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Dear Friends:

The news about the historic Indiana Bicentennial Celebration was traveled past America and was recently featured on worldwide websites that serve the global Sikh community Non-Resident Indians, and friends in every faith, culture, and community around the world. Thank you to the incredible generosity and support of: Avtar Singh, Founder and Manager of NRIinternet.com and NRIPress.com; Harijot Singh, Artistic Director at Sikhnet.com; Balbir Singh, a Freelance Journalist and his many diverse media contacts; Charlie Wiles, Executive Director of Center for Interfaith Cooperation; Rupal Thanawala and KP Singh, Board Members of Asian American Alliance; Perry Hammock, Executive Director of Indiana Bicentennial Commission and vast media lineup and live telecasts, and others who have all been exceptionally kind, the news about Indiana's milestone Birthday was shared with millions across USA and with people around the world. Thank you everyone for your amazing interest and support of this very special landmark celebration and also those who had the pleasure and honor of being a part of the festivities.

The articles as posted are attached; and here are the links to the article and colorful photographs from the Bicentennial Gala and Indiana's 200th Statehood Day Ceremonies:

http://www.sikhnet.com/news/sikhs-join-interfaith-leaders-and-dignitaries-indiana-bicentennial-celebrations

http://nriinternet.com/NRIsikhs/USA/ARTICLES/KPsingh/2016/BICENTENNIAL/index.htm



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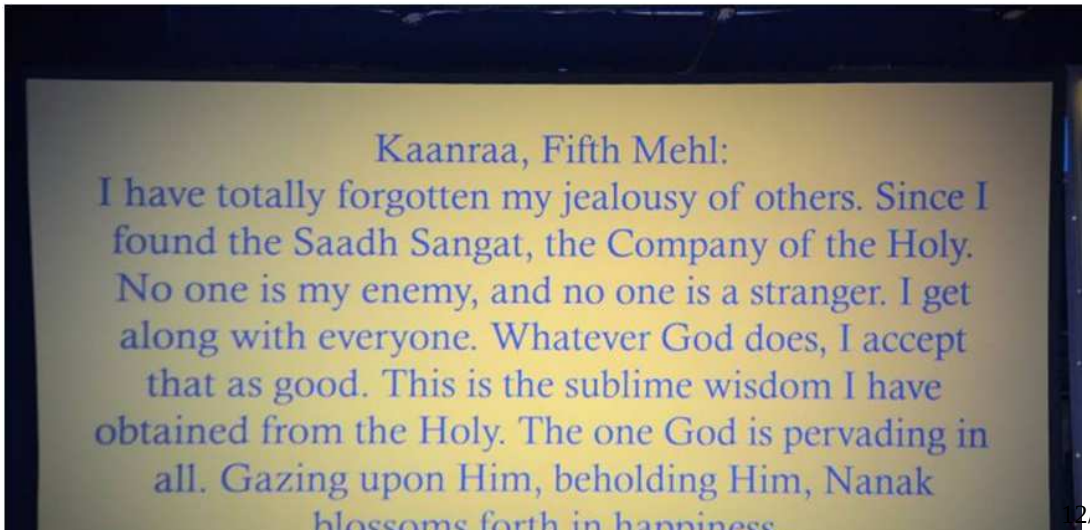


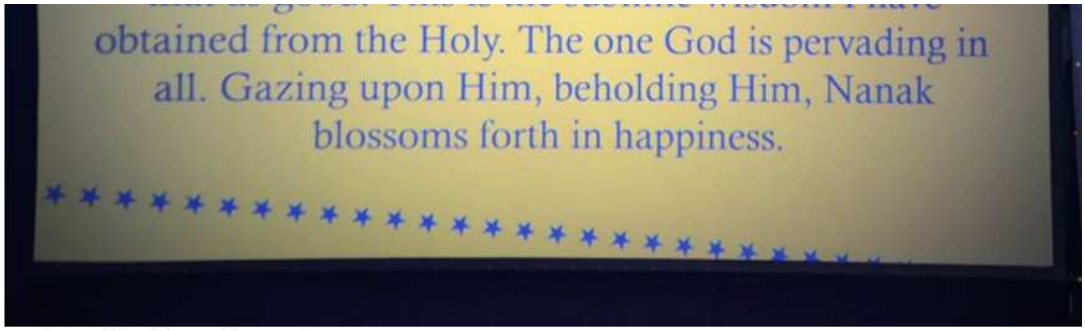


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Full Text of KP Singh Remarks:

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"Faith, Interfaith, and Cultures at America's Crossroads ~ Significance and Future"

Honored Distinguished Guests, Vice President-Elect Governor Mike Pence, First Lady Karen Pence, Governor-Elect Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb, Fellow Hoosiers, and Friends:

Sut Siri Akal: (a universal Sikh Greeting: God's Name is Eternal Truth). This Highest Immaculate Spirit is our shared Eternal Light and Guide.

It is a great honor and a special pleasure to be with you as we celebrate this milestone, the Bicentennial of the great State of Indiana. Congratulations to each of you on this historic occasion. We rejoice in the landmark moment and look forward to building Indiana's proud future together.

INTEGRATING OUR PROUD PAST INTO AN EXCITING FUTURE VISION

We can only imagine what life and times in Indiana and the world were like on December 11, 1816. Surely, the earlier settlers were facing very different challenges and formidable hardships, yet familiar hopes and prayers to build a better future for generations that follow. Today, we can see in the testimony of their trailblazing and labors in amazing accomplishments, a rich and robust legacy that carries many lessons and time-honored Hoosier values. We must assure a special place for the treasured heritage entrusted to us and thoughtfully integrate its spirit, lessons, and beautiful elements into the future vision and fabric of our State.

Whereas we cannot imagine or fully fathom what our State and world would be like when Indiana reaches another milestone a hundred years from today, on December 11, 2116, we can hope that with the new generations of the brightest and the best pioneers, leaders, and ambassadors; and with incredible new technologies, travel and trade, cultural energy and opportunities converging at our landlocked friendly shores, Indiana would have leaped forward on many fronts.

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We can imagine an Indiana where cherished traditions and new frontiers of ideas coexist, drawing strength from each other; where unexplored horizons, assets, and strengths lead to new prospects without limits; and where Indiana is at peace with her neighbors and the world of that time.

FAITH, INTERFAITH, AND CULTURES AT AMERICA'S CROSSROADS

Each of us has a stake in such a future. Faith communities, including the growing Sikh American population, cultural groups, interfaith leaders, and faith-based community initiatives have much to contribute to Indiana's future. For that to happen, we have to build upon the idea of a shared vision and collective responsibility. We need to create spaces at our family, civic, and community tables for all Hoosiers; invite diverse cultural, spiritual, and ethnic groups to mainstream their concerns, invest their energy and brilliant ideas; promote and honor a solemn commitment that all faiths, cultures, and citizens matter and a master-key to igniting Indiana's future.

Let us reflect on the spirit and amazing reception of such an invitation:

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REASON WHY I AM EXCITED TO BE PART OF IGNITE THE FUTURE:

Indiana's Bicentennial Celebration is a significant moment for the State and all Hoosiers. Indiana has been my home since 1967. I have learned much from discovering Indiana and introducing the State's architectural landmarks and historic sites with my drawings and writings to Hoosiers and people around the world. As a founding member of the International Center, Center for Interfaith Cooperation, and other civic engagements, I have had the unique privilege to witness over the past half century, amazing new energy, distinct perspectives, and creativity brought by people of diverse faiths and cultures converging here; making the "Crossroads of America" home to explore their dreams. We have to seize our collective momentum and build upon our widening crossroads.

I am excited about Indiana's Bicentennial as a recent pilgrim and pioneer. As a passionate advocate of historic and cultural preservation; involvement in the arts and education; community and interfaith initiatives, I have been privileged to witness up-close and personal Indiana's amazing leaps and forward momentum. As a Sikh American, I am grateful for the welcome and support that I have received since coming to Indiana. Today, as Indiana begins its third century of Statehood, many Sikhs and members of other faiths, cultural and ethnic communities are eager to pick up the torch and contribute to Indiana's prosperity. Let us take steps to ignite our future with the brightest and best, with dedicated and dynamic visionaries leading us. With Hoosier pride in tradition and eyes on the future, we will entrust a vibrant Indiana to the coming generations.

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Indiana State Police
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Sincerely,


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If you have any questions about your award, or if you are experiencing difficulty in accessing your COPS funds, then please contact your Grant Program Specialist/Program Manager at 1.800.421.6770.

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From: COPS_Portal@usdoj.gov
Sent: Saturday, October 01, 2016 3:09 AM
To: Carter, Doug;Governor Mike Pence;Toles, Mike
Subject: New COPS Quarterly Progress Report available - due Oct 30, 2016

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COPS Quarterly Progress Reporting: New Report Now Available

Oct 01, 2016

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Indiana State Police
100 N. Senate Avenue
IGCN Room N340
Indianapolis, IN 46204

ORI: INISP00, Grants: 2014AMWX0005

Dear Governor Pence:

Please be advised that your agency's Quarterly Progress Report is now available for completion. The report can be accessed through the COPS Office website at http://www.cops.usdoj.gov and is due on Oct 30, 2016. This progress report is used to monitor the implementation of your COPS-funded grant/cooperative agreement and your agency's community policing activities. Your cooperation in this collection is essential. We have made minor updates to some of the progress report questions; however, the changes should not significantly impact your reporting requirement.

Please note the following:

- Grantees funded under the 2011, 2012 and 2013 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) will be required to complete questions based on the community policing plan established at the time of application (or date of modification approval if you have received permission from the COPS Office to change your original plan).
- We encourage you to complete your report online. To complete the survey, please go to the COPS Office website, http://www.cops.usdoj.gov, and click on "Account Access" at the top of the page to log into your online account.
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- If you do not have your user name and/or password, please contact the COPS Office Response Center at 1-800-421-6770, or email them at askCopsRC@usdoj.gov. For information on accessing the new COPS Agency Portal you may refer to following the link: https://portal.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.aspx . If you do not have Internet access and would like to complete the progress report over the phone, please contact an Information Specialist at 800-659-7379 between 8:00am and 5:30pmEDT, Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions about completing your report, please contact an Information Specialist at 800-659-7379, or by e-mail at COPSProgressReport@usdoj.gov . Thank you in advance for your cooperation in submitting your COPS Progress Report by Oct 30, 2016.

Sincerely,


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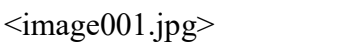
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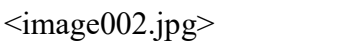
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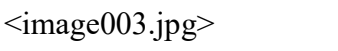
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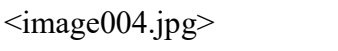
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BAYH CONSIDERED AN 'INACTIVE' VOTER IN INDIANA: Election officials in Indiana have concluded that former Sen. Evan Bayh is an "inactive" voter in their state after they failed to confirm he lives in Indianapolis, creating a new problem for the Democrat as he mounts a late effort to win back his old Senate seat. According to records obtained by *CNN*, Bayh has been listed as an inactive voter twice since leaving office -- once in July 2014 and the second time last week. In both instances, election officials had sent multiple postcards to Bayh's Indianapolis address to determine that he lives there. Both times the post office could not reach Bayh at the condo he owns in Indianapolis despite multiple attempts, prompting the Indiana Election Division to list him as inactive, according to copies of the mailers and state voting records. Bayh is still a registered voter, and being listed as inactive does not prevent the former two-term senator and governor from voting in the state. But being considered inactive is the first step from being removed altogether from the voter rolls. The new revelations come just days after a CNN report showed Bayh consistently listing his two multi-million-dollar homes in Washington as his main places of residence, not his $53,000 condo in Indianapolis, contradicting his public claims that he "never left" the state after giving up his seat in 2011. On Thursday, Bayh's campaign did not dispute the "inactive" status but downplayed the significance, noting that he still votes in Indiana elections and hundreds of thousands of other voters have also been listed as inactive.

BAYH DEFENDS HIS RESIDENCY: Evan Bayh on Thursday brushed off the increasing scrutiny over his Indiana residency, arguing that his multiple homes here and in Washington won't ultimately be a "compelling issue" for voters this November. "We have a home in D.C. and we have a home in Indianapolis. We list them both for different things," Bayh said during a wide-ranging interview with *POLITICO* at a local farmers market and food hall here. "Dick Lugar, when he was in the Senate, Dan Coats right now in the Senate, have all had to juggle representing Indiana while also having a presence in Washington, D.C. There's no difference." Bayh owns two homes in Washington: one in the Spring Valley neighborhood, assessed at $2.4 million, and another in Georgetown that he purchased last year for $2.9 million, according to property records. The former senator and Indiana governor also owns a condo in Key Biscayne, Florida. His home in Indianapolis is a one-bedroom condo that is assessed at $59,000. "I think you can follow me around here, people know me, they know my service," Bayh said. "I was representing my state when my opponent was in high school. I mean, I know our state. I love our state. Five generations. I don't think that's going to be a compelling issue." When asked how much of his time he spends in Indiana compared to Washington, Bayh responded "a lot" and declined to quantify, adding: "I can't reduce it to a number." "The important thing is, I mean, you can follow me around and listen. People know I know them," Bayh said in the interview here Thursday. "They know I know their concerns. They know I've represented our state for 22 years. I've never stopped being a Hoosier."

PENCE FILES FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE: Republican Vice Presidential candidate and Indiana Gov. Mike Pence has released his personal financial information for the world to see. He filed the federal form Thursday night (Mellilo, *WISH-TV*). That personal financial disclosure form shows Governor Pence's salary as Indiana's Governor is really his only source of income, he has no other income coming in. Pence filed the form required under federal law and is expected to release more tax information in the upcoming weeks. The disclosure lists Pences' salary at $173,000 that he earns from his job as Indiana's Governor. It also shows the earnings from Karen Pence's two small businesses. One is a towel charm business and

another as a self-employed artist each bring in less than $1,000 per year. Pence also lists seven student loans totaling at least $95,000. The Pences have three children. In a statement released with the Financial disclosure Pence said, "Our family has been honored to serve our state and nation. Like many American families, we have been fortunate and blessed to raise three wonderful children and put them through college while doing work that we love."

$1M HAUL FOR TRUMP IN EVANSVILLE: Donald Trump's visit to Evansville on Monday went off without a hitch, according to the organizer (Ethridge, *Evansville Courier & Press*). Steve Chancellor said that 140 guests attended the fundraiser at his West Side home, spending time with Trump, running mate and Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, and former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani. While Chancellor could not confirm a report that the event raised $1.5 million for various national and state Republican campaigns, he did say the total was "north of a million." Patrons paid a minimum of $10,000 per couple. "I followed up afterward with a number of guests, and everyone was impressed with Mr. Trump," Chancellor said in a telephone interview. "I heard almost the same quote from everyone, that if we see and hear every day until the election what we saw and heard on Monday night, he will be the next president." Chancellor said the night's events went smoothly from start to finish, praising the organization of the Secret Service, local law enforcement and the campaign teams.

TRUMP EXPRESSES 'REGRET': Donald Trump on Thursday shelved his guiding mantra -- never back down, never apologize -- and did what he has refused to do in public in more than a year of campaigning (CNN). He expressed regret. Trump, reading from prepared remarks Thursday night, acknowledged that he sometimes says "the wrong thing" in an astonishing act of contrition that signaled Trump's willingness to break from his characteristic brashness and bare-knuckles style that carried him to victory in the Republican primaries, but risks dooming him in the general election. "Sometimes, in the heat of debate and speaking on a multitude of issues, you don't choose the right words or you say the wrong thing. I have done that. And believe it or not, I regret it. And I do regret it, particularly where it may have caused personal pain. Too much is at stake for us to be consumed with these issues," Trump told supporters here. He added: "But one thing I can promise you is this: I will always tell you the truth." The real estate mogul did not say which of his numerous controversial statements he regretted, but his remarks came on the heels of recent controversies that ranged from feuding with the parents of a slain Muslim-American soldier to suggesting "Second Amendment people" could act to stop Hillary Clinton from appointing a liberal Supreme Court.

TRUMP SAYS 'I'LL NEVER LIE TO YOU': Donald Trump painted himself as the candidate of honesty Thursday night, slamming Hillary Clinton as "one of the greatest liars of all time" (*Politico*). "In this journey, I will never lie to you. I will never tell you something I do not believe," Trump said, reading his prepared remarks from a teleprompter at a rally in Charlotte, North Carolina, a state where he's been steadily slipping in the polls. The Republican nominee went on to draw a contrast between himself and Clinton and President Barack Obama, whom he says have betrayed the American people with their lies. "While sometimes I can be too honest, Hillary Clinton is the exact opposite: She never tells the truth. One lie after another, and getting worse each passing day," the New York mogul said. "Aren't you tired of the same old lies and the same old broken promises? And Hillary Clinton has proven to be one of the greatest liars of all time."

ADVERTISING FOR PRESIDENTIAL RACE DOWN 60%: Spending on political advertising during the U.S. presidential election has dropped 60 percent from 2012, a troubling sign for local TV broadcasters around the country that were counting on a windfall (*Bloomberg News*). Since late April, when Donald Trump effectively secured the Republican nomination, $146 million has been spent in the presidential race by all sponsors, compared with $373 million over the same period in 2012, according to an analysis by Ken Goldstein, a Bloomberg Politics polling and advertising analyst. Spending is down in part because Trump's campaign has relied instead on getting his message across in a steady stream of media interviews and tweets. There also hasn't been as much spending by Republican outside groups, such as political action committees, as there was in 2012, Goldstein said. On the Democratic side, the primary season went longer this year than four years ago as Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders battled into early summer. "It delayed the start of general election advertising in battleground states where the real money is," said Goldstein, who is also a politics professor at University of San Francisco.

CLARK COUNTY SEEKS NEW FUNDING FOR NEEDLE EXCHANGE - Health officials in Clark County are taking a different path toward a yearlong plan for a county needle exchange (Rickert, *News & Tribune*). Clark County health officer Dr. Kevin Burke said the county has recently stopped attempts to work with the AIDS Healthcare Foundation as a funding source for the program. Burke said a condition of the AIDS Health Foundation being on board was to be part of a discount pharmaceuticals program, and the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) had not wanted to go that route, because it could open doors for other organizations to want the same thing, Burke said. Clark County is in the process of resubmitting the application to the ISDH, with the intention to work with two new entities - one of which is the Health Foundation of Greater Indianapolis, Inc. Burke said they will likely have to use volunteers to work the exchange and use the funding for supplies. Until the program gets fully implemented, which will require not only funding, but also acceptance by the state health department, Burke said some people have been visiting other areas for clean needles, but that can't account for everyone.

McCORMICK CAMP RESPONDS TO DONOR'S TIES TO BENNETT: On Aug. 16 the Indiana State Teachers Association published a blog post saying 90 percent of state superintendent candidate Jennifer McCormick's recent campaign funding has come from donors who also supported former State Superintendent Tony Bennett (Fittes, *Muncie Star Press*). The next day, The Star Press gave McCormick - the current superintendent for Yorktown Community Schools - a chance to respond. Her campaign declined to have her interviewed. Instead, campaign spokesperson Tim Phelps emailed this statement: "Dr. McCormick is grateful for the support that her campaign has received from Hoosiers, including grassroots volunteers and educational stakeholders. Donors agree that Indiana deserves a Department of Education that engages all stakeholders in striving to make the best schools possible for our students, teachers and families. It is unfortunate that the focus has been placed on donors. Once again, a show of putting politics before students. This needs to stop." The Star Press was able to confirm most of the ISTA's research, after reviewing each donor's history on the Indiana Secretary of State website.

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: The video and still photo of five-year-old Omran of Aleppo absolutely breaks my heart. After five years of the most sinister civil war imaginable in which 500,000 people have been killed and millions more displaced and likened to "terrorists" the question today is why has the civilized world abandoned the children of Syria? I have a question for President Obama, Gov. Pence and our Congressional delegation: What would Jesus do? - *Brian A. Howey*



Campaigns

GEORGE W. BUSH TO STOP IN INDY IN SUPPORT OF YOUNG: Former President George W. Bush will stop in Indianapolis during a fundraising trip to the state next month for Republican U.S. Senate candidate Todd Young (*Associated Press*). The Young campaign says the Indianapolis reception will be Sept. 12, the same day Bush attends another Young fundraising event in Elkhart. Young is trying to close a large campaign money advantage held by Democratic candidate Evan Bayh. The former Indiana governor and U.S. senator entered the election race in July with nearly $9.5 million in his campaign account, while Young's campaign had about $1.2 million at the end of June.

GREGG RESPONDS TO HOLCOMB AD: Short on money, ideas and time, today Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb and his Washington DC allies launched yet another false attack on John Gregg, according to he Gregg campaign (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The 30-second ad, which does not provide a single citation or source for any of the accusations, is running statewide. "Eric Holcomb has run for three different statewide offices in the last six months so you'd think he would be able to come up with a single idea, a policy proposal or something to indicate just how he would lead the state forward rather than relying on these stale and desperate attacks," said Tim Henderson, Gregg for Governor campaign manager. "Sadly, he can't because Eric Holcomb brings nothing new to the table. He's just a taller version of Mike Pence and will continue the same failed economic policies that have left so many middle class Hoosier families behind." Charge: "…did side work for scandal-ridden Enron…. Fact: John Gregg did zoning work to construct a power plant. "I had represented a company in Knox County that had built a power plan. An attorney doing legal work out of Louisville had called and asked me if I'd help him do some of the zoning. I do a lot of zoning work; it's a large percentage of my income from the Vincennes law office. The company would pay me but I worked with their independent attorney, who was a great guy to work with. I didn't think anything of it. I did stuff for them off and on for a year and a half, on their power plant and related issues. The company—well, you'd recognize the name, it was known as Enron—sadly went in the tank."

HOLCOMB PICKS UP 2ND $50K FROM DONOR: Republican gubernatorial nominee Eric Holcomb has received a second $50,000 donation from Ralph Amos of Alexandria (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The large donation was posted on the Indiana Secretary of State website and raises Holcomb's haul to $175,000 since Aug. 3.

WALORSKI RALLY TO OPEN CAMPAIGN OFFICE IN MISHAWAKA: U.S. Rep. Jackie Walorski, R-Jimtown, will hold a rally Saturday morning to celebrate the opening of her campaign headquarters at 719 W. McKinley Ave. in Mishawaka (*South Bend Tribune*). Three Republican candidates for statewide office - Eric Holcomb, running for governor; Todd Young, running for U.S. Senate, and Curtis Hill, running for attorney general - will join Walorski at the event, which is scheduled for 10:45 a.m.



Presidential 2016

PENCE URGES VIGILANCE FROM VOTERS: Mike Pence urged vigilance to protect the integrity of the voting process, adding his voice Thursday to Donald Trump's warnings that the election might be "rigged" (*Politico*). "There's a huge issue right now with voting machines," a questioner asked at Pence's town hall here. "Even if we get out and we vote, and the voting machines are rigged, as we know that they can be hacked, what's to prevent that? What can you guys do?" "Great question," Pence responded, quickly pivoting to touting Indiana's voter identification law. "You need a picture ID to cash a check at a grocery store; there's nothing wrong with asking people to have a picture ID to exercise the blood-bought franchise of voting in this country." Pence told audience members they can help prevent voter fraud by participating in election-watching on Election Day. "It's wonderful you're here, it's wonderful that you're active and you're passionate," Pence said. "I really encourage you … go get involved in your precinct because — we call them inspectors in Indiana, there are poll watchers in Indiana — the truth of the matter is that the integrity of the 'one person, one vote' is at the core of democracy, and that happens one precinct at a time. And the truth of that matter is you are the greatest vanguard for integrity in voting in New Hampshire."

TRUMP PLACES ADS IN 4 STATES: Donald Trump's campaign began placing its first television advertising of the general election on Thursday: more than $3.5 million in broadcast ads in four traditional battleground states where Trump currently trails Hillary Clinton. The ads are set to begin Friday in Florida, North Carolina, Ohio and Pennsylvania, and run through August 29. The full extent of the advertising is still unclear, but as of Thursday afternoon, Trump was set to spend $1.3 million in Florida, $775,000 in North Carolina, $675,000 in Ohio and $790,000 in Pennsylvania. That does not include cable-TV advertising, which was not yet available. Trump's campaign told *POLITICO* earlier this week the GOP presidential nominee would begin advertising in five states: the four where it began placing Thursday morning, but also Virginia.

4% CLINTON LEAD IN PEW POLL: Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton has a narrow nationwide lead against her Republican rival, Donald Trump, in a four-way match-up that includes third-party candidates, according to a new poll released Thursday (CNN). The Pew Research Center survey finds that if the election were held today, 41% of those surveyed would support Clinton, 37% would support Trump, 10% would back Libertarian candidate Gary Johnson and 4% would back Green Party candidate Jill Stein. Additionally, women surveyed back Clinton over Trump 49% to 30%, respectively, while men support Trump 45% to 33%.

TRUMP SUPPORT AMONG WHITE MALES WEAKENS: Donald J. Trump's support among white men, the linchpin of his presidential campaign, is showing surprising signs of weakness that could foreclose his only remaining path to victory in November (*New York Times*). If not reversed, the trend could materialize into one of the most unanticipated developments of the 2016 presidential campaign: That Hillary Clinton, the first woman at the head of a major party ticket and a divisive figure unpopular with many men, ends up narrowing the gender gap that has been a constant of American presidential elections for decades. Surveys of voters nationwide and in battleground states conducted over the last two weeks showed that Mr. Trump was even with or below where Mitt Romney, the Republican Party nominee four years ago, was with white men when he won that demographic by an overwhelming 27 percentage points. Two national polls conducted this month have Mrs. Clinton catching up to Mr. Trump among men over all. An NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll shows Mrs. Clinton with 43 percent support among men to his 42 percent. A Bloomberg Politics survey put Mr. Trump with a low-single-digit lead among men, according to the pollster who conducted the survey, Ann Selzer.

TRUMP EYES CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS: Donald Trump says he'll "take a very serious look" at Congressional term limits if he's elected to the White House (*Associated Press*). Trump was addressing local law enforcement officers in North Carolina Thursday when he was asked about the benefits, pensions and term limits of members of Congress. The questioner said he wanted to "get these bums out." Trump responded by saying the man was not the first person to voice those complaints. He said, "We're going to take a very serious look" at term limits. Changing term limits would require a Constitutional amendment.

TIGHT RACE IN NEVADA: Hillary Clinton holds a slim two-point advantage over Donald Trump in the battleground state of Nevada, according to the results of the latest Suffolk University poll of likely voters released Thursday (*Politico*). The competitive Senate race to replace retiring Minority Leader Harry Reid is all tied up. Clinton earned 44 percent support in a three-way race, while Trump took 42 percent, with 5 percent preferring Libertarian nominee Gary Johnson, a combined 2 percent selecting Independent American Party candidate Darrell Castle and unaffiliated candidate Rocky De La Fuente. 3 percent chose the Nevada-specific "none of these" ballot option, and 5 percent were undecided.

TRUMP SPOKESWOMAN DIAGNOSES CLINTON AILMENT: The Trump campaign's concerted effort to pump up questions about Hillary Clinton's health using innuendo and unfounded speculation now includes an official diagnosis: dysphasia (*Washington Post*). A spokeswoman alleged Thursday that Clinton suffers from the language disorder, with which she has never been diagnosed. Katrina Pierson, whose command of the facts has been seriously called into question in recent weeks, appeared on MSNBC to answer questions about why the Trump campaign is going down this road, even as Clinton's

doctors say she's healthy and that the conspiracy theories are bogus. Pierson argued: "What's new are the other reports of the observations of Hillary Clinton's behavior and mannerisms, specifically with what you just showed in those previous clips, as well as her dysphasia, the fact that she's fallen, she has had a concussion." "It's something that needs to be addressed," Pierson continued. "She's taken a lot of time off the campaign trail."

