are just the same standards by a different name. “The few states that have rolled it back, when you look at what they’ve actually done, the standards they are using are 95 percent the Core standards. It’s what we know needs to be taught,” Melinda Gates said last week.

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: Gov. Mike Pence is in a key policy period with vast political implications. Pence is expected to announce a \$1 billion road funding plan this afternoon. It comes a day after he announced a new female health plan designed to take over some services that had been provided by Planned Parenthood, an agency he is seeking to federally defund. In the coming weeks, he will need to address the civil rights extension. Whether his road plan will change the trajectory of the infrastructure debate that stands to dominate the 2016 General Assembly and the gubernatorial race remains to be seen. -*Brian A. Howey*

Campaigns

2016: GOP RESPONDS TO INDYSTAR FACT CHECK - Indiana Republican Party Spokesman Robert Vane issued the following statement regarding the Indianapolis Star fact check: "With a growing economy and unemployment at a historic low, it's no surprise that John Gregg's biggest donors — the union bosses who control him — were caught telling a tall tale about Indiana's roads when they falsely attacked Governor Pence. The Indy Star took a look at their accusations and came to the conclusion the ad was “stretching the truth.” But we understand. They can’t run a campaign based on Gregg’s disastrous record, so we fully expect them distort the governor’s very good one. The great news is that Hoosiers will see right through their shameful and false attacks."

2016: 9TH CD DEBATE TONIGHT - The first 9th CD Republican debate will take place at the Monroe County Public Library Auditorium, 303 E. Kirkwood, from 6:30-8:30 PM. The address is 303 E Kirkwood Ave.

2016: BAYH TALKS OF NO LABELS - Former Indiana Senator Evan Bayh is among a group of moderate Democrats and Republicans who hope to make bipartisanship a winning issue at the polls (*WIBC*). The former Democratic senator and governor is on the advisory board for No Labels, a group formed in 2010 to promote ways that Washington politicians could find common ground, as opposed to the partisan bickering that has been the norm over the past two decades. The co-chairs of No Labels are former Democratic and independent Senator Joe Lieberman and Jon Huntsman, the former Republican governor of Utah. No Labels is holding its largest convention ever, with roughly 2,000 people attending in Manchester, New Hampshire - a city that's used to hearing partisan stump speeches leading up to its first-in-the-country presidential primary. There are stump speeches from some presidential candidates, just not as partisan - even though Republican front-runner Donald Trump was among those speaking to the conference. "The public's unhappy right now, and it should be - the government is dysfunctional," Bayh said. "We need candidates who have an outsider perspective, who understand that we need to change the status quo but also who are experienced enough to actually accomplish that, and not just say it." Democrat Bernie Sanders is the only other presidential candidate speaking to the group with significant poll numbers.



Presidential 2016

DEMOCRATS DEBATE TONIGHT: The Republican presidential debates have become appointment television. Tens of millions of Americans have tuned in to watch Donald Trump whack his unwieldy field of opponents — pooh-poohing Jeb Bush's energy level, for example, or disparaging Rand Paul's appearance (*Washington Post*). So, what happens if the biggest fireworks in the first Democratic debate here Tuesday night are over which candidates opposed the Keystone XL pipeline first, which would resurrect the Glass-Steagall banking act, or how each would pay for his or her higher-education overhauls? Democrats expect the debate to be substantive and to set the course for an unexpectedly contentious nominating contest. Americans are either going to find a pleasing contrast to the rip-roaring show Republicans have put on — or they're going to be bored senseless. "Let's be honest: Donald Trump truly is a ratings machine. Twenty-three million people did not tune in to see Marco Rubio," said Paul Begala, a Democratic strategist and an analyst on CNN, which is airing Tuesday's debate. "So, unless the Democrats can talk one of the Kardashians into running, don't expect the Democrats' ratings to approach the Republicans'." For better or worse, Republicans have engaged a massive swath of the country with their first two debates, which were watched by 25 million and 23 million people, respectively. (By comparison, the highest-rated Democratic presidential debate in 2008, when Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton were locked in a battle royal, drew 10.7 million viewers.)

INDIANA DEMS TO GATHER TO WATCH DEBATE: Pizza King, a locally-owned pizza shop in the heart of Indianapolis, will host a watch party for the first Democratic Presidential Debate in Las Vegas at 8:30 tonight at 1267 Shelby Street (Howey Politics Indiana). Supporters of all those who have announced their candidacy for the Democratic primary are welcome to attend as this is the opportunity to hear first-hand what's at stake for the 2016 presidential election. This event is open to the press.

CLINTON TARGETS BENGHAZI PANEL: Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign is trying to capitalize on a high-profile press report to discredit the House Benghazi Committee just 10 days before Clinton herself is scheduled to appear there as a witness (*Politico*). The campaign sent Clinton "friends and allies" talking points Monday arguing that a front-page New York Times article on the House panel demonstrates that the inquiry has "devolved into a fully partisan effort to hurt Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign." The talking points, obtained by POLITICO, largely track with comments Clinton made last week about the Benghazi probe, but also show a clear desire to use the Times report to build political momentum. "It turns out the partisan plot to turn the taxpayer-funded Benghazi Committee into a front for attacking Hillary Clinton went all the way up to the Speaker of the House himself," the Clinton campaign statement says. "It is disturbing that Speaker Boehner and House Republicans would politicize the deaths of four brave Americans at Benghazi for the sole purpose of trying to damage

Hillary Clinton. This is just the latest acknowledgment by Republicans that their 17-month investigation, which has cost taxpayers \$4.5 million so far, has nothing to do with Benghazi."

DECISION TIME FOR BIDEN: With the first Democratic presidential debate tomorrow and with Joe Biden finishing up his long weekend in his home state of Delaware (he's expected back in DC on Tuesday), time is running out for the vice president to make up his mind about the 2016 race (*NBC News*). More than 10 weeks have passed since that Maureen Dowd column floated the possibility of a Biden run, but he continues to run -- or stand -- in place. Now, it's very likely this was decision weekend for Biden, and either we'll hear a firm "no" from him in the next 48 to 72 hours, or we'll see the building blocks of an active campaign (website, staff hires).

ADELSON WARMS UP TO RUBIO: Sheldon Adelson, one of the Republican Party's most sought-after contributors, is leaning increasingly toward supporting Marco Rubio — and the Florida senator is racing to win the backing of other uncommitted megadonors who have the potential to direct tens of millions of dollars his way and alter the contours of the Republican primary fight (*Politico*). Last week, during a campaign swing through Las Vegas, Rubio held a meeting in Adelson's offices at the Venetian Las Vegas, one of a number of five-star luxury casinos the billionaire mogul owns around the world. Adelson, seated at the head of his conference table, heaped praise on Rubio's performance while he discussed the dynamics of the 2016 race. Those briefed on the meeting described it as short but said it had an air of importance, with the two joined by Rubio's campaign manager, Terry Sullivan, and a pair of senior Adelson advisers, Rob Goldstein and Patrick Dumont.

DISCORD AT NO LABELS: There was agreement on a few things at the first annual No Labels presidential conference in New Hampshire on Monday. Everyone liked seeing Miss America's "Outstanding Teen" and the guy who played Newman on *Seinfeld*. But when it came to the true mission of the event - which was billed as an "uplifting rally" with a stated goal of problem solving and finding compromise - there was plenty of discord (*CBS News*). All eight of the presidential candidates from both parties who appeared at the event - some in person, others via Skype - were happy to tout their records of compromise. But they were also sensitive to the political realities of running for president and appeasing the hard-core partisans who vote in caucuses and primaries. Donald Trump told a group of reporters he'd be willing to work with Republicans and Democrats, that dealing with corporate inversion was probably something that everyone could agree upon, and he said he thought he could work with

Bernie Sanders on the issue of trade because they both felt strongly about it. Christie offered the 1,500-person crowd some zippy advice on his experience with compromise, saying "compromise is not capitulation" and "It's harder to hate up close" -- advice that's worked well for a conservative governor who has compromised on some measures with New Jersey's Democratic legislature.

Congress

FLORES TO SEEK SPEAKER: Texas Rep. Bill Flores is moving toward running for House speaker, and has sent a letter to his colleagues laying out what he sees as his qualifications (*Politico*). But Flores, who chairs the Republican Study Committee, said in the letter that he "will not run for and/or I will withdraw from this race should Chairman [Paul] Ryan elect to run; and, I will give him my full support in this effort." Flores wrote that the House GOP can unite when lawmakers recognize "(i) the desires and needs of our fellow colleagues to successfully serve their respective districts, (ii) the value of pursuing the best achievable outcomes as exemplified by President Reagan's presidency, and (iii) the strength that comes through unity with our House GOP sisters and brothers. " He also highlighted his experience in the energy industry.

ROKITA SAYS CHAOS WILL HELP CONGRESS: Fourth District Congressman Todd Rokita predicts the chaos surrounding the election of a new House speaker will benefit Congress in the long run (Berman, *WIBC*). The government runs out of spending authority December 11, and is also approaching its debt ceiling. A highway funding bill and a revision of the No Child Left Behind education law are still pending as well. Rokita says there's no reason the stalemate over the speakership should delay those bills. He notes outgoing Speaker John Boehner has said he'll stay on the job until a replacement is chosen. Unlike most lame duck officeholders, he says Boehner may actually gain clout from announcing his resignation -- to the dismay of the House's most conservative members. He says Boehner's short-term status gives Democrats and moderate Republicans an incentive to cut a deal quickly while he's still in charge. Rokita says Republicans may take a political hit over the feuding. He says media portrayals of the situation will determine that. But he says the founders didn't intend leadership elections to be seamless. And he echoes other Republicans in saying the House needs institutional reform to give more voice to rank-and-file representatives. Rokita says he supported Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy's short-circuited bid for speaker, and was disappointed McCarthy dropped out. He says it may be difficult for Ways and Means Chairman Paul Ryan to resist a "clamor" to seek the job -- he says Mitt Romney's former running mate has the respect of all sectors of the G-O-P caucus. But while he

doesn't believe Ryan's refusal is necessarily final, he says he's talked with Ryan and believes it's sincere. He says the travel demands of being speaker would take a toll on Ryan's young family. And Rokita says there are many lesser-known Republicans who could also do a capable job.

YOUNG BILL DEALS WITH STUDENT DEBT: Warning that student loan debt could be the next national economy bubble to burst, Congressman Todd Young (R-IN) introduced the Student Access Act legislation (*Ripon*). The bill would offer college students access to Income Share Agreements (ISAs) to help fund their college education. "Not enough is begin done to address the affordability problem," said Young. "That's why I crafted this ISA bill—because we're in dire need of a real market-driven solution that's not only good for students, but good for American taxpayers whose tax dollars aren't involved and at risk." Providing legal certainty to give investors the confidence to support it, the bill clarifies the tax treatment for both the student at the front and back end of the agreement. It also puts in place robust consumer protections for students throughout the process. Since the introduction of Young's ISA Act of 2015, the concept of ISAs has been well discussed and debated in many financial publications.

DONNELLY AT RIVER RIDGE LAND TRANSFER: The remaining land at the vast, former Indiana Army Ammunition Plant in Clark County is being transferred to the River Ridge Commerce Center for new business that is expected to generate thousands of new jobs (*Louisville Courier-Journal*). A schedule for the land swap was announced at a news conference Monday morning at the commerce center in Jeffersonville. The business park operators are getting an initial 830 acres immediately and another roughly 285 acres by next June. That would mean the federal government's and the Army's relinquishing of the one-time 6,000-acre site that for decades was a primary installation for the manufacture, storage and distribution of ammunition, including explosives. U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly, D-Ind., attended the press event at River Ridge to announce the planned land transfer—an acknowledgment that federal officials have designated the land environmentally suited for transfer.



General Assembly

BOSMA DIDN'T SEE McMILLIN SEX VIDEO: When news broke of a sex video scandal involving then-Rep. Jud McMillin, the Statehouse rumor mill went into overdrive (Cook, *IndyStar*). McMillin, a Brookville Republican, unexpectedly resigned Sept. 29 after a sexually explicit video was sent via text message from his cell phone, prompting speculation about who sent the video (McMillin said in another text message that his phone had been stolen in Canada) or how broadly it was distributed. One of the most prominent rumors: The video (or videos) had been sent to some of the state's highest-ranking political officials, including Gov. Mike Pence and House Speaker Brian Bosma. Even First Lady Karen Pence was rumored to have received it. So did they? The answer from governor's office and Bosma is an emphatic, "No." Neither Pence nor his wife received the video, according to the governor's office. Nor did Bosma or House GOP leaders, according to a response to a public records request filed by *The Star*. During a press conference last week announcing Rep. Matt Lehman as McMillin's replacement as majority floor leader, Bosma said rumors that he had received the video were "absolutely false." "Haven't seen it," he said. "Don't want to see it."