TRUMP TO TOUR FLOODS IN LOUISIANA: Donald Trump plans to tour the flooded areas in Louisiana on Friday. Details for the trip are still being worked out, but he and running mate Mike Pence are expected to view some of the damaged areas around midday (*CBS News*). However, a spokesman for Louisiana's governor said his office had not been contacted by the Trump campaign. Richard Carbo, spokesman for Gov. John Bel Edwards, said Trump was welcome to Louisiana, "but not for a photo-op." Instead, Carbo proposed Trump "consider volunteering or making a sizable donation to the LA Flood Relief Fund to help the victims of this storm."

CLINTON FOUNDATION DENIES HACK: The Clinton Family Foundation has neither confirmed nor denied a Reuters report Wednesday that it hired the security firm FireEye to examine its data systems following suspicions of a possible cyber breach, a Clinton Foundation official told *CBS News*, but the official did say that the foundation's systems did not appear to have been hacked (CBS News). "We have no evidence Clinton Foundation systems were breached and have not been notified by law enforcement of an issue," the official said. But he added that it's prudent for any organization to take protective measures.

MANAFORT LOBBIED FOR UKRAINE: A firm run by Donald Trump's campaign chairman directly orchestrated a covert Washington lobbying operation on behalf of Ukraine's then-ruling political party, attempting to sway American public opinion in favor of the country's pro-Russian government, emails obtained by The Associated Press show. Paul Manafort and his deputy, Rick Gates, never disclosed their work as foreign agents as required under federal law (*Associated Press*). The lobbying included attempts to gain positive press coverage of Ukrainian officials in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and The Associated Press. Another goal: undercutting American public sympathy for the imprisoned rival of Ukraine's then-president. At the time, European and American leaders were pressuring Ukraine to free her. Gates personally directed the work of two prominent Washington lobbying firms in the matter, the emails show. He worked for Manafort's political consulting firm at the time. Manafort's and Gates' activities carry outsized importance, since they have steered Trump's campaign since April. The pair also played a formative role building out Trump's campaign operation after pushing out an early rival. Trump shook up his campaign's organization again this week, but Manafort and Gates retain their titles and much of their influence. The new disclosures about their work come as Trump faces criticism for his friendly overtures to Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Congress

DONNELLY WORKS WITH UPS DRIVER THIS MORNING: U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly (D-IN) will work alongside a UPS driver in Indianapolis for his latest "Donnelly Day" (*Howey Politics Indiana*).

Donnelly will make deliveries with a UPS driver to businesses in downtown Indianapolis, after addressing UPS drivers and employees, a press release stated. Launched in August 2014, "Donnelly Days" are an ongoing series of events, where the Senator works alongside Hoosiers in a variety of jobs and professions in communities across Indiana to gain a greater understanding of the issues most important to Hoosier workers.

DONNELLY IN ANDERSON ON MONDAY: U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly (D-IN), other leaders from the federal, state, and local governments, and community leaders from across Madison County will join together Monday afternoon to highlight the recent announcement of a federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Grant (TIGER) from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to replace the Eisenhower Bridge in Downtown Anderson *(Howey Politics Indiana*). A media advisory stated the bridge serves as the eastern gateway to downtown Anderson and is a critical component of the economic infrastructure of Madison County.

COATS TO SPEAK IN FORT WAYNE ON MONDAY: U.S. Senator Dan Coats (R-IN) will speak at the Indiana Forum on Monday in Fort Wayne, a media advisory stated (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The day-long forum will connect local industries with federal officials and international diplomats, with a focus on vehicles and manufacturing, medical devices, agriculture and food production, aerospace and defense contracting, faith, education and local government. The all-day event is slated for the Grand Wayne Center.

General Assembly

STATE NOT LIKELY TO FOLLOW ILLINOIS LOCKBOX: Indiana appears unlikely to copy Illinois' pending plan to dedicate all tax and fee revenue collected in connection with transportation to spending on roads, mass transit and related infrastructure projects (Carden, *NWI Times*). Illinois voters will decide in November whether to ratify or reject a state constitutional amendment, approved earlier this year by the Democratic-controlled General Assembly, that prohibits transportation taxes from being used for anything other than transportation investments. Supporters of the Illinois Transportation Funds Amendment claim it will put a lockbox on transportation revenues of which they claim $6.8 billion has been diverted since 2003 for other state spending. On Thursday, a Hoosier panel studying Indiana's long-term road funding needs was decidedly not impressed when representatives from the Indiana Association of Counties and the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns suggested the state adopt Illinois' lockbox plan — though not necessarily through a constitutional amendment. "We're talking about hundreds of millions of dollars that currently go to schools and other items," said Chris Atkins, former director of the Indiana Office of Management and Budget and a member of the Funding Indiana's Roads for a Stronger Safer Tomorrow Task Force.

LEGALIZED VIDEO HEARINGS SET: The issue of whether Indiana should legalize video gaming machines is rearing its head again (Kelly, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). A coalition is holding meetings around the state on the topic - the first one being Wednesday at 3 p.m. in Fort Wayne at VFW Post 857, 2202 W. Main St. The meeting will provide information on a proposed bill to legalize video gaming in

Indiana that will be presented in the upcoming legislative session. In neighboring states similar laws have generated nearly $550 million for small business owners within a few years, a news release said. Video gaming terminals are electronic video gaming machines that simulate a gambling game such as poker, line up and black jack. The machines use a video display and award winning patrons with free games or credits that may be redeemed for cash. If legalized, VGTs can be placed in bars, truck stops, taverns and any additional licensed location. Legislators had a hearing on a bill in 2015 but no vote was taken. There was a crackdown on these types of illegal machines in 2007. Future meetings will be held September 14 in Evansville and October 12 in Merrillville.



State

GOVERNOR: UK-BASED AUTO SUPPLIER ADDS JOBS IN SALEM - GKN Sinter Metals, an advanced manufacturer of precision powder metal products for the automotive industry, announced plans today to expand its operations in Indiana, creating up to 24 new jobs by 2020 (*Howey Politics Indiana*). According to a new release from the governor's office, the company, which is a subsidiary of United Kingdom-based GKN America Corp., will invest more than $6.9 million to update equipment and renovate its current 220,000-square-foot facility in Salem. The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered GKN Sinter Metals LLC up to $100,000 in conditional tax credits and up to $50,000 in training grants based on the company's job creation plans. These incentives are performance-based, meaning until Hoosiers are hired, the company is not eligible to claim incentives. The city of Salem approved additional incentives at the request of the Washington County Economic Growth Partnership. The Regional Impact Fund administered by Radius Indiana also provided support for the expansion.

JUSTICE: CHIEF JUSTICE RUSH CITES 3 FEMALE INSPIRATIONS - The first female chief justice of the Indiana Supreme Court says her success is a product of the courage and sacrifices of women who have gone before her (Powell, *Terre Haute Tribune-Star)*. In a speech on Thursday in Terre Haute, Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Loretta Rush gave credit to courageous women in Hoosier history who paved the way for more equality, and she emphasized the need for more women today to participate in the political process. During her 15-minute address, Rush shared with an attentive audience the stories of three relatively unknown, but trailblazing Hoosier women who used the court system to challenge inequality and injustice. One was Polly Strong, a literate slave who received her freedom after demanding it at court, using the 1816 Indiana Constitution's prohibition against slavery. "It was incredible to me as I sit on the bench of the Indiana Supreme Court that the court that many years ago came to what they called the 'irresistible conclusion' that because a slave girl could read the Indiana constitution and then had the audacity to claim the freedoms it provided, that it was a case that set that precedent," Rush said. "It reminds us that even when the law is on our side ... we must assert those rights that the law bestows," she added. Rush explained the contributions of two other 19th century women: Antoinette

Dakin Leach, a lawyer and the first woman to challenge an Indiana bar admission denial based on gender; and Helen Gougar, a suffragist who argued for her right to vote all the way to the Indiana Supreme Court.

RFRA: ACLU, MUSLIM SUE BOONE COUNTY JAIL, CITE RFRA - The ACLU of Indiana is suing the Boone County jail on behalf of a Muslim inmate, alleging the jail refuses to serve him meals that conform with his faith (Costello, *Indiana Public Media).* Gannon Thomas is a practicing Muslim and follows a Halal diet. Pork is not allowed and other meats must be slaughtered in a specific way. In a federal complaint, Thomas says the jail frequently serves him pork and other non-Halal meals despite his request for a special diet. The ACLU filed the complaint on Thomas' behalf, saying the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, or RFRA, specifies a government agency cannot "burden a person's religious exercise." The ACLU says as a government agency, it is unlawful for the Boone County Jail to refuse Halal meals to an inmate.

DEVELOPMENT: GM EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE $90M INVESTMENT - General Motors is making a major investment that will keep hundreds of Hoosiers employed (Segall*, WTHR-TV).* Marion Mayor Jess Alumbaugh tells Eyewitness News GM is making a $90 million investment to purchase new equipment for its stamping plant in the city. The equipment will help the 60-year-old facility stay competitive and retain full-time jobs for more than 1,400 workers. The plant is the city's largest employer, providing products for cars, vans, trucks and SUVs to GM assembly plants across the U.S. An official announcement is expected next week.

DEVELOPMENT: CONVENTION CENTER LAUNCHES FEASIBILITY STUDY - Visit Indy, the city's tourism arm, has commissioned a feasibility study on whether to expand the Indiana Convention Center for the second time since 2011, tourism officials confirmed this week (Eason, *IndyStar*). It also will examine the need for additional Downtown hotel space after a nearly decade-long trend of rising occupancy, which has fueled the belief that there may be pent-up demand for hotel capacity in Indianapolis. The last such study, completed in 2004, resulted in a $275 million expansion of the center, as well as the development of the 1,000-room JW Marriott hotel. In an interview with IndyStar, Leonard Hoops, the president and CEO of Visit Indy, said the study was commissioned in response to a series of stakeholder interviews during the tourism agency's annual master planning process. Consistently, he said, two issues "clearly had the strongest interest from customers and stakeholders... the potential hotel room growth, as well as the convention center expansion or modification."

DEVELOPMENT: CUMMINS TO RECEIVE $20M IN 'SUPER TRUCK' FUNDS - Columbus-based Cummins Inc. will receive $20 million in federal grant funding as part of a national initiative to develop more fuel-efficient vehicles (Orr, *IBJ*). The U.S. Department of Energy initiative, called SuperTruck II, aims to more than double the freight efficiency of Class 8 trucks, commonly known as 18-wheelers. Cummins is one of four manufacturers that will each receive a $20 million federal grant, to be matched dollar-for-dollar by each recipient. For its part, Cummins will design and develop a new, more efficient engine and advanced drivetrain and vehicle technologies. SuperTruck II is a follow-up to SuperTruck, which launched in 2010. The U.S. Department of Energy says SuperTruck activities have led to more than 20 fuel-saving technologies entering the commercial market.

HOUSING: BUILDERS SEE 9TH MONTH OF RISING SALES - Demand for new homes continued to rise locally last month, according to figures reported Wednesday by the Builders Association of Greater Indianapolis (*IBJ*). Home builders filed 457 single-family construction permits in the nine-county area during the month, a 5 percent increase over the 437 they filed in July 2015, BAGI said. So far, filings are 12 percent ahead of last year's pace, with 3,459 in the first seven months of the year, compared with 3,076 during the same seven months of 2015. Area filings have risen on a year-over-year basis for the past nine months.

EDUCATION: MARIAN, BUTLER HIT RECORD FRESHMAN NUMBERS - Two Indianapolis-based universities are reporting record numbers as the 2016-2017 academic year kicks off (Brown, *Inside Indiana Business*). Marian University says it will have the highest total enrollment and the largest freshman class in history, while Butler University is also welcoming its largest freshman class. Marian says it will have 383 first-time, full-time freshmen this year, which is a 26 percent increase over last year and a 19 percent increase over the previous record set in 2008. The university says the total enrollment numbers were bolstered by three new Bachelor of Science degree programs. Butler University says its new record first-year class consists of 1,272 students, 13.5 percent of which are multicultural and 2.4 percent of which are international. The university says applications rose 30.2 percent compared to last year, with nearly 13,000 prospective students applying.

STATEHOUSE: SHROCK LEAVES DEMOCRATIC SENATE POST - In an email issued early yesterday, Elise Shrock announced she is leaving her post as deputy chief of staff and communications director for Indiana Senate Democrats (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The emails stated media may contact press secretaries Sean Mobley and Brent Stinson with any inquiries or interview requests. Shrock will be working with Tamm Capital Group and the Indiana Restaurant and Lodging Association.



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WHITE HOUSE: GOP FUMES OVER $400M IRAN PAYMENT - The Obama administration is facing a storm of Republican criticism after acknowledging that a $400 million cash payment to Iran seven months ago was contingent on the release of a group of American prisoners (*Associated Press*). Thursday's explanation was the first time the U.S. had so clearly linked the two events, which critics have painted as a hostage-ransom arrangement. Repeating past administration statements, State Department spokesman John Kirby said the negotiations to return the Iranian money from a 1970s account to buy U.S. military equipment were conducted separately from talks to free four U.S. citizens in Iran. But unlike with past

descriptions, he said the U.S. withheld the delivery of the cash as leverage until Iran permitted the Americans to leave the country. "We had concerns that Iran may renege on the prisoner release," Kirby said, citing delays and mutual mistrust between countries that severed diplomatic relations 36 years ago. As a result, he explained, the U.S. "of course sought to retain maximum leverage until after the American citizens were released. That was our top priority." Kirby said "it would have been foolish, imprudent, irresponsible" for the administration to have acted otherwise.

JUSTICE: FEDS TO STOP USING PRIVATE PRISONS - The Justice Department plans to end its use of private prisons after officials concluded the facilities are both less safe and less effective at providing correctional services than those run by the government (*Politico*). Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates announced the decision on Thursday in a memo that instructs officials to either decline to renew the contracts for private prison operators when they expire or "substantially reduce" the contracts' scope. The goal, Yates wrote, is "reducing — and ultimately ending — our use of privately operated prisons." "They simply do not provide the same level of correctional services, programs, and resources; they do not save substantially on costs; and as noted in a recent report by the Department's Office of Inspector General, they do not maintain the same level of safety and security," Yates wrote.

MEDIA: TWITTER SUSPENDS 235K TERROR ACCOUNTS - Twitter has suspended 235,000 terror-linked accounts over the past six months, according to a new report from the social media giant (*CBS News*). The announcement comes after the White House has mounted the pressure on Silicon Valley companies -- including sending out intelligence chiefs to personally lobby California tech firms -- to censor extremists from groups like the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS). Earlier this year, Twitter revealed the suspension of 125,000 accounts related to terrorism since the middle of last year, bringing up the total number of deactivated accounts to 360,000 since mid-2015. "Since that announcement, the world has witnessed a further wave of deadly, abhorrent terror attacks across the globe," Twitter wrote in a blog post Thursday.

ILLINOIS: 7 CHICAGO COPS TO BE FIRED - Chicago police officials have recommended firing seven officers for lying about the shooting death of Laquan McDonald, a black teenager whose 2014 killing helped spark intense protests and a federal investigation of the department (*Washington Post*). The decision comes after the city's inspector general delivered a report this week on the shooting that called for the officers to be fired. After receiving this report, police officials and outside attorneys reviewed it and agreed to recommend firing seven officers, Anthony Guglielmi, a police spokesman, said Thursday morning. The issue now goes to the Chicago Police Board, which will make a decision in the case.

FLORIDA: ZIKA CLUSTER AT MIAMI BEACH - A cluster of Zika cases most likely transmitted by local mosquitoes has been identified in Miami Beach, and federal and state officials are considering whether to advise pregnant women to avoid traveling to the city and possibly even all of Miami-Dade County, a health official said Thursday (*New York Times*). Such a decision would signal that the potential threat of local Zika transmission had catapulted to a new level. It would no longer be confined to one zone of active local transmission in Miami — the only one identified in the continental United States up to now. A broad travel advisory could threaten tourism in South Florida and deepen fears among pregnant women living in the area.

CALIFORNIA: RECREATIONAL POT PROPOSITION LIKELY TO PASS - One of the most far-reaching California ballot measures is Proposition 64, which would legalize marijuana for adult recreational use (*Los Angeles Times*). No disrespect to Colorado or Washington or Alaska, but California's pot business would totally dwarf those already legal markets. Colorado, for instance, collected more than $135 million in pot-related revenues last year. California could collect up to $1 billion annually within a few years of legalization. And if California votes to legalize, other states will follow. That will bring new pressure on the Drug Enforcement Agency to alter its preposterous classification of marijuana as a Schedule 1 drug, which means it has no known medical benefit and is considered as dangerous as heroin and LSD. On Monday, I met with strategist Jason Kinney, who helped develop the measure. "The war on marijuana is universally recognized as a failure," Kinney told me. "It ruins lives." The latest polls show that more than 60% of likely voters favor legalization. And according to government filings, pro-Prop. 64 interests have contributed $6.5 million to passing the measure; opponents have raised $185,870.

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CITIES: FED AID UNLIKELY FOR SOUTH BEND FLOODING - This week's once-in-a-millennium rainfall and the ensuing flood destroyed or heavily damaged dozens of homes in the area, but it may not be easy for local officials to make a case for disaster aid from the federal government (Sheckler, *South Bend Tribune*). Local and state officials have urged residents to immediately report any property damage so that the Indiana Department of Homeland Security can determine whether residents and local governments may qualify for money from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Cleanup and damage assessments were still ongoing Thursday, and Mayor Pete Buttigieg urged patience in the wake of the unprecedented rainstorm that dropped an amount of water seen just once every thousand years, according to meteorologists. "South Bend is fortunate in the sense that we got through a thousand-year rainfall event without any reports of casualties," Buttigieg said at a Thursday afternoon news conference. "The days coming ahead are where frustration is really going to set in."

CITIES: RESIDENTS CRITICIZE HUD'S E. CHICAGO RELOCATION PLAN - In a letter to the head of the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, a Chicago-based nonprofit representing a group of West Calumet residents in the ongoing lead contamination crisis alleges the federal agency and local housing authority's relocation efforts are "dysfunctional" and "a recipe for disaster" (Cross, *NWI Times*). The letter - dated Wednesday and signed by Katherine Walz, housing justice director for the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law - is addressed to HUD Secretary Julian Castro and East Chicago Housing Authority's Executive Director Tia Cauley. Walz is a member of a legal team representing

some West Calumet residents. "While it appears to have taken years to properly inform residents of the toxic contamination of their community, residents now report a rushed and confusing process for receiving Housing Choice 'Section 8' vouchers and relocating," Walz states in the letter. The city is working with HUD to provide housing vouchers to relocate more than 1,000 residents and possibly demolish the decades-old public housing complex. Briefing meetings between residents, HUD and ECHA are underway.

CITIES: GREENFIELD PLANS INDUSTRIAL BUILDING - Greenfield officials plan to construct a $2.5 million industrial building, citing a lack of local vacant manufacturing space, in hopes of attracting a business looking for a home (Quinn*, Greenfield Reporter*). The shell building will be ready-made for industries that might otherwise move on after considering Greenfield but finding no place to set up shop. City officials have hired a development company to oversee the project and are eyeing nearly $2.8 million of funding generated by taxes paid by businesses located in the tax increment financing district, to pay for land acquisition and construction. City officials will market the building during economic development conversations in hopes of recouping the investment, said city utility director Mike Fruth. Hancock Economic Development Corporation director Skip Kuker is pushing for the project, saying at least half of the companies that contact his office seek vacant manufacturing space, which is at a premium in Hancock County. The market has changed, and businesses want to move quickly when launching new operations, he said. They're looking for ready-made space they can easily move into, Kuker said.

CITIES: INDY FAITH LEADERS PUSH FOR TRANSIT REFERENDUM - For a group of Indianapolis faith leaders, better public transportation means more than adding a few new buses to an old system (Tuohy,*IndyStar*). Improved transit is a passage to possibilities for residents of low-income neighborhoods where the last thriving business closed years ago and the nearest gallon of milk is sold 2 miles away. It means access to better jobs, doctors and groceries. Those opportunities are why the ministers, priests and pastors in the Indianapolis Congregation Action Network (IndyCan) have launched a three-month campaign to pass a voter referendum to fund mass transit improvements in Marion County. The coalition insists a bus service that runs frequently and dependably will allow residents in poor neighborhoods to get to good-paying jobs they can't reach now.

CITIES: MIDDLEBURY MANAGER RESIGNS UNEXPECTEDLY - After eight years, Mark Salee has stepped down from his position as Middlebury town manager (Messick & Quiggle, *Elkhart Truth*). Salee, who had been in the position since 2008, had received unspecified criticism regularly, according to Gary O'Dell, president of the Middlebury Town Council. Salee was unavailable for comment on this story. "He'd received some criticism about the way he was handling things," O'Dell said. He said some of the criticism leveled at Salee was expected since he was a town official, but that the accumulation of the criticism may have finally urged him to resign. When asked if he was surprised that Salee had resigned, council member Chuck Teall said it was "part of a process." When pressed for details on the exact nature of the criticism that Salee had received, O'Dell reiterated that the town council had not fired Salee. Retired Town Manager Lowell Miller, whom Salee replaced in 2008, will act as interim town manager until a permanent replacement for Salee is hired.

CITIES: FORMER COUNCIL PRESIDENT SUES BUNKER HILL - The former president of the Bunker Hill Town Council has filed a lawsuit against the current town council alleging members held an illegal

meeting and requesting an ordinance be vacated that limits the number of police officers that can be on duty (Gerber,*Kokomo Tribune*). Robert Cox last week filed a lawsuit claiming the town council held its regular meeting on June 13 without giving public notice. Indiana law requires notice of a public meeting must be posted at least 48 hours before it is held. The lawsuit alleges a notice was never posted, and the council routinely violates the state's open door laws. Cox argues in the lawsuit that because the meeting was illegal, an ordinance should be overturned that was approved during the meeting that amended a previous ordinance defining the office of the town marshal. The amendment changed the existing ordinance to allow only one officer to be on duty at a time, unless otherwise approved by council.

CITIES: COLUMBUS GIVES INITIAL APPROVAL TO 1.5% RAISE - Columbus City Council has given initial approval to a 1.5 percent across-the-board raise for city employees and elected officials in 2017 (McClure, *Columbus Republic*). The vote was 5-1, with councilman Frank Miller voting no. Councilwoman Laurie Booher did not attend Tuesday night's meeting. Jamie Brinegar, the city's director of finance, explained the city has given a cost-of-living adjustment to city employees in five of the past six years. The proposed 1.5 percent increase exceeds the national consumer price index estimates of 1 percent. The raises will not be tied to performance. Before the vote, Miller told the council it was difficult to look at a cost-of-living increase for city employees and the possibility of taxpayers paying more when community residents on fixed incomes were not getting an increase.

CITIES: BLOOMINGTON TO INCREASE AFFORDABLE HOUSING - Mayor John Hamilton announced a new plan Thursday to increase affordable housing in Bloomington during the next year by focusing on areas such as inclusionary zoning, accessory dwelling units and tiny houses (Metzman, *Indiana Daily Student*). Accessory dwelling units and tiny houses are particularly exciting options for Bloomington residents, said Mary Catherine Carmichael, communications director for the office of the mayor. If amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance are passed, zoning laws will be updated to allow for up to 20 accessory dwelling units, which are smaller dwellings on the same grounds as a primary residence. These units will be limited to owner-occupied residences. The administration also proposed the construction of up to 15 tiny houses. Tiny houses, typically 80 to 400 square feet, have received national media attention in recent years, Carmichael said.

CITIES: SULLIVAN LAGOON LEAKING SEWAGE -The Indiana Department of Environmental Management is currently investigating the East Lagoon that is leaking excessive amounts of raw sewage (Andrews, *WTHI-TV*). It's not known how long it's been going on,or how much sewage has leaked. In their inspection today, state officials gave the plant an unsatisfactory rating. No one would go on camera to discuss the specifics, but some were willing to describe their work load in off-camera interviews. According to some crew members, they estimate the amount of raw sewage leakage at 8-10 million gallons, however, that number could not be confirmed. According to IDEM's inspection, the agency reported overflow continued into the second day of the inspection, and will not cease until pumps are procured by the city. IDEM's report also stated that it is clear that facility staff are not inspecting their CSO's on a regular basis, and that the permittee is clearly not reporting all dry weather discharges. Sullivan Mayor Clint Lamb told NBC 2 news that he reported the incident personally to IDEM once he was made aware.

CITIES: TOYOTA PLANS $3M INVESTMENT IN WALESBORO PLANT - Toyota Industrial Equipment Manufacturing is planning $3 million in improvements to its plant on Inwood Drive in the Walesboro-area industrial park *(WCSI*). The majority of the investment, or about $2.1 million would be to construct testing facilities in Columbus. Company officials said last night that other Toyota plants in Japan and elsewhere already have testing facilities in place, and the construction of such facilities would work toward the company goals of regional development here. The company is also planning on spending more than $800,000 to modernize the front protector assembly line equipment. The company made a presentation to Columbus City Council as part of an application for a tax abatement on the investments. The company said the investment would let it retain 1,163 jobs and add five more new engineering positions. The council approved the request unanimously. Under a tax abatement, property taxes are phased in over a 10-year- period.

COUNTIES: ALLEN COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAS CANCER - In a somber moment before Thursday's Allen County Council meeting, Council President Roy Buskirk announced he has been fighting liver cancer – and he learned in the last two weeks that cancer has spread to his bones (Rodriguez, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). Buskirk, a Republican, is in his early 70s and serves not only on the council but also on the county's redevelopment commission and the Allen County Plan Commission. In recent weeks, Buskirk has been walking with a cane, and Thursday, he presided over the council from a wheelchair. He said he plans to fight the cancer and continue to serve the county for as long as he is able.

COUNTIES: LaPORTE DEMANDS BETTER SERVICE FROM NIPSCO - LaPorte County government is again demanding NIPSCO improve service or have its rates lowered in a petition filed with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (*NWI Times*). It's another in a long string of fights waged since 2000 by the county, which has racked up a number of successes against the utility. Most recently, the county played a role in NIPSCO's request for a 11.5 percent hike in its electrical rates being reduced by the IURC in July to 6 percent in a settlement with a number of consumer groups. As part of the same case, LaPorte County managed to negotiate a $3 million commitment from NIPSCO for electrical system upgrades at Kingsbury Industrial Park. A week later, though, a separate 1 percent increase in NIPSCO electrical rates was approved by state regulators to fund $1.25 billion in system-wide upgrades.

Sports

MONDAY SERVICE FOR BUTLER'S CORNETTE AT HINKLE FIELDHOUSE: Butler University and the Indianapolis community will pause Monday to remember the life former Butler basketball star Joel Cornette (*Fox59*). Cornette, 35, died early Tuesday morning in Illinois. His family said he died of natural causes. A celebration of Cornette's life is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 22, at Hinkle Fieldhouse. Doors will open to the public at 10:30 a.m.

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Bayh's 2010 issues resurface in '16

Wealth, residency, Obamacare, post-Senate career mark week

By BRIAN A. HOWEY

INDIANAPOLIS – In the fateful hours before Evan Bayh's February 2010 bombshell that he wouldn't seek a third U.S. Senate term, a waiter described a private confab in a downtown Indianapolis hotel that was attended by the senator, his wife and some of his closest supporters.

The waiter described the scene as Bayh loyalists pleading with him: "You just can't run." The details were murky. Was it his looming deciding vote for Obamacare? Was it the emerging Tea Party movement that would help end fellow Sen. Dick Lugar's political career two years later? Was it the fact that the Bayhs found themselves much wealthier at this point than when he entered the Senate in 1999? Was it that the media attention would be afixed to Susan Bayh, an attorney of unremarkable stature who ended up on a number of corporate boards where she raked in millions of dollars?

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Pence moves in Trump Inc.

By BRIAN A. HOWEY

INDIANAPOLIS – This latest week of Mike Pence's excellent adventure began under the cloud of gloom and a landslide Trump loss in the making. Instead of measuring for curtains in the Old Executive Office Building, Pence allies were said to be scouting potential post-2016 options for a governor soon to be without a state.



At this writing, Pence seemed to have consolidated a stronger position within Trump/Pence, Inc., when his long-time pollster, Kellyanne Conway, was elevated to manage day-to-day operations while Breitbart executive Stephen Bannon was made chief executive in the



"Maybe it's just the mother in me."

- Kellyanne Conway, Donald Trump's new campaign manager and Gov. Pence's pollster, on how she doesn't like name calling and negative campaigning

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second Trump campaign shakeup this summer. It comes as a new Monmouth University Poll in Indiana shows the Republican ticket leading Clinton 47-36% with Gary Johnson at 10%.

Conway's ascension could signal greater influence by Pence on the Trump operations. Conway was Pence's long-time pollster who joined the campaign early this summer. It was Conway who suggested Pence to Trump as a potential vice presidential nominee and appears to have guided the nominee in the governor's direction. Pence was supposed to be Trump's liaison to conservative, evangelical and establishment Republicans. Even after Pence joined the ticket, establishment Republicans have continued to peel away from Trump's undisciplined campaign.

National and state news stories positioned Pence as Trump's apologist, clarifier and cleanup man. "I couldn't be more honored to be campaigning shoulder to shoulder with a man who I believe is going to be the next president of the United States," Pence said on "Fox News Sunday," adding, though, that he and Trump simply have "different styles." That came after a New York Times article that claimed interviews with more than 20 Republicans who are close to Mr. Trump or in communication with his campaign, many of whom insisted on anonymity to avoid clashing with him, describing their nominee as "exhausted, frustrated and still bewildered by fine points of the political process and why his incendiary approach seems to be sputtering."


Kellyanne Conway will now manage the Trump/ Pence campaign.

Speaking in Indianapolis last month, Conway called Pence a "window to party unity" after a fractious GOP primary fight. In her remarks to more than 1,000 members of ALEC, Conway urged the elected officials to heed the anxiety of Trump voters. They feel angst about the economy and national security, she said, and they believe traditional political leaders have failed them because they are corrupt or out of touch. She said Trump has tapped a feeling among voters who increasingly ask, "Is it fair for me to work so hard to support people who aren't working at all?"

Conway isn't infallible. As Pence's pollster, her client wasn't prepared for the firestorm that 2015 Religious Freedom Restoration Act created, essentially ending Pence's own presidential ambitions. His defense of RFRA faltered on ABC's "This Week" when he stumbled over whether discrimination could occur in the public space. Pence is famous for adhering to a strict set of poll-tested talking points that were absent in April 2015, though Pence successfully breezed through a similar line of questioning from Fox's Chris Wallace on Sunday.

Bannon's elevation from the red meat conservative website Breitbart seemed to imply that Trump would continue his aggressive nature. NBC News observed: In doing so, he's placing a campaign-defining bet on his raw political instincts to dig him out of a polling slump that's seen Clinton seize a significant lead nationally and in key swing states.

Conway, who will apparently travel with Trump and have a flow of survey data at her fingertips, can be seen as refining the billionaire's message and keeping him on something of a script, as opposed to the wheeling and dealing free lance optics that have consistently gotten the mogul off message and into the hot messes that Pence has tried to clean up.

"I have known Steve and Kellyanne both for many years. They are extremely capable, highly qualified people who love to win and know how to win," said Trump. "I believe we're adding some of the best talents in politics, with the experience and expertise needed to defeat Hillary Clinton in November and continue to share my message and vision to Make

America Great Again. I am committed to doing whatever it takes to win this election, and ultimately become president because our country cannot afford four more years of the failed Obama-Clinton policies which have endangered our financial and physical security."

With just over 80 days left in the campaign, time is of the essence. Early voting commences on Sept. 23, the first of 35 states (including Indiana) to do so. The New York Times reported on Wednesday that early voting has become a critical, even decisive factor in presidential elections. President Obama was sufficiently ahead in the early vote in Iowa and Nevada in 2012 that his campaign shifted resources from those states to others. Nearly 32% of voters cast their ballots before Election Day in 2012, according to census data, compared with 29.7% in 2008 and 20% in 2004.



This means that Trump/Pence has a little more than a month to change the dynamic before actual votes are cast. The news coming this week wasn't good news for the ticket. An NBC/Survey Monkey Tracking Poll shows Hillary Clinton leading Trump among registered voters nationally by 50-41%. Even more crucially, Clinton is demolishing Trump on the question of who has the right personality and temperament to be president: 42% of voters say Clinton does, versus only 17% who say Trump does, according to the Washington Post. A Post poll in swing state Virginia shows Trump trailing 14% and a Monmouth Poll in Florida shows Clinton leading 48-39%.

Other national and state polls showed the Trump/Pence ticket quickly regressing, including NBC/Wall Street Journal swing state surveys in Florida (Clinton up 44-39%), Virginia where Clinton is up 13%, Colorado with Clinton up 14% and North Carolina where the Democrat leads 48-39%. It has become a widespread notion that a landslide, a tsunami, a blowout (however you want to call it) is in the works. This comes atop the Clinton campaign deciding to make a play for red states such as Utah, Arizona, and Georgia while halting advertising in Florida, Colorado and Virginia to concentrate on voter turnout, an element the Trump/Pence campaign does not have.

While some Republicans hope this brings the so-called "pivot," Trump suggested on Tuesday that he won't evolve. "I am who I am. It's me," Trump told Wisconsin news station WKBT-TV. "I don't wanna change. Everybody talks about, 'Oh well, you're gonna pivot, you're gonna' – I don't wanna pivot. I mean, you have to be you. If you start pivoting, you're not being honest with people."

Pence allies ponder future

This past week, after he spent most of it claiming that President Obama was the "founder" of the terrorist caliphate ISIS, doubled down with Pence alternatively defending him and bashing the media, Trump fooled us all, saying it was just "sarcasm," adding, "I love watching these poor, pathetic people (pundits) on television working so hard and so seriously to try and figure me out. They can't!" Trump would move away from that, saying over the weekend that while he was being sarcastic, he wasn't being that sarcastic.

Trump seemed to acknowledge a "tremendous problem" in Utah. He was asked by CNBC how he planned to reverse the trend, Trump responded, saying he simply planned to do "the same thing I'm doing right now. At the end, it's either going to work, or I'm going to, you know, I'm going to have a very, very nice, long vacation."

Sifting out in the national press came word that Pence and his team are already looking beyond Nov. 8. Politico reported that barring a sharp turnaround, Pence's allies will "need to focus on minimizing the damage" if he aims for a political career after Election Day. "Mike has done a good job distancing himself from Trump even as his VP choice, and as odd as that is as a campaign dynamic, it's showing that his principles come first, however much some think he has compromised his principles," Politico quoted a Pence ally. This comes after Pence ditched a long-time stance as a free trade advocate for the Trump position, and embraced the proposed Muslim ban he once called "offensive" and "unconstitutional."

The New York Times reported: "Behind the scenes, Mr. Pence and his team of loyalists are waging an equally challenging campaign, hoping to position him as a compelling national politician for a post-2016 landscape. Even if the Republican ticket fails in the battle for the White House, Mr. Pence wants to preserve his future viability, a goal that has created a delicate dance for him, leaving him wary of offending Mr. Trump and his base, while also eager to ingratiate himself with the Republican establishment. So far, Mr. Pence has performed this awkward two-step quite nimbly."

It is impossible at this point to figure out where Pence will end up on Nov. 9. A 50- or 49-state blowout akin to Reagan over Mondale in 1984 could make anyone associated with Trump radioactive.

Pence could come off as the so-called adult in the room among Republicans, or those who remain in the party. But Pence is shifting his position on trade, the Muslim ban and other issues, calling into question how committed he really is to the cause, or whether he is so ambitious that anything is on the table to achieve a result.

Republican insiders paint First Lady Karen Pence as a career-long filter. He wouldn't have run for Congress in 2000 after two unsuccessful campaigns without her imprimatur. The Pence inner circle is extremely tight and Republicans paint Karen Pence as the key gatekeeper, ever protective of his reputation and legacy. There's no ques-

tion that the First Hoosier Couple decided in late June that this epic roll of the dice was worth it.

Many speculate that a Nov. 8 loss could position Pence for a Fox News TV show that would keep him in front of 2020 primary voters. He could challenge U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly in 2018, giving him a national platform. Even his Indiana allies see Pence more as a legislator on a conspicuous soapbox rallying true believers than a successful executive.



But Pence's Indiana viability depends on how the ticket performs in his home state. He was in a flagging, but winnable reelection battle. He endorsed, campaigned with and cut a TV ad for Ted Cruz, only to watch him lose the Indiana primary to Trump 53-37%. And Pence still has some skin in Eric Holcomb's campaign. If a large chunk of the $7.4 million Pence war chest doesn't end up with the new nominee and he loses a race he could have won with the proper resources, that would be a huge black mark.

Epilogue

We are witnessing, hour to hour, day to day, week to week the national ascendency of an Indiana governor, coming in the most unprecedented and peculiar circumstances imaginable. At this juncture, it is impossible to know where it all ends up.

How this all plays out and where governor and vice presidential nominee Mike Pence ends up will be one of the most fascinating political stories of our times. ❖

Bayh, from page 1

Whatever the reason, Bayh decided to drop out of the race just hours later, and just hours before the end of the filing deadline, forever changing Hoosier politics. It would ignite what HPI called the "Bayh dominoes" with U.S. Rep. Brad Ellsworth, State Rep. Trent Van Haaften and State Sen. Bob Dieg all hurriedly filing for races they were destined to lose. It set off a chain of events which would root the Democratic Party out of its river county warrens, with no congressional seats and only a couple of Indiana House seats left below U.S. 50 by 2014. Many traditionally Democratic county seats and city halls went Republican. And Bayh sat on close to $10 million for six years, money which might have helped put John Gregg over the top in his 2012 gubernatorial race against Mike Pence, where he came up less than 3% short.

Bayh's decision transformed the Indiana Democratic Party to Lake, St. Joseph and Marion counties, and a handful of university and college cities and towns.



Bayh's decision had actually been in the works for months. Seated in the Oval Office before the president in early September 2009 was Bayh. "Are you 100 percent sure?" President Obama asked. "I'm 98 percent sure," Bayh responded to his one-time Senate colleague, rival for the Democratic nomination, and boss had the Indiana senator been selected for Obama's 2008 ticket. The news Bayh brought to Obama was that he planned to retire from the Senate in 2010.

The implications were vast. A virtually "safe" Democratic Senate seat would almost certainly come into play in Red State Indiana despite Obama's stunning once-in-a-generation breakthrough. And the young president and his political team knew that the sprawling policy agenda they were in the midst of hammering out would create treacherous political currents for Obama's first midterm election. It was a seat that former Sen. Dan Coats would reclaim nine months later.

No one was predicting Obama's Democrats would lose control of Congress – and most

improbably the Senate – then. Certainly Evan Bayh defending his Indiana seat was part of the calculus. While his father,U.S. Sen. Birch Bayh, had never won this seat by more than 5 percent, Evan Bayh was a landslide artist, winning twice with more than 63 percent of the vote.

But on President's Day, Feb. 15, 2010, Bayh dropped his bombshell, after the Obama team had spent the intervening months trying to keep him in the fold. It came just under two weeks after Coats announced his comeback, fulfilling a 1998 showdown with Bayh that he decided to forego in an equally stunning decision. After months of Bayh's self-admitted "procrastination," the earth was shaking. Republican Scott Brown had won the late Ted Kennedy's Senate seat in January. Within hours, Bayh was projecting a "catastrophe" for the Democratic Party. "There's going to be a tendency on the part of our people to be in denial about all this," Bayh told ABC News. "If you lose Massachusetts and that's not a wakeup call, there's no hope of waking up."



Caught unaware was the Indiana Democratic Party. Bayh had resurrected it with his breakthrough 1986 secretary of state win, institutionalized it with his 1988 gubernatorial win that set off a four-term streak on the Statehouse second floor. He then pulled up the stakes two decades later, reemphasizing a complaint within the party and labor circles, that it was "all about Evan."

No wonder that Rep. Ellsworth would stand with DNC Chairman Tim Kaine at the Indiana Democratic Editorial Association convention just prior to Labor Day 2010 at French Lick, quipping, "I would like to thank Evan Bayh – I think – for this opportunity."

I'm baaa-acck!

After years of muttering and angst within a party that sank and sank, Evan Bayh came back in July. The year prior, he declined to run for governor, the job he always said he truly loved, because the Republican legislative super majorities would have prevented him from governing the way he did between 1989 and 1997.

But the times they were a-changin', with Senate colleague Hillary Clinton now the Democratic presidential nominee, with Baron Hill's money haul languishing, something that Bayh's massive war chest could have solved overnight. There was the emergence of Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, with all the telltale signs as an instigator of GOP disaster, when Bayh dropped the second bombshell of his career. Hill was out, Bayh was back. It almost lent credibility to Joe Scarborough's speculative story that Bill Clinton and Donald Trump had had a long conversation in 2015, that his presidential run was a corporate branding lark, and that the Trump dog had caught the car.

One could easiliy imagine the Clintonian presidential whispers into the senator's ear: "Come back, Evan. Hillary will be president. She needs a Democratic Senate. Indiana could put her over the top. Win the seat, help pull my good ol' boy buddy John Gregg into the governor's office, and that cabinet post you always wanted could come in a couple of years."

"One of the reasons I decided to retire was to spend more time with my twin boys and my wife," Bayh would say about his return in July. "I am proud of that decision and cherish the time I've had with them. Now, I see their future, and all of Indiana's future, put at risk by a broken political system. I'll work every day to put progress ahead of partisanship and to earn the support of Hoosiers so that we can get back to getting things done for Indiana."

In an HPI Interview, Bayh added, "There's only one reason to do this and that's to help middle class families in Indiana with their challenges. And I want to deal with some of the divisiveness in Washington. There is no other reason. So I want to focus on bringing good jobs and good wages, college affordability for our kids, enforcing trade deals to insure that other countries aren't ripping off our jobs and products. That kind of thing, that's all it's about. I talked to my wife and sons. Fortunately I married a wonderful woman. Just on a personal level, I'm 60 years old now and I want to know that at the end of my days, whenever that arrives, that I made as big a difference as I could. That's it. That's all."

But a month into Evan Bayh 3.0, some of the issues that were poised to haunt and confound him before a volatile mid-term electorate are still there. The overall environment just isn't as hostile.

Bayh the millionaire lobbyist

This past week Republicans were loading everything, including the condo kitchen sink, into the anti-Bayh howitzers.

CNN reported that he used his multi-million dollar Georgetown house as his official address when he donated to Hillary Clinton last year. There was his $53,000 Indianapolis condo, where he is registered to vote and listed on his Indiana driver's license, that at least lends him more cover than Sen. Lugar had when a similar issue overran him in the winter of 2012. Bayh's monthly electric bill was a mere $20.

CNN reported that Bayh pushed back at an interviewer last month when he was asked if he would move back to Indiana now that he is running to win back his old Senate seat. "I've never left," he told WISH-TV. It turns out he did. A CNN review of public records since Bayh left office in 2011 shows the Democrat repeatedly listed his two multi-million-dollar homes in Washington as his main

places of residence – not the $53,000 condo he owns in Indianapolis. Just three weeks after leaving office in 2011, Bayh changed his address to his $2.3 million home in a leafy neighborhood in Washington, according to Indiana records. And often when Bayh registered his address, whether it was on an Alaska fishing license, a donation to Hillary Clinton or on the deed to his beachfront property in Southern Florida, he listed Washington as his home. Even when Bayh returned back to Indianapolis last summer for an Indiana Democratic Party dinner, he stayed at a JW Marriott just 12 miles away from his condo.

Buzzfeed reported that Bayh moved his personal foundation from the Faegre Baker & Daniels address in Indianapolis to K Street in Washington.



Sen. and Mrs. Bayh.

Bayh delayed filing his financial disclosure that was due this week. "Tick Tock: Bayh on the clock to disclose personal finances by August 12," was the heading for an email Young's campaign sent to media Aug. 3. Bayh now has to make the disclosure on Oct. 9, just over a month before Election Day. The Young campaign can only hope it contains a cluster of little bomblets, or perhaps a big blast.

The Huffington Post reported: Since leaving Capitol Hill, Bayh has cultivated a very lucrative second career in serving on corporate boards, earning nearly $4 million over the last five years. Since 2011, Bayh has served on the board of directors at five corporations: McGraw Hill Education, Marathon Petroleum, Berry Plastics Group, Fifth Third Bancorp and RLJ Lodging Trust. Bayh's campaign denied that the former senator's corporate record will influence his lawmaking.

"Hoosiers know Evan as the independent-minded senator and governor who put Indiana first and it's why they continue to support him by a huge margin," Bayh campaign manager Paul Tencher told HuffPost in an email. "If elected, Evan will resign these positions but that won't stop his opponents from trying to misrepresent his record. Too bad for them; it just won't work."

The IndyStar's Tony Cook reported: During his final months in the U.S. Senate, Evan Bayh broke ranks with most of his fellow Democrats several times to oppose or reduce the impact of legislative proposals that threatened the bottom lines of private equity firms, banks and oil companies. But that wouldn't be Bayh's last interaction with those industries. Within weeks of leaving public office, Bayh became a senior adviser to Apollo Global Management, one of the world's largest private equity firms. Several months later, he landed lucrative corporate board appointments at Fifth Third Bank and Marathon Petroleum.

Bayh declined comment on the Star story, with campaign spokesman Ben Ray saying, "Evan Bayh's career has been about standing up for Hoosiers, including taking on Wall Street Banks and Big Oil to end 'too big to fail' and close special tax loopholes."

And pressed by WIBC's Eric Berman, Bayh tried to swat away the residency issue, saying he's "deeply connected to Indiana – always have been, always will be." Bayh insisted he has returned to Indiana often, and says anyone who goes to Washington on the state's behalf has to "keep one foot back in Indiana."

Here, Bayh can find some cover. Indiana's U.S. senators tend to go to Washington, and they don't come back. Both Evan and Birch Bayh, Vance Hartke and Dick Lugar remained in Washington after their Senate careers ended. In the case of Birch Bayh, Hartke and Lugar, those careers ended in defeat. Dan Quayle went back to his boyhood state of Arizona. Coats left, then came back and bought a house.

The Fort Wayne News Sentinel editorialized: "A big reason Richard Mourdock deposed Sen. Richard Lugar in the Republican primary in 2012 was that so many Hoosier voters thought Lugar had gotten too cozy with the Washington establishment. And if anything, the sentiment against entrenched politicians is even stronger now than it was four years ago. But Hoosiers have good reason to ask whether Bayh is really running to represent Indiana's best interests or just yielding to the pressure from the Democratic establishment in Washington that sees a chance to take the Senate back from Republicans."

Bayh's high water mark

In a year of extraordinary twists, the Bayh comeback story has created another unprecedented shift. Never have we seen Senate candidates swap out. Now it's occurred simultaneously with the GOP gubernatorial ticket and the Senate race. Young went from a three-to-one money advantage over Hill to a 10-to-one cash disadvantage against Bayh.

On Wednesday, a Monmouth Poll in Indiana gave Bayh just a 48-41% lead, one of the closest in his career.

Four years after $50 million spilled into the campaigns of Lugar, Richard Mourdock and Joe Donnelly, the same might happen with Young and Bayh. Since Bayh entered the race in late July, $8 million has been spent on this race, about $4 million by and on behalf of both Bayh and Young, according to Trevor Foughty, Young's campaign manager.

Young promises to be the most prolific fundraising opponent Bayh has ever faced, but with two internal Dem-

ocratic polls showing him trailing by close to 20 points, Young faces a time crunch. Much of his funding will come from Super PACs, of which he has no control over the message and timing. And Young has issues to use against Bayh that would appear to resonate with voters who want to throw the D.C. bums out. Bayh is a D.C. beast. He grew up there. He raised his sons there. He stayed there after leaving the Senate. The Republican's campaign and the affiliated Super PACs are already using those issues.

And Young has the potential millstone of Donald Trump weighing down a potential comeback.

Bayh could be seeing his polling high-water mark, but he has the potential to more than match the Republican dollar for dollar. Certainly in Hoosier history, and perhaps in senatorial campaigns, have we ever witnessed a $10 million man materialize like a political apparition. **HPI Horse Race Status:** Leans Bayh.❖

Monmouth Poll has Trump up 11%, Bayh up 7%, tossup gov race

By BRIAN A. HOWEY

INDIANAPOLIS - The first independent polling in Indiana since the national conventions give Donald Trump an 11% lead over Hillary Clinton, Evan Bayh up 7% over Republican Todd Young, and the gubernatorial race between Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb and Democrat John Gregg a dead heat.

The Monmouth University Poll suggests similarities to 1988, when Hoosier voters elected the Bush/Quayle ticket as well as Bayh governor.

WTHR/Howey Politics Indiana will be releasing three independent polls in September, October and November.

Indiana Democrats were quick to note that the Monmouth sample was +13% Republican.

Among Indiana voters likely to cast ballots in November's presidential election, 47% currently support Trump and 36% back Clinton. Another 10% intend to vote for Libertarian Gary Johnson, with 5% who are undecided. About the same number of Republicans back Trump (84%) as Democrats who back Clinton (87%). Independents are divided at 38% for Trump and 34% for Clinton, with 18% supporting Johnson.

"Pence is likely boosting the GOP ticket's prospects here, as Indiana voters really don't like either of the two presidential nominees. In fact, their favorability ratings are among the lowest the Monmouth University Poll has found anywhere we've polled," said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

Just 33% of Indiana voters have a favorable view of Trump with 54% holding an unfavorable opinion of him. Clinton's ratings are slightly worse at 28% favorable and 62% unfavorable. On the other hand, most voters (54%) approve of the job Pence is currently doing as governor and just 35% disapprove. A majority (58%) also say that agreeing to be Trump's running mate has not affected their opinion of Pence, although 23% say they now think less highly of him and 17% think more highly of him.

In the U.S. Senate race, Bayh holds a 48-41% leader over Young, a much narrower margin than two partisan Democratic internal polls that showed Bayh with close to a 20% lead. Libertarian Lucy Brenton had 4% and 7% were undecided.

It comes comes after Bayh, Young and their super PAC allies have dumped $8 million into the race since Bayh replaced Baron Hill as the nominee in late July.

While 76% of Trump supporters are backing Young, 16% say they will split their ticket and vote for Bayh. Among Clinton supporters, 89% will vote for Bayh and just 3% will split their ticket for Young. "If Bayh can hold on, this will be a crucial pick-up in the Democrats' effort to retake the Senate," said Murray.

Nearly half of Indiana voters (46%) have a favorable view of Bayh and just 19% have an unfavorable view, with 35% expressing no opinion. Young is not as well-known, with a rating of 29% favorable and 15% unfavorable, while 55% register no opinion of him.

There have been some questions about Bayh's last-minute decision to run for his old Senate seat. Indiana voters are more likely to see this move as Bayh just wanting to get back into politics (42%) rather than a desire to serve the public (31%). Another 4% see it as both motivations equally and 23% have no opinion.

The race to succeed Pence as governor is currently the closest of the three statewide races polled by Monmouth in Indiana. Holcomb at 42% is virtually tied with former legislator and 2012 gubernatorial candidate John Gregg (41%). Another 4% support Libertarian Rex Bell and 13% are undecided. "Gregg was involved in one of the closest governor's races in Indiana history when he faced off against Pence four years ago. This one could be even closer," said Murray.

"It's very much out of line with every other internal and external poll we've seen," said Jeff Harris, spokesman for the Gregg campaign. "We are confident in our strong position and don't put much stock into these numbers."

Holcomb campaign manager Mike O'Brien said Holcomb will continue Indiana's forward momentum.

"Hoosiers want a governor who represents the right track and will continue to build and grow Indiana. We can't afford to go back in time to the days of debt and uncertainty. We need proven and responsible Republican leadership to make Indiana the best place to live, work, play and stay," he said.



Indiana voters face an interesting election this year in that two of the four major party nominees for governor (Holcomb) and senate (Bayh) were actually chosen after the primary winners withdrew from those races. Nearly 6 in 10 voters say that having these nominees chosen by party committee rather than the voters bothers them, including 31% who are bothered a lot by this and 26% who are bothered a little. Another 40% say the candidate "switcheroos" do not really bother them.

The Monmouth University Poll was conducted by telephone from August 13 to 16, 2016, with 403 Indiana residents likely to vote in the November election. This sample has a margin of error of +4.9 percent. The poll was conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute in West Long Branch, N.J.

Pence money slow to flow

At the risk of becoming the Cuba Gooding Jr., character in the movie "Jerry Maguire," Howey Politics Indiana has been asking, "Show me the money!" when it comes to Gov. Mike Pence's war chest.

Another week has gone by and thus far, only $1.25 million of Pence's $7.4 million campaign funds have made it into the coffers of Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb. Holcomb campaign sources have told HPI they expect close to $5 million to migrate to Holcomb; he had $20,000 in his campaign account when he received the nomination from the Indiana Republican Central Committee on July 26. Three days later, Pence moved what many Republicans believe to be the first part of the funds.

Holcomb's pitch to the Central Committee was that he would have access to the bulk of Pence's funds, with a suggestion that U.S. Reps. Susan Brooks and Todd Rokita wouldn't. Brooks had $1.3 million in funds and Rokita $1.5 million they could have transferred over immediately.

On Friday, the Indiana Secretary of State's large contribution site posted a $250,000 donation from the



RGA Direct PAC. Holcomb campaign spokesman Pete Seat told HPI on Sunday that the RGA contribution is a "new investment." The Democratic Governors Association is contesting the Holcomb campaign's intent to use "permissible" campaign funds from Pence to fuel Holcomb, who has name ID under 20% and entered the nomination with a mere $20,000.

Between Aug. 3 and 8, Holcomb did raise $105,000 in large contributions, a figure Gregg matched during the same period. Gregg has already raised more than $10 million and has been running statewide TV since May 5.

Time is of the essence, as early voting has moved up schedules. Holcomb not only needs to define himself, something he has yet to do, but also to try and paint Democrat John Gregg in an unflattering light.

Holcomb has picked up an additional $125,000 in large donations since Aug. 3, according to the Indiana Secretary of State's campaign finance website as of Wednesday. On Aug. 8, Holcomb picked up a $50,000 donation from Ralph Amos of Alexandria and $10,000 from Jeffrey Taylor of Carmel. On Aug. 3, Holcomb received $25,000 from Golars LLC of Fishers and $20,000 from Grinder Singh of McCordsville. On Monday he picked up $10,000 from former legislator Troy Woodruff of Vincennes and on Tuesday, $10,000 from Indianapolis businessman P.E. McAllister.