State

GOVERNOR: PENCE CONTRACTS WITH REAL ALTERNATIVES - Gov. Mike Pence on Monday announced a \$3.5 million statewide contract with a Pennsylvania anti-abortion group to partner with local service providers to offer free pregnancy and parenting services (Kelly, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). A one-year contract with Real Alternatives ran from October 2014 through the end of September for \$1 million in northern Indiana, though it wasn't publicized. The money comes from federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families dollars. "After seeing the success of the Real Alternatives pilot program in northern Indiana, the importance of expanding the contract statewide became clear," Pence said. "Today's announcement marks an important step for the health of Hoosier women and families in Indiana, and this additional funding will ensure important organizations across our state can continue supporting those in need." Real Alternatives is a non-profit that works with local pregnancy support centers, maternity homes, adoption agencies and social service agencies to offer counseling support for women during pregnancy through 12 months after birth and referral services to other social services organizations. It has been used

in Pennsylvania for several years. A news release said the services include counseling for such things as breastfeeding, childcare, depression, drug abuse, grief, emotional abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse, fetal development. Examples of referral services include housing, legal, medical health and mental health. The news release did not say what counties the original contract covered and messages seeking more information were not immediately returned. State offices were closed Monday but the release was sent out anyway. During the last year, the Real Alternatives pilot program served 8,452 clients with support services through 16,839 visits, the release said.

GOVERNOR: LGBT BATTLE COULD BE 'BIG MESS' FOR PENCE - Months after a divisive religious objections law thrust Indiana into an unwanted national spotlight, gay rights supporters and religious conservatives are preparing for another potentially bitter debate — this time over enshrining LGBT protections into state law (*Associated Press*). Republican Gov. Mike Pence and key leaders in the GOP-controlled Legislature have gone to lengths to avoid publicly discussing the matter, even as Democrats plan to push legislation and several Indiana cities have considered adopting their own lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender protections. At the same time, religious conservatives are using a new tactic: raising concerns that children will be exposed to transgender people and what they say are sexual predators in public restrooms if the protections are approved. No one with a stake in the issue — including a gay-rights coalition that includes many of Indiana's prominent businesses — says there's much room for compromise. That sets the stage for what "could be a huge mess" when the Legislature convenes in January, said Paul Helmke, a public affairs professor at Indiana University and former Republican mayor of Fort Wayne. It also could have a lasting impact on Pence's re-election bid next year. House Speaker Brian Bosma said GOP lawmakers and the Pence administration have talked about LGBT rights, but he does not see it as a priority, and Senate President David Long said he expects his caucus will also "have our own contributions to this discussion." But minority Democrats are nonetheless trying to turn up the heat on GOP lawmakers, sponsoring legislation that would add the phrases "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" to Indiana's existing civil rights act, Senate Minority Leader Tim Lanane said. Helmke warned of what might happen in the coming session: "Unless it gets worked out some way behind the scenes, it could create trouble in the halls of the Legislature."

GOVERNOR: FIRST LADY SCHEDULE - First Lady Karen Pence will visit Allen County to speak to senior government students on the responsibilities and duties of the First Lady and her role as Bicentennial Ambassador. Her visit comes after being contacted by a Blackhawk Christian High School Senior requesting her visit. Later in the day, First Lady Karen Pence will visit Fort Wayne's History Center, the Historic Allen County Courthouse and The Old Fort to learn and hear about Allen County's bicentennial legacy

initiatives. This is the First Lady's third Bicentennial County Visit as Indiana's Bicentennial Ambassador. Tuesday, October 13: 10:00 a.m. EDT – First Lady Karen Pence to visit Blackhawk Christian High School to speak to senior government students on the responsibilities and duties of the First Lady and her role as Bicentennial Ambassador, Blackhawk Christian School, 7400 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN. 11:30 a.m. EDT – First Lady Karen Pence to visit the History Center as Indiana's Bicentennial Ambassador, The History Center, 302 E. Berry St., Fort Wayne, IN; 1:00 p.m. EDT – The First Lady to visit the Historic Allen County Courthouse, a property on the National Register of Historic Places. There, Bicentennial officials will highlight the role of the Courthouse in the Bicentennial Torch Relay, Historic Allen County Courthouse, 715 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, IN. 1:15 p.m. EDT – First Lady Karen Pence to join Tom Grant and fellow War of 1812 era reenactors at The Old Fort to hear about their bicentennial projects, including their "1816: Frontier Fort to Statehood" event, The Old Fort, 1201 Spy Run Ave., Fort Wayne, IN

GOVERNOR: OHIO RIVER BRIDGE TO OPEN EARLY - Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann says the new Ohio River Bridge will be opening earlier than planned (WIBC). Ellspermann joined Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear and Jeffersonville Mayor Mike Moore for that announcement today. They say the bridge that connects Kentucky and Southern Indiana via I-65 through Louisville will open to traffic by Christmas.

They say workers are currently ahead of schedule and the project remains on budget. The project began a couple of years ago. Crews will also continue to upgrade the nearby Kennedy Bridge.

GOVERNOR: PURDUE TO HOUSE CYBER SECURITY CENTER - The State of Indiana will open a new cybersecurity operations center at Purdue University to help monitor attempts to hack into state computers (*Indiana Public Media*). Lt. Gov. Sue Ellspermann says state databases are the subject of millions of attempted hacks, with hackers seeking access to 25,000 state employees' records, as well as Hoosiers' driver's license numbers and tax and birth records. "We're successful at stopping virtually every one, but it only takes one, think about that, all those attempts on our systems and it only takes one," she says. Purdue Chief Information Officer Gerry McCartney says the new center at Purdue's Research Park — a partnership among multiple state agencies, the university and private security companies — will serve as a watchdog, identifying multiple, targeted attempts to compromise government systems.

STATEHOUSE: ZOELLER TO ATTEND MEXICO CITY CONFERENCE - To improve law enforcement's efforts to combat human trafficking, drug trafficking and Internet privacy crimes on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border, Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller will travel to Mexico City this week for a criminal justice conference with other state attorneys general from the U.S. and their Mexican counterparts (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The cost of Zoeller's two-day visit to Mexico City is being handled by the Conference of Western Attorneys General Alliance Partnership, and not by Indiana tax dollars, and is coordinated with the U.S. State Department. "At a time of national debate over federal government inaction on illegal immigration, state attorneys general on both sides of the border have long been working collaboratively to facilitate Mexico's transition to a stronger criminal justice system and to combat the problem of drug cartels that smuggle drugs and desperate people into the U.S. and in turn smuggle weapons and money back into Mexico," Zoeller said.

EDUCATION: SBOE TO ADDRESS CHARTERS, ISTEP+ - Indiana's State Board of Education will address two of the most controversial education-related topics during their monthly meeting Wednesday: charter schools and standardized testing (*StateImpact*). That's because the state has continued to see issues related to both of these divisive subjects. Multiple inquiries about charters' 2015 Title I allocations during last month's meeting prompted further examination of the Indiana Department of Education's Title I funding assignment process in the following weeks. The U.S. Department of Education weighed in, saying the IDOE had been making calculations incorrectly and would likely have to take action to remedy their mistakes. The board will discuss the situation Wednesday, most likely receiving an update from state Superintendent Glenda Ritz, whose staff is working to provide the feds with Title I data dating all the way back to 2010.

DOE: GALVIN LEAVES, ALTMAN COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR - Former Indiana Department of Education Communications Director Dave Galvin has resigned for a business opportunity in Atlanta, and Daniel Altman has been named to replace him (*Howey Politics Indiana*).

DNR: VIEW INDIANA SHIPWRECKS - A new website created by the state Department of Natural Resources is giving visitors 3-D views of four shipwrecks along Indiana's Lake Michigan coastline (NWI Times). The IndianaShipwrecks.org website includes a recreation of the wreck of the J.D. Marshall, which sank in 1911, and three other shipwrecks in the lake. The wreckage of the J.D. Marshall became Indiana's first underwater preserve site two years ago. That preserve is in Porter County, just off the

shores of Indiana Dunes State Park. Data for the website's four virtual 3-D shipwrecks were gathered using detailed sonar scans to create images of the vessels' underwater wreckage.

TRANSPORTATION: NICKEL PLATE PART OF BIKE HIGHWAY - A north central Indiana trail and dozens of miles of roads has been designated part of a national bike route that runs from Canada to Kentucky (*Associated Press*). The *Kokomo Tribune* reports the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials designated the Nickel Plate Trail and roads in Howard and Tipton counties to be part U.S. Bicycle Route No. 35. In Indiana, the 360-mile route runs from the Michigan state line in LaPorte County to Jeffersonville, just north of Louisville, Kentucky. The bicycle route connects county roads, city streets, several state highways and a variety of off-road trails. Officials say the route will later be extended through Kentucky and Tennessee as it makes its way to the Gulf Shores.

MEDIA: RADER, RHODES WIN MURROW AWARD - It was a big night for two of our *WTHR* colleagues. Reporter Kevin Rader and photojournalist Steve Rhodes were in New York City to receive a prestigious Edward R. Murrow Award. They won top honors in the large market sports reporting category for their work on a story called "The Gift." It captured the grief of Kim and Marissa Manlove, who lost their 16-year-old son David 14 years ago, and the powerful connection after recently finding a video of him playing baseball. An annual baseball tournament raises money for charity in David's memory. This is the second national Murrow award Rader has received and the third for Rhodes. The Edward R. Murrow Awards are presented by the Radio Television Digital News Association (RTDNA) to recognize outstanding work by radio, television and online news organizations. RTDNA is the world's largest professional organization devoted exclusively to electronic journalism.

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MEDIA: PLAYBOY TO STOP PUBLISHING ALL NUDE PHOTOS - Playboy will no longer publish photos of nude women as part of a redesign of the decades-old magazine, according to a news report Monday (*Associated Press*). Executives for the magazine company told The New York Times that the change will take place in March 2016. The paper reported that the print edition of Playboy will still feature women in provocative poses, but they will no longer be fully nude. Playboy editor Cory Jones

contacted founder and current editor in chief Hugh Hefner recently about dropping nude photos from the print edition and he agreed, the Times reported.

BEER: BUSCH TO BUY MILLER - Anheuser-Busch InBev is on the verge of truly becoming the King of Beers (*New York Times*). The company, brewer of Budweiser and Stella Artois, among other brands, said on Tuesday that it had reached an agreement in principle to acquire its brewing rival SABMiller for about \$104 billion. A merger, if completed, would combine the world's two largest brewers, creating a behemoth that has annual revenue of about \$64 billion and that commands 30 percent of global beer sales.



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CITIES: INDY PASSES \$1.1B BUDGET - The Indianapolis City-County Council approved a \$1.1 billion 2016 budget that provides money to hire 70 police officers, fund prekindergarten education and pay for storm water infrastructure projects (*IndyStar*). The budget is 6.8 percent larger than last year's and includes a \$26 million increase for the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department. Public safety — including police, fire, homeland security, and animal care and control — consumes 59 percent of the budget. Indianapolis City Controller Matthew Kimmick described the budget as a "maintenance" budget, without any unusual spending proposals intended to set the table for the incoming mayor. Mayor Greg Ballard will leave office in January after two terms. The vote was 22-6. "While there are elements we had hoped to see in the final cut ... many other important elements such as Indy's pre-K initiative and funding for additional IMPD officers are included for the coming year," David Rosenberg, Ballard's deputy chief of staff and council liaison, said in a statement.

CITIES: SOUTH BEND PASSES \$300M BUDGET - The Common Council voted 5-4 Monday in favor of the 2016 city budget despite concerns about two new diversity positions and a proposed municipal ID program (Blasko, *South Bend Tribune*). The \$304.9 million spending plan takes into account flat projected property tax revenues coupled with a 20 percent increase in employee health insurance costs. It includes money for residential street lighting, streetscaping and curb and sidewalk replacement, and for an increase in the minimum wage for city employees. It also includes a minimum 2 percent pay raise for all employees and startup cash for a proposed municipal ID program. Monday's vote followed about two hours of discussion. Council members Henry Davis Jr., Oliver Davis, Derek Dieter and David Varner cast the dissenting votes, expressing concerns about the two new diversity positions and/or the proposed municipal ID program. The budget includes \$104,000 for a new diversity compliance/inclusion officer and \$86,000 for a senior human resources generalist, inclusive of both salary and benefits.