Since July 25, Democrat John Gregg raised $125,000, including Indiana 3rd CD Democrats, $10,000; Drive Committee, $50,000; D. Michael Harding, $10,000; James Baise, $10,000; and Michael G. Browning, $25,000; $20,000 from Kuldeep Singh of Muncie. Gregg has already raised more than $10 million.

Sources tell HPI that neither the Pence nor Holcomb campaigns had reserved TV air time for the coming three months.

Pssst … Pence and Holcomb campaign

On the face of it and in normal political times, a rainy Saturday morning in Columbus would have been a prime earned media and photo opportunity for Republican vice presidential nominee Mike Pence and his Republican Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb. Pence returned to his hometown to campaign with Holcomb at the Upland Columbus Pump House and John Willy's Restaurant, with a quick stop at a downtown farmers' market. But the Trump/Pence campaign did not release this stop on any Pence itinerary and Holcomb's campaign schedule had the nominee solo Saturday morning.



Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb with Gov. and Mrs. Pence at Joe Willy's in Columbus on Saturday. (Columbus Republic Photo)

This peculiar sans-media campaign style comes after a Republican canary in the coal mine moment this past week. An internal poll for Democrat gubernatorial nominee John Gregg not only had him leading Holcomb 46-39%, but showed that Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton are tied in Indiana at 44%. Granted this was a partisan poll, but the Holcomb head-to-head with Gregg could actually be seen as a silver lining, since Holcomb has yet to mount a consistent statewide TV campaign. The Holcomb/Gregg head-to-heads are consistent with internal GOP polls HPI is aware of.

Holcomb campaign spokesman Pete Seat told HPI, "Omitting Gov. Pence from the media advisory was purely a security consideration. There are limitations on announcing his movements that we had to adhere to as well. The national press pool covering the governor (which includes NBC, CBS, Fox, all with local affiliates, not to mention an AP Indianapolis correspondent who travels with the governor) made all three stops, as did the Columbus Republic." The Trump campaign routinely makes public Pence's schedule, times and venues well in advance, but sources tell HPI that Secret Service sweeps at the planned venues complicated advance media notification.

A loss by the Trump/Pence ticket in Indiana would be another bizarre political twist for Gov. Pence, who entered 2016 facing an arduous reelection rematch against Gregg, endorsed and campaigned with U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz in the primary, only to see him lose to Trump 53-37%. Trump's vice presidential invitation gave Pence an escape hatch, but as that campaign flounders, Pence's political future is as murky as the Wabash River.

Holcomb could have benefited from Saturday's joint appearance, but other than local coverage in the Columbus Republic, and a New York Times article by Yamiche Alcindor that painted Pence as speechless when asked about releasing his tax returns (which he later confirmed on WABC that he will), there was no statewide media coverage. None of the Indianapolis TV stations covered it, nor did the IndyStar, Associated Press or any of the Statehouse press corps.

According to the Columbus Republic, Pence and Holcomb were met by about 40 people at the Upland Pump House, including Mayor Jim Lienhoop and State Rep. Milo Smith.

The governor and Mrs. Pence bought some Indiana sweet corn at a downtown farmers' market. There, Pence emphasized to the Republic that he is still governing. On Friday, Pence met with Veteran Affairs officials at the Indiana War Memorial and visited Indiana Supreme Court Justice Geoffrey Slaughter, whom he nominated for the post last spring. He also received a briefing from Indiana Health Commissioner Jerome Adams on the zika outbreak.

"It's all just a matter of keeping first things first," Pence told the Republic. "My job as governor is job one."

But Pence has dodged the Indiana media, other than an interview with WTHR-TV's Kevin Rader, who spent a day on a Pence campaign swing in the eastern U.S. Pence has done an array of national interviews, but has not done a formal interview with Indiana reporters during an ABATE event or at the Indiana State Fair opening.

Gregg TV ad takes aim at Holcomb

A new TV ad for Democrat John Gregg began running over the weekend and it takes direct aim at Republican nominee Eric Holcomb. The ad's voiceover says, "Eric Holcomb. Handpicked by Mike Pence to run for governor. Pence gave over $1 million to Holcomb's campaign. No wonder Holcomb says he'll run on Pence's record." The ad goes on to say Holcomb has a record of "wages not keeping up, a failed economic record," and "teaching to the test." It's the first time a Gregg TV ad has named Holcomb as his opponent, who has yet to mount a statewide TV ad campaign. "John Gregg must not believe his own internal poll. He has spent $3 million this year on television ads compared to Eric Holcomb not spending a single penny," said communications director Pete Seat. "If Gregg was truly up by six points, he wouldn't feel the need to attack Eric with false and debunked claims about Indiana's thriving economy. "Concern in John Gregg's campaign has clearly set in. Why else would they run flat out false attacks against Eric Holcomb? Wages are going up, we have a AAA credit rating from all three bond rating agencies and Eric is on the record saying overtesting is counterproductive. "That's three strikes in one ad. Our opponent can continue embellishing his record, supporting irresponsible policies and contradicting himself, sometimes just seconds later, while Eric Holcomb and Suzanne Crouch focus on accelerating Indiana's momentum and how to make Indiana the best place to live, work, stay and play."



Crouch talks transparency

Republican lieutenant governor candidate and state auditor Suzanne Crouch spoke with the Rotary Club

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of Kokomo Tuesday afternoon, where she emphasized the importance of government transparency and demonstrated the information available on Indiana's online transparency portal (Neuenschwander, Kokomo Tribune). Crouch said transparency is one of the most important functions of government, and quoted founding father Patrick Henry to highlight that point. The transparency portal provides detailed information about how and where tax dollars are spent. Crouch said she, as auditor, is responsible for the database's maintenance. She went over the information it contains, such as Indiana's budget, saying taxpayers can see how their money is being used. She said 58 percent of Indiana's budget goes to education, 13 percent to Medicaid and the rest is distributed to everyone else.

Congressional

Brooks, Rokita return to 5th, 4th CD ballot

Republican U.S. Reps. Todd Rokita and Susan Brooks reclaimed their spots on Indiana's November ballot Saturday after withdrawing their congressional candidacies to try to replace Mike Pence, who joined Donald Trump's ticket (WISH-TV). The Republican Party selected Rokita and Brooks during caucuses to fill the vacancies that were created last month. Rokita and Brooks were chosen for the 4th and 5th congressional districts respectively and defeated candidates they had already beaten in this year's primaries. Brooks and Rokita had said they would seek to resume their reelection campaigns after the GOP state committee selected Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb to replace Pence as the gubernatorial nominee against Democratic candidate John Gregg. Rokita's Democratic challenger this November is John Dale of West Point, a teacher at Western Boone High School and small farm owner. Rokita, who reported $1.4 million in campaign money at the end of June, defeated Dale in 2014 with about 67% of the vote. "It is an honor to represent the 5th District in Congress, and I'm very grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve my district, state and nation.," Brooks said after she was renominated and will face Democrat Angela Demaree. "Now, we must turn our focus to November and to making sure that Republican principles and leadership continue in both our state's and nation's capital." Brooks had about $1.3 million in campaign cash at the end of June, compared to about $60,000 for Demaree.

Drake wins 8th CD recount

The 8th CD Democratic recount ended without a formal resolution as David Orentlicher conceded to Ron Drake Friday afternoon. A 19-county recount concluded this week showing Orentlicher failing to come close to erasing Drake's 68-vote lead on the May 3 primary. "Earlier this afternoon, I called Ron Drake and congratulated him on winning the Democratic Party's nomination for the 8th District congressional race. I told him that I have decided to suspend the recount process," Orentlicher said. "Now that we have had a chance to consider the hard work of the State Board of Accounts and to review the notes of our terrific volunteer observers, it is clear that the final numbers will confirm a victory for Mr. Drake. I am happy to endorse Ron Drake for Congress and his campaign to beat Rep. Bucshon this November. I have every confidence that he will give it his all, and it is time for all Hoosier Democrats to support him in his efforts." Drake told the Evansville Courier & Press, "I wish him well. I know how badly he wanted this." Drake now faces Republican U.S. Rep. Larry Bucshon on Nov. 8. "I don't think the party in power was in any hurry to get this recount done," said Daviess County Democrat Party Chairman Dave Crooks (Washington Times-Herald). "I think if there had been a recount between Larry Bucshon and Richard Moss there would have been a lot more urgency to get it done. It probably would have been completed before the Fourth of July."

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HPI Status: Likely Bucshon (R)

9th CD



HPI Status: Leans Hollingsworth (R)

Yoder, Hollingsworth to debate Sept. 19

A debate has been scheduled between the two major-party candidates vying for Indiana's 9th District seat in Congress (Bloomington Herald-Times). Democrat Shelli Yoder and Republican Trey Hollingsworth will debate on Sept. 19 in Greenwood. The news of the debate comes less than a week after Yoder called for 10 debates across the 9th District leading up to the general election. So far, the debate does not include Libertarian candidate Russell Brooksbank. ❖

Young had it won until . . .

By JACK COLWELL

SOUTH BEND – Todd Young had it won. Until . . .

Young, a Republican congressman from Bloomington, trounced another GOP congressman, Marlin Stutzman, the Tea Party favorite, in the May primary, capturing the party's nomination for the open U.S. Senate seat at stake in Indiana. Baron Hill, the Democratic nominee, with little name recognition, little funding and little chance, was written off by Democratic fundraisers and political analysts in Indiana and around the nation.



Young had that seat won. Until . . .

Until Hill dropped out in July, replaced by Evan Bayh.

Young now faces a candidate with high name recognition from Bayh's two terms as governor and two terms in the Senate, mostly favorable recognition. Young's fundraising advantage is gone. Bayh has $9.3 million in funds from past campaigning. Analysts now see the race as a "toss-up," maybe even with advantage to Bayh.

Young said in an interview in South Bend that he's "excited actually," not disappointed in the sudden change, and still confident of winning. "We're really excited about not just winning this seat but winning this top-tier battleground race . . . that could very well dictate control of the entire U.S. Senate and composition of the United States Supreme Court for the next couple of generations," Young said.

Indeed, if Bayh wins what once was a "sure bet" Republican seat, it could be decisive in Democrats winning control of the Senate.

Money now pours in for TV ads. Young had $1.23 million in cash on hand before – fine in preparing for a race with Hill – but not enough to match Bayh's funding. Young said he already has support from $3 million in spending by groups taking on Bayh. And Bayh cites the $1 million spending against him by the Koch brothers in appeals for more Democratic contributions. Both sides will spend many millions that wouldn't have been there to gladden the hearts of TV station owners in a Young vs. Hill race.

Young is cautious in talking about Donald Trump. Asked if he endorses Trump, he replies: "I intend to support the Republican nominee." That nominee, who won big in the Indiana presidential primary, is of course Trump.

He doesn't specifically criticize Trump by name for such things as the ban on Muslims coming to the country or Trump's wavering on NATO mutual defense provisions. "Feel free to compare and contrast," he adds in reference to his stands and Trump's. He then says he doesn't support a Muslim ban and that, "as a former Marine intelligence officer," he supports the NATO defense commitments.

Bayh, after becoming the nominee, immediately attacked Young on Social Security. Young responded by attacking Bayh on Obamacare. Those are issues voters will hear about for the rest of the campaign. Bayh criticized Young for calling Social Security "a Ponzi scheme" and suggested Young would scuttle the retirement system.

"I think I was in the course of illustrating a point," Young says of a Ponzi reference. No matter the point, and he says it was to stress that present funding is not sustainable, most Social Security recipients don't look upon it as a Ponzi scheme, which is something illegal that should be stopped.

Young stresses that he doesn't want Social Security stopped but rather made solvent for future generations through changes necessary for sustainability. He says the deplorable scheme is federal spending elsewhere, rather than adequately funding commitments for Social Security and Medicare.

The Republican nominee criticizes Bayh for voting in the Senate for the Affordable Care Act, Obamacare. "Obamacare would never have become law if Even Bayh hadn't cast the deciding vote," Young says. He contends that the health care program has been anything but affordable and that it is unpopular in Indiana.

Young contends that the Obamacare vote was the reason Bayh decided not to run for reelection in 2010. "He was afraid of losing," says Young. "And I think he should be afraid of losing now." ❖

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Clinton brings 50 state strategy to Indiana

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INDIANAPOLIS – Keith Potts put aside wedding planning on a recent Saturday to spend a rainy morning canvassing for votes in Indianapolis. Wearing a Hillary Clinton T-shirt and ball cap, Potts, who lives in the city, said he is hopeful of changing minds even in a traditionally red state whose governor is running as vice president on the Republican ticket.



"There's a real energy in Indiana this year," he said. "I think Indiana might be a surprise to a lot of people."

Indiana is no swing state. Yet, a small paid campaign staff and some trained volunteers, including Potts, have been organizing phone banks and voter drives as part of the Democrats' sweeping strategy to campaign at the local level in all 50 states.

Indiana's is a small force compared to the heavy presence that Clinton's presidential campaign is building in pivotal states such as Ohio and Florida. Nor is Indiana in the same league as some other Republican-leaning states, such as Georgia, Arizona and Texas, where polls show Clinton within striking distance of Republican Donald Trump and where her campaign is devoting more attention.

But state Democratic Party Chairman John Zody said Clinton's investment in Indiana is important. It builds on resources being spent by Democrats in competitive races for governor and U.S. Senate, putting the party in a better position to take advantage of the electoral uncertainty created by Trump. "This is a completely different kind of election year than we've ever seen," he said.

At least in Indiana, Clinton's ground campaign is far ahead of her rival's. Trump has yet to open a field office here, though his state spokesman, Tony Samuel, said one should be set up before the end of the month.

Samuel was also dismissive of concerns that Trump's paid campaign staff is reportedly just a small fraction of Clinton's 900 field personnel. "It's always been a lean and mean campaign," he said.

Still, Clinton is building momentum in polls, as well. Nationally, the two were virtually tied a month ago. But, after a series of controversial statements from Trump, including comments about a Muslim-American Gold Star family, Clinton's standing started to improve. In Indiana, Howey Politics Indiana reported that a privately commissioned poll by state Democrats in early August showed the two neck and neck at 44% each. A Wednesday Monmouth Poll had Trump leading Clinton 47-36% with Gary Johnson at 10%.

Joe Losco, director of Ball State University's Bowen Center for Public Affairs, cautioned against reading too much into a partisan poll. But he said the results are plausible, as independents and Republicans wary of Trump's rhetoric move to Clinton. "We're seeing polling throughout U.S. starting to fall in line for Clinton, partly because Trump is his own worst enemy," he said.

Even with momentum, the Clinton campaign isn't making big promises in a reliably Republican state. Since 1940, Indiana has only voted for a Democrat for president twice, in Lyndon Johnson's 1964 landslide and in 2008 when it supported Barack Obama. In 2012, the state turned red again and supported Obama's opponent, Republican Mitt Romney. That history is why national Democrats often ignore the state; in 2004, presidential candidate John Kerry's campaign ignored Indiana and put its Hoosier volunteers on buses to knock on doors in the neighboring toss-up state of Ohio.

But Clinton announced plans to commit paid staff and other resources to every state in June. By late July, she'd opened her first field office in Indiana, a state that had gone for Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders in the Democrats' May primary.

Clinton's 50-state approach isn't new. Obama deployed it in 2008, following a strategy advocated by former Democratic National Committee chairman Howard Dean. And her campaign is cautious about saying what the future holds – if it will open more field offices, if Clinton will return to Indiana to campaign, or if the campaign will move people to neighboring states with more electoral votes, Ohio, Illinois and Michigan – as Election Day draws near.

Still, Clinton's national campaign says part of its strategy is also to drum up support for Democrats running for statewide and local offices, as well. "Hillary Clinton is committed to organizing in all 50 states," said Marlon Marshall, the Hillary for America director of state campaigns. "That doesn't mean every one of them will turn blue overnight. But organizing in every state both helps Democrats up and down the ballot and builds a strong infrastructure for future cycles."

While canvassing on the recent Saturday, Potts and other Clinton supporters, for example, were asked to encourage voters to also support incumbent Congressman Andre Carson and state Senate candidate Pam Hickman. As they knocked on doors for Clinton, they wore "Carson for Congress" T-shirts and left behind door hangers with information on Hickman.

"We want to spread the message," said Potts, as he handed umbrellas to volunteers. "We're stronger together." ❖

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Pence, Zoeller ignore rule of law in suit

By JOSHUA CLAYBOURN

EVANSVILLE – This fall an Indiana trial judge will hear complaints brought by several conservative groups – the Indiana Family Institute, Indiana Family Action, and American Family Association – challenging the state's "fix" to its Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA).

The suit also challenges the cities of Indianapolis, Carmel, Bloomington, and Columbus for nondiscrimination ordinances that include LGBT protections. Yet Gov. Mike Pence and Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller are noticeably absent from the lawsuit, calling into question their commitment to the rule of law when it results in undesired outcomes.



The conservative plaintiffs in the case are represented by Jim Bopp, a well-known Terre Haute-based Republican lawyer who successfully argued the Citizens United case before the U.S. Supreme Court, and who most recently lost in his effort representing Marlin Stutzman's challenge to Todd Young's placement on the ballot in the Republican primary for U.S. Senate.

Although state RFRA laws are designed to protect religious liberties, the so-called "fix" in Indiana neuters the original law by clearly stating it does not authorize discrimination nor provide a defense to someone who discriminates.

The plaintiffs argue the state's RFRA fix is unconstitutional because its exemptions and exceptions are too vague and do not adequately protect their religious liberties. Bopp also argues the RFRA law allowed cities to pass ordinances which restrict his clients' religious liberties. He cited marriage enrichment programs geared to heterosexual couples and alleged that some of his clients' employees, volunteers, and speakers could run afoul of the ordinances for counseling only heterosexual couples.

The Indiana attorney general has a duty defend any lawsuit, like this one, which challenges the constitutionality of state law. Greg Zoeller has certainly been one of the leading proponents nationally of an attorney general's duty to defend.

When U.S. Attorney General Holder suggested some states could choose not to defend statutes banning gay marriage, Greg Zoeller argued in the Indiana Law Journal that an attorney general owes the state and its citizens, as sovereign, a duty to defend its statutes, "even statutes that he or she personally opposes or finds distasteful," and that "[t]o exercise discretion more broadly, and selectively to pick and choose which statutes to defend, only erodes the rule of law."

Although Jim Bopp's lawsuit clearly challenges the constitutionality of an Indiana state law, neither Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller nor the State of Indiana has been made a party to the lawsuit, and neither has elected to intervene.

Why? Has Attorney Greg Zoeller abandoned his duty to the rule of law? Has he changed his position on the issue now that it favors a different result? Where does Gov. Mike Pence, now the Republican vice presidential candidate, stand on the matter?

In the past Zoeller and Pence have both fought to defend the state's ban on same-sex marriages. Pence was an ally of groups lobbying for RFRA prior to its "fix," and when he signed it into law he posed for pictures with top leaders of two plaintiffs in the case, Curt Smith, Indiana Family Institute president, and Micah Clark, American Family Association of Indiana executive director.

Few doubt the sympathies of Gov. Pence and Attorney General Zoeller fall with the plaintiffs in this case. But by failing to defend and support a valid law passed by the legislature, Pence and Zoeller undermine their respect for the rule of law and the idea of popular government.

In Zoeller's own words, "a selective, subjective nondefense represents abdication of official duty. It amounts to a license to substitute an individual's political will for legal responsibility. State attorneys general are elected for an important purpose: To represent a state's popular sovereignty according to law. Accordingly, the value of independently elected attorneys general lies not in some imagined leeway to simply override the political decisions of elected representatives (and other elected officials), but in the strength to advocate according to law rather than politics that comes from political independence."

By arguing on behalf of the state, Zoeller and Pence will allow courts to assume their proper role of deciding the constitutionality of state statutes. It is critical for the RFRA statute to get a proper adversarial proceeding without the litigants having to address questions of standing.

As Zoeller has also argued previously in his article titled, "Duty to Defend," the state must also defend its state laws in order to "maintain the proper balance of powers by ensuring that the attorney general does not usurp a judicial function (by declaring a statute unconstitutional) or an executive function (by infringing on another executive officer's ability to execute statutes). Finally, and most importantly, it will require the attorney general to fulfill his proper role as the state's chief legal officer committed to upholding the rule of law."

Gov. Pence has rightfully assailed President Obama for expanding executive branch powers by refusing to enforce laws he does not like, effectively repealing them. Yet here, when its suits Gov. Pence's preferred outcome, he seemingly abandons this principle.

Gov. Pence and Attorney General Greg Zoeller must put their principles into practice and uphold the rule of law by defending Indiana's RFRA statute, even if they may personally disagree with its outcome. ❖

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Indiana's 'Distressed Dozen' counties

By MORTON MARCUS

INDIANAPOLIS – Basketball may be king in Indiana, but the king is losing his castles. They demolished the Wigwam in Anderson last week. Soon the 1928 Fieldhouse in Muncie could meet the wrecker's ball.

Sentimentality may extend the life of this structure, but cannot erase certain facts: Anderson and Muncie are part of a 12-county neglected region. This Distressed Dozen, stretching from Logansport through Peru and Wabash, to Richmond and Connersville, encompass massive tumors of economic and social decay, despite the remedial efforts of local leaders.



When the state recently awarded millions of dollars to three regions, this area was totally neglected. Ten of the 21 Indiana counties that lost population in the past 20 years are part of the Distressed Dozen. In total they have seen their population drop by 4% (26,700) while the balance of the state enjoyed a 16% increase (830,000).

At the heart of this population decline was the loss of 47,100 jobs in the region. This was equivalent to losing one of every eight jobs in these 12 counties. Each of the Distressed Dozen lost jobs over the past two decades. Fayette County saw more than one-third of its jobs disappear. Together Delaware and Madison counties lost nearly 11,000 jobs, while the rest of the state gained 489,000 jobs.

A declining jobs market retards earnings growth. After adjustment for inflation, Indiana saw average earnings per job increase by 21% from 1994 to 2014. In the Distressed Dozen counties, the growth was a meager 4%. Where the average Hoosier job was worth $8,600 more in buying power in 2014 than 20 years earlier, the gain in the distressed counties was a paltry $1,600 or four cents per hour.

You would think the State of Indiana would seek to ease the burdens of industrial evolution. However, our legislative and economic development programs ignore or punish the areas most damaged by sweeping national and international trends. Just look at the bypass around Kokomo in the heart of the Distressed Dozen. Almost everyone from South Bend and Elkhart joins the residents of the Indianapolis area in extolling the new bypass around the east side of Kokomo. Why not, however, build a modern highway, as a part of the on-going revitalization of downtown Kokomo? Have we not learned that the initial lower costs of bypass construction result in higher costs when we try to resurrect downtown areas?

I-69 bypasses downtown Fort Wayne, Marion, Muncie and Anderson; I-70 skips around Richmond and Terre Haute; I-65, I-74 and I-94, as well as the new I-69, were built to avoid the cities they are supposed to serve. This follows the original plan for the Indiana Toll Road: Keep "foreign" trucks out of our cities and towns.

Only Indianapolis has interstates going through the center of the city. The result: Only Indianapolis has a vibrant downtown. Now, Kokomo has a new bypass, as if it needed surgery from Dr. Strangelove. ❖

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Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the author's computations.

		Population (number of persons)		Change '94-'14			Total number of full- & part-time jobs		Change '94-'14			Real Earnings per job in 2014 dollars		Change '94-'14		
GeoFips	GeoName	1994	2014	Number	Percent	Rank	1994	2014	Number	Percent	Rank	1994	2014	Number	Percent	Rank
18000	Indiana	5,793,526	6,596,855	803,329	13.9%		3,287,330	3,729,352	442,022	13.4%		41,431	50,008	8,577	20.7%	
Balance of state		5,083,553	5,913,598	830,045	16.3%		2,917,251	3,406,361	489,110	16.8%		41,364	50,618	9,254	22.4%	
Distressed dozen		709,973	683,257	(26,716)	-3.8%		370,079	322,991	(47,088)	-12.7%		41,954	43,576	1,622	3.9%	
18009	Blackford	13,976	12,401	(1,575)	-11.3%	92	5,707	4,929	(778)	-13.6%	86	33,046	36,517	3,471	10.5%	79
18017	Cass	39,261	38,438	(823)	-2.1%	74	19,089	18,731	(358)	-1.9%	64	35,314	41,772	6,458	18.3%	62
18035	Delaware	120,514	117,074	(3,440)	-2.9%	78	67,867	58,603	(9,264)	-13.7%	87	39,879	43,389	3,509	8.8%	80
18041	Fayette	26,152	23,468	(2,684)	-10.3%	91	14,387	9,257	(5,130)	-35.7%	92	45,554	37,296	(8,258)	-18.1%	92
18053	Grant	74,360	68,569	(5,791)	-7.8%	88	38,739	35,589	(3,150)	-8.1%	76	42,980	44,510	1,530	3.6%	84
18065	Henry	48,940	48,995	55	0.1%	71	19,308	17,901	(1,407)	-7.3%	73	37,084	37,212	128	0.3%	87
18067	Howard	83,584	82,982	(602)	-0.7%	72	53,788	48,843	(4,945)	-9.2%	78	55,899	50,495	(5,404)	-9.7%	91
18095	Madison	133,554	130,069	(3,485)	-2.6%	77	60,950	50,345	(10,605)	-17.4%	90	45,024	41,360	(3,664)	-8.1%	90
18103	Miami	35,142	35,954	812	2.3%	60	14,952	13,173	(1,779)	-11.9%	84	34,026	40,790	6,764	19.9%	57
18135	Randolph	27,132	25,384	(1,748)	-6.4%	84	11,459	10,459	(1,000)	-8.7%	77	34,098	49,873	15,775	46.3%	8
18169	Wabash	34,970	32,252	(2,718)	-7.8%	87	20,122	17,702	(2,420)	-12.0%	85	33,721	42,948	9,226	27.4%	39
18177	Wayne	72,388	67,671	(4,717)	-6.5%	85	43,711	37,459	(6,252)	-14.3%	88	36,416	42,886	6,470	17.8%	63

Holcomb will evade Democrat attacks

By CRAIG DUNN

KOKOMO – One month ago I traveled up U.S. Highway 35 from Kokomo to northern Indiana for a company golf outing. Highway 35 leads through a political mixture of both Democratic and Republican bastions as you snake your way to LaPorte. I found this trip noteworthy for the political yard signs that were sprinkled along the way. "Pence Must Go" and "Fire Pence" signs dotted the roadway in several locations.

I had seen the same signs in yards along Capitol Avenue in Indianapolis, ever since the heated brouhaha over the Religious Freedoms Restoration Act exploded in the public mindset. Mind you, these aren't hand-painted signs by individuals expressing their anger. These signs are professionally done and distributed as part of a longterm strategy to win the 2016 Indiana governor's race by vilifying Mike Pence. Oops!



The problem with putting all of your chips on one number of the roulette wheel is that your number better come up or you are busted. With Gov. Pence accepting the vice presidential nomination on the Trump ticket, removing him from the Indiana ballot, the obsessive focus of John Gregg and the Democratic Party on a "Pence Must Go" strategy has left them flat busted.

Now, the intellectually bankrupt Indiana Democratic Party, instead of trying to wage a war of ideas with the Republican Party, has come up with the specious argument that since Mike Pence appointed Eric Holcomb as his lieutenant governor, Holcomb has become the Pence surrogate. I'll bet the creative geniuses in the Democratic Party are already hard at work cranking out "Holcomb Must Go" signs.

Sorry troops, it just isn't going to work.