CITIES: WHITING BUDGET TAX RATE TO DECLINE - The City Council will vote on the 2016 civil city and sanitary district budgets at its Oct. 20 meeting (*NW/ Times*). Whiting Councilman Steve Spebar, finance committee chairman, said the proposed civil city budget of \$7,929,687 represents a 5.5 percent increase from last year, but that the proposed sanitary district budget of \$1,952,927 represents a 7.5 percent decrease. "The overall tax rate for next year will decrease slightly," Spebar said.

CITIES: CROSSEN SELECTED FOR TERRE HAUTE COUNCIL - A few weeks before November's election, the Vigo County Democratic Party had to come together (*WTHI-TV*). Chairperson Joe Etling called a caucus to replace the vacancy caused by City Council President John Mullican. It comes after he withdrew himself from November's ballot. The democratic precinct committee from district six had two candidates to choose from. Kevin Hellman, a local business owner who has a history of politics in his family, was up against Martha Crossen. Crossen ended up being the winner of Monday's caucus. But, Hellmann isn't out of the picture. "We hope to be able to keep him involved in our political process and look forward to his involvement in the future," Etling said.

CITIES: 1,600 HOMELESS INDY STUDENTS - There are approximately 1,600 homeless students attending Indianapolis Public Schools (WRTV). In Washington Township alone, there are about 500 students without a permanent address.

CITIES: ONLY 500 SIGN UP FOR BLUE INDY - Despite all the fanfare Mayor Greg Ballard gave to the highly controversial, illegal 15-year deal he entered into with Blue Indy to allow it to operate a monopoly electric car sharing business utilizing hundreds of the City's most valuable on-street, public parking spaces and media hoopla surrounding its launch last month, only about 500 people signed up for a membership during its month of operation (Welsh, *Advance Indiana*). Those members took just 1,500 rides during that initial roll-out of the service, which included yet a second re-launch after interest in the car sharing service floundered so badly during its initial weeks of operation. The French billionaire, Vince Bollere, who owns Blue Indy, says it will take at least 15,000 to 20,000 regular users of the service to just break even in Indianapolis. Despite the disappointing numbers, Blue Indy's general manager, Scott Prince, tells the IBJ the "early enthusiasm" for the program was "encouraging."

CITIES: INDIANS SIGN VICTORY FIELD DEAL - The Indianapolis Indians have signed a new 20-year lease on Victory Field (*WIBC*). The new lease is similar to the team's first 20-year lease, which runs out in March, but Capital Improvement Board executive director Barney Levensgood says it took about five months of negotiations to reach agreement on who would be responsible for what repair and maintenance costs. The Indians plan to replace Victory Field's scoreboard and sound system, and renovate the ballpark's 30 suites. The CIB has agreed to finance up to six-million dollars of an expected nine-million-dollar price tag for those projects. The Triple-A affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates will pay no rent for the stadium, and will keep all ballpark revenues. Levensgood says the team is a key part of downtown, drawing 11 million fans since the park opened in 1996, including a record 662,000 this year. As of June, the stadium is fully paid for. That transfers ownership of the ballpark from the Marion County Convention and Recreational Facilities Authority to White River State Park, which already owns the stadium land.

CITIES: EVANSVILLE RADIO PERSONALITY LYONS DIES - Long-time Tri-State radio personality Dave Lyons has died (*WFIE-TV*). He passed away Sunday at the age of 59. Lyons had worked at 104.1 WIKY in Evansville for nearly 31 years. His golfing partner and former co-worker, Joe Blair, was shocked to find Lyons in his home this weekend. "We golfed every week for maybe seven years," Blair said. Lyons and Blair worked together for 20 years on the morning drive. The two became close after Lyons lost his wife and step daughter to suicide. "One of the most genuine people, he loved people and you could tell," Blair told us.

COUNTIES: PERRY NEW WARRICK CLERK - Patty Perry was appointed Warrick County clerk after a Republican Party caucus Monday night (*Evansville Courier & Press*). Perry was chosen over Warrick County Auditor's Chief Deputy BJ Farrell. The appointment will last until December 2016, which will finish the term of former clerk Sarah Redman, who resigned last month to become county assessor. Perry can then run for clerk two more times if she desires. She said she talked to county leaders about the possibility of running next year. Redman was appointed as assessor after the former assessor Angela Wilder resigned to take another job. She plans to run next fall as well.

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Pro-life Community Pleased by Statewide Contract Announcement

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resources.

In a press release, Gov. Pence shared that a Real Alternatives pilot program ran in Northern Indiana for one year, beginning in Oct. 2014. The pilot, funded for \$1 million assisted 8,452 clients during 16,839 visits related to pregnancy and parenting support services.

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"Real Alternatives offers life-affirming and compassionate care to women throughout pregnancy and as they begin their parenting journey," said Mike Fichter, President and CEO of Indiana Right to Life. "We have seen positive results from one year of Real Alternatives in Northern Indiana, and we look forward to seeing what the statewide impact of Real Alternatives will look like. We thank Gov. Mike Pence for expanding Real Alternatives throughout the state."

Learn more about Real Alternatives at www.realalternatives.org/aboutus.

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<http://www.indystar.com/story/news/2015/10/12/state-awards-35-million-contract-anti-abortion-organization-pregnancy-services/73819882/>

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Sent: Monday, October 12, 2015 12:07 PM
Subject: [Govstate] Governor Pence Announces Statewide Contract with Real Alternatives

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Subject: RE: Governor Pence Announces Statewide Contract with Real Alternatives

[Can you tweet out services this provides?](#)

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To: Lloyd, Matthew; Brooks, Kara D; Hodgins, Stephanie
Subject: IN Reimbursement Site Summary Report[1].pdf
Attachments: IN Reimbursement Site Summary Report[1].pdf; ATT00001.txt

Here are most updated stats for Real Alternatives pilot program.

Real Alternatives
Indiana Pregnancy and Parenting Support Services

Reimbursement Site Summary
10/1/2014 - 9/30/2015 All Funding Sources

<u>Service Group</u>		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Visits</u>	<u>Clients</u>
01 Bethany Christian Services				
0100 Indianapolis		\$3,017.12	34	18
0101 Bluffton		\$0.00	0	0
0102 Gary		\$81.75	2	2
		\$3,098.87	36	20
02 Womens Care Center				
0201 Notre Dame		\$110,762.53	2,506	1,202
0202 Ironwood		\$62,956.22	1,494	744
0203 Chapin		\$54,550.14	1,221	592
0204 Mishawaka		\$65,997.32	1,512	642
0205 Inwood		\$28,507.86	628	351
0206 Wayne		\$35,431.54	905	575
0207 Coliseum		\$38,757.13	986	762
0208 Bremen		\$8,353.76	233	63
0209 Plymouth		\$60,219.23	1,525	613
0210 LaPorte		\$71,692.57	1,459	545
0211 Michigan City		\$67,249.73	1,361	537
0212 Elkhart		\$153,906.91	2,973	1,517
0213 Indianapolis		\$33,003.02	606	574
		\$791,387.96	17,409	8,717
		\$794,486.83	17,445	8,737

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From: Hodgin, Stephanie
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2015 11:51 AM
To: #All Governor's Office
Subject: FYI - Governor Pence Announces Statewide Contract with Real Alternatives

FYI – we’re sending the below release in the next few minutes. Thanks!

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From: Pavlik, Jennifer L
Sent: Friday, October 09, 2015 3:37 PM
To: Jarmula, Ryan L; McGrath, Danielle; Craig, Lindsey M; Hodgins, Stephanie; Triol, Shelley; Brooks, Kara D
Cc: Lloyd, Matthew
Subject: Real alternatives in RTL speech

MRP wants info on real alternatives

In his RTL speech for Monday. Lindsey can you get ryan info ASAP?

He wants to follow the video script then add "today I announced xyz about real alternatives " and by press release we are going to put out the news Monday afternoon.

Sent from my iPhone

Scott.A.Milkey

From: Triol, Shelley
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 1:28 AM
To: Craig, Lindsey M; Miller, Eric A
Cc: Lloyd, Matthew; O'Malley, Jennifer
Subject: RE: interview request

Sorry for the delay, family emergency. I have no idea what this is, so I cannot offer a perspective on response.

From: Craig, Lindsey M
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2015 8:24 PM
To: Miller, Eric A <EriMiller@isdh.IN.gov>
Cc: Lloyd, Matthew <MLloyd@gov.IN.gov>; Triol, Shelley <STriol@gov.IN.gov>; O'Malley, Jennifer <JO'Malley@isdh.IN.gov>
Subject: Re: interview request

Thanks for sending Eric. Matt you will see below that a reporter from Pittsburgh is inquiring about Real Alternatives (the program I've been telling you about and gave you the memo on yesterday).



Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 24, 2015, at 8:15 PM, "Miller, Eric A" <EriMiller@isdh.IN.gov> wrote:

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "O'Malley, Jennifer" <JO'Malley@isdh.IN.gov>
Date: September 24, 2015 at 7:41:37 PM EDT
To: "Logsdon, Art" <ALogsdon1@isdh.IN.gov>
Cc: "Fox, Joseph R (ISDH)" <JosFox@isdh.IN.gov>, "Miller, Eric A" <EriMiller@isdh.IN.gov>
Subject: Fwd: interview request

FYI. I have not heard back from Shelley about whether they want to talk. Art was planning to get me some stats on providers and basic info, but that was before I received the full list of questions.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Molly Born <mborn@post-gazette.com>
Date: September 24, 2015 at 5:20:58 PM EDT
To: "O'Malley, Jennifer" <JO'Malley@isdh.in.gov>
Subject: Re: interview request

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Thanks.

When did Real Alternatives begin in Indiana, and what is its relationship with the flagship program in Pennsylvania?

What would you say the impact of this program has been in Indiana? Do you consider it to be a success?

What is Real Alternatives' annual budget in your state, and how many service providers (sub-grantees) does it contract with?

One requirement of your program is that providers cannot refer patients to contraception. What is the basis for that objection, and if the goal of your program is to help women, why not provide them with information about all the family-planning options available to them?

Has Real Alternatives in Indiana ever dropped a service provider from the program because of concerns raised in its monitoring, or for any other reason? If so, what were the circumstances?

What do you do, exactly, to ensure that providers are following the grant agreement's requirement not to proselytize (which is a provision in PA's contract)?

In all the years this program has been around, is Real Alternatives aware of any cases in which women were unhappy with the services provided under the terms of this program? If so, what were the circumstances?

Describe the kind of scrutiny the state provides for this program.

Has your program ever been audited by the state auditor or any other outside provider?

There are obviously numerous crisis pregnancy centers and other support groups that DON'T participate in your program. What do you think motivates them not to do so?

On Thu, Sep 24, 2015 at 5:12 PM, O'Malley, Jennifer
<JO'Malley@isdh.in.gov> wrote:

If you have specific questions, please go ahead and email them to me.
We'll do our best.

Thanks.

Jeni

From: Molly Born [mailto:mborn@post-gazette.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2015 5:10 PM
To: O'Malley, Jennifer <JO'Malley@isdh.IN.gov>
Subject: Re: interview request

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If someone won't be available by deadline, can I submit a list of questions for them to answer via email?

Thanks,

Molly

On Thu, Sep 24, 2015 at 4:28 PM, O'Malley, Jennifer <JO'Malley@isdh.in.gov> wrote:

Molly:

I'll try to get you something by your deadline.

Thanks.

Jeni

From: Molly Born [mailto:mborn@post-gazette.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2015 4:00 PM
To: O'Malley, Jennifer <JO'Malley@isdh.IN.gov>
Cc: Severson, Kenneth D <kseverson@isdh.IN.gov>
Subject: Re: interview request

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Hi. Unfortunately I do have a tight deadline. In general I would like to talk with someone about the history of the program, how many service providers it has, and its success so far.

On Thu, Sep 24, 2015 at 3:33 PM, O'Malley, Jennifer <JO'Malley@isdh.in.gov> wrote:

Molly:

Your request for an interview about Real Alternatives was forwarded to me. Apologies for the delayed response – I've been in meetings most of the day.

Can you give me an idea of the questions you hope to address? We've had some personnel changes, and that will help me determine who might be best suited to answer them. I'm not sure if we will be able to line anyone up by your deadline tomorrow, however – do you have any flexibility on that?