I've found it interesting that John Gregg has been able to fool the ultra-liberal wing of his party into forgetting his past positions on social issues held near and dear by his current minions. Make no mistake about it. In 2012 and before, John Gregg was against gay marriage. In fact, he supported an Indiana Constitutional Amendment to define that marriage was between one man and one woman. John Gregg has always tried to have his cake and eat it too, by claiming to be pro-life and yet a strong supporter of Planned Parenthood and their abortion agenda. Gregg has also tried to convince the adoring leftist wing of his party that he is a strong believer in the global warming claptrap, while at the same time he's just a southern Indiana coal miner at heart. This dog just isn't going to hunt!

If I weren't just another heartless Republican, I just might feel sorry for John Gregg and the Democrats. Indiana's economy is hitting on all six cylinders and a potential strategy of talking down the Hoosier employment, wage and business environment is simply a non-starter.

Let me refresh your memory: CNB, Indiana first in United States for cost of doing business; Forbes, Indiana second in United States for regulatory environment; Tax Foundation, Indiana eighth in United States for overall business climate; Chief Executive, Indiana in Top Five for business; AAA bond rating; record workforce participation; state budget surplus, $2 billion state reserve.

One of the things that I was most struck by at the Republican National Convention was the reputation of Indiana held by delegates from other states. They referred to Indiana as a "wonder" and a "miracle." Every delegate I spoke with wanted to know how we did it in Indiana and I gave the same response, "Elect a Republican governor and give them a Republican legislative team and you will get things done."

The uncreative Democrat strategists appear to be trying to use some contrived political algebra to get at the new reality in the governor's race. If "A" equals "C" and "B" equals "C", then "A" and "B" must be equal. That approach might work with integers, but it fails when applied to governor candidates. Just because you say Mike Pence and Eric Holcomb are the same doesn't make it so.

Eric Holcomb presents Indiana Democrats with some nasty challenges. First, Holcomb was the legislative point man for the successful administration of former Gov. Mitch Daniels. Daniels left office with record high approval ratings and Holcomb deserves some of the credit for helping to usher in needed changes in education, government efficiency, taxation and infrastructure. Second, Holcomb served as chief of staff for Sen. Dan Coats. In that capacity, Holcomb traveled to every nook and cranny in the Hoosier State. He has an excellent grasp of the issues most important to Hoosiers and has promised to focus his efforts as governor on continuing the significant progress made in education, jobs and economic development.

Indiana citizens will be able to trust that the emphasis of a Holcomb Administration will be on core issues that unite us as a people. Finally, Eric Holcomb is an immensely likable candidate. Sit four Democrats down with Holcomb at a small town diner and you'll end up with four Democrats voting for him. He is honest, genuine and exudes all of the characteristics that we like to see in our Hoosier elected officials.

It is by no accident that the Indiana Republican Party has rightfully become known as the party of ideas. Bold creative ideas and leadership has characterized Indiana Republicans for the past 12 years. When contrasted with the past wasteful, tax-and-spend, deficit-bloated and inefficient Democrat administrations and legislature, Indiana citizens will be very reluctant to return to the failed policies and management of the past. With a fiscally

healthy state government, a booming economy and the momentum of nationally recognized successes, Eric Holcomb will be a formidable governor candidate and disrupt the trite Democratic strategy of "Pence Must Go."

I can close my eyes and envision a Citizen Kane-like moment when John Gregg awakens from his nightmarish sleep, soaked in sweat and utters repeatedly, "Holcomb, Holcomb, Holcomb!" Eric Holcomb is the real deal and will keep Republican-led progress in the Indiana Statehouse. ❖

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Importers benefit from free trade

By MICHAEL HICKS

MUNCIE – Most Americans think incorrectly about the benefits of free trade. The general view is that it is good to export more than you import, and that the advantage is to the seller. This is how many in the "buy local" movement view the world, along with those folks still clinging to the "economic base theory" of local economic development. It is also precisely how George III viewed the world, but also he had the excuse of insanity.

Trade is the selling of goods made in one place to people in another place. It should be obvious that a favorable balance of trade can hardly have anything to do with growth. After all, the world's standard of living has grown some twenty fold since 1700, and there is scant evidence we run a balance of trade with Venus.



Trade can enable growth, but only through improving access to technology. To economists, technology isn't necessarily computers and robotics, rather it is how we organize the production of goods and services and how we organize their movement to market. A huge element of this is moving production to the most efficient places. That means moving Happy Meal toys to technically unsophisticated China and orthopedic devices to modern Indiana.

A savvy reader will ask what happens when China modernizes and can produce knee joints? The answer is still that this is good. We want Chinese workers to get better and more affluent. There is an obvious moral argument here, but the pure economics of this result in an increase in the world's productive capacity. Unquestionably, workers who cannot learn new skills may find the disruption difficult. With or without foreign trade, we must all be prepared to adapt to new technologies.

That leads us directly to the fundamentals of trade, and why it is the importer, not exporter who benefits. It is people, not governments who buy and sell goods. If Americans buy more goods from China than China buys from Americans, as is currently the case, that means we run a trade deficit. This sounds horrible, unless of course you realize that we are effectively trading little green pieces of paper for actual things. We get more things from them, than they get from us, and that begs the question, how can this be?

The reason we can continue this deal is that the trade deficit is identically equal to something called the current account balance. This current account balance is the difference between how much American households save, and how much they invest. And by investment, economists mean the purchase of real items like roads and bridges and new plant and equipment.

Last month's trade deficit with China was about $29 billion. To finance this, Chinese households had to invest about $29 billion in the United States. Much of this was investment in government spending, but much was also in our stock market, and in new plant and equipment.

Without foreign trade, we would experience a significant decline in household consumption and business and government investment. That would make all of us much worse off. ❖

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Clinton rises to 348 Electoral College votes

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. – New Hampshire may just have four electoral votes, but it's important. If you doubt it, just ask any Granite State citizens, and they'll tell you about their first-in-the-nation primary. Even that quartet of electoral votes can matter; in 2000, if Al Gore had just won them (and without Ralph Nader on the ballot, he probably would have), Gore would have been president even without Florida. He didn't and he wasn't.

Since 2000, we've watched New Hampshire become more reliable for the Democrats in presidential years. Neighbor John Kerry of Massachusetts won 50.2% in 2004, and Barack Obama easily carried the Granite State in 2008 (54.1%) and 2012 (52.0%). And now, Hillary Clinton is doing so well that her polling lead in the state is about seven-to-eight points, depending on the average, and now we're ready to shift New Hampshire from Leans Democratic to Likely Democratic.

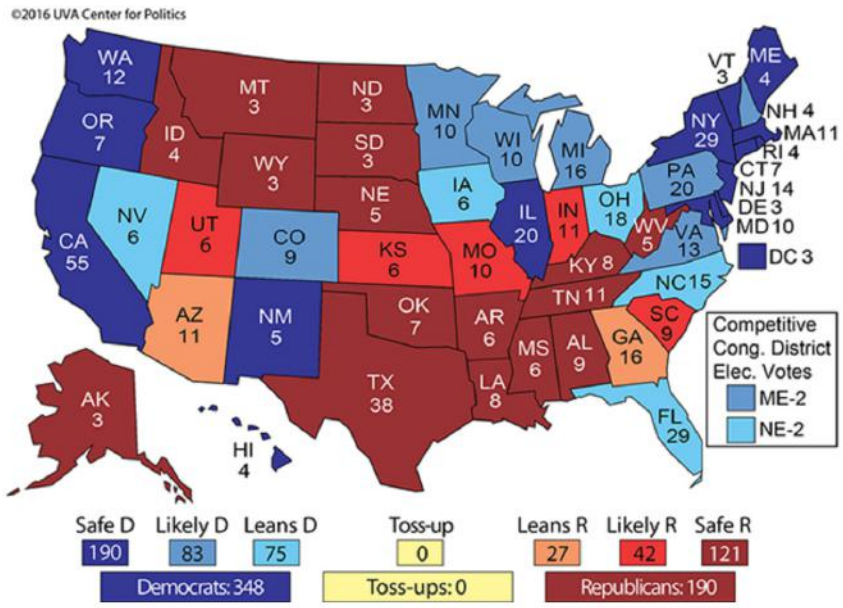
We waited a while, despite favorable polls for Clinton, because it once seemed reasonable to imagine Trump making a play for the land of Live Free or Die. The state is very white (as of 2014, it had the fourth-smallest nonwhite population share), and the Crystal Ball team hypothesized in 2015 that lily-white Obama states such as Iowa and New Hampshire could be particularly vulnerable for Democrats in 2016. The Granite State also has a sizable number of independent voters, a group Trump appeared to be attracting. In fact, looking back to the 33 states with exit poll data in 2012, New Hampshire had the second-largest share of self-identified independents (43% of voters).

However, as it turns out, one of Trump's strengths -- his disproportionate support among blue-collar, non-college-graduate white voters -- is almost certainly a liability in the Granite State. Out of the 50 states, New Hampshire has the fourth-largest percentage of non-Hispanic whites with at least a bachelor's degree in the country, with 32% of the state's age 25-or-older population meeting those criteria. So while Trump can arguably make a play in Rust Belt states such as Ohio (only 22% whites with at least a bachelor's degree) and Pennsylvania (just 24%), as well as Iowa (24%), New Hampshire's mostly white voter base holds less potential for Trump. Our friends at the Cook Political Report have estimated that about half of the New Hampshire electorate will be made up of college-educated whites, well above the 37% projected national rate.

New Hampshire's new status is no small change, since we are putting Clinton over the 270-mark in the Electoral College (273 electoral votes, to be precise) with states we have classified as Likely Democratic or Safe Democratic. Clinton had previously been at 269 in those categories. To us, this means that Trump has to find a way not just to sweep all Republican states and the remaining states classified Leans Democratic (see our map, below) but to dislodge at least one Likely or Safe Democratic state. Anything can happen over the next dozen weeks, but we wouldn't recommend betting your children's college funds on a Trump administration.

By the way, we're lowering Kansas and South Carolina from Safe Republican to Likely Republican after recent closer-than-expected surveys surfaced. In the former, the latest statewide poll from SurveyUSA had Trump ahead by just five points, 44%-39%, and notably it showed Clinton ahead 45%-35% in the Kansas City region. Echoing that finding, an internal survey for Rep. Kevin Yoder (R, KS-3) showed Clinton up 44%-38% over Trump in a district that is mostly in the Kansas City area.

Map 1: *Crystal Ball* Electoral College ratings



In addition, KS-3 was a 54%-44% Mitt Romney district in 2012, further confirming our views of NE-2, which voted for Romney by 53%-46%. Meanwhile, a Public Policy Polling survey found Trump up only 41%-39% in South Carolina, and it is a state with a high Democratic floor (but a low ceiling) because of a large black population and the Palmetto State's racially polarized voting. We certainly don't expect either Kansas or South Carolina to vote Democratic. Still, we have noticed that many deep red states may be preparing to produce lower-than-usual pluralities for Trump. It won't matter in the Electoral College, of course, but it will be reflected in the national popular vote total. ❖

Dave Bangert, Lafayette Journal & Courier: Donald Trump continued to trot out one of his latest conspiracy theories, this one of infinitely greater consequences. Trump has been out banging the drum among followers that the only way he'll lose is if he's the victim of massive cheating. On Aug. 1, Trump told a rally in Columbus, Ohio: "Nov. 8, we'd better be careful, because that election is going to be rigged. … People are going to walk in and they're going to vote 10 times, maybe, who knows?" On the stump in Pennsylvania later that week, Trump called on supporters to keep an eye on "certain areas" (read: inner-city Philadelphia): "I hope you people can sort of not just vote on (Nov.) 8th, go around and look and watch other polling places, and make sure that it's 100 percent fine." But as Aaron Blake of the Washington Post put it: "The ground in which Trump planted this particular seed is indeed fertile." Blake pointed to a question asked of North Carolina voters a week ago by Public Policy Polling, a Raleigh, North Carolina, firm: "If Hillary Clinton is elected president, do you think it will be because more people voted for her, or because the election results are rigged for her?" The results: Of those who said they supported Trump, 69 percent agreed that a rigged election would be the deciding factor in a Clinton victory. (Of all those asked, 36 percent predicted a rigged election. So, there's that.) "I don't consider it a foregone conclusion, but corruption is always a looming possibility," said Chuck Hockema, Tippecanoe County Republican Party chairman. "We are dealing with human beings. Of course, I don't have any personal knowledge of the presence or extent of corruption." Heather Maddox, Tippecanoe County Democratic Party chairwoman, said "While there, the poll watchers would certainly keep an eye out for anyone violating election law," Maddox said. "But we haven't noticed that to be a problem." ❖



Bob Zaltsberg, Bloomington Herald-Times: USA Today, the Washington Post, the New York Times, MSNBC and Politico have something in common. All received Donald Trump "Media Bias of the Day" designation in the past two weeks. His campaign sends them out by email. Here's the first one from Aug. 3: "Another day, another edition of The New York Times with two negative Trump stories and zero negative Clinton stories on the front page. "No front page mentions of the $400M worth of payments to Iran, no front page mentions of Clinton's continuing national security email scandal and no front page mentions of the Clinton Foundation shadiness that we've been learning more about this week. "With many in the media continuing to do everything in their power to publish anti-Trump articles on their front pages while suppressing anti-Clinton stories, the Trump campaign is going to begin calling out biased and unfair coverage. ..." On Aug. 5, it was the Washington Post's turn, specifically the Post's website. "... today's online edition of the Post doesn't even try to hide the fact that they are essentially a propaganda arm for Hillary Clinton and her campaign. The Washington Post homepage is stacked with anti-Trump news stories along the left-hand side and then the Opinion section starts off with four consecutive attacks on Mr. Trump. ... it's clear that a conscious decision has been made by the owners and editors of the Washington Post to go all-in for Hillary." The charge that the Post's owners and editors are "all-in" for Hillary is not based on anything other than what he sees as negative coverage. ❖

Matthew Tully, IndyStar: Sometimes, it's all about the shadow hanging over you. Who you are compared to means a lot in life, and certainly in politics. And for Mike Pence, having a new shadow to walk in has been a good thing. So much so that some, such as the Wall Street Journal editorial page, are suggesting a man who was barely hanging on as governor a month or so ago should be the leader of the free world. Until recently, the governor had lived for years in the dominating shadow of his more focused and competent predecessor, Mitch Daniels. By just about any measure, Pence had not lived up to the job done by the man he replaced. Not on questions of vision, policy or intellectual heft, and definitely not when it came to where he spent valuable political capital. Pence struggled as governor, but one of his biggest political headaches was that shadow hanging over him. It further clouded a mistake-prone tenure at the Statehouse. But my, how things can change. Suddenly, Pence is seen as America's most rational Republican. The voice of common sense. The truth, though, is that Pence hasn't changed. All that's changed is that he now stands in a different shadow. Gone is that of Mitch Daniels, and in its place is Donald Trump's. His is a darker shadow. A scary, destructive and menacing one. And it makes Pence look better and better. ❖

E.J. Dionne, Washington Post: If you thought the old Donald Trump campaign was wild and crazy, just wait for the new Trump campaign now that Breitbart's Steve Bannon has taken over as chief executive. The new leadership — with Bannon and pollster Kellyanne Conway displacing Paul Manafort of the Ukrainian Connection at the top of the heap — is likely to steer Trump even more in the direction of the European far right. It also tells you something that Bannon sees Sarah Palin, about whom he made a laudatory documentary, as a model for anti-establishment politics. Judging from Bannon's history, Trump's campaign will become even harsher in its attacks on Hillary Clinton and work hard to insinuate anti-Clinton stories into the mainstream media. Bloomberg Businessweek's Joshua Green quoted Bannon proudly declaring in mid-2015: "We've got the 15 best investigative reporters at the 15 best newspapers in the country all chasing after Hillary Clinton."❖

Fed official testifies on immigration

INDIANAPOLIS — A former federal immigration official testified Wednesday before an Indiana Senate panel on immigration (Smith, IPB). Michael Cutler worked for the Immigration and Naturalization Service for 30 years before leaving the agency two decades ago. He's now affiliated with a private think-tank that advocates for limiting all immigration - including legal immigration. Testifying before the study committee, Cutler warned of what he sees as the dangers posed by illegal immigration. "We are endangering the entire world because of our immigration policies, because of the way we've politicized the solemn process whereby we confer the highest honor we can upon a foreign national: United States citizenship. We've certainly cheapened what it is to be a citizen," said Cutler. Goshen College's Richard Aguirre takes a different view. He says undocumented students should be encouraged to go to Indiana colleges and universities. "I believe that if they gain legal status, undocumented students will settle permanently in the state and make important contributions to Indiana and its economy," Aguirre said. The study committee will have one more meeting before deciding whether to make a recommendation to the full General Assembly.



Evansville back tracks on PD cams

EVANSVILLE — A day after announcing increased fees for the public to obtain and view body camera footage, Evansville police are backtracking on at least one of the charges (Hall, Evansville Courier & Press). Assistant Police Chief Chris Pugh told the Courier & Press Wednesday night that the EPD will not charge an hourly rate of $37.50 for members of the public to view body camera footage. The change comes one day after police announced a new online request form that detailed the costs. Pugh said the decision was made after the department spoke with its attorneys.

Floyd Co. settles with David Camm

NEW ALBANY — Floyd County and David Camm have reached a settlement (Morris, News & Tribune). A settlement conference was held Friday and the two sides agreed on an amount. Camm will receive $450,000 from a lawsuit filed against the county and several individuals in October of 2014 alleging wrongdoing against him after he was charged and convicted twice for killing his wife and two small children at their Georgetown home in 2000. Camm was convicted in Floyd County in 2002, appealed the conviction only to be convicted again in 2006, a verdict that was later overturned. He was acquitted in 2013 after a third and final trial. Several plaintiffs were listed in the lawsuit, and Friday's agreement "settles everything with Floyd County in the case," according to Floyd County Attorney Rick Fox. That includes the county, and investigators Jacqueline Vaught, Anthony Toran, Mark Henderson, Emily Fessel Miller and Barry Wayne Kessinger. Camm's suit against the state of Indiana, which includes former Floyd County Prosecutor Stan Faith and current prosecutor Keith Henderson, along with several state police investigators and Englert Forensic Consultants LLC, is still pending. The "global amount" of the lawsuit was for $30 million. Of that, Floyd County settled for $450,000.

Woerpel wins city council seat

HAMMOND — In all the years Dave Woerpel has been involved in politics, he's spent it asking people to vote for others (Quinn, Post-Tribune). Asking people to vote for him to take over the 5th District Hammond City Council spot vacated by Michael Opinker last month was a bit surreal for him, he said. Woerpel on Tuesday night won the spot unanimously, 11-0, during a caucus held at the Jean Shepard Community Center. Woerpel said he has no immediate plan to "reinvent the wheel" when it comes to his position. Rather, he wants to focus on doing "what is right." "If it ain't broke, don't fix it," he said. "But as a mailman for 37 years, I dealt with the public, so I know how to talk to people when they're unhappy. That's how I see my role."

Sheriff's son plea deal in cocaine case

INDIANAPOLIS – The son of Marion County John Layton reached a plea deal with a special prosecutor after being accused of dealing cocaine (WRTV). In January, Nikolas Layton and two other people were arrested in the case. Charges against them included dealing in cocaine, possession of cocaine and conspiracy to commit dealing in cocaine. Layton resigned from the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department after 10 years on the force. He'd most recently been assigned to the hit-and-run investigation unit. Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry requested a special prosecutor for the case, citing his professional and personal relationship with Layton's father. Sources said Layton would plead guilty to conspiracy to deal cocaine and face a potential five-year sentence. Sentencing is scheduled for Oct. 18."

Russian troops mass at Ukraine

WASHINGTON - As many as 40,000 Russian troops are massing on the country's border with Ukraine – prompting fears of a new military invasion (The Sun). The Pentagon has identified eight staging areas dotted along the border, suggesting Russian strongman Vladimir Putin is preparing for new incursions Fears are growing that Russia is planning new excursions into neighbouring Ukraine.

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HOOSIERS CHEER TRUMP IN EVANSVILLE: They don't care about Donald Trump's run-ins with Republican establishment figures or his verbal missteps -- in fact, to many of the people who welcomed Trump to Evansville Monday, those things are positives (Langhorne, *Evansville Courier & Press*). Among the crowd that showed up at Tri-State Aero to greet the Republican presidential nominee when he flew in for a fundraiser at Steven E. Chancellor's home were many who came to celebrate the quintessential anti-politician. They said they don't want a president who parses every word to avoid offending people. They do want an outsider who will take a wrecking ball to America's unresponsive, ineffective, self-serving political institutions, they declared. "I just agree that America needs to get on a better track, and I want the country to be better for my children," said Kristyn Blackard, a 30-something stay-at-home mom who showed up with her three young children. Citing terrorism concerns and her desire to "secure the borders," Blackard said Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, a former U.S. secretary of state, has proven herself ineffective on the world stage and hard to trust at home. Trump has a more commanding presence and offers the prospect of change, she said. If Trump ruffles some feathers as he campaigns, Blackard said, that's OK. "I think that's why so many people relate to him -- because he speaks the same language that we speak," she said. According to a Trump/Pence campaign source, the event raised $1.5 million. Outside Chancellor's Henze Road house during the high-dollar fundraiser there, a handful of curious neighbors, a few supporters and a mini-caravan of news media vehicles lined a driveway across the street. They watched cars drive onto Chancellor's 20-acre spread under the watchful eye of law enforcement and Secret Service personnel.

CLINTON DEVOTES CAMPAIGN STAFF TO INDIANA: Indiana is no swing state. Yet, a small paid campaign staff and some trained volunteers have been organizing phone banks and voter drives as part of the Democrat's sweeping strategy to campaign at the local level in all 50 states (Hayden, *CNHI*). Indiana's is a small force compared to the heavy presence that Clinton's presidential campaign is building in pivotal states such as Ohio and Florida. Nor is Indiana in the same league as some other Republican-leaning states - such as Georgia, Arizona and Texas - where polls show Clinton within striking distance of Republican Donald Trump and where her campaign is devoting more attention. But state Democratic Party Chairman John Zody said Clinton's investment in Indiana is important. It builds on resources being spent by Democrats in competitive races for governor and U.S. Senate, putting the party in a better position to take advantage of the electoral uncertainty created by Trump. "This is a completely different kind of election year than we've ever seen," he said. At least in Indiana, Clinton's ground campaign is far ahead of her rival's. Trump has yet to open a field office here, though his state spokesman, Tony Samuel, said one should be set up before the end of the month.

PENCE'S 'OTHER LIFE': On Monday, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence returned to his role as Donald Trump's running mate, joining his beleaguered partner in Ohio and talking about a plan to defeat the Islamic State (Nussbaum, *Politico*). It was a far cry from Saturday, when Pence talked strategy for defeating a different nemesis: raccoons. "We have a serious raccoon problem," Pence explained to Kim Hoeltke at a Columbus, Indiana, farmers market, discussing the vegetable garden behind the governor's mansion. "We really do." His wife, Karen Pence, at his side, looked ready to move on. But Trump's running mate wanted to keep discussing raccoons. Per the governor, the creatures really enjoy sweet corn, including the stock growing behind the governor's mansion. Later, Pence was purchasing corn at Hackman's corn

stand (it was like a stand selling corn), where one 14-year-old saleswoman was not star struck by the man who could soon be a heartbeat away from the presidency. "I've met him like 10 times ... Over 10 times," the young woman, Allana, said as Pence approached the corn stand. Pence spent Saturday ostensibly campaigning for Indiana Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb, who is seeking to succeed him in November. But he was also taking a trip into a life that was his full-time as little as a month ago, working the friendly, folksy and carefully honed persona he rode to the top of Indiana politics before joining Trump's ticket. It is, however, a political errand that exists at least partly outside of Trump's shadow. Yes, the gaggle of national reporters tracked his every move, and yes, they queried him about his tax returns.

BAYH SAYS HE'S 'DEEPLY CONNECTED' TO INDIANA: Former Senator Evan Bayh's comeback bid is facing one of the same attacks which wounded Senator Richard Lugar four years ago (Berman, *WIBC*). National Republicans and Republican nominee Todd Young's campaign have been questioning Bayh's Indiana residency from the moment he entered the race. Bayh's been working in Washington as a consultant with a lobbying firm since his Senate retirement six years ago. He owns an Indianapolis condo, but campaign finance records show he listed his Washington address when he donated to Hillary Clinton's campaign last summer, and to a Georgia Senate candidate in 2014. CNN reports he also put the D.C. address to apply for an Alaska fishing license and on the deed to a Florida vacation home. But Bayh used his Indianapolis address to donate to a California congressional candidate in January, and listed his occupation as "retired U.S. senator," after listing his Washington lobbying firm on his previous donations. Bayh tells WIBC he's "deeply connected to Indiana -- always have been, always will be." He says he's returned to Indiana often, and says anyone who goes to Washington on the state's behalf has to "keep one foot back in Indiana." Young spokesman Jay Kenworthy charges Bayh "abandoned" Indiana as soon as he left the Senate, and says voters should take note. But he and Bayh both say the larger issue is whether the candidates' voting records have been in step with Indiana values. Kenworthy slams Bayh for voting for the federal health care law in his final year in office, while Bayh charges Young has voted in the House for corporate tax breaks at the expense of the middle class. Republicans have accused Bayh of being a Washington resident once before, when he ran for governor in 1988. The Indiana Supreme Court rejected Republicans' argument that Bayh didn't meet a five-year Indiana residency requirement. There's no similar requirement for a Senate seat -- only that the candidate be an "inhabitant" of the state when elected. The deadline to challenge candidates' eligibility for the November ballot is August 26.

DRAKE LOOKS TO FDR 'FOR GUIDANCE AND HOPE' IN 8TH CD: In a statement released late last night, Ron Drake, Democratic candidate for Congress in the 8th CD, thanked his primary opponent, Dr. David Orentlicher (*Howey Politics Indiana*) and said he expects to "continue to stand against the powerful for those without power." "Our people are in pain," Drake wrote. "It is true. Wall Street soars to new heights. Main Street suffers. Coal miners see their long promised retirement and medical care imperiled. Wall Street soars. Many among us dreamed of a long career of ever ascending success. For many, those dreams are now but an ephemeral memory. And Wall Street soars. I have devoted a life-time to representing the less fortunate among us... It is time now for new ideas grounded in past successes of former Democratic presidents. Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal rescued this nation from the Great Depression. He won the war against tyranny. I look there for guidance and hope."

CONGRESSIONAL GOP FRETS TRUMP MILLSTONE: While Donald Trump is making Republican Party elders nervous amid concerns over his lack of discipline and grassroots infrastructure, another major problem may be brewing -- as polling trends signal the potential damage the campaign could do to Republican congressional candidates and GOP control of Congress (*Fox News*). "Just about everybody

has recognized that the Republican Party is deeply divided, and really, it's in a mess," said Larry Sabato of the University of Virginia Center for Politics. "And I think Donald Trump would agree because he's not getting the kind of support that he thinks he deserves." Sabato cited a range of races where a Trump coattail effect could make a difference. "Senator Pat Toomey (R-Pa) is very vulnerable, Sabato said. "Rob Portman (R-Ohio) is less vulnerable; he's doing better than others but he's still nervous about it. Senator Mark Kirk (R-Il)... it's hard for anybody to see how he wins." Sabato also counted among the vulnerable: Senator Ron Johnson (R-Wis), Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) in Florida, Richard Burr (R-N.C.) and John McCain (R-Az). And he added this ominous warning: "There could be others popping up on the screen." One GOP pollster sees a threshold for a down ballot disaster in key swing states. "If he's losing by 4 or 5 points, even 6 points, we can make up that difference," said Ed Goeas. "It's when it starts inching up towards 8, 9, 10 percent difference that you can't make up the difference." Sabato agreed. "If you're in a competitive race, you're going down. You're not going to be able to survive a 10 percent margin."