Thanks.

Jeni O'Malley

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Cc: McGrath, Danielle;Brookes, Brady (BBrookes@gov.IN.gov);Matt Lloyd (MLloyd@gov.IN.gov);Brooks, Kara D
Subject: FW: Media question on deadline

Lindsey –
Please see Jeni's request below. Thoughts?

From: O'Malley, Jennifer
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2015 4:12 PM
To: Triol, Shelley <STriol@gov.IN.gov>
Subject: Media question on deadline

Shelley:

I have a reporter from the Post-Gazette in Pittsburgh who's seeking information about the Real Alternatives to abortion program that ISDH has piloted in northern Indiana. It's my understanding that there are discussions with the governor's office about whether to expand beyond the pilot program that ends 9/30.

She's looking for someone to discuss the history of the program, number of service providers and successes so far. Our experts on it are no longer with ISDH, and given that this is an initiative supported by the governor's office, I wanted to bring it to your attention in case Lindsey or someone else from the governor's staff would like to talk. I am working on getting some facts about where the program is currently offered and some stats, but she has a deadline of 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thanks.
Jeni

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From: Gilson, Katie
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2015 8:50 AM
To: Hodgins, Stephanie;Quyle, Lindsay;Anderson, Christopher M;#All Governor's Office;Bailey, Brian (OMB);Pitcock, Josh;Baker, Lou Ann (DWD);Rosebrough, Dennis (LG);Rossier, Sarah (SBOE);McKinney, Ted;Bausman, David;Atterholt, Jim;#All Lieutenant Governor's Office;'smith@sextonscreek.com';'tomrose@tomrose.net';Karns, Allison;Brookes, Brady;Triol, Shelley;Wall, Kathryn E;Reed, Katie;Betley, James;Schlake, Josh;McCleery, William;Braun, Steven J;Lubsen, Graig;Myers, Janille (ISDH);Timmerman, Chad E (GOV);Dowd, Jaclyn (DWD);Stephen.simcox@gmail.com;Jeff Cardwell;mobst45@hotmail.com;emreece33@gmail.com;Johnson, David;Lloyd, Matthew;Knab, Monica;Ensley, Al
Subject: Morning Clips - July 24, 2015

GOVERNOR/FIRST LADY

Why they ride

News Sentinel

They are Indiana law enforcement members, friends of law enforcement and survivors riding nearly 1,000 miles around the state every summer on the 13-day bike tour, Cops Cycling for Survivors. The days are long. Keeping a steady pace of 16 mph, they ride in all conditions: sun, rain and wind. This year, about 40 riders take off July 13 from Indianapolis for the first day of the ride. For the first time, Gov. Mike Pence and his wife, Karen, ride across Indianapolis at the head of the pack.

Gordon honored at boyhood home before final Brickyard 400

Fresno Bee

Town officials handed Gordon the proclamation papers from county and state leaders declaring Thursday as Jeff Gordon Day, and Indiana Gov. Mike Pence presented Gordon with the Sagamore of the Wabash award - the highest state honor for a civilian. "He may not have been born in Indiana. But as his parents told me, he came here as soon as he knew about it," Pence joked. "He is a Hoosier through and through."

Gov Pence makes stop at Clay Co. Fair

The Brazil Times

The Clay County 4-H Fair was paid a visit by Governor Mike Pence Thursday evening after ending an appearance in Terre Haute. "Just couldn't resist coming by. We were in Terre Haute today -- and in Pittsboro with Jeff Gordon -- and I said where's the nearest fair," said Pence, who grew up in a small town. "So we went to Clay County." "There's no other occasion in the life of small town Indiana like the 4-H Fair. Celebrating everything that is great about the community," Pence said. "Whether people are involved in agriculture or not, they're participating in a broad range of events and competitions. It's just a great way to showcase all the great things about a small community."

Pence, Snyder use Twitter to debate jobs and an unruly bear

Lansing State Journal

Gov. Mike Pence is making a play for Michigan jobs, even as Department of Natural Resources officials work to return a wandering black bear back to Indiana's northern neighbor. Pence tweeted to Gov. Rick Snyder, a fellow Republican, on Thursday morning: "Message to Michigan Gov. @onetoughnerd: we'll take your jobs, but we're sending @bearindiana back." Snyder responded on Twitter: "@bearindiana is welcome back. He knows Michigan leads the Midwest in job creation." Snyder's spokesman then emailed the Indianapolis Star to say, "Kidding aside, both of our states are doing great things to help create jobs. Indiana is a good neighbor."

Indiana Gov. Mike Pence takes jab at Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder on Twitter over black bear, jobs

The Elkhart Truth

Pence has made it clear he's not a fan of the Indiana black bear spotted in Michigan City, and he thinks that the Department of Natural Resources' decision to trap and relocate the animal is the right call. "Obviously we cherish our wildlife in the state of Indiana, but based on the behavior of that animal, it makes some sense for them to intervene," Pence said, according to a report from nwitimes.com.

Feds grant Indiana three-year no child left behind waiver

WFYI

Indiana is still in line with the expectations set in order to receive federal funding. Earlier in 2014 the waiver was put on a conditional status after a federal review found a lack of support for failing schools, among other issues. That caused a political firestorm between Ritz and Gov. Mike Pence. Pence, in a statement today, called the new extension "great news for children, parents and teachers." "Hoosiers can be proud of the ongoing, collaborative effort that has made this renewal possible," Pence said. "My administration remains committed to ensuring that all Hoosier children have access to quality schools, and that education is determined by Hoosier educators and families in their local communities."

Pence's objection to Affordable Care Act not changed by federal funding increase for insurance program

CBS

The Federal Government will pick up nearly the entire tab for a program that provides health insurance to low and moderate income Indiana children. Despite the Federal Government picking up the bill for the State's insurance program, Governor Mike Pence still hopes the Affordable Care Act (ACA) will be repealed.

State agency pitching governor's mantra

The Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

Gov. Mike Pence loves to say that Indiana is a state that works. In fact, the catchphrase is in almost every speech he gives. Now the slogan adorns several downtown Indianapolis buildings – at a cost to taxpayers of almost \$300,000. The Indiana Economic Development Corp. first added the sign to One North Capitol, where the agencies' offices are, for only \$26,309. "The three signs are an opportunity to communicate our brand to not only Indianapolis residents but to the more than 26 million people who visit our capital city each year," Gras said. But the Indiana Democratic Party called out the spending as wasteful. Gras said the signs are part of the IEDC's ongoing marketing campaign – A State that Works – which was launched in May 2013. It is designed to draw attention to the numerous reasons why Indiana is a state that works for business. To date, AStateThatWorks.com has had more than 118,000 visitors and its digital advertisements have been viewed more than 34 million times.

To Serve and be protected: Indiana National Guardsmen can carry firearms in recruiting centers, armories

News and Tribune

Gov. Mike Pence issued an executive order Monday, in response to the shooting deaths of four U.S. Marines and one Navy sailor in Chattanooga, Tenn., last week, allowing military personnel at National Guard facilities and recruiting centers to arm themselves.

LEGISLATIVE

Political Professionals to watch: Women who govern, a rising star class of elected officials in Indiana

NWI Times

The 2016 elections are more than a year away, but already a full field of Republican and Democratic candidates have declared their intentions to run for Indiana governor. One woman thought about running for U.S. Senator but ultimately decided to take a pass....at the moment. Karen Tallian State senator, D-Ogden Dunes; Democratic candidate for Indiana governor.

VA approves \$38M clinic in Northern Indiana

Inside IN Business

Senator Joe Donnelly (D-Ind.) says "north central Indiana veterans deserve more convenient care." The publication says Donnelly, who previously served as a Congressman in the region, has lobbied for nearly 10 years to increase access to former service members.

AGENCIES/STATE-WIDES

Feds approve Indiana's NCLB waiver for schools

The Statehouse File

Federal officials have granted the state a three-year waiver that frees Indiana schools from some of the requirements of the controversial No Child Left Behind Act. State Superintendent Glenda Ritz has been working with federal authorities since and she noted that the state's Division of Outreach for School Improvement is now receiving federal recognition for its work.

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Hamilton County gets latest traffic control technique

Indy Star

Three flashing-yellow left-turn arrows were activated Wednesday to slow drivers on Ind. 37. The signals were installed at the intersections of Country Boulevard, Pleasant Street and Little Chicago Road, the Indiana Department of Transportation said.

Tax amnesty will lead to found money

New Sentinel

Attention, scofflaws, deadbeats and truants: Here is your chance to get out from under. The state has announced a second tax amnesty window, from Sept. 15 to Nov. 15, for all taxes due prior to Jan. 1, 2013. Indiana businesses and individual Hoosiers who owe the Department of Revenue back taxes will have that two months to catch up. In exchange for full payment of the base tax owed, the state has agreed to waive penalties, interest and collection fees; release tax liens imposed on existing liabilities; and to not seek civil or criminal prosecution against any individual or entity.

Indiana State Fair nixes displays of confederate flag

Indy Star

The Indiana State Fair has asked vendors not to sell or display Confederate flag merchandise at next month's event.

AROUND INDIANA

Ivy Tech to dedicate new campus

Inside IN Business

A reception is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. and the program will follow at 3:00 p.m. The school will also give tours of the campus. The new campus is located at 815 East 60th Street in Anderson.

Southside Business initiative to launch

Inside IN Business

"We have seen this concept work well in communities around Central Indiana and believe it's an approach that is greatly needed and will work well for our Southside small business owners," Southside Business Initiative Advisory Board Chair Steve Battiato said.

Interactive Intelligence names CFO

Inside IN Business

Before joining Interactive Intelligence, she served in finance positions with Indianapolis-based Union Acceptance Corp. and KPMG LLP. Vukovits is a certified public accountant and holds a degree in accounting and finance from Miami University.

Council panel votes to tow 5 BlueIndy cars

Indy Star

A City-County Council panel voted Thursday to authorize the towing of five BlueIndy electric demonstration cars parked Downtown. "The fact is that these cars are illegally parked and have been for over a year," said Zach Adamson, chairman of the Public Works Committee, after the 5-1 vote.

Confederate flags put NASCAR in difficult position

Indy Star

The NASCAR of today is an image-conscious sports business looking to broaden its fan base and appeal to a wide array of corporate sponsors. "The NASCAR community was asking its fans to consider not bringing the Confederate flag to its events," IMS President Doug Boles said. "As a track that hosts a NASCAR race, we signed to be supportive of NASCAR and the spirit of the statement."

JOBS/ECONOMY

EDITORIALS

Great compared to nothing

The Statehouse File

President Obama last week announced a deal aimed at reducing the threat of a nuclear weapon being developed in Iran. He was joined by the United Kingdom, France, Germany, China and Russia in a negotiated settlement with Iran that is now on its way to the United Nations for approval. Besides the U.N. review, legislative bodies in Iran and here are also giving it a look.

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By Lesley Weidenbener

[TheStatehouseFile.com](#)

INDIANAPOLIS – Federal officials have granted the state a three-year waiver that frees Indiana schools from some of the requirements of the controversial No Child Left Behind Act.

The approval comes about 18 months after federal officials had expressed some concerns about the way the state was monitoring troubled schools and implementing academic standards and evaluations.

State Superintendent Glenda Ritz has been working with federal authorities since and she noted that the state's Division of Outreach for School Improvement is now receiving federal recognition for its work.

The approval means the Indiana Department of Education won't have to apply for a waiver again until 2018.

"Because of this waiver, local schools throughout our state will continue to have more control over how they use precious federal resources," said Ritz, a Democrat who is running for governor in 2016.

However, state officials might have to seek federal permission to make changes in its school evaluation system that Ritz has proposed to the State Board of Education.

Congress passed the No Child Left Behind law in 2002. The law imposed a tough system that required test scores to improve within tight demographic groups. If a school missed the mark in just one category – such as special education students – it would fail to meet what the law called adequate yearly progress.

The waiver allows states to create alternative evaluation systems and gives schools more flexibility over the way they spend federal dollars.

But because the waiver is based on the state's evaluation plans, Ritz's proposal to pause the state's A-F grading system for schools could violate the terms. The proposal is meant to help schools ease into a new testing program that is expected to reduce scores and therefore lower school grades.

Ritz wants to let schools keep the better of their 2014 and 2015 grades. State Board of Education members postponed a decision, in part because they want to find out whether the proposal violates state law.