TRUMP CALLS FOR 'EXTREME VETTING' OF IMMIGRANTS: Donald Trump is calling for "extreme vetting" of people looking to immigrate to or visit the United States, including an ideological screening test to weed out those who don't "share our values and respect our people" (*Washington Post*). A subdued Trump, delivering what his campaign billed as a major speech on terrorism in Youngstown, Ohio, said immigration would need to be stopped from "some of the most dangerous and volatile regions of the world that have a history of exporting terrorism," but did not specify what they were. Should he be elected president, Trump said he would ask the State Department and Department of Homeland Security to identify those places and stop processing visas for people looking to come to the United States from there. "Those who do not believe in our Constitution, or who support bigotry and hatred, will not be admitted for immigration into the country," Trump said. "Only those who we expect to flourish in our country — and to embrace a tolerant American society — should be issued immigrant visas."

LAWSUIT CHALLENGES RFRA FIX: Indiana cities, including Indianapolis and Carmel, are pushing back against a lawsuit challenging local ordinances that protect lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people from discrimination (Wang*, IndyStar*). The cities say the lawsuit, filed by conservative advocacy groups, improperly argues hypothetical "what if" situations when religious rights have not actually been infringed. But the conservative groups counter that those city ordinances could have a chilling effect on religious freedom, particularly for evangelical Christians who oppose same-sex marriage and LGBT rights. The cities named in the lawsuit — Indianapolis, Carmel, Bloomington and Columbus, which have nondiscrimination ordinances that include LGBT protections — have asked a Hamilton Superior Court judge to dismiss the case. A hearing is scheduled for Tuesday morning. The Indiana Family Institute and American Family Association of Indiana filed the lawsuit last December, seeking to bring back the state's controversial Religious Freedom Restoration Act in its original form in order to provide heightened protections for religious rights. Represented by prominent conservative attorney Jim Bopp, the groups want the court to throw out the RFRA "fix." The "fix" prevents RFRA from being used to circumvent local and state nondiscrimination laws. To the dismay of evangelical groups who lobbied for the religious objection law, the "fix" was quickly tacked onto RFRA last year to allay fears that the law could be used by religious believers to discriminate against LGBT people by denying them housing, jobs or services. The conservative groups say the "fix" does not extend equally to all people because it allows some faiths to raise other types of religious objections but prevents Christians from raising religious objections based on their views on marriage and sexuality. The hearing on the motion to dismiss is scheduled for 9 a.m. Tuesday in Hamilton Superior Court, 1 Hamilton Square, Room 345, Noblesville. The hearing may be rescheduled because of an ongoing bench trial in the courtroom of Judge Steven Nation, who is assigned to the case.

STUDY SUGGESTS 1 IN 5 HOOSIERS BORN ADDICTED TO DRUGS: Preliminary data released by the state shows that one in five babies tested at hospitals was addicted to drugs (Glavan, *Fox59*). The data comes from a pilot program aimed at better understanding neonatal abstinence syndrome, or NAS. In 2014, the Indiana legislature formed a task force to study the issue statewide. Four hospitals, including Community Health East, Schneck Medical Center, Hendricks Regional Health, and Columbus Regional Health, participated in the pilot. Out of 300 babies tested, more than 20% tested positive for opiates. Smaller percentages tested positive for other drugs, too. "We see it in every hospital," Community Health Network's Donetta Gee-Weiler said. "I think our state, our citizens, I think everybody would be surprised." Gee-Weiler, the Vice President of Women's and Children's Services, said that Community had been testing already because of concerns from doctors who were seeing the problem firsthand. "There (have) just not been enough resources to really help the patients and so getting this data will hopefully help the state see that," Gee-Weiler said. In the first seven months of this year, one of every nine babies born at Reid Health had been exposed to opioids by their mothers before birth (*Richmond Palladium-Item*). The hospital recorded 41 positive tests in 382 births through July 31, according to statistics provided by Lisa Suttle, Reid's director of the psychiatric service line. Last year, 54 of the 702 babies born at Reid tested positive for opioids, with 41 of those coming in the year's final five months.

MICHIGAN CITY TO INSTALL LIFE RINGS ON LAKEFRONT: A group formed after the October drowning of a Nappanee man plans to install flotation devices and warning signs on Michigan City's lakefront (Maddux,*South Bend Tribune*). A wave swept 26-year-old Eric Helmuth and five others off the lighthouse pier, drowning Helmuth. Already this year, three more drownings have occurred at the city's lakefront. So far this year, 25 people have drowned in Lake Michigan, putting it on pace for the most drownings since at least 2012. The most recent case came Saturday evening when John Kevin Trout Lank, 29, of Lafayette, drowned while swimming with a group of friends at Indiana Dunes State Park. The Lakefront Safety Committee, using a $13,000 grant from the Arcelor Mittal Foundation, wants to install 25 life rings, each tethered to 100 feet of rope along Trail Creek. The creek becomes a river that boaters use to navigate to and from their slips to Lake Michigan. The life rings would go in along the channel from the lighthouse pier to Millenium Plaza and the Franklin Street bridge. "A life ring is one of the easiest ways to save a drowning victim, especially off a pier," said Randy Novak, city fire chief and member of the committee, which includes other local emergency responders and representatives from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Coast Guard. Final approval must be granted by the U.S. Coast Guard and Army Corps of Engineers before the items can be installed.

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: The notion that Evan Bayh has "lived" in Indiana since retiring from the U.S. Senate is a crock and to pretend otherwise assumes that we Hoosiers are simple dupes. Yes, Bayh owns a cheap Indy condo where CNN reports his average electric bill is $20 a month. Bayh is a legendary penny pincher, so perhaps he and Susan read by candle light and oil lamps and cuddle under heavy blankets in the winter. But the fact is, Bayh lives in multi-million dollar homes in Washington and Florida, works in Washington, and is like all of the modern Indiana U.S. Senators. They go to Washington and after leaving office, they don't come back home, except for Sen. Coats, who moved back after he decided to do what Bayh is doing now and regain his old Senate seat. The Bayhs, Vance Hartke, and Dick Lugar all stayed in Washington, and Dan Quayle moved out to Arizona. This is a legitimate campaign issue. Hoosiers might be interested in electing a U.S. Senator who, once his term is done, decides to come back home again . . . to Indiana*. - Brian A. Howey*



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BAYH MOVED FOUNDATION FROM INDY TO K STREET: Former Sen. Evan Bayh moved his namesake charitable foundation's address in 2011 to the Washington D.C. K Street law firm he joined shortly after leaving the Senate, tax documents reveal (*Buzzfeed*). Bayh, who is running for his old U.S. Senate seat in Indiana, is facing questions over his decision to remain in Washington, DC, and join the law firm McGuireWoods instead of returning to Indiana. While the former senator and governor has insisted he maintained ties to Indiana after left Congress, a CNN report published on Monday showed Bayh listed his DC home as his primary residence on several documents. Tax documents for the Evan and Susan Bayh Foundation from before Bayh left the Senate in January 2011 list an Indianapolis address used by the foundation's tax preparer Baker and Daniels LLP. Baker and Daniels was still listed as the tax preparer for 2011, but the address of the foundation was listed as McGuireWoods. Since 2012, the tax records have been prepared by an Virginia-based accountant. The foundation was founded in 2002 with money remaining from Bayh's Indiana gubernatorial campaigns. Between leaving the Senate in 2011 and 2014, years overlapping with his sons' high school attendance, Bayh's foundation gave $42,068 to St. Alban's School of Public Service and $47,200 combined to a handful of other charities, including $4,000 to the Clinton Foundation.

GREGG PICKS UP $20K IN LARGE DONATIONS: Democratic gubernatorial nominee John Gregg picked up $20,000 from Kuldeep Singh of Muncie in large contributions filed on Aug. 11, according to the Indiana Secretary of State's website (*Howey Politics Indiana*). There were no new postings for Republican nominee Eric Holcomb.

DEMOCRATS TAKE AIM AT HOLCOMB: Eric Holcomb has said he is "quite proud" of Mike Pence's record as governor, and that they are "one mind" when it comes to the issues facing Indiana, according to Indiana Democrats (*Howey Politics Indiana*). However, those plans come from Governor Pence. What are Eric Holcomb's own ideas for Indiana's economy? Per capita income for Hoosiers has fallen from 33rd to 38th in the nation. Indiana's economic growth has lagged behind the national average, and by passing out-of-touch laws like RFRA, the state has damaged its welcoming reputation that's necessary to attract and retain talent and jobs. Eric Holcomb has not just embraced Mike Pence's failed record, but he has no ideas and has given the thumbs up to the weak economy and unwelcoming reputation that exists today. "RFRA wasn't the only reason why Hoosiers were fed up with Mike Pence. They are tired of seeing their state economy sputter while they continue to earn less than their neighbors in the Midwest," said John

Zody, Chairman. "Mike Pence, Eric Holcomb, and Statehouse Republicans have only been worried about the number jobs – not the quality or wages of the jobs. Instead, Hoosiers want to see an all-around approach toward building a competitive economy that's welcoming to all. John Gregg shares this vision and will make it a priority from day one as Indiana's next governor."

AFP LAUNCHES ANTI-BAYH EFFORT: Americans for Prosperity (AFP), the nation's leading grassroots organization, is launching grassroots efforts to highlight Evan Bayh's costly policies and urge Hoosiers to vote against him for Senate (*Howey Politics Indiana*). So far AFP volunteers and staff have reached out to more than 75,000 Hoosiers to discuss Bayh's record. AFP-Indiana state director Justin Stevens explains why Evan Bayh is wrong for Indiana and the U.S. Senate: "Evan Bayh may seem like he's on our side, but his record has cost Hoosiers dearly while rewarding himself and his special interest friends in the process. When Bayh was last in the Senate, his deciding vote for Obamacare cost more than 100,000 Hoosiers their health insurance plans." Stevens continued, "His vote for the massive, $442 billion bank bailouts propped up big banks while many Americans lost jobs and struggled. Now taxpayers have to pay the costs of the program in our higher national debt. After that, Evan Bayh managed to land a great job at one of the banks that received this funding. He was paid nearly $1 million in compensation as a board member, while we paid the cost of his bailout vote."

KENWORTHY, CLARK JOIN YOUNG CAMPAIGN: Todd Young announced the hiring of two new staff members in his campaign for U.S. Senate (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Jay Kenworthy will serve as Communications Director and Mariah Clark has been appointed Deputy Finance Director, a news release stated. Kenworthy is a 12-year veteran of Indiana politics having served as Communications Director for former Lt. Governor Becky SKillman, Treasurer Kelly Mitchell, and the Indiana Republican Party. He has also worked in the Indiana Senate and various non-profit organizations. Kenworthy received a journalism degree from Ball State University and was a reporter for The Star Press in Muncie. Clark most recently served as Finance Director for Friends of Kip Tom in his 3rd District Congressional campaign. She previously worked as Clerk of the City Court in Beech Grove.

BAYH CAMPAIGNS IN NEW ALBANY: He used to come to town twice a year while he served as a clerk for a federal judge, hearing cases at the United States District Court on Spring Street. Donning the same blue denim shirt from his campaign ads and a blue blazer, his tour in New Albany on Saturday was a little more relaxed (Clapp, *News & Tribune*). Evan Bayh, a Democrat who's making his bid to return to the U.S. Senate, made a campaign stop in New Albany to visit local businesses and meet with local Democrat party leaders. Dropping in at Quills Coffee, as well as Brooklyn and the Butcher, he said small businesses are the backbone of the state's economy. "Most of the new jobs are created by small business and so very often, a company like this, the proprietor said he wouldn't be able to start this business … without some help from the Small Business Administration," Bayh said.

YODER, HOLLINGSWORTH TO DEBATE SEPT. 19: A debate has been scheduled between the two major-party candidates vying for Indiana's 9th District seat in Congress (*Bloomington Herald-Times*). Democrat Shelli Yoder and Republican Trey Hollingsworth will debate on Sept. 19 in Greenwood. The news of the debate comes less than a week after Yoder called for 10 debates across the 9th District leading up to the general election. So far, the debate does not include Libertarian candidate Russell Brooksbank. Yoder said in a news release that she looks forward to laying out her vision for bringing

good jobs to the region and to talking about common-sense solutions for Hoosiers. Hollingsworth said he's excited about any opportunity to debate. He added that the debates will highlight the differences between the two candidates, who he described as a conservative focused on results and a liberal looking to keep implementing what he called the failed policies of the current presidential administration.

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TRUMP VOWS TO WORK WITH NATO: Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, in what was billed as a major foreign policy address, on Monday backed off past threats to withdraw from the NATO alliance -- saying that if he's elected, the U.S. will work with the 28-member bloc to defeat the Islamic State (*Fox News*). During his speech in Youngstown, Ohio, Trump called for working "very closely with NATO," describing radical Islamic terrorism as the dominant global threat and one that must be confronted at all levels. In doing so, Trump acknowledged having previously described NATO as "obsolete" for not dealing adequately with terrorism. "Since my comments, they have changed their policy," Trump said, calling this apparent development "very, very good."

DEBATE COMMISSION SELECTS NATIONAL POLLS: The bipartisan Commission on Presidential Debates announced Monday that it would use five different polls to determine which candidates will qualify for this fall's presidential and vice presidential debates (*CBS News*). It will use surveys from ABC-Washington Post, CBS-New York Times, CNN-Opinion Research Corporation, NBC-Wall Street Journal and Fox News. These polls were selected, the commission said, based on the "reliable frequency" of polling and the sample size used by each organization, the "soundness" of their methodology and the "longevity and reputation" of each organization. The commission added that they were selected with the advice of the editor-in-chief of Gallup, Dr. Frank Newport.

LGBT FOR HILLARY EVENT TODAY: A news release from the Clinton campaign invited volunteers to participate in an event labeled "LGBT for Hillary Phone Bank & Mixer" this evening at the Hillary for Indiana offices in Indianapolis.CLINTON SURGE IN NBC BATTLEGROUND MAP: After releasing our seven battleground-state polls last week -- and seeing several other state surveys -- we've updated our NBC battleground map. The states in Hillary Clinton's column now add up to 288 electoral votes, which exceeds the 270 needed to win the presidency. Donald Trump, meanwhile, is at 174 electoral votes, and an additional 76 are in the Tossup category. Our last map, back in July, showed Clinton with a 255-190 advantage — so Clinton's tally has gone up since the conventions, while Trump's has declined.

BIG CLINTON LEAD IN NY: Democrat Hillary Clinton continues to enjoy a commanding lead in the presidential race in New York, according to a Siena Research Institute poll of registered voters conducted last week. She's beating Republican Donald Trump by 57-27 in a one-on-one matchup and 50-25 when third-party candidates are factored in. And while her favorability rating continues to be low — 51 percent of voters view her favorably and 46 percent unfavorably — it's far better than Trump's 24-72. Those numbers are to be expected, because the state both candidates call home is solidly blue. What is surprising, however, is how poorly Trump is polling among members of his own party in his home state, according to the poll. He enjoys the support of barely half of New York's Republicans, which has the potential to inflict serious damage on other Republicans running in New York in November.

BIDEN SAYS TRUMP WOULD HAVE LOVED STALIN: Vice President Joe Biden on Monday ripped into Donald Trump for his overtures to Russian President Vladimir Putin, declaring that the Republican nominee "would have loved Stalin" (*Politico*). At a rally in his hometown of Scranton, Pennsylvania, Biden assailed Trump as unfit to be president and slammed his proposals on foreign policy and the military. With Hillary Clinton at his side, Biden criticized the GOP nominee's repeated warm statements toward Putin and said "Trump's ideas are not only profoundly wrong, they're very dangerous and they're very un-American." "This guy's shame has no limits. He's even gone so far as to ask Putin and Russia to conduct cyberattacks against the United States of America," Biden said, raising his voice for emphasis over the raucous crowd. "Even if he is joking — which he's not — even if he's joking, what an outrageous thing to say."

TRUMP QUESTIONS CLINTON'S 'STAMINA': Donald Trump on Monday sought to turn the tables on Democratic critics who are depicting him as unfit for office (*CNN)*. Painting a grim picture of a world under attack and a homeland threatened by terror, he argued that Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton doesn't have the "mental and physical stamina" to fight ISIS. He argued that only he could be trusted in the White House during a speech outlining how he would combat Islamic terrorism, characterizing the fight as an ideological struggle on par with that of the Cold War. "Hillary Clinton lacks the judgment ... stability and temperament and moral character to lead our nation," the Republican presidential nominee said. "She also lacks the mental and physical stamina to take on ISIS. And all of the many adversaries that we face."

TRUMP SPOKESWOMAN SAYS REPORTERS 'BEAT' SUPPORTERS: The Donald Trump campaign's verbal assault on the media has given "beat reporters" a new meaning (*Politico*). Trump spokeswoman Katrina Pierson on Monday accused "left-wing reporters" of "literally" beating Trump supporters. "The voters want someone that's gonna fight back because they are tired of seeing left-wing reporters literally beat Trump supporters into submission into supporting policies they don't agree with," Pierson told Fox Business Network. "It just shuts them down and that's not what they're seeing in this campaign."

OBAMA SAYS TRUMP RHETORIC HELPS CLINTON: For President Barack Obama, Donald Trump needs only to open his mouth to help Hillary Clinton toward the White House (*Politico*). Even so, taking a brief detour from his vacation in Martha's Vineyard, Obama implored attendees at a Democratic National Committee fundraiser Monday night to not take anything for granted. "What I do want to emphasize is

needing a sense of urgency and finishing the job of getting her elected," Obama said at a private residence. "And you notice I haven't said much about her opponent. Frankly, I'm tired of talking about her opponent. I don't have to make the case against her opponent because every time he talks he makes the case against his own candidacy."

PENCE TO CAMPAIGN IN NH ON THURSDAY: Republican vice presidential candidate Mike Pence will campaign in New Hampshire this week (*New Hampshire Public Radio).* The Indiana Governor is scheduled to hold a town hall-style meeting at the Executive Court banquet center in Manchester Thursday. It's Pence's first trip to the Granite State since being added to the ticket of Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump. Pence's visit comes less than a week after Democratic vice presidential candidate Tim Kaine came to New Hampshire. He spoke to Democratic supporters at an event Saturday.

Congress

COATS VISITS GIBSON COUNTY: A second — and seemingly final—retirement may be in the cards for U.S. Sen. Dan Coats, but it's not preventing the Hoosier legislator from making some final stops along his way (*Princeton Clarion*). Defining his Monday visit as "a promise" to a few friends, Coats dropped in to say hello to Gibson Countians. He began the day by touring Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana's plants in Princeton. There, he reportedly spoke to plant management and a few employees. He followed the visit with a brief meet-and-greet/media question and answer session at the Gibson County Courthouse gazebo. "We were here when it was first announced," Coats said of TMMI after taking the tour. "I had no idea it would have the impact that it has. "Consider they've spent $4.2 billion on construction at the plant, the pay is good and they treat their employees good.



General Assembly

EDUCATION COMMITTEE TO LOOK AT COACHES: Indiana lawmakers may look at tougher restrictions for high school coaches, teaching assistants and faculty in a push to limit sexual misconduct in schools (Osowski, *Evansville Courier & Press*). Sen. Jim Merritt, R-Indianapolis, said at Monday's Education Study Committee he will be working closely with Indiana High School Athletic Association Commissioner Bobby Cox to better protect middle school and high school athletes. "Cox is very concerned

about this issue," Merritt said. "He wants to include all adults on the sidelines, anyone that's involved in an athletic program, he is concerned about the education of those individuals." The education committee Merritt is on is tasked with looking at sexual misconduct in Indiana schools to see if any legislation is needed in 2017 to help curb sexual abuse. The committee heard Monday from the Indiana Department of Education about how it goes about revoking an educator's license if he or she is found to have committed sexual abuse on a student, which would then prevent them from getting another teaching job elsewhere. Kelly Bauder, legal counsel for the department, said while the DOE can suspend or revoke a teacher's license, it has no legal jurisdiction over unlicensed employees such as coaches, teaching assistants, paraeducators, faculty or volunteers.

SENATE IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE MEETS TOMORROW: State Sen. Mike Delph (R-Carmel) will chair the fourth meeting of the Senate Select Committee on Immigration Issues Wednesday afternoon in Room 431 of the Statehouse. Members of the public are welcome to attend and provide comment. Additionally, Sen. Delph encourages naturalized citizens to come and share their story of how they became legalized citizens. According to a news release, in addition to members of the Senate Select Committee on Immigration Issues, attendees will include Michael Cutler, retired Senior Special Agent of the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS); Marcus Schuh, naturalized U.S. citizen from Germany; Andrea Burnett, former Hungarian refugee, naturalized U.S. citizen; Robert Warren, Demographer with the U.S. Census Bureau and former INS; Senior Visiting Fellow at the Center for Migration Studies; Jesusa Rivera, Commissioner, Indiana Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs; and, Richard Aguirre, Goshen College.

HERSHMAN ELECTED TO NCSL COMMITTEE: At the National Conference of State Legislatures' (NCSL) 2016 Legislative Summit in Chicago, lawmakers from around the country elected Senator Brandt Hershman to serve on the 2016-2017 NCSL Executive Committee (Howey Politics Indiana). "We are pleased to have Senator Hershman's expertise on NCSL's Executive Committee," said NCSL President and Iowa Senator Mike Gronstal. "Hershman's participation in NCSL over the years has been a key part of the organization's success."



State

WEATHER: TORNADOES RAKE CENTRAL INDIANA - Tornado touchdowns were reported in Hendricks and Boone Counties Monday evening. Severe storms also struck Tipton and Howard Counties (*WTHR-TV*). Damage reports include buildings damaged or destroyed in Clayton, Indiana, along with tree

limbs and trees down in Brownsburg. "I was in the bathroom and the wind started picking up and I looked out and the trees were like doubling over. I headed down the hallway. It happened so fast that by the time I got to the bathroom that I was gonna get in the tub, it was done," said Barbara, a Clayton resident. At around 8:18 pm, WTHR crews captured a funnel cloud in the area of Swayzee in Howard County. The first tornado warning of the evening was issued before 6:00 pm and was extended for southeastern Boone and northeastern Hendricks County until 6:45 pm. A third tornado warning remains in effect until 7:15 pm for northwestern Hamilton and northeastern Boone Counties.

EDUCATION: BUSINESS LEADERS JOIN PUSH FOR PRE-K - The business community is joining the push to expand high-quality pre-K in Indiana (Powell, *Statehouse File*). Eli Lilly, Cummins, PNC and other business are forming a coalition with United Way of Central Indiana to work with lawmakers during the 2017 legislative session. "It is our strong belief that high quality early childhood education, or Pre-K, should be available to vulnerable families," Eli Lilly CEO John Lechleiter said. Five counties are already involved in a pilot program designed to provide pre-K to disadvantaged children. The programs, however, have a limited number of seats and children are being turned away. Murtlow said they are aware of other high-quality education programs within the state who meet the capacity to accept more children "today if only they had access to state scholarship dollars." "Without well-funded early childhood programming, many of our students, too many of our students, begin kindergarten and first-grade already behind," Mayor Joe Hogsett, D-Indianapolis, said. All parties involved have been working on the logistics and funding of the program for over two years.

EDUCATION: PURDUE UNDER TITLE IX INVESTIGATION - The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights has opened a Title IX investigation at Purdue University (Holden, *Lafayette Journal & Courier*). Details are still unclear about the complaint that sparked the investigation that began Aug. 5. But a statement from Purdue - which included quotes from the federal office - mentioned concerns about the university's responses to sexual violence. Alysa Christmas Rollock, vice president for ethics and compliance and Title IX coordinator, released a statement Monday, which read in part: "We are confident in the policies and procedures we have in place to address difficult matters such as this," Rollock wrote in the statement. "While federal law and privacy rules prevent us from discussing the specifics of any case, we believe the Department of Education review will confirm the effectiveness of our program and conclude that Purdue University acted appropriately in this particular matter."

EDUCATION: TITLE IX INVESTIGATION AT HANOVER - Rhonda Burch, spokesperson for Hanover College, said Monday the federal investigation is based on a student complaint (Kenny, *WRTV*). "Hanover College will offer any records they need and will cooperate fully," said Burch. "We will make sure the allegations are thoroughly investigated." The Office for Civil Rights currently has open investigations at seven institutions in Indiana - one at Purdue University, one at Hanover College, three at IU Bloomington, two at Vincennes University and one each at Grace College and Theological Seminary, Notre Dame and Valparaiso University. More than 200 institutions currently have pending Title IX sexual violence investigations by the federal Office for Civil Rights.

EDUCATION: NEH AWARDS $1M IN GRANTS TO HOOSIERS - The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded a total of nearly $1 million in grants to faculty members at three universities in Indiana (Brown, *Inside Indiana Business*). The projects that received funding are being led by

researchers at Indiana University, the University of Notre Dame and Purdue University. Hoosier recipients include: Edward Curtis, professor of religious studies at IUPUI; Sumie Jones, professor emerita in the Department of Comparative Literature and the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures at IU Bloomington; Kaya Sahin, associate professor of history at IU Bloomington; Darren Dochuk, Associate Professor at the University of Notre Dame; and, Daniel Smith, professor of philosophy at Purdue University. The statewide nonprofit Indiana Humanities also received a grant of more than $800,000 "to support humanities initiatives and state humanities council operations." The Indianapolis Museum of Art received $190,000 to help with the conversion to LED lighting in all gallery and storage areas.

ECONOMY: MORE LAYOFFS AT GARY WORKS - United States Steel Corp. has laid off nearly 40 more workers at its Gary Works operation (McGowan, *Inside Indiana Business)*. Our partners at The Times of Northwest Indiana report United Steelworkers District 7 has vowed to fight the decision. The layoffs continue a difficult stretch for U.S. Steel workers in northwest Indiana. More than 1,000 in the Region lost their jobs last year. USW District 7 Director Mike Millsap tells The Times the layoffs were recommended by Chicago-based McKinsey & Co., a consulting firm working with U.S. Steel on cost reduction measures. He says the companies are looking to use more outside contractors, which the union opposes because of safety concerns. The global company lost $1.5 billion last year and has reported annual losses in five of the last six years.

Nation

WHITE HOUSE: OBAMA TO TAKE TRADE PACT TO MIDDLE AMERICA - President Barack Obama is taking the fight for the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal to America's streets — directly countering the fusillades from Donald Trump and, increasingly, from Hillary Clinton (*Politico)*. The White House is making an all-out push to win passage of the deal in the lame-duck session of Congress, organizing 30 events over the congressional recess to gin up support for the agreement, considered key to Obama's strategy to counter China in the Asia-Pacific region. The strategy is to offer support and cover to the small flock of Democrats who supported legislation to fast-track the deal and to remind wavering Republicans that they oppose it at their own peril because of its strong business support. Despite his embrace of Clinton, Obama has been unwilling to abandon a deal that he regards as central to his legacy simply to avoid political fallout for her campaign.

WHITE HOUSE: 15 DETAINEES MOVED FROM GITMO - The Obama administration on Monday transferred 15 detainees from the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to the United Arab Emirates, the largest release under the current president, the Pentagon said (*Washington Post).* The transfer comes as the president faces a looming deadline to keep the promise he made on his first day in office to close the military prison. The detainee population there dipped under 100 for the first time in years in January with the release of 10 Yemeni prisoners, and will shrink to 61 with the latest transfer, underscoring a late effort to move toward closure. "The United States is grateful to the Government of the United Arab Emirates for its humanitarian gesture and willingness to support ongoing U.S. efforts to close the Guantanamo Bay detention facility," the Pentagon said in a statement. "The United States coordinated with the Government of the United Arab Emirates to ensure these transfers took place consistent with appropriate security and humane treatment measures."