Federal authorities have been giving states some flexibility to suspend their accountability system to deal with higher standards and tougher testing but the state would still need permission to do so.

On Thursday, Republican Gov. Mike Pence lauded the federal decision to grant the state's waiver, which he said

"maintains the local control of education that school districts, teachers and Hoosier parents have come to expect."

Commentary: Great compared to nothing

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By Michael Leppert

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President Obama last week announced a deal aimed at reducing the threat of a nuclear weapon being developed in Iran.

He was joined by the United Kingdom, France, Germany, China and Russia in a negotiated settlement with Iran that is now on its way to the United Nations for approval. Besides the U.N. review, legislative bodies in Iran and here are also giving it a look.

In the 2012 fact based, Oscar winning movie "Argo," the CIA devised a crazy idea to rescue several stranded workers from the U.S Embassy who were in hiding following the Iranian seizure of the embassy in 1979. The idea was to enter the country posing as a film crew of what would have been a terrible movie, and while there, smuggle the Americans out. It took a real effort to convince the bosses at the CIA and in the White House that it would work. Bryan Cranston aptly described the scheme to his boss by saying "this is the best bad idea we have sir...by far."

Conversely, the nuclear deal last week is not a bad idea. Merely getting a deal done is a great achievement. It is even greater when compared to all of the other alternatives I have read this week. Predictably, the staunchest opponents of the deal have come up with exactly nothing.

So, one might ask: What is so great about the deal? Probably the most important part for me is our role as a member of the international coalition that signed it. It is such an American trait to presume that this is all about us. In this case, it might be less about us than anyone involved. However, our role as a part of the team may have the longest payback of any one aspect of the deal closing.

Of the seven signatories to the agreement, we arguably rank last on that list of economies most affected by sanctions that have been in place since 2010. Iran's economy has suffered a recession that is quadruple the size of our 2008-09 disaster. France and Germany are salivating over not only the broader access to oil, but the ability to import their own goods back into Iran. Simply stated, the economic impact of the deal is enormous. The American-led 2010 sanctions against Iran have also been enormous, even more so to every other signatory to the new deal than us.

The debate that has ensued since Tuesday has been peculiar. Republicans in Congress, joined by a smattering of Democrats, have objected to the deal. Many of them objected to the deal before there was a deal. But what makes the debate odd is that the argument being made by the opposition is void of any alternative at all. The whole political approach of opposing big policy ideas with nothing as an alternative has truly run its course. It is a pattern that has served Obama well and looks like it will again this time.

From my perspective, Obama's three biggest policy moves have been the Affordable Care Act, the executive order on immigration, and the Iran nuclear deal. All three of these decisions have been met with oppositional outrage by Republicans in Congress but as of yet, not one real alternative to any of them.

The ACA was signed in March of 2010, and while its national support has been tenuous since then, the lack of an alternative plan has allowed it to become largely beyond repeal. The recent decision to uphold the act by the Supreme Court should be the end of the road on that one. Keep in mind that the ACA was passed in response to an indisputable problem.

Fast forward to December of last year. The president issues his executive order that effectively gives 5 million illegal immigrants the ability to stay in the country, gain work permits and receive other benefits. Talk of legal action and even impeachment ensued immediately. Twenty-six states sued. Court proceedings are still in progress. But what isn't happening? The Republican controlled Congress is nowhere on passing its own immigration package, a move that would make the executive order moot. Again, the executive order was only made to address an obvious problem that required action. Congress has its own authority to create and replace the angerring policy, but won't.

That brings us to today. The Iran nuclear deal also isn't perfect. For example, I can't fathom the deal being implemented without getting the four Americans that are detained or missing in Iran back on our soil. But this deal will be implemented and those who oppose it can thank themselves for that. It is their latest installment of prebuttals and defiance, warnings that if heeded, would result in nothing.

The fact is that the Iran deal isn't great. No one signatory to a deal this big could view it that way. But when compared to every other approach put forward, and I mean absolutely every single one, the deal rivals the proverbial sliced bread brainchild.

Let's face it. It's easy to be great when compared to nothing. And those who keep proposing nothing should start acknowledging their roles in creating such greatness. To the enraged opponents of the best bad idea available, from a grateful country, and more importantly a grateful international community, we thank you.

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OBAMA'S LONG PRESSER REBUTS IRAN DEAL CRITICS, COURTS DEMS:

President Barack Obama on Wednesday defended the recently-negotiated deal with Iran and challenged critics to present a better alternative than what is currently on the table before Congress (*LoBianco, CNN*). "It is incumbent on the critics of this deal to explain how an American president is in a worse position -- 12, 13, 14, 15 years from now -- if, in fact, at that point, Iran says, 'We're going to back out of the (deal), kick out inspectors, and go for a nuclear bomb,'" he said at an afternoon press conference. Obama spoke for more than an hour Wednesday, taking questions from reporters, but shifting to posing some questions for himself at the end of the press conference, apparently looking to draw out his critics. Throughout the event, Obama told reporters the chief goal in the negotiations was to ensure Iran cannot construct a nuclear bomb. "This deal is our best means of ensuring Iran does not get a nuclear weapon," he said. Obama also hit back against critics who said that international inspectors would not have instant access to nuclear sites anywhere in the country, a contention that has caught fire in the hours since the deal was unveiled Tuesday morning. The President said the deal established thorough monitoring "24-7" and that Iranians cannot simply sneak nuclear fuel past inspectors. "This is not something you hide in a closet. This is not something you put on a dolly and wheel off somewhere," Obama said of enriched uranium and plutonium. Obama was talking directly with the press, but his real audience was skeptical Democrats on Capitol Hill, who could join with Republicans to scuttle the deal. "My hope is that building on this deal, we could continue to have conversations with Iran that incentivize them to behave differently in the region," Obama said. White House officials have been trumpeting the measure for the limits placed on uranium enrichment and broad access for international inspectors...Obama said Wednesday that "I am not betting on the Republican Party rallying behind this agreement."

OBAMA SAYS CRITICS SHOULD AMDIT REAL ALTERNATIVE IS WAR:

Barack Obama argued that the debate over the landmark nuclear agreement with Iran is a choice between diplomacy and war on Wednesday, urging critics in Israel and Washington to come clean that their only viable option to the globally agreed accord would be military action (*The Guardian*). "There really are only two alternatives here: either Iran getting a nuclear weapon is resolved diplomatically through negotiation," Obama said. "Or it is resolved through force, through war. Those are the options." Under the deal, cemented between Iran and a coalition of world powers, international sanctions that have crippled Tehran's economy will be gradually lifted once it shrinks and mothballs its nuclear infrastructure, accepting extensive surveillance at enrichment

sites...Speaking to reporters at the White House for close to an hour, Obama stressed that critics, including the Israeli prime minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, had failed to provide an honest alternative to a deal he said was supported by virtually the entire global community.

RITZ LAGS GREGG, PENCE CONSIDERABLY IN FUNDRAISING: Glenda Ritz reported raising \$30,529 for her campaign for governor during the first half of the year — a fraction of what fellow Democrat John Gregg and Republican Gov. Mike Pence reported (*Cook, IndyStar*). The state schools chief ended the reporting period on June 30 with \$112,219 in her campaign bank account. Her campaign did not respond to messages seeking comment. Political observers say her lackluster fundraising could spell trouble, despite a strong grass-roots organization that helped her topple incumbent Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Bennett in 2012. "In terms of the fundraising reports, I think they do signal a major challenge in the Ritz campaign," said Laura Albright, a political science professor at the University of Indianapolis. "Good grass-roots campaigns are effective because they emphasize bundling many smaller donations rather than just seeking a few larger ones, but in the end, regardless of the strategy, the campaign has to have ample funds in order to win." Ritz's fundraising take represents less than 2 percent of the \$1.76 million that Gregg, her primary opponent former Indiana House speaker, reported during the same period. Pence reported raising \$1.63 million. Both of those campaigns disclosed their fundraising figures before today's filing deadline...Robert Dion, chairman of the political science department at the University of Evansville, said Ritz already has strong name recognition, which many candidates must spend money to achieve...Still, Ritz's fundraising numbers "seem unusually low," Dion said. "This raises a bit of a danger sign for the Glenda Ritz campaign, but there is still some time to get things geared up for next year. We are still many months away from the primary."

ZOELLER FILES FOR 9TH C.D., BUT NO ANNOUNCEMENT YET: Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller is joining the race for Rep. Todd Young's seat in Congress, according to Federal Election Commission filings (*McCall, Indiana Public Media*). Those filings, which were submitted Tuesday, show the Republican candidate will make a run for Indiana's 9th District House of Representatives seat. Zoeller has not yet publicly announced his candidacy, however. In a statement, Zoller says Young has been "a very effective Congressman for the people" in the district. "It's no secret that I have been discussing running for this seat with many supporters in the district and have received encouragement, but it's more appropriate to allow Congressman Young to make his public announcement next Saturday before announcing my own plans," the statement says.

MUTZ WANTS REGIONAL CITIES JUDGES TO SPAN STATE: Gov. Mike Pence's \$84 million Regional Cities Initiative, which seeks to lure young workers to Indiana through improved quality-of-life amenities, got off to a shaky start Wednesday (*Carden, NWI Times*). At issue was the proposed selection of the usual suspects from

Indianapolis' economic development community for the panel that will help decide which two regional development authorities win state funding for their projects. Former Lt. Gov. John Mutz, chairman of the policy committee for the Indiana Economic Development Corp., the state agency overseeing the Regional Cities program, wouldn't stand for it. He insisted that up to three economic development experts from outside Marion County be added to the 10 members of the Regional Cities Initiative Strategic Review Committee previously selected by IEDC leaders and the governor. Mutz said he was disappointed he already knew everyone on the recommended list. While he admitted they each are thoughtful individuals, he believes the panel should include more younger members from all parts of the state. IEDC Policy Director Eric Shields attempted to placate Mutz by explaining the agency tried to create a committee that would have the competency and expertise to judge proposed regional projects. However, he failed to persuade Mutz simply to rubber-stamp the selections, and Mutz refused to believe no one outside Indianapolis was qualified to serve. The three additional members are expected to be nominated by IEDC officials by the end of the month so the committee can begin reviewing project applications and complete site visits ahead of a Dec. 15 decision by the full IEDC board on which projects to fund...Potentially eight regions, representing 34 of the state's 92 counties, might participate in the competition.

TEACHER SHORTAGE SQUEEZING DISTRICTS THIS HIRING PERIOD: As school districts enter the final stretch of preparations before a new school year, administrators say they continue to feel the effects of a statewide teacher shortage (*Grove, WLFI-TV*). "What we thought were going to be easy-to-fill positions, [including] English, has not been," said Lafayette School Corporation Superintendent Les Huddle. "Can't give you a reason other than, maybe, the total downturn in the number of applicants — the number of students going into the field of teaching." This week, Huddle said the district was still working to fill seven job openings. "Our HR department has been working feverishly trying to fill the positions," Huddle said. "Our principals are out as soon as they get a lean on candidates — they're contacting them, getting them in, checking their skill sets, backgrounds checks, doing all those things." Earlier this month, the Associated Press reported a 63 percent drop in the number of first time Indiana teacher licenses between the 2009-2010 school year and 2013-2014. Tippecanoe School Corporation Superintendent Scott Hanback said his district has seen a declining pool of applicants. "It really depends on the department, on the grade level, on the subject area as to how significantly we feel those declines," Hanback said, mentioning math, science, special education and the elementary level as examples. "Some years in the past, we might have had upwards of 85 to 100 applicants for one position whereas this summer that number seems to be closer to 40 or 50," Hanback continued. "While that is alarming, the applicants that we do have and the teachers we ultimately do hire — it's a very strong candidate pool. We're still attracting outstanding candidates...we're just seeing fewer of them." Some educators have said state funding constraints, testing pressure, and a blame-the-teachers mentality have steered people away from education. "We have younger and younger teaching candidates that aren't going into

the field because of...war stories that they're hearing. Some of it's fact, some it is fiction," said Huddle. "In the world of education, we're not doing a good enough job of selling our profession that it is still a good career, a good profession to go into." Over the last few years, Hanback said his district has broadened their recruitment strategy to include national websites. "We are starting to see applicants from other states who are desiring to take a position in Indiana or even locally," said Hanback. "Teaching is a very rewarding profession. It's not for everybody. It's a calling. It's a sense of purpose."