MEDIA: COMEDY CENTRAL CANCELS WILMORE - Comedy Central has canceled Larry Wilmore's late-night talk show "The Nightly Show With Larry Wilmore" (*Washington Post*). The network's president, Kent Alterman, told multiple outlets that the show "hasn't resonated." "The Nightly Show" launched in January 2015 as a replacement for "The Colbert Report" in the 11:30 p.m. slot after "The Daily Show," when Stephen Colbert left the network to host CBS's "The Late Show."



Local

CITIES: HISTORIC RAINFALL FLOODS SOUTH BEND - Historic rainfall has besieged South Bend and Michiana and resulting widespread flooding is prompting city officials to ask residents to stay home and stay off the roads (*South Bend Tribune).* Monday's deluge set two distinct records, according to forecasters at the National Weather Service northern Indiana office. It set a new record for rainfall on Aug. 15 at 7.69 inches, obliterating the previous record for that date of 2.35 inches set in 1934. It also is the most rainfall on any date, surpassing the previous mark of 6.58 inches set on Sept. 13, 2008. Mayor Pete Buttigieg, at an early morning press conference, said the south and southwest sides of the city have been particularly hard hit by flooding. Numerous roads and homes are flooding and two houses collapsed.

CITIES: ROAD REPAIRS TOP PRIORITY IN WINNECKE BUDGET - Monday marks the start of a week full of 2017 budget hearings for Evansville city leaders (Hagan*, 14News*). Mayor Lloyd Winnecke gave his presentation to the city council on Monday. Throughout the week, department leaders will deliberate over combined expenditures of $337,643,094. Mayor Winnecke mentioned several key goals for 2017. He hopes to leverage city funds with Federal and State grants for more public safety vehicles, equipment, and public transit, among other things. Winnecke says investing in the city's transportation infrastructure to repair roads and fix drainage problems will also be a top priority. The city will take on $3.1 million in cuts for the next fiscal year. The Mayor says health care spending will take a big hit. "Just in 2011 we paid about 18.7 million dollars in health care," said Mayor Winnecke. "Last year, it was 25 million dollars. So, we just cannot continue on that path. We are proposing significant planned changes to our health care to 2017. Those changes represent 3.7 million dollars in savings. So, it will be a challenge to our workforce. We understand that. But, it's a Cadillac health care plan. We just can't sustain it with our expenses."

CITIES: CIVIL SUIT ALLEGES ABUSE AT MADISON FACILITY - A woman has filed a lawsuit against former employees and the administration of the Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility after claiming to have been sexually abused by two employees while she was a resident of the facility (Bruck, *Madison Courier*). Lilian K. Schroder - through her attorney Michael Sarapata of Sarapata & Associates in Lawrenceburg - filed the civil lawsuit Friday in Jefferson Circuit Court. The suit alleges that Schroder, who was a resident of the correctional facility in late 2015 and early 2016, was sexually abused by former correctional facility employee Kody Hale and that other employees at the facility knew of the abuse and never reported it. The lawsuit names the Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility, the Indiana Department of Correction, Kody Hale, Bryant Jahrries or his estate, Tim Greathouse, Derrick Brightwell and Kenneth McWhorter as defendants in the case. Following an investigation into the allegations, the State of Indiana filed criminal charges - including a Level 4 felony count of sexual misconduct with a minor and three Level 5 felony counts of sexual misconduct - against Hale in Jefferson Circuit Court on Feb. 8. The criminal case is still pending.

CITIES: SOUTH BEND SUES COUNCILWOMAN, HUSBAND - The city of South Bend has filed separate lawsuits against District 2 council member Regina Williams-Preston and Tyrone Preston, her husband, seeking payment of more than $70,000 in debt (Blasko, *South Bend Tribune).* The lawsuits, which threaten to undercut Williams-Preston's credibility on issues related to housing and community development, do not specify the nature of the debt, but the couple have been battling the city over code enforcement issues for more than a year. As of October, the couple owed about $64,000 in fines, fees and penalties to the city for past code enforcement actions, including, notably, the demolition of four vacant and abandoned houses belonging to the couple on Elmer Street. Reached for comment Friday, Williams-Preston accused the city of a pattern of unjust enforcement of city code in low-income areas involving "intimidation" and "harassment" of people who lack the means to pay the "exorbitant" fines, fees and penalties associated with even minor code violations.

CITIES: MUNCIE EX-NAACP PRESIDENT PLEADS TO COCAINE DEALING - The ex-president of the Muncie chapter of the NAACP faces up to six years in prison after pleading guilty Monday to dealing in cocaine (Walker*, Muncie Star Press*). Timothy Wade Miles, 50, more recently of Pulaski, Tenn., resigned from the NAACP post after his April 2015 arrest. Miles was also suspended from his job as assistant director of MITS in the wake of his arrest. Members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Drug Task Force reported Miles was driving a car owned by the local bus service when he participated in three drug transactions. A plea agreement negotiated by Chief Deputy Prosecutor Judi Calhoun and defense attorney Mark McKinney places a six-year cap on the executed sentence Miles could receive. The Level 4 felony conviction carries a standard six-year prison term. Two other dealing-in-cocaine charges would apparently be dismissed. Delaware Circuit Court 3 Judge Linda Ralu Wolf took the plea deal under advisement and tentatively set sentencing for Oct. 13. According to police reports, Miles during one of the transactions told an informant he was on his way to a NAACP meeting, and identified himself as the local chapter's president.

CITIES: HOGSETT BUDGET 'TO HOLD LINE' ON INDY SPENDING - Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett on Monday night unveiled a $1.1 billion city budget proposal that "holds the line" on spending while calling for further reductions to city staffing (Eason, *IndyStar*). "This budget does something unheard of in government today," Hogsett said in an address to the City-County Council. "It proposes spending less money than the year before." If adopted by the council, the 2017 budget would cut overall spending by $12.7 million from this year - or roughly 1 percent. And, administration officials say, it would

cut the city's $50 million structural deficit nearly in half. The budget calls for no new taxes, though voters have an option this fall to raise income taxes in a referendum to pay for an expansion of mass transit. Now that the economy is recovering, revenues have crept up in recent years by about 1 percent annually, said Fady Qaddoura, the city controller. But personnel costs have been rising at a faster clip: about 3 percent per year, thanks in large part to growing health care costs. To combat that, the Democratic administration will focus on "smart-sizing" city government.

CITIES: JEFFERSONVILLE CONSIDERS $30M BOND FOR ROADS - City officials are considering issuing a $30 million bond to finance major road projects (Beilman, *News & Tribune*). During a meeting Monday, the Jeffersonville City Council preliminarily approved taking on the debt. Members also scheduled a workshop to discuss the possible bond in greater detail. Councilman Josh Rodriquez was the only dissenter on the vote. The council must approve the bond on three readings for it to move onto to the next stage of the lengthy process. After the workshop, council members can choose to change their votes if they choose. "We would like to keep these projects moving forward, especially the 10th Street widening project," City Attorney Les Merkley said.

CITIES: STUDY RECOMMENDS $32.8M SPORTS FACILITY IN MISHAWAKA - A new study recommends ways that St. Joseph County can lure more athletic competitions to town (Peterson*, WNDU-TV*). The study suggests it's a cause worth investing in - to the tune of $32.8 million. "We're just not tapping into our potential," said Rob DeCleene with Visit South Bend/ Mishawaka. "We attend a lot of trade shows throughout the year and we really can't entertain the notion of bringing a significant basketball tournament to the area or a track tournament to the area." The study recommends building indoor sports facility of some 100,000 square feet. It would have a six lane, 200 meter running track with seats for 2,000 spectators, and enough hardwood for eight basketball or 16 volleyball courts. The study found that the facility should be located in Mishawaka near the Indiana Toll Road and Capital Avenue. It's now envisioned that the project would be paid for with proceeds from the county hotel/motel tax which is a six percent surcharge on room rentals.

CITIES: MADISON SCHOOLS, TEACHERS AGREE TO 2% RAISE - Contract negotiations between Madison Consolidated Schools and its teachers association resulted in a 2 percent salary increase that will be added to incremental increases in place that are based on experience (McLaughlin, *Madison Courier*). The contract was ratified unanimously by the teachers union last week. On Wednesday, the school board approved it by a 4-0 vote, with board member Rob Kring absent. The increase sets the base salary for a first-year teacher in the district at $37,000 for the 2016-17 school year.

CITIES: ELKHART ORDERS TENT CITY RESIDENTS OUT BY AUG. 31 - The residents of a camp dubbed Tent City have until Aug. 31 to vacate the city-owned property they call home (Quiggle, *Elkhart Truth*). More than a dozen homeless live in the camp, located southwest of the downtown area on the site of a former railroad roundhouse. But on Friday, city officials posted and distributed notices to the residents there, informing them they'd have to leave by the end of the month. In a press release, the city says the property is set to be cleared to allow for development. City officials have said there is some interest by developers in the property. Elkhart Mayor Tim Neese said the city is working to help the individuals in Tent city find other living arrangements.

CITIES: GOODNIGHT ON CLIMATE PANEL - On Aug. 24, Kokomo Mayor Greg Goodnight will join selected mayors from across Indiana in a Climate Leadership Summit in Indianapolis (*Kokomo Tribune*). The non-partisan event will focus on how cities can help mitigate and adapt to climate change, according to a city press release. The summit will feature peer-to-peer conversations and discussions on the impact of climate change on human health and city infrastructure. Goodnight will take part in a panel of mayors sharing their local success stories. In addition, Goodnight will be a speaker at a breakout session on Jobs, Economic Development & Image, alongside Robin Winston, president of the Winston/Terrell Group, and Jesse Kharbanda, executive director of the Hoosier Environmental Council.

COUNTIES: SYPHILIS CASES ON RISE IN LAKE, LAPORTE - An uptick in a sexually transmitted disease in Northwest Indiana is keeping health professionals busy promoting safe sex, awareness and increased testing (Webster, *Post-Tribune*). Teens are not using condoms to prevent sexually transmitted disease - a strange revelation in the wake of the HIV/AIDS healthcare crisis in the U.S. the last 30 years, officials said. Consequentially, syphilis cases among 15- to 25-year-olds in Lake and LaPorte counties are rising. "I'm a pediatrician and I talk to a lot of adolescents and syphilis is a thing they know the least about," said Roland Walker, Gary health Commissioner. "You will find adults - especially older adults - who know about syphilis. You find a lot of kids and young adults who have never heard about it." Northwest Indiana's sexually active young adults are at high-risk for syphilis, in part, because of geography, officials say. Neighboring Cook County, Ill., ranks No. 2 in incidents of the disease in the United States, according the Centers for Disease Control, while downstate Marion County ranks 45th in the U.S. for syphilis.

COUNTIES: BROWN WORKS TO DEFINE, ATTRACT AFFORDABLE HOUSING - Nashville and Brown County redevelopment commission representatives agree: if Brown County, with the highest median age in the state, is to grow, young families and professionals need homes they can afford (Kibbey, *Brown County Democrat*).RDC members from both groups often speak of "affordable" housing, yet they are not talking about the low-income housing for which the term is commonly used. Bob Kirlin, an agent with Hills O' Brown real estate and member of the Nashville Redevelopment Commission, believes closely spaced houses with garages in the $150,000 range are what could attract or keep young professionals and their families here. A formal housing study would show a home builder whether homes like that would sell and whether a project here would be profitable, he said. Brown County Redevelopment Commission member Bruce Gould has done some preliminary talking with developers who build in other areas.Their houses start around $156,000.

COUNTIES: CONVENTION CENTER FOR ELKHART? - Is Elkhart County primed to become a convention destination? (Quiggle, *Elkhart Truth*). For county leaders, the expansion plans for the RV/MH Hall of Fame have prompted them to shift their sights to an area that maybe wasn't even on their radar before. Darryl Searer, the president of the hall of fame, says he hopes to break ground on the hall of fame expansion by 2020, although the exact time frame will be determined by how fast the hall can raise money for the project. Mike Yoder, an Elkhart County commissioner, says the county will begin to explore the idea of a larger convention hall besides the hall of fame expansion plans. Maybe something that will attract more groups to the area. The county is in the early stages of seeking a study on whether Elkhart County is losing out by not having enough convention space. "Some have mentioned an indoor sports

facility, which are highly utilized around the state," Yoder said. "We want to know if we build a 500,000 to 600,000 square-foot facility if it can become self-sustaining."

COUNTIES: INSURANCE CLAIMS MAY BUST MIAMI BUDGET - Miami County officials say they expect to spend up to $400,000 of economic-development money this year to cover skyrocketing insurance claims that have pushed the county over budget (Gerber, *Kokomo Tribune*). Miami County is self-insured, which means it pays for all costs associated with providing health care for employees. Miami County Auditor Jane Lilley said the county so far this year has paid out at least $600,000 on claims for five employees who have maxed out their insurance payouts. Those payouts have pushed the county over its insurance budget of $1.7 million. The Miami County Council last month approved $260,000 from the county's economic-development fund to help cover the claims.

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PSSSST … PENCE, HOLCOMB CAMPAIGN TOGETHER: On the face of it and in normal political times, a rainy Saturday morning in Columbus would have been a prime earned media and photo opportunity for Republican vice presidential nominee Mike Pence and his Republican Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Pence returned to his hometown to campaign with Holcomb at the Upland Columbus Pump House and John Willy's Restaurant, with a quick stop at a downtown farmers' market. But the Trump/Pence campaign did not release this stop on any Pence itinerary and Holcomb's campaign schedule had the nominee solo Saturday morning. This peculiar sans media campaign style comes after a Republican canary in the coal mine moment this past week. An internal poll for Democrat gubernatorial nominee John Gregg not only had him leading Holcomb 46-39%, but showed that Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton are tied in Indiana at 44%. Granted this was a partisan poll, but the Holcomb head-to-head with Gregg could actually be seen as a silver lining, since Holcomb has yet to mount a consistent statewide TV campaign. The Holcomb/Gregg head-to-heads are consistent with internal GOP polls HPI is aware of. Holcomb campaign spokesman Pete Seat told HPI, "Omitting Gov. Pence from the media advisory was purely a security consideration. There are limitations on announcing his movements that we had to adhere to as well. The national press pool covering the governor (which includes NBC, CBS, Fox, all with local affiliates, not to mention an AP Indianapolis correspondent who travels with the governor) made all three stops, as did the Columbus Republic." The Trump campaign routinely makes public Pence's schedule, times and venues well in advance, but sources tell HPI that Secret Service sweeps at the planned venues complicated advance media notification. A loss by the Trump/Pence ticket in Indiana would be another bizarre political twist for Gov. Pence, who entered 2016 facing an arduous reelection rematch against Gregg, endorsed and campaigned with U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz in the primary, only to see him lose to Trump 53-37%. Trump's vice presidential invitation gave Pence an escape hatch, but as that campaign flounders, Pence's political future is as murky as the Wabash River. Holcomb could have benefitted from Saturday's joint appearance, but other than local coverage in the Columbus Republic, and a New York Times article by Yamiche Alcindor that painted Pence as speechless when asked about releasing his tax returns (which he later confirmed on WABC that he will), there was no statewide media coverage.

RGA GIVES HOLCOMB $250K 'NEW INVESTMENT': On Friday, the Indiana Secretary of State's large contribution site posted a $250,000 donation from the RGA Direct PAC for the gubernatorial campaign of Eric Holcomb (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Holcomb campaign spokesman Pete Seat told HPI on Sunday that the RGA contribution is a "new investment." The Democratic Governors Association is contesting the Holcomb campaign's intent to use "permissible" campaign funds from Pence to fuel Holcomb, who has name ID under 20% and entered the nomination with a mere $20,000. Between Aug. 3 and 8, Holcomb did raise $105,000 in large contributions, a figure Gregg matched during the same period. Gregg has already raised more than $10 million and has been running statewide TV since May 5. Since receiving the nomination on July 26, Holcomb has received just $1.25 million of the Pence campaign funds, which fell under FEC guidelines when he was nominated for vice president on July 19. There has been no explanation as to why Pence didn't transfer the bulk of his $7.4 million funds to Indiana Republicans, the Republican Governors Association or Holcomb prior to being nominated on July 19.

CHANCELLOR SAYS TRUMP FUNDRAISER 'ABOUT THE SUPREME COURT': For Steve Chancellor, this presidential election pares down to one issue: the United States Supreme Court (Etheridge, *Evansville Courier & Press*). That's good financial news for one of his friends, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, and bad financial news for another of his friends, former Indiana Gov. Evan Bayh. When Chancellor hosts Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, his running mate Pence, and multiple other state and national officials in a big-money fundraiser on Monday, Pence will be among those who benefit and Bayh will not. "It's all about the U.S. Supreme Court," Chancellor said during a wide-ranging interview in his offices at American Patriot Group on Evansville's East Side. "I truly believe that we are at a pivotal moment in this nation's history, equivalent to the Revolutionary War, the Civil War and World War II. "If Hillary Clinton is able to appoint one, two, three or even four justices, our American way of life will be destroyed. If the Court is 7 to 2 liberal to conservatism, we'll be on our way to socialism and, I believe, a repeal of the Second Amendment (guaranteeing the right to bear arms). "This is not one of those elections that if you lose, it can be fixed four years from now. You'll never fix it; it's one and done. In four years, our world will be turned upside down." Chancellor said that belief convinced him to host Monday's event after he was approached -- though he may have organized a fundraiser on his own. In the past, he hosted rallies at his West Side home for George H.W. Bush, Mitt Romney, Pence, Bayh and others. He could not estimate how much would be raised this time, though in past cycles the one-day total reached as high as $1.4 million.

TRUMP CAMPAIGN FAILING TO FOCUS NOMINEE: Donald J. Trump was in a state of shock: He had just fired his campaign manager and was watching the man discuss his dismissal at length on *CNN*. The rattled candidate's advisers and family seized the moment for an intervention. Joined by his daughter Ivanka and her husband, Jared Kushner, a cluster of Mr. Trump's confidants pleaded with him to make that day — June 20 — a turning point (*New York Times*). He would have to stick to a teleprompter and end his freestyle digressions and insults, like his repeated attacks on a Hispanic federal judge. Paul Manafort, Mr. Trump's campaign chairman, and Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey argued that Mr. Trump had an effective message, if only he would deliver it. For now, the campaign's polling showed, too many voters described him in two words: "unqualified" and "racist." Mr. Trump bowed to his team's entreaties, according to four people with detailed knowledge of the meeting, who described it on the condition of anonymity. It was time, he agreed, to get on track. Nearly two months later, the effort to save Mr. Trump from himself has plainly failed. He has repeatedly signaled to his advisers and allies his willingness to change and adapt, but has grown only more volatile and prone to provocation since then, clashing with a Gold Star family, making comments that have been seen as inciting violence and linking his political opponents to terrorism. He has ignored their pleas and counsel as his poll numbers have dropped, boasting to friends about the size of his crowds and maintaining that he can read surveys better than the professionals. In private, Mr. Trump's mood is often sullen and erratic, his associates say. He veers from barking at members of his staff to grumbling about how he was better off following his own instincts during the primaries and suggesting he should not have heeded their calls for change. But in interviews with more than 20 Republicans who are close to Mr. Trump or in communication with his campaign, many of whom insisted on anonymity to avoid clashing with him, they described their nominee as exhausted, frustrated and still bewildered by fine points of the political process and why his incendiary approach seems to be sputtering.

TRUMP SUNDAY RANT, RAGES AT NYT: Donald Trump's campaign on Sunday went on a new tear against the media, blaming the "disgusting" press for a week of distractions at a time when Republicans have urged him – again – to focus on Democratic rival Hillary Clinton (*Associated Press*). Trump will get another chance to reset his campaign today when he is expected to lay out his plan for defeating what running mate Mike Pence on Sunday called, "radical Islamic terrorism" with "real specifics" on how to make the United States safer. But Trump set up that address with extensive new complaints about the

latest disastrous week of coverage and reports of campaign chaos. Not to blame, Trump suggested, were his own remarks that gun rights supporters could "do something" if Hillary Clinton becomes president and appoints liberal judges, or his repeated insistence on the falsehood that President Barack "Obama founded ISIS." "If the disgusting and corrupt media covered me honestly and didn't put false meaning into the words I say, I would be beating Hillary by 20 percent," he tweeted before noon. That tweet was followed by: "My rallies are not covered properly by the media. They never discuss the real message and never show crowd size or enthusiasm." His anti-media tweet storm topped a half-dozen posts by midafternoon. The New York Times is painting a dire picture of the Trump campaign in a story titled "Inside the Failing Mission to Save Donald Trump From Himself" (*CNN*). And Trump is having none of it. The problem, he says, is ... The Times. "The failing @nytimes has become a newspaper of fiction," he tweeted Saturday afternoon about two hours after the story went online. "Their stories about me always quote non-existent unnamed sources. Very dishonest!"

BAYH DELAYS FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE: Republican U.S. Senate candidate Todd Young had been counting down the days until the filing deadline for the financial disclosure report by Democratic rival Evan Bayh (Francisco, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). The campaign for Young, a U.S. representative from Bloomington, has been pegging Bayh, a former senator and governor, as a wealthy "superlobbyist" who lives in Washington and owns multiple homes. "Tick Tock: Bayh on the clock to disclose personal finances by August 12th," was the heading for an email Young's campaign sent to media Aug. 3. Subsequent emails said Bayh had seven days, then six and four, to file his report with the Senate. Young will have to keep waiting. Bayh has been granted a 56-day extension to submit his disclosure, prompting Young's campaign to say Friday that Bayh is hiding his finances from public inspection. The due date was moved from Aug. 14 to Oct. 9, according to a Senate database. IPFW political scientist Michael Wolf said the delay could help and hurt both candidates. "The benefit to Young is that this fits the narrative he has already developed and had going without actually having the data," Wolf told Political Notebook. In other words, Bayh is releasing no information that might counter Young's unflattering portrayal of him. And when he does provide the data, it could further fuel Young's attacks on him, Wolf said. But Wolf said Bayh's financial information will become public at a time "when the circus comes to town" – the height of the presidential and congressional campaigns in the weeks ahead of the Nov. 8 election – and "will be kind of lost in a lot of the general election noise."

RECORDS SHOW BAYH CLAIMED DC ADDRESS: Evan Bayh pushed back at an interviewer last month when he was asked if he would move back to Indiana now that he is running to win back his old Senate seat. "I've never left," he told *WISH-TV*. It turns out he did. A *CNN* review of public records since Bayh left office in 2011 shows the Democrat repeatedly listed his two multi-million dollar homes in Washington as his main places of residence -- not the $53,000 condo he owns in Indianapolis. Just three weeks after leaving office in 2011, Bayh changed his address to his $2.3 million home in a leafy neighborhood in Washington, according to Indiana records. And often when Bayh registered his address -- whether it was on an Alaska fishing license, a donation to Hillary Clinton or on the deed to his beachfront property in Southern Florida -- he listed Washington as his home. Even when Bayh returned back to Indianapolis last summer for an Indiana Democratic Party dinner, he stayed at a JW Marriott just 12 miles away from his condo. A source with Indianapolis Power and Light said Bayh's monthly electric bills averaged less than $20 per month since 2012, suggesting little -- if any -- use at his Indiana condo. And when he hit the speaking circuit after his post-senatorial life, his firm noted that he travels "from D.C." "The only time he ever shows up in Indiana is when he wants something from us," said Trevor Foughty, campaign manager for Bayh's GOP rival, Rep. Todd Young. "And he's so unbelievably arrogant, he actually thinks Hoosiers don't notice." Bayh declined to be interviewed, and his campaign did not respond directly to questions about how often he stayed at his Indiana residence after leaving the Senate. But a spokesman with the former senator pushed back against accusations that he's abandoned

his state, calling them a "cover up" initiated by Young. "Evan Bayh is a fifth-generation Hoosier and has a record of distinction as Indiana's senator and governor," said Bayh spokesman Ben Ray. "Evan lives in Indiana and pays his taxes in Indiana, unlike Congressman Young, who has fraudulently taken hundreds of thousands of dollars in tax deductions for a home he didn't live in in Indiana. Hoosiers know and trust Evan Bayh and will not fall for this cover up by his opponent."

NBC/WSJ, CBS TRACKER POLLS SHOW CLINTON LEADS IN SWING STATES: New polls released Friday show Hillary Clinton with significant leads over Donald Trump in three key battleground states (*Politico*). The NBC News/Wall Street Journal/Marist polls show Clinton with commanding advantages in Colorado, North Carolina and Virginia — and also a 5-point edge in vote-rich Florida. They were conducted Aug. 4-10, suggesting that Clinton's convention bounce has been sustained more than a week after she accepted the Democratic presidential nomination. In Colorado, Clinton leads Trump by 14 points, 46 percent to 32 percent. In North Carolina, which Mitt Romney won four years ago, Clinton's lead is 9 points: 48 percent to 39 percent. In Virginia — home state of Clinton's running mate, Sen. Tim Kaine, Clinton has a 13-point lead. Clinton's campaign and a supportive super PAC, Priorities USA, have at least temporarily suspended television advertising in Colorado and Virginia, as Clinton has built large and consistent leads in those states this summer. The race in Florida, according to the NBC News/Wall Street Journal/Marist poll there, is closer. Clinton leads Trump, 44 percent to 39 percent. The CBS Tracker released Sunday has Hillary Clinton leading Donald Trump 45-40% in Florida. In New Hampshire, Clinton leads 45-36% while in Georgia, Trump leads 45-41%.

DRAKE WINS 8TH CD DEM RECOUNT AS ORENTLICHER CONCEDES: The 8th CD Democratic recount ended without a formal resolution as David Orentlicher conceded to Ron Drake Friday afternoon (*Howey Politics Indiana*). A 19-county recount concluded this week showed Orentlicher failing to come close to erasing Drake's 68 vote lead on the May 3 primary. "Earlier this afternoon, I called Ron Drake and congratulated him on winning the Democratic Party's nomination for the 8th District congressional race. I told him that I have decided to suspend the recount process," Orentlicher said. "Now that we have had a chance to consider the hard work of the State Board of Accounts and to review the notes of our terrific volunteer observers, it is clear that the final numbers will confirm a victory for Mr. Drake. I am happy to endorse Ron Drake for Congress and his campaign to beat Rep. Bucshon this November. I have every confidence that he will give it his all, and it is time for all Hoosier Democrats to support him in his efforts." Drake told the Evansville Courier & Press, "I wish him well. I know how badly he wanted this." Drake now faces Republican U.S. Rep. Larry Bucshon on Nov. 8. "I don't think the party in power was in any hurry to get this recount done," said Daviess County Democrat Party Chairman Dave Crooks (Washington Times-Herald). "I think if there had been a recount between Larry Bucshon and Richard Moss there would have been a lot more urgency to get it done. It probably would have been completed before the Fourth of July."