WETTEST JUNE ON RECORD THREATENS ¼ OF STATE'S CORN, SOYBEANS: At least a fourth of the state's corn and soybean crops are in severe trouble after the wettest June on record with a state average of 8.99 inches (*Slabaugh, Muncie Star Press*). The wet weather also caused a spike in mosquitoes and other bugs, causing problems for some livestock. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's latest crop-progress report rates 25 percent of Indiana corn, or 1.425 million acres, as "very poor" or "poor," and 26 percent of Indiana soybeans, or 1.482 million acres, as "very poor" or "poor," says Chris Hurt, an agricultural economist at Purdue University. The June state precipitation average was 4.80 inches above normal. The month was also the fourth wettest of any month on record in Indiana since 1895, according to the Indiana State Climate Office. Much of East Central Indiana was pounded with 9-12 inches of rain. Torrential rain didn't just flatten wheat/hay fields, saturate low-lying corn and soybean fields, and prevent some fields from being planted at all. It also has kept Hoosier farmers from applying nitrogen and much-needed fungicide on corn and beans, the USDA reports. Similarly, reduced herbicide applications and increased rainfall have made weed control "near impossible."...Purdue estimates Indiana corn and soybean losses to this point at \$500 million, though about 80 percent of the acres planted are insured.

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: Tuesday's HPI weekly edition had an exclusive sit-down interview with Todd Young the same day he announced for the U.S. Senate. As predicted, it's creating ripple effects as Republican hopefuls line up to replace him. (The same thing has played out in the 3rd C.D. after Marlin Stutzman declared his senate candidacy earlier this spring.) Our weekly also broke the story that State Sen. Brent Waltz is definitely running for Young's now open seat. "I'm in 100%," Waltz told HPI. "There will be a formal announcement on Thursday." Yesterday's HPI Daily Wire was the first to break the story yesterday morning that State Sen. Erin Houchin would formally announce her congressional campaign later that day—she did. And, as Attorney General Greg Zoeller told HPI, he is seriously contemplating a bid. That appears confirmed by the fact he has filed the necessary paperwork. Once we hear from State Rep. Peggy Mayfield, who is also weighing a run, then the two open seat congressional fields will have sorted themselves out (at least on the Republican side of the aisle) and promise to be two competitive contests between now and May 2016. --
Matthew Butler

Iranian Nuclear Agreement

OBAMA SAYS DEAL MAKES PROGRESS, BUT KNOWS IRAN REMAINS

THREAT: "Yesterday was a historic day," the president said during a lengthy press conference Wednesday, where he took many questions (*National Journal*). "With this deal, we cut off every single one of Iran's pathways to a nuclear program, a nuclear-weapons program. And Iran's nuclear program will be under severe limits for many years. Without a deal, those pathways remain open. "...Obama elaborated on what hasn't changed in regards to U.S. relations with Iran. "We'll still have problems with Iran's sponsorship of terrorism, its funding of proxies like Hezbollah that threaten Israel and threaten the region, the destabilizing activities that they're engaging in, including in places like Yemen. And my hope is that building on this deal, we can continue to have conversations with Iran that incentivize them to behave differently in the region, to be less aggressive, less hostile, more cooperative, to operate the way we expect nations in the international community to behave: But we're not counting on it."... Diplomacy, Obama said, was the country's best option. "Either the issue of Iran obtaining a nuclear weapon is resolved diplomatically through a negotiation or it's resolved through force, through war," Obama said. He also acknowledged there are limitations to the United States' negotiating power. "We don't have diplomatic leverage to eliminate every vestige of a peaceful nuclear program in Iran," he said. "But we do have the leverage to make sure they don't have a weapon.

OBAMA SAYS INCLUDING HOSTAGES WOULD CREATE PERVERSE

INCENTIVE: During a Wednesday press conference to promote the Iranian nuclear deal he had announced a day earlier, President Barack Obama fielded a question from CBS White House correspondent Major Garrett regarding the four Americans held captive in Iran and why he didn't seek their release during these negotiations (*Breitbart News*). GARRETT: "Thank you, Mr. President. As you well know, there are four Americans in Iran — three held on trumped-up charges and according to your administration and one whereabouts unknown. Can you tell the country, sir, why you are content with all the fanfare around this deal to leave the conscious of this nation, the strength of this nation unaccounted for in relation to these four Americans?..."

OBAMA: "I've to give you credit for how you craft those questions. The notion that I'm content as I celebrate with American citizens languishing in Iranian jails — Major, that's nonsense, and you should know better. I've met with the families of some of those folks. Nobody is content, and our diplomats and our teams are working diligently to try to get them out. Now, if the question is why we did not tie the negotiations to their release, think about the logic that that creates. Suddenly Iran realizes, you know what? Maybe we can get additional concessions out of the Americans by holding these individuals. Makes it much more difficult for us to walk away if Iran somehow thinks that a nuclear deal is dependent in some fashion on the nuclear deal, and, by the way, if we had walked away from the nuclear deal, we'd still be pushing them just as hard to get these folks out. That's why those issues are not connected, but we are working

every single day to try to get them out and won't stop until they are out and rejoined with their families."

RICE SAYS IRAN WOULD BE UNDER INSPECTIONS, SCRUTINY: Iran will have no way to avoid inspections of military or other sites that the United States and its allies deem suspicious when a nuclear pact sealed this week goes into effect, U.S. National Security Adviser Susan Rice said on Wednesday (*Reuters*). Rice, in an interview with Reuters, said the deal would not give Iran any room to oppose inspections if Washington or others had information believed to reveal a secret site that they took to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for review. "If the Iranians said, 'No, you can't see that site,' whether it's a military site or not, the IAEA, if it deems the site suspicious, can ask for access to it," she said. If Iran refuses access but five of the eight international signatories to the deal demand an investigation under a newly created joint commission, Iran must comply, she said. "It's not a request. It's a requirement," Rice said. Iran would be "bound to grant that access." Under the deal announced earlier this week, sanctions imposed by the United States, European Union and United Nations will be lifted in exchange for Iran agreeing to long-term curbs on its nuclear program, which the West and Israel have suspected was aimed at creating a nuclear bomb. As part of the deal, Iran will have a 24-day period in which it can address concerns over suspicious sites and agree to inspections.

OBAMA OFFERS TO BOOST MILITARY AID TO ISRAEL: President Obama has offered to increase U.S. military aid to Israel in the wake of the Iran nuclear agreement, according to a published report (*Fox News*). According to the New York Times, Obama broached the subject in a phone conversation with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday. White House officials said that Obama told Netanyahu that he was prepared to hold "intensive discussions" on bolstering Israel's defense capabilities. The paper reported that Netanyahu denied to discuss the subject with the president, leading U.S. officials to believe he wants to wait and see what Congress has to say about the deal, which was agreed to after long talks involving the U.S., Iran, and five other world powers. Lawmakers have up to 60 days to review the agreement. Netanyahu has been the staunchest critic of the agreement, calling it a "bad mistake of historic proportions" mere minutes after it was agreed to. He continued his criticism on Wednesday, saying there were "absurd things" in the agreement, and accusing world leaders of falling into "a trap of smiles set by the tyrannical Iranian regime." In remarks to Israel's parliament, Netanyahu said he was not bound by the terms of the deal and could still take military action against Iran.



Campaigns

2016: CARDWELL SAYS PENCE FUNDRAISING REFLECTS 'BROAD-BASED SUPPORT'

Indiana Republican Party Chairman Jeff Cardwell released the following statement on the mid-year fundraising reports in the governor's race (*Howey Politics Indiana*): "After accusing Mike Pence during the last election cycle of having his roots in Washington, D.C., it's ironic that the majority of John Gregg's contributions come from labor union PACs in Washington. Unfortunately for John Gregg and working Hoosiers, labor union bosses in Washington don't know anything about balancing budgets and growing Indiana's economy. Gov. Mike Pence's latest fundraising report, on the other hand, reflects broad-based support from across the state with over 90 percent of donors being from Indiana. Governor Pence's cash-on-hand total is stronger than any other sitting governor during this point in his first term and the majority of donors to the governor's campaign were Hoosiers who contributed \$100 or less. These small-dollar donations speak volumes about the confidence voters have in his leadership and the current direction of our state."

2015: REICKEN'S EVANSVILLE MAYORAL CAMPAIGN FOCUSES ON URBAN BLIGHT

At the scene of a blighted warehouse that's at the center of a city lawsuit, Democratic mayoral candidate Gail Riecken called for greater neighborhood response to blighted properties (*Evans, Evansville Courier & Press*). "The people are going to be the answer — the neighbors are going to be the answer to the long-term success of getting rid of our properties or addressing our vacant and abandoned properties," Riecken said after meeting with the Courier & Press and neighbors of the burned warehouse at 1007 W. Maryland St. ... Groups such as neighborhood associations, community organizations and churches are key to identifying and pressuring the city on nuisance properties, Riecken said. Had Riecken been mayor, she said she would have prioritized the warehouse on the city's list of to-demolish properties. "I would've had different priorities in how the money was spent. ... We really need to know how all the money has been spent on this area," she said. "I would question ... why they didn't go ahead and tear it down. I don't know if it was weather, I don't know everything, but they should've gone one more step to have the legal authority to go on and tear it down," she said.

2015: GOP HOPEFUL FOR KOKOMO COUNCIL ARRESTED FOR DRUNK DRIVING

A candidate for Kokomo City Council was arrested on a drunken driving

charge over the weekend, prompting Republican Party Chairman Craig Dunn to withdraw the party's support in the upcoming election (*Fletcher, Kokomo Tribune*). Indiana State Police reports show Trooper Steven Glass arrested Richard Lee Williams, 69, who resides in the 1100 block of West Madison Street, at 4:13 a.m. Saturday at Lindsay and Monroe streets on a Class A misdemeanor charge of operating a vehicle while intoxicated...Williams is a candidate for City Council second district on the Republican ticket. After learning about Williams' arrest, Dunn said the Republican Party will no longer support Williams. "We have taken pride over the years to try to run quality role models in our community," said Dunn. "We don't believe this is behavior consistent to that goal. Therefore, we will not be providing any support for his candidacy."

Presidential 2016

3% OF JEB'S DONORS ARE SMALL DONORS, A FOURTH MAX OUT: Jeb Bush is a fundraising powerhouse among the Republican Party's biggest donors, but he is struggling among smaller donors (*National Journal*). Of the \$11.4 million his campaign raised during its first two weeks, only 3 percent came from donors who gave less than \$200. Small contributors gave Bush only \$368,023, the campaign's federal filings show. Donors who gave the legal maximum of \$2,700 accounted for more than 80 percent of Bush's total haul. For comparison's sake, Republican Sen. Ted Cruz raised \$1.8 million from small donors during the first week of his campaign back in March, nearly half of his campaign's total. And, on the Democratic side, Sen. Bernie Sanders said Wednesday that more than 76.5 percent of his fundraising (\$10.5 million) came from small donors. Bush had 12,334 donors between June 15 and June 30, his campaign said. That means his average contribution was \$926. The average Sanders contribution? \$35. The new figures will likely only further fuel the perception among conservative activists that Bush is a candidate of the wealthy GOP establishment who is unable or unlikely to connect with the grassroots. In fact, the \$368,000 in small-donor fundraising is less than Bush himself spent on the campaign during the brief, 10-day period in early June when he was formally "testing the waters" for a campaign. When the \$103 million his super PAC has raised is factored in, Bush's fundraising from small donors is almost surely less than the 3 percent he reported for the campaign itself on Wednesday, and likely well below 1 percent. The super PAC said last week that it had a total of 9,900 donors—which would mean its average donor contributed more than \$10,000. The super PAC said roughly 500 of its donors gave \$25,000 or more. The new report does show Bush's tremendous appeal among the moneyed class of donors. In a remarkable static, the most common denomination for a donor to Bush was the legal maximum of \$2,700. More than 3,400 donors gave Bush a maximum-sized contribution.

TRUMP RAISES \$1.9M, BURNING THROUGH CAMPAIGN CASH: Donald Trump has filed his first presidential campaign filing (*Washington Post*). He's raised \$1.9 million

since entering the race in mid-June, of which \$1.8 million was a loan from himself. He burned through most of his money, spending \$1.4 million, leaving his campaign with \$487,736 on hand. Some initial takeaways from Trump's first campaign filing: In his campaign announcement speech, Trump had declared he wasn't "using donors." Still, around 60 individual donors from all over the country gave the billionaire's campaign \$53,075, including nine who gave the maximum \$2,700 contribution. Trump's Iowa campaign manager, veteran GOP activist Chuck Laudner, was paid \$11,605 since April. There had been rumors that he was paid as much as \$30,000 a month, but Trump insisted he was paying the going rate. Meanwhile, his New Hampshire state director, Matthew Ciepielowski earned more than \$33,680 in that time and Iowa advisor Chris Hupke earned \$20,000.

TRUMP POLL NUMBERS SQUEEZING OUT OTHER GOP HOPEFULS: Donald Trump's rise in the polls has caused heartburn for many people in the Republican Party, but it is the second-tier candidates in the presidential field who have been hurt most of all (*The Hill*). Candidates who have years of political accomplishment to their names are being starved of oxygen by the business tycoon. Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry, three-term Sen. Lindsey Graham (S.C.) and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie are among the figures being sidelined by Trump — and their annoyance is bubbling to the surface. Earlier this week, Graham complained about the rules for the first major televised debate, which is less than a month away and will be limited to the top 10 candidates in the polls. At present, Trump would easily make the cut and Graham would not...Whereas leading contenders such as former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, Sen. Marco Rubio (Fla.) and Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker have the stature to avoid getting buried by the avalanche of Trump-related news and controversies, it is more difficult for lower-level contenders.



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Congress

COATS, TOOMEY PROPOSE 'LONG-TERM FIX' FOR HIGHWAY FUNDING: Sens. Dan Coats and Patrick J. Toomey, R-Pennsylvania, penned the following op-ed excerpted in part for *Roll Call*. They argue instead of raising taxes, increasing the

immigration of highly-skilled persons will generate sufficient new tax revenue for the Highway Trust Fund. "Under this approach, there would be no need for higher gas taxes or a new mileage tax, which Pennsylvanians and Hoosiers do not want — and should not have — to pay," the senators write. "More taxes not only mean less economic growth and fewer jobs in our states, but it also means less money for families to spend on groceries or rent, or to save for their children's education. This approach also would grow our economy and create jobs for American workers. For example, each year, our universities churn out tens of thousands of foreign graduates with advanced degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Our immigration policy currently forces these graduates to leave and help companies overseas that compete with U.S. firms. Instead, we should be encouraging such graduates to work here, contribute to our economy, pay taxes and help drive innovation, job creation and economic growth...So let's modernize our immigration system for highly skilled workers and invest the added tax dollars they will pay in our highways, roads and bridges. Done together, Washington can finally resolve a long-standing political impasse, properly fund our transportation infrastructure, and spur economic growth by welcoming more of the world's brightest minds to help build our economy rather than those of our competitors."

WALORSKI CHAIRS PANEL ON EVIDENCE-BASED STUDY OF SNAP

PROGRAM: Wednesday, Chairwoman Jackie Walorski convened a Subcommittee on Nutrition hearing to continue the full-scale review of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (*Howey Politics Indiana*) The subcommittee met to examine how the utilization of evidence-based research can allow limited program resources to be targeted toward the interventions with the greatest impact. "With nearly 46 million Americans in the SNAP program, it is critical to explore how we can implement effective research that will improve the lives of recipients and the integrity of the program. Increasing the quality and quantity of research leads to more, and better, evidence-based solutions that help us as lawmakers evaluate what works and what doesn't. This way, we can target resources towards programs that can have the greatest impact on improving SNAP for both recipients and taxpayers," Walorski said. The subcommittee heard testimony from a panel of experts, who discussed the ways in which social science research methods and evidence-based solutions reduce costs and improve results. Expert witnesses included Jim Sullivan, an economics professor at the University of Notre Dame, and cofounder of the Lab for Economic Opportunity.

BROOKS WORKING ON BIPARTISAN EFFORTS TO FIGHT ADDICTION: U.S.

Rep. Susan Brooks penned the follow op-ed excerpted in part from *Current in Carmel*: "Sadly, drug overdose has overtaken car accidents as the leading cause of injury death nationwide. In Indiana, there were 1,049 deaths in 2013 attributed to overdose. That's why I'm committed to leading an effort in Congress to turn the tide of addiction that has claimed too many Hoosier lives. Recently, alongside Representative Joe Kennedy III

(D-MA), I introduced legislation that will provide guidance to medical professionals on safe prescribing practices, increase resources available to first responders, reauthorize programs critical to the success of law enforcement agencies and raise national awareness of this deadly and growing problem. This multi-pronged approach is necessary to address a complicated issue that knows no socio-economic or geographic boundaries. Our bill is the companion to legislation introduced in the U.S. Senate by Joe Donnelly (D-IN) and Kelly Ayotte (R-NH) in April. I'm thankful for their leadership on this issue and look forward to working with them to ensure passage in both chambers. I am also grateful to Hoosier leaders like State Senator Jim Merritt, who continue working tirelessly to solve this problem. The "Heroin and Prescription Opioid Abuse Prevention, Education and Enforcement Act of 2015" targets the direct link between prescription drug abuse and heroin addiction."

COATS, JOINT ECON COMMITTEE STUDYING WORKER PARTICIPATION

RATES: Wednesday, Joint Economic Committee Chairman Dan Coats chaired a committee hearing that examined dwindling worker participation in the United States (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "Many believe that America has entered a 'new normal' characterized by lower economic growth and workforce participation," said Coats. "I believe it is perhaps too soon to claim that these trends are a permanent feature of the American economy. It is critical to examine the role federal policies have played in the decline of workforce participation among prime age workers since the recession." In Coats' opening remarks as prepared for delivery, he elaborated on the purpose of the hearing, "The discussion will center on the notable decline in workforce participation, including how the long-term and short-term trends factor into the issue; who is working less; where workforce trends are expected to go from here; and what that means for Americans' well-being and future growth. The combination of longer and shorter term trends in the midst of an uncharacteristically slow recovery has made it difficult to determine the expectations for future economic growth and workforce participation."

STUTZMAN NAMES NEW COMMS DIRECTOR: Congressman Marlin Stutzman released the following statement welcoming new Communications Director, Kelsey Knight to his office this week (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "I am excited to welcome Kelsey to our team. Her passion and dedication, compounded with out-of-the-box thinking and strong strategic communications experience will be critical in giving the constituents of Indiana's Third District a strong, sound voice in Washington," Stutzman said. Kelsey Knight was the communications director to Michigan Congressman and Chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, Mike Rogers. Prior to working on Capitol Hill, she was also the communications director in Michigan for the Romney for President Campaign.

General Assembly

REDISTRICTING GROUPS TO RALLY AT STATEHOUSE THURSDAY: A rally is planned at noon Thursday on the south lawn of the Indiana State House to call on elected officials to “Tame the Gerrymander” and reform the redistricting process in Indiana (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Sponsored by the Indiana Coalition for Independent Redistricting, the group will commemorate the birthday of the grandfather of gerrymandering, Eldridge Gerry, with birthday cake and by urging the newly created Special Study Committee on Redistricting to include the public when it begins its work later this summer. Prominent anti-gerrymandering supporters, such as Paul Helmke and Tom Sugar, will be present to speak about problems caused by gerrymandering in Indiana and why the public must be engaged in efforts for reform.

REP. NIEZGODSKI WRITES PENCE ON DCS CASELOADS, ACLU SUIT: The following letter below excerpted in part was sent to Gov. Mike Pence by State Rep. David Niezgodski, D-South Bend, on Wednesday in response to recent reports, including an ACLU of Indiana lawsuit, that document the renewed concerns about progress in reforms in the Indiana Dept. of Child Services (*Howey Politics Indiana*): “Rather than seeing us meet statutory requirements that family case managers handle no more than 17 ongoing cases or 12 initial assessments, we are finding out that a number of managers are routinely handling more than twice as many cases as they should. This should not be astonishing news. As far back as last November, DCS officials were telling lawmakers that virtually no DCS regional office was in compliance with state caseload requirements. A meeting of the DCS Oversight Committee in early June reiterated that the problems remained. And now our state finds itself dragged into court once again because your administration has failed to live up to its promises. To be blunt, this is not a new phenomenon. It has become common practice for you to offer grandiose pronouncements about a commitment to protect the interests of Hoosiers, only to be followed up with little to back up those words. It is as if you hope your lofty rhetoric is sufficient to keep the public from paying attention to the fact that the work isn’t getting done. It isn’t getting done, Governor. Your administration is not doing its job. Reports to the child abuse and neglect hotline are rising, and there still aren’t enough managers to take care of them. This cannot stand. You need to tell us what you intend to do to protect abused and neglected children in our state, and how we can shore up the support system that is supposed to help them. Governor, actions speak louder than words. These employees are taking Action because your administration has not kept its Word.”

REP. LEONARD SURPRISED ABOUT CELLPHONE BAN FOR UNDER 21

DRIVERS:It wasn’t just some young adults who were surprised July 1 when restrictions banning cellphone use for drivers younger than 21 went into effect (*Kelly, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). It was lawmakers, too. “I learned it on the news, but I didn’t remember that happening,” said Rep. Dan Leonard, R-Huntington. “There seems to be more and more times where people are not being forthright with what’s in their bills.” He said he tries to read all the bills, but things can always slip by. He doesn’t recall a full discussion on the topic. And if he had been aware of the larger implications,

"I think I would have been very hesitant to vote for it." At least three other lawmakers who voted for the legislation confirmed they did not understand that House Bill 1394 would prohibit cellphones for all drivers younger than 21...before July 1, the state law applied only to teen drivers younger than 18. Now any driver younger than 21 may not use a phone in the car for any reason, including GPS or texting or even listening to music. There is an exception for calling 911. There is no provision allowing hands-free use....Rep. Ben Smaltz, R-Auburn, was on the House committee that heard the bill and supported it during the session. He also said he was fully aware of its implications on cellphone use, and he believes crash data support the change. "Anyone who didn't know that was the intent of the bill didn't read it," Smaltz said. "The effort is to reduce the distraction for new or novice drivers."

State

GOVERNOR: PENCE THANKS FFA FOR COMMITTING TO INDY THROUGH 2024

-At a press conference Wednesday morning, Governor Mike Pence thanked the National FFA Organization for bringing their National Convention & Expo back home again to Indianapolis through the year 2024, a move expected to generate more than \$300 million in economic impact (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "Indiana is ready and committed to support this event and welcome with open arms the 64,000 FFA delegates who will come to Indianapolis each of the next several years," said Governor Pence. "Combined with the convenient access of being at the Crossroads of America and Indiana's famous Hoosier hospitality, our state and its capital city are well-suited to host this incredible group of future leaders in the global agriculture industry." The Governor was joined by Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann, Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard, National FFA Organization Chair Dr. Steve Brown, and Michael Browning, Chairman of the Board for Visit Indy, as well as student members of the National FFA Organization.

GOVERNOR: PENCE'S SCHEDULE - 10:00 a.m. – Governor Pence, Auditor Crouch to hold press conference on Fiscal Year 2015 closeout. Statehouse – Room 101, 200 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis.

LT. GOVERNOR: ELLSPERMANN NAMES 20 'COMPANIES TO WATCH' - Lt.

Governor Sue Ellspermann announced that 20 companies from 11 Indiana counties have been named 'Companies to Watch' by the Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship(OSBE) (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "I congratulate each of the Hoosier businesses on being selected as one of Indiana's 'Companies to Watch' in 2015," said Lt. Governor Ellspermann. "In Indiana we celebrate successful companies and commit to policies that support and encourage continued growth. We know that most future job expansion will occur with companies like these being honored. They are already having a positive impact on our economy and we look forward to their greater contributions in the decades to come." Presented by the State of Indiana and OSBE and endorsed by

the Edward Lowe Foundation, 'Companies to Watch' recognizes privately held Indiana businesses that have experienced exceptional growth and are well positioned for even greater growth in the future. Eligible companies must have six to 150 full-time employees and have generated between \$750,000 to \$100 million in annual revenue or capital.

EDUCATION: COMPLETING COLLEGE DEGREES ON TIME UP 7% LAST 5 YEARS - The 2015 Indiana College Completion Report released by the Indiana

Commission for Higher Education showed the number of Hoosiers earning bachelor's degrees in four years or less has increased by nearly seven percentage points in five years (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The report also showed small gains in on-time completion for students earning associate degrees as well as improvement in every demographic group. On-Time Completion is Improving: The on-time completion rate for full-time students at four-year colleges increased from 29.4 percent for students who started college in 2005 to 36.1 percent for students who started college in 2010. For two-year colleges, on-time completion rates for full-time students increased from 5.1 percent for students who started college in 2007 to 5.9 percent in for those who started college in 2012. But, On-Time Completion Remains the Exception: Half of all Hoosier students who earn a bachelor's degree take five to eight years to graduate. More than three-quarters of community college students who earn an associate degree take three to six years to graduate. An additional year of college can cost a Hoosier student at least \$50,000 in extra tuition, lost wages and related costs. Taking longer to complete not only means students pay more, but it also decreases the chances that they graduate at all. Extended Completion is Increasing at Four-Year Colleges: The number of students completing bachelor's degrees in six years or less increased by 1.9 percentage points—from 62.9 percent of students who started college in 2009 to 64.8 percent of students who started college in 2010. By comparison, extended completion at two-year colleges remained relatively flat.