TIPTON LAYS TO REST WORLD WAR II PILOT: After 72 years, 1st Lt. Robert L. McIntosh, a U.S. Air Force pilot during WWII, was brought home to Tipton Saturday to receive a proper burial and goodbye from loved ones (Ball, *Kokomo Tribune*). McIntosh's P-38 Lightning fighter plane was reported missing following a mission to Piacenza, Italy, in May 1944. No wreckage was recovered until 2013 when a group of Italian civilians began excavating McIntosh's crash site. In 2014, it was confirmed through evidence that a plane found in Imola, Italy, did in fact belong to McIntosh. On Saturday, McIntosh was met by community members, military personnel and state and local officials at Tipton High School, where he graduated in 1942, to pay respects to a man many knew as kindhearted and personable. "Uncle Bob was

a person of strong character and faith," said Lisa Liles, McIntosh's niece. Although Liles never got the chance to meet her uncle, she was able to piece together who he was through family stories and memories written in his high school yearbook. Uncle Bob loved animals and had a wonderful sense of humor, Liles said. In the Tipton High School yearbook from McIntosh's senior year, there was a quote that read, "Robert McIntosh, his friends they were many, of foes, has he any?" Friend and fellow WWII veteran Dan Mattingly remembers McIntosh as the type of guy who woke up smiling and went to bed smiling, he said.

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: The Trump/Pence campaign has no ground game. The presidential nominee won't focus on Hillary Clinton, instead going off on strange and contradictory tangents. He and Gov. Pence are now at war with the news media. He's not going to self fund his campaign, he's not raising money, and he's spent more money reimbursing his family than on TV ads, where he is being wildly outspent. But I'm going to write him a $250,000 check tonight at Steve Chancellor's house in Evansville, no, make that $25,000 … or maybe $12,500 … no, make that $2,500. Sorry, I'm being sarcastic. But not that sarcastic. - *Brian A. Howey*



Campaigns

NEW GREGG AD TAKES AIM AT HOLCOMB: A new TV ad for Democrat John Gregg began running over the weekend and it takes direct aim at Republican nominee Eric Holcomb (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The ad's voiceover says, "Eric Holcomb. Hand picked by Mike Pence to run for governor. Pence gave over $1 million to Holcomb's campaign. No wonder Holcomb says he'll run on Pence's record." The ad goes on to say Holcomb has a record of "wages not keeping up, a failed economic record," and "teaching to the test" It's the first time a Gregg TV ad has named Holcomb as his opponent, who has yet to mount a statewide TV ad campaign

HOLCOMB BLASTS NEW GREGG TV AD: Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb's campaign for Governor responded to John Gregg's latest ad directly attacking Holcomb and Indiana's success story (*Howey Politics Indiana*): "John Gregg must not believe his own internal poll. He has spent $3 million this year on television ads compared to Eric Holcomb not spending a single penny," said communications director Pete Seat. "If Gregg was truly up by six points, he wouldn't feel the need to attack Eric with false and debunked claims about Indiana's thriving economy. "Concern in John Gregg's campaign has clearly set in. Why else would they run flat out false attacks against Eric Holcomb? Wages are going up, we have a AAA

credit rating from all three bond rating agencies and Eric is on the record saying over testing is counterproductive. "That's three strikes in one ad. "Our opponent can continue embellishing his record, supporting irresponsible policies and contradicting himself, sometimes just seconds later, while Eric Holcomb and Suzanne Crouch focus on accelerating Indiana's momentum and how to make Indiana the best place to live, work, stay and play."

BROOKS, ROKITA RETURN TO 5TH, 4TH CD BALLOTS: Republican U.S. Reps. Todd Rokita and Susan Brooks reclaimed their spots on Indiana's November ballot Saturday after withdrawing their congressional candidacies to try to replace Mike Pence, who joined Donald Trump's ticket (*WISH-TV*). The Republican Party selected Rokita and Brooks during caucuses to fill the vacancies that were created last month. Rokita and Brooks were chosen for the 4th and 5th congressional districts respectively and defeated candidates they had already beaten in this year's primaries. "The Indiana Republican Party is blessed to have a strong ticket filled with candidates that will tirelessly work to Make America Great and Safe Again," Indiana Republican Party Chairman Jeff Cardwell said in a statement announcing the results. Brooks and Rokita had said they would seek to resume their re-election campaigns after the GOP state committee selected Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb to replace Pence as the gubernatorial nominee against Democratic candidate John Gregg. Rokita's Democratic challenger this November is John Dale of West Point, a teacher at Western Boone High School and small farm owner. Rokita, who reported $1.4 million in campaign money at the end of June, defeated Dale in 2014 with about 67 percent of the vote. "It is an honor to represent the 5th District in Congress, and I'm very grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve my district, state and nation. I want to thank the precinct committeemen for their confidence and support and for their service today," Brooks said after she was renominated and will face Democrat Angela Demaree. "Now, we must turn our focus to November and to making sure that Republican principles and leadership continue in both our state's and nation's capital." Brooks had about $1.3 million in campaign cash at the end of June, compared to about $60,000 for Demaree.

BAYH'S PRIVATE WORK RAISES QUESTIONS: During his final months in the U.S. Senate, Evan Bayh broke ranks with most of his fellow Democrats several times to oppose or reduce the impact of legislative proposals that threatened the bottom lines of private equity firms, banks and oil companies (Cook, *IndyStar).* But that wouldn't be Bayh's last interaction with those industries. Within weeks of leaving public office, Bayh became a senior adviser to Apollo Global Management, one of the world's largest private equity firms. Several months later, he landed lucrative corporate board appointments at Fifth Third Bank and Marathon Petroleum. Now, Bayh is mounting a return bid for the Senate seat he left more than five years ago. His surprise decision to enter the race last month could determine which party controls the Senate next year. It also has brought new scrutiny to his actions in Congress, especially on issues of importance to what would become his employers. His Republican opponent, U.S. Rep. Todd Young, is already using Bayh's private sector work as campaign fodder. He and his allies, including a group affiliated with conservative megadonors David and Charles Koch, are highlighting Bayh's votes that benefited companies that began paying him after he left office. One television ad focuses on Bayh's support for the $700 billion bank bailout in 2008, which provided $3.4 billion for Fifth Third. The bank has since paid back the money, plus more than $500 million in dividends and warrant proceeds.

BAYH DECLINES COMMENT, CAMPAIGN SAYS THERE'S NO LINK: Bayh declined to be interviewed for this story, but his campaign insists there is no relationship between his legislative votes and his private sector work. Any offers of employment or board directorships came only after he left office, campaign officials said (I*ndyStar*). "Evan Bayh's career has been about standing up for Hoosiers,

including taking on Wall Street Banks and Big Oil to end too big to fail and close special tax loopholes," his campaign spokesman, Ben Ray, said in a statement.

BAYH MADE $3.7M SINCE 2011: Bayh, for example, has earned at least $3.7 million in cash, stock awards and other compensation from his corporate board work since 2011, according to filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission *(IndyStar*). Bayh also was expected to file a required financial disclosure this week but received an extension to Oct. 9. The disclosure form is expected to shed more light on his private sector work, which also has included three other board directorships and a partnership at Washington, D.C., law firm McGuireWoods. Serving on boards is "another way they can get benefit from political connections and experience," said Maxwell Palmer, a political scientist at Boston University who has studied the link between public service and board appointments.

COOK RATES GOV RACE 'TOSSUP': A national, nonpartisan publication that rates the probable outcomes of electoral contests shifted its take on the Indiana governor's race Friday to "Toss Up," from "Lean Republican" (Carden, *NWI Times*). The *Cook Political Report* said it's too soon to tell what impact the Republican Party substituting Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb for popularity-challenged Gov. Mike Pence on the ballot will have in the race against the Democratic nominee, former House Speaker John Gregg. "This contest is still in its infancy and needs time to develop, but expect a very competitive contest," the report said. "The first poll in the new race gives Gregg a 7-point advantage." Democratic Party spokesman Drew Anderson said the rating change shows Hoosiers are preparing to reject the Pence-Holcomb "out-of-touch ideological agenda that has damaged the state's economy and its reputation." Holcomb spokesman Pete Seat said he's not worried since Holcomb is within striking distance despite being in the race for less than a month. Howey Politics Indiana's Horse Race rates the governor's race "Leans Gregg."

GREGG CAMPAIGNS WITH STEELWORKERS: Indiana Democratic gubernatorial candidate John Gregg got a steelworkers' welcome Saturday afternoon (Quinn*, Post-Tribune)*. At least 60 members of United Steelworkers Local 1010 members swarmed Gregg for group shots and selfies during the local's annual picnic at the Moose Lodge No. 570 in Hammond as a DJ blared tunes in the background. After coming from DeMotte's Touch of Dutch Festival, Gregg said he was happy to be there. "It had been awhile since I've been to DeMotte, which is typically a Republican town. But we had 65 to 70 teachers walking with us, and people were cheering us on," Gregg said. "We're looking to get every vote." Gregg said he hasn't been paying much attention to what Gov. Mike Pence has been up to now that he's running for vice president with Republican nominee Donald Trump. And he said he's not worried about his opponent, Eric Holcomb, either. "This is the man's third statewide race — first it was state rep, then lieutenant governor and now governor, but I'll tell you, the governorship is not a consolation prize," Gregg said.

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SECURITY TIGHT IN EVANSVILLE TONIGHT: Security arrangements for Donald Trump's fundraising visit Monday to Vanderburgh County are shrouded in mystery -- even to local law enforcement (Langhorne,*Evansville Courier & Press*). Billy Bolin, chief of the Evansville Police Department, said some

of his agency's off-duty officers will work private security at the 5:30 p.m. fundraiser at Steven E. Chancellor's Henze Road home. They will be paid by Chancellor, Bolin said. Other EPD officers will be ready at Evansville Regional Airport, in uniform and on motorcycles, in case the Republican presidential nominee travels by motorcade to Chancellor's home. "I don't know if they'll take a helicopter or if they'll take a motorcade. They could possibly hop on a helicopter and chopper into the place," said Bolin, who participated in a planning meeting Thursday with U.S. Secret Service officers and officials from other local law enforcement agencies. The Secret Service did not return a telephone message Friday about Trump's visit, which his campaign said will not include a public appearance. For security reasons, Bolin said, the Secret Service typically doesn't tell local law enforcement how presidential candidates will travel through their communities until nearly the very moment before it happens. One thing is clear -- at least as of Friday. The GOP presidential nominee plans no public appearances here outside of the "Trump Pence Victory" fundraiser at Chancellor's house. Gov. Mike Pence, Trump's vice-presidential running mate, also will attend the fundraiser.

TRUMP TO DECLARE END OF NATION BUILDING TODAY: Donald Trump will declare an end to nation building if elected president, replacing it with what aides described as "foreign policy realism" focused on destroying the Islamic State group and other extremist organizations (*Associated Press*). In a speech the Republican presidential nominee will deliver on Monday in Ohio, Trump will argue that the country needs to work with anyone that shares that mission, regardless of other ideological and strategic disagreements. Any country that wants to work with the U.S. to defeat "radical Islamic terrorism" will be a U.S. ally, he is expected to say. "Mr. Trump's speech will explain that while we can't choose our friends, we must always recognize our enemies," Trump senior policy adviser Stephen Miller said Sunday.

PENCE WALKS TRUMP TIGHT ROPE: It's been one potentially disastrous comment after another from Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump — but you wouldn't know it watching his running mate (Slodysko & Ronayne, *Associated Press*). Indiana Gov. Mike Pence is the Trump campaign's happy warrior, delighting in telling cheering audiences that Trump won't "tiptoe around" the rules of political correctness. He's deliberately avoided or, when pressed, tried to do damage control on most of Trump's recent eyebrow-raising remarks. "The media's talking today about another controversy over semantics," Pence told a crowd last Thursday in La Crosse, Wisconsin, following a spate of campaign coverage about Trump's claim that President Barack Obama is "the founder of ISIS," an acronym for the Islamic State extremist group. Part sunny sidekick, part Trump translator, Pence is betting his political future on endearing himself to the slice of Republican primary voters who propelled the businessman to the GOP nomination. At the same time, he's trying to stay true to the conservative values he's held since former President Ronald Reagan's "morning in America" optimism lured the one-time Democrat over to the Republican Party in the 1980s. It's a strategy with risks. "He is walking a tight rope and there's no safety net," said Republican Indiana state Rep. Dave Ober, who is both a vocal Pence supporter and outspoken in his distaste for Trump. "He's had to put together a message of their hopes and dreams for the country if they are elected, while also trying to Band-Aid over some of the mistakes that are being made by Donald at the top of the ticket." GOP strategist and former Pence spokesman Robert Vane says it's no surprise Pence is devoutly on-message because the "the first rule of being a VP candidate is 'do no harm.' Donald Trump chose Mike Pence based on a series of strengths. And Gov. Pence is famous for his message discipline." While Pence is more on-message, few voters are around to see it. Pence attracted crowds of less than 300 last week at stops in Iowa, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, compared to the thousands who show up to see Trump daily.

PENCE RETURNS HOME: In his first official return to his hometown since being named the Republican vice presidential candidate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence said his top priority remains serving the people of Indiana, despite spending most of his time on the national campaign trail (Covington, *Columbus Republic*). Pence, his wife, Karen, and Indiana Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb made three joint appearances at Columbus businesses early Saturday afternoon. The Republican governor was greeted by a round of applause when he arrived at his first stop of the day — the Upland Columbus Pump House, where an audience of about 40 people, including Columbus Mayor Jim Lienhoop, city council president Frank Jerome and state Rep. Milo Smith, R-Columbus, were waiting for him. Pence tried to keep the focus on his lieutenant governor as he met with local elected officials and other residents at three local businesses on Saturday. In addition to the Pump House, Pence and Holcomb also made a stop at the downtown Saturday farmers market, where the governor and his wife opted to buy a few ears of sweet corn from the Hackman Farms booth. As he attempts to balance his roles as Indiana governor, a vice presidential nominee and a supporter of Holcomb's gubernatorial campaign, Pence said he is constantly connected with what's going on back home in Indiana while he is out on the campaign trail with Trump. "It's all just a matter of keeping first things first," Pence said. "My job as governor is job one."

PENCE TO RELEASE TAXES: Gov. Mike Pence said he will publicly release his tax returns during a Saturday radio interview but did not give a specific time for when he'll disclose the information (Schneider*, IndyStar*). A spokesman for the vice presidential candidate told CNN the release would occur before the November election. Marc Lotter, a Pence spokesman, did not return a request for comment by IndyStar on Saturday. Pence's expected release comes as his running mate, Donald Trump, has declined to share his tax returns because of an ongoing IRS audit. Pence said on WABC Radio that his tax returns would be a "quick read." "The Pences have not become more wealthy as a result of 16 years in public service," Pence told host Rita Cosby. "There's been a lot of sacrifices. We're a middle-class family." Pence went on to say, "We'll look forward to making all that information available." He also spoke of finalizing a financial disclosure form required of vice presidential candidates.

PENCE CONTINUES TO GOVERN INDIANA: Gov. Mike Pence might be flying the country in a stylish campaign plane and making speeches in battleground states, but he says his eye is on Indiana (Kelly*, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). Just after Hoosier Lilly King won the gold in the 100 meter breaststroke at the Summer Olympics on Monday night, he checked in with Matt Lloyd, his deputy chief of staff, around 11 p.m. and said he needed to tweet about the accomplishment. "He's thoroughly engaged in Indiana even when he's out of state," Lloyd said. "We had planned on him campaigning quite a bit starting now anyway. No one would dispute the magnitude of the campaign has changed, but the amount of attention he would have to pay to it is relatively the same. "He was in a tough race here, and now he's in a tough race nationally." Pence had been running for re-election as governor until July 15. Since jetting to New York for his announcement as Donald Trump's vice presidential running mate, Pence has had events in Indiana only two days – both Fridays. He has stopped at his Statehouse office a few other times to meet with agency heads. "Being on the campaign trail is used against every incumbent who is running for office," said Andrew Downs, associate professor of political science at IPFW. "Supporters justify it and the opposition will be critical of it. "In the end, most Hoosiers probably don't care as long as things are getting done." Pence has typically traveled for the campaign Monday through Thursday and spent time in Indiana on Friday. His first few weekends were bare, but Chief of Staff Jim Atterholt said Pence's Saturdays are likely no longer his own. He continues to keep Sundays for family and church. Much of the governing now rests on Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb and key Pence advisers including Lloyd and Atterholt. "Mike Pence is doing what he does best – putting his own ambitions ahead of the state of Indiana," said Drew Anderson, Indiana Democratic Party spokesman. "But Hoosiers know this is the same governor who prioritized out-of-touch laws like RFRA that left our state's economy and reputations in jeopardy."

PENCE'S 'BODY MAN' AN INDIANA EMPLOYEE: Atterholt said technology allows them to be in contact at all hours of the day. And Pence has a body man with him – state employee Zach Bauer (*Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). "We are working under the premise he is governor and he always needs to have someone official with him," Atterholt said. "(Bauer) doesn't serve any other function than as a liaison for us to speak to him if we need." Bauer is still receiving his state salary of about $67,000 annually. But Atterholt said he will transition soon to working for the campaign out of an abundance of caution. The cost to ride the Trump-Pence campaign plane can be expensive – about $500 per hour per person – depending on the length of trip and how many people aboard share the cost of the flight. Pence campaign spokesman Mark Lotter said Bauer's travel expenses are being paid by the campaign.

TRUMP BLAMES THE MEDIA FOR MISSTEPS: It's the media's fault. That's out of context. Never said it in the first place (*Associated Press*). Donald Trump's claim Friday that he was merely being "sarcastic" in accusing President Barack Obama of establishing a terrorist group was his latest attempt to blame others for the uproar over what he says. It's an instinct that Trump's opponents say a president can't possess. Some Republicans seem to have the same concern. This time, it followed two days of critical headlines and Democratic outrage over Trump's claim that Obama was the "founder" of the Islamic State group. As Trump repeated the claim more than a dozen times, interviewers sought to ensure Trump wasn't being misconstrued. Surely, they offered, he meant Obama's policies had enabled the extremist group's rise. "No, I meant he's the founder of ISIS. I do," Trump said, using one acronym for the group. Then an about-face Friday. "THEY DON'T GET SARCASM?" he tweeted. Or was he being sarcastic about the sarcasm? Hours later, he told a rally in Pennsylvania he was "obviously being sarcastic — but not that sarcastic, to be honest with you." That it took Trump two days to walk back his widely debunked remark — and then walk back the walk-back — was worrying for Republicans who see such missteps as playing to Democrat Hillary Clinton's advantage. Equally worrying for some was the fact that he again would not take responsibility for his words.

HOOSIERS REACT TO TRUMP, CLINTON TAX PLANS: From manufacturing to tax reform, economic development plans from Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton evokes support and criticism from Indiana and Wabash Valley officials (Greninger, *Terre Haute Tribune-Star)*. Matt Bell, executive director of Northeast Indiana Regional Chamber of Commerce, said he likes what he sees in the Trump plan. "I think overall the plan it a blueprint for growth in Indiana's economy and out national economy as well," Bell said. "First, from an Indiana standpoint, the plan does a great deal to ... (encourage) investment in manufacturing. Efforts to energize manufacturing are critical, I think, to economic success nationally and in Indiana," Bell said. "I think the Trump plan sets the right tone on tax reform, simplifying the tax code and capping corporate tax rate allows capital to be very wisely invested in American jobs and the American economy." For David Crooks, president and general manager of DLC Media Inc., his concern is the stock market and the impact on retirement funds. "My worry is that we don't scare the markets, especially the way the GOP nominee is behaving," said Crooks, whose company owns/operates radios stations in Washington, Vincennes and Rockville. "I have spent years putting savings away in my IRA (individual retirement account). The stock market likes predictability, not a president willing to say or do anything. One person does not have all the answers," Crooks said. While lower taxes can help business, Crooks said there can be a trade off, especially if the tax code is altered. Crooks this week said he was among broadcasters who met with Sen. Joe Donnelly, D-Ind., to express concern over a House Republican idea the could lower a tax rate but remove an exemption for advertising, something that might harm the radio and television industry.

LEGISLATORS REACT TO TAX PLANS: It's federal regulations that block economic growth, says state Sen. Jon Ford, R-Terre Haute (*Terre Haute Tribune-Star*). "It is harder to start a business today than it ever has been because of regulation," Ford said. "I think we need to look at the amount of regulation that is being passed down by this current administration, and that is not what we want to continue," Ford said. "Overall, when you sit back and look at it, the goal Trump wants is to make it easier for people to invest, create, innovate and produce products here in America. I think that seems to be the focus of some of his examples, such as a moratorium on regulations," Ford said. "I think Trump wants to open up our energy resources to provide low cost energy which will help manufacturers with lower input costs," Ford said. "I also support renegotiating NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement). I have never been a fan of NAFTA and knew when it began in the early 1990s that it was going to push jobs out of the country and shockingly, it has pushed jobs out of our country," Ford said. State Rep. Clyde Kersey, D-Terre Haute, while a Clinton supporter, agrees NAFTA has created job loss. "You can't give companies incentives to leave and then cry about them leaving. Any incentive to leave, any such laws have to be repealed," Kersey said. Yet Clinton's plan to encourage worker training along with raising the minimum wage and create equal pay for women with men is something not addressed by Trump, Kersey said. "I think that throughout this country there this a need for high paying jobs. Since the 2008 recession, when people were laid off and then some went back to work, the jobs are not paying as much before the recession," Kersey said. "If you want to look at why there is anger out there, people are working to make ends meet and are not making enough to pay bills. Clinton will invest in high paying jobs, which is what we need," Kersey said, "It is investment in people developing skills."

CLINTONS MADE $10M IN 2015: The return shows the Clintons' income fell significantly after she started hitting the campaign trail — from $27.9 million in 2014 to about $10.6 million in 2015. The Clintons paid $3.6 million in taxes in 2015, their return shows (*Politico)*. The campaign also released 10 years of returns from Clinton's running mate, Tim Kaine. In 2015, Bill and Hillary Clinton paid an effective federal income tax rate of 34.2 percent on an adjusted gross income of $10,594,529. Their combined effective rate — including state and local taxes — was 43.2 percent. The Clintons donated $1.04 million, or 9.8 percent of their income, to charity.

TRUMP SAYS HE LOSES PA ONLY BY CHEATING: Donald Trump on Friday encouraged supporters in Pennsylvania to be extra-vigilant for signs of voter fraud on election day, as he argued that "cheating" is the only thing that will prevent him from defeating Hillary Clinton in the key battleground state (*Washington Post*). But recent polls show Clinton leading Trump by a substantial margin in the Keystone State. And in-depth studies of voting have found very few instances of fraud nationwide. Speaking in Altoona, Pa., Trump said it was "shocking" that Pennsylvania does not require photo identification to vote. The state's voter ID law was struck down in 2014. "I hope you people can sort of not just vote on the 8th -- go around and look and watch other polling places and make sure that it's 100 percent fine," Trump told his supporters. He argued that he has strong momentum in the state and that, "the only way we can lose, in my opinion, I really mean this, Pennsylvania, is if cheating goes on." Trump said: "We're going to watch Pennsylvania. Go down to certain areas and watch and study make sure other people don't come in and vote five times."

TRUMP SPOKESWOMAN BLAMES OBAMA FOR INVADING AFGHANISTAN: Donald Trump spokeswoman Katrina Pierson called the U.S. war in Afghanistan "Obama's war," suggesting in

a *CNN* interview Saturday that the Democratic president was responsible for invading the country -- a decision that was actually made by former President George W. Bush in 2001 (*CBS News*). "If you want to go way back, we can look at the troop surge. And after 2007, al Qaeda was essentially in ashes," Pierson told CNN anchor Victor Blackwell, continuing a discussion on her candidate's recent shifting positions on whether Mr. Obama founded the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria. "It was Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton who then destroyed the entire rollout by wanting to pull out early, announcing their plan, ignoring intelligence." Pierson then said: "Remember, we weren't even in Afghanistan by this time. Barack Obama went into Afghanistan creating another problem. It was Hillary Clinton in Libya which was also a reckless decision to create that vacuum. They armed the rebels and they're even funding them now." Blackwell attempted to clarify the Trump spokeswoman's statements: "So you're saying Barack Obama took the country into Afghanistan post-2009. Is that what you're saying?" Pierson went on: "What I'm saying is -- the policies of Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton ..." before the CNN host interrupted, adding "because you just said we weren't in Afghanistan." Pierson replied: "That was Obama's war, yes."

YOUNG VOTERS FLEE TRUMP: Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton is consolidating the support of the Millennials who fueled Bernie Sanders' challenge during the primaries, a new *USA TODAY*/Rock the Vote Poll finds, as Republican Donald Trump heads toward the worst showing among younger voters in modern American history. The survey shows Clinton trouncing Trump 56%-20% among those under 35, though she has failed so far to generate the levels of enthusiasm Sanders did — and the high turn-out that can signal — among Millennials. "I get worried about the bigoted element of our country, and that they will stick with Trump regardless of his stupidity," says Elizabeth Krueger, 31, an actress in New York City who was among those surveyed. She supports Clinton. "She is not going to be a perfect president, but who would be?" The findings have implications for politics long past the November election. If the trend continues, the Democratic Party will have scored double-digit victories among younger voters in three consecutive elections, the first time that has happened since such data became readily available in 1952. That could shape the political affiliations of the largest generation in American history for years to follow.

HOOSIER AMISH UNIMPRESSED WITH TRUMP AMISH PAC: Mary Schwartz hasn't been giving Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton much thought. The presidential candidates are in the headlines and on the airwaves daily, prompting cheers and jeers from many (Vandenack, *Elkhart Truth*). Schwartz doesn't put much stock in voting and doesn't pay much attention to politicians, however, the Amish woman said while loading her bicycle trailer with groceries outside a supermarket in Nappanee. There's a higher authority above even the U.S. president who keeps things running. "We don't vote. We pray about it and leave it in God's hands," she said, dressed in typical Amish style with a simple dress and white head covering. "He'll take care of everything." The presidential campaign is generating intense scrutiny and plenty of attention. Both Trump and Clinton seem to inspire extreme sentiments – support or opposition – and a political action committee has formed, the Amish PAC, aiming to persuade the Amish to go to the polls and cast their lot with Trump. If the race is close, every vote will count, especially in potential swing states like Ohio and Pennsylvania, which are home to the largest Amish populations in the country with more than 70,000 in apiece. Ask the northern Indiana Amish, though, and the Amish PAC is much ado about nothing. Indiana has the third-largest Amish population – nearly 52,000, according to the Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies at Elizabethtown College and most live in and around Elkhart and LaGrange counties.

RNC CONSIDERS CUTTING FUNDS TO TRUMP: Publicly, Republican Party officials continue to stand by Donald Trump. Privately, at the highest levels, party leaders have started talking about cutting off support to Trump in October and redirecting cash to saving endangered congressional majorities. Sean Spicer, the RNC's top strategist, on Wednesday made that case to 14 political reporters he convened at the organization's Capitol Hill headquarters for an off-the-record conversation about the election. Reporters from *POLITICO* and BuzzFeed were not invited. According to several people who attended, Spicer spent much of the session detailing all the RNC resources that have been deployed to swing states and how the party's infrastructure is stronger than it has ever been. Republicans are infuriated that Donald Trump is campaigning in deep-blue Connecticut while his poll numbers dip in red and swing states. In the words of one person in the room, the message was that the RNC has "all these staffers out there working and knocking on doors, with a data system they believe rivals what Obama build in 2012—so it's not their fault."

UKRAINE LEDGERS SHOW $12M FOR MANAFORT: On a leafy side street off Independence Square in Kiev is an office used for years by Donald J. Trump's campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, when he consulted for Ukraine's ruling political party. His furniture and personal items were still there as recently as May (*New York Times*). And Mr. Manafort's presence remains elsewhere here in the capital, where government investigators examining secret records have found his name, as well as companies he sought business with, as they try to untangle a corrupt network they say was used to loot Ukrainian assets and influence elections during the administration of Mr. Manafort's main client, former President Viktor F. Yanukovych. Handwritten ledgers