ECONOMY: NW RDA TO SUBMIT REGIONAL CITIES APPLICATION - The Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority plans to submit an application, possibly in conjunction with the north central RDA, seeking funds to double-track the South Shore Line from the Illinois border to South Bend to reduce travel times for region commuters (*Carden, NWI Times*). RDA President Bill Hanna said making the region more accessible to Chicago jobs through improved rail connections will bring to Indiana new residents, businesses and transit-oriented development.

ENERGY: ETHANOL PLANT IN SOUTH BEND NOW GOING ONLINE - For the first time in about two and a half years, ethanol is being made in South Bend (Peterson, WNDU-TV). The plant on the city's west side shut down in November of 2012 after the New Energy Corporation declared bankruptcy. Now the new owners have made good on their pledge to re-start production. "Well within the last two months we've been amping up the facility as you would with any manufacturing plant," said Noble Americas' President Bill Cronin. "We have since come up with reasonably high

production rates which we're quite happy with and now we're just tweaking it to see how much more we can get out."... "It took a lot of work, a lot of blood sweat and tears for the engineering team here, as well as for our economic development team to really work with them to make this a reality, but it's happening and they're already talking about plans for growth," said Mayor Pete Buttigieg, (D) South Bend.

Nation

WHITE HOUSE: OBAMA TO BE FIRST POTUS TO VISIT FED PRISON - President Obama makes history Thursday, becoming the first sitting chief executive to visit a federal prison (*USA TODAY*). Obama, who spent the night in Oklahoma City, makes the trip to nearby El Reno Federal Correctional Institution to promote his ideas for criminal justice reform, including an end to sentencing disparities. While at El Reno, Obama "will meet with law enforcement officials and inmates and conduct an interview for a VICE documentary that will air in the fall about the realities of our criminal justice system," says the White House schedule. In a speech earlier this week, Obama said mandatory sentencing laws often lead to long prison terms for relatively minor crimes. Disparities in the criminal justice system fall most heavily on African-Americans and Latinos, the president said. Obama also highlighted his proposals this week by commuting the long sentences of 46 men and women who had been convicted of low-level drug offenses.

ILLINOIS: CHICAGO BOARD VOTES TO RAISE SALES TAX TO 10.25% - Cook County commissioners narrowly approved a 1-percentage-point sales tax increase Wednesday (*Chicago Tribune*). The 9-7 vote, with one commissioner voting present, followed several hours of testimony and debate over the tax hike, which will push the rate in Chicago back to among the nation's highest at 10.25 percent...Before the test vote, board President Toni Preckwinkle explained to commissioners why she wanted them to hike the sales tax. Her pitch may have been designed for public consumption, as it came after commissioners believed she had locked up the votes she needed to pass the tax hike, which will take effect Jan. 1. Preckwinkle listed the ways she has reduced county costs, including cutting payroll, since being first elected in 2010. "But today is not about current county operations, it's about the county's future," she added. The extra tax money is needed to restore financial health to the county's government worker pension fund, cover debt payments incurred before her election and stop the diversion of motor fuel taxes meant for roads and bridges to the county's court system, Preckwinkle said.

GEORGIA: NAACP WANTS TO 'SAND BLAST' STONE MOUNTAIN CARVINGS - The Atlanta Chapter of the NAACP is calling for the removal of the Confederacy from Stone Mountain Park (*CBS Atlanta*). Local chapter president Richard Rose says, "It is time for Georgia and other Southern states to end the glorification of slavery and white supremacy, paid for and maintained, with the taxes of all its citizens." According to

Rose, "all of this recognition of Confederate generals is upholding the white supremacy on which the Confederacy was founded and the war was fought." He goes on to say, "all of this should have ended in 1865 when Lee surrendered to Appomattox." ...Many, like Congressman Hank Johnson, see the park as a museum for the Confederacy. According to Johnson, "where do we draw the line, do we blast the faces off of Stone Mountain?" Rose says "yes". He adds, "they can sand blast Lee, Jefferson Davis, and Jackson off tomorrow. I'd be extremely elated."



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CITIES: ELKHART, GOSHEN LGBT ORDINANCES FIND OPPONENT IN ERIC

MILLER - A prominent conservative lobbyist is working to defeat proposals in Elkhart and Goshen for anti-discrimination protections based on sexual orientation and gender identity (*Associated Press*). Eric Miller, executive director of Indianapolis-based Advance America, was a leading supporter of Indiana's religious objection law. He told about 100 people at an Elkhart church Tuesday that strong opposition of the Elkhart and Goshen proposals would hurt a push for similar statewide sexual orientation protections...Mayors Dick Moore, of Elkhart, and Allan Kauffman of Goshen, believe the broader protections for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals would present their cities as welcoming communities. In Elkhart, the measure was introduced as state lawmakers debated the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which eventually was passed. But this is the second time such a measure is being considered in Goshen, where the council debated a civil rights ordinance for the LGBT community in 2009, but it was defeated. The Goshen City Council could debate the proposal Tuesday, while the Elkhart City Council likely won't take it up until next month.

CITIES: BALLARD TAPS U OF INDY OFFICIAL TO REPLACE RIGGS AT PUBLIC SAFETY

- A top University of Indianapolis official will replace Troy Riggs as the city's director of public safety (*Delaney, WFTI*). Mayor Greg Ballard announced Wednesday that David Wantz, the vice president for government and university relations at the southside college, will serve in an interim role through the end of Ballard's term as mayor. Wantz has law enforcement experience. He is a former police officer and taught at the Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield. He also serves on the IMPD Merit Board. "He's like Troy, he's level-headed, very competent," Ballard said in an interview. "We

expect him to maintain what's been going on, we like the data-driven approach" that Riggs brought. "I look forward to continuing the good work that is already underway in Indianapolis with data-driven law enforcement, engagement in the city's focus areas and ensuring a seamless transition to the next administration in 2016," said Wantz in a statement. Riggs announced last month that he was leaving the Department of Public Safety to join the faculty at IUPUI, where he will oversee public safety projects and teach in the public policy institute. Wantz plans to return to UIndy.

CITIES: BALLARD KICKS OFF BLACK EXP WITH BREAKFAST SPEECH - Mayor Greg Ballard kicked off Indiana Black Expo's Business Conference for the last time Monday with a breakfast speech about the ways his administration has worked to support minority communities in Indianapolis (*Garrison, IndyStar*). The outgoing mayor spoke about the initiatives he has started to make Indianapolis neighborhoods better places to live, such as RebuildIndy and LiveIndy, which focus on fixing infrastructure problems and making the city a place where young people can live, play and work...According to Greg Wilson, head of the Department of Minority and Women Business Development, the administration has created more than \$903 million worth of opportunities for such businesses in Indianapolis since Ballard took office in 2008. That's nearly double the opportunities created in the 24 years before Ballard, Wilson said.

CITIES: LIFE EXPECTANCY 'VARIES WIDELY' ACROSS INDY METRO AREA - Up in Carmel the average life expectancy is nearly 84 years. But 13 miles south, in the middle of Indianapolis, it's just over 69 years (*Harper, WFYI*). A new report from the IUPUI School of Public Health shows that life expectancy in the Indianapolis metro area can vary greatly from one neighborhood to the next. According to researchers, life expectancy in some neighborhoods is six decades behind the United States average -- even slightly lower than in Iraq and Bangladesh. But why? According to Tamara Leech, one of the researchers on the project, how long people live is mostly determined by the neighborhoods they live in. "They shape your day to day experiences in terms of accessing things that promote your health, or being exposed to things that diminish your health," she said. Leech added that it's everything from "the air that you're breathing, to the quality of streets that you're walking on, to the quality of grocery stores or schools that you're entering." Fixing those things will take a lot of work, but the researchers say the point of the report is to start a conversation on how to go about it.

CITIES: FORT WAYNE'S HARRIS CORP. CUTTING 360 JOBS - Harris Corporation announced Wednesday that it will be eliminating 360 jobs from its Fort Wayne facility starting in the fall of this year with the transition expected to be completed by mid-summer 2016 (*WANE-TV*). The plant, located at Cook and Innovation on the northwest side of town, makes SINCGARS communication radios used by the military which have been manufactured in Fort Wayne since 1988...The decision to eliminate the jobs comes about a month after the Harris Corporation bought Exelis for more than \$4

billion. There are currently about 900 people employed by Harris in Fort Wayne...The work is being moved to a Harris facility in Rochester, New York. Urbahns said he didn't have a chance to fight for the jobs.

CITIES: GE AVIATION FACILITY CONSTRUCTION ON SCHEDULE IN

LAFAYETTE - Construction of the GE Engine Aircraft Assembly Plant in Lafayette is on schedule despite record amounts of rain (*Thieke, WLFI-TV*). Plant manager Eric Matteson said the exterior was complete before the record rainfall over the last five weeks. As News 18 previously reported, the \$115 million investment will add about 230 jobs by 2020. Matteson said about 20 employees have already been hired and the next wave of hiring is planned for early next year. The facility is expected to open in January.

CITIES: ANDERSON'S HOOSIER PARK TO HOST 2017 BREEDERS CROWN

RACES - When Indianapolis found out it was hosting a Super Bowl, the entire city took several years to plan out each detail (*Teverbaugh, Anderson Herald Bulletin*). While the awarding of the Breeders Crown races to Hoosier Park in 2017 is a bit smaller in scale than a Super Bowl, preparations are already underway. "It is to harness racing what the Breeders Cup is to thoroughbreds," said Hoosier Park general manager of racing Rick Moore. "It is March Madness. It is the baseball All-Star Game." The Breeders Crown began in 1984 at The Red Mile in Lexington, Ky. Since that time, over \$165 million in purses have been awarded. This year's event will be held at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto, Canada. The winners of the Breeders Crown races are well respected across the country. Since '84, 19 Breeders Crown champions have been named Trotter of the Year and 19 champions have been named Pacer of the Year. The Hambletonian Society, the group that runs the Breeders Crown, visited Hoosier Park as part of the selection process...Tom Charters, President of the Hambletonia Society, said of the decision, "Hoosier Park is a world class racetrack and has been a solid supporter of Grand Circuit and stakes racing since they opened. We are delighted to add a new track to the Breeders Crown roster, especially one as celebrated, and as accommodating to fans, owners, and horsepeople as Hoosier Park."

CITIES: JASPER NAMED TO TOP 50 OF 'AMERICA'S BEST COMMUNITIES' -

The City of Jasper is celebrating being named to the Top 50 in the America's Best Communities contest (*DeLong, WFIE-TV*). Officials with the contest sponsor, Frontier Communications, are in town at KlubHaus 61 as part of the celebration. We're told those officials are only making trips to a couple of the Top 50 cities. Frontier President and CEO Dan McCarthy says Jasper's pitches on how city officials would use the money really stood out to him. But McCarthy says the county as a whole has a really unique opportunity for economic growth. Huntingburg was recently named the Stellar Community and now Jasper is a quarterfinalist.

COUNTIES: FLOYD STRUGGLES TO CUT \$1.2M FROM GENERAL FUND BUDGET

-The Floyd County Council was forced to cut \$1.2 million from its general fund in May,

but as of Tuesday, four departments — circuit court probation, superior court probation, prosecutor and child support — had not yet made the mandatory reductions (*Morris, New Albany News and Tribune*). That might be a good thing since the cuts now may not be necessary. Councilman Jim Wathen said there may be an estimated \$300,000 from the sheriff's budget that could be used to help ease the cuts. Wathen, and Council President Matt Oakley met with Sheriff Frank Loop, along with the four judges, for more than two hours recently to discuss budget issues. Loop is looking more closely into his budget to see if the money is there, and if it is, it will be placed back into the general fund. "We think progress was made and that we found a way to ease the budget cuts for our justice department," Wathen said. "We are moving forward and trying to find common ground. This is just a short-term fix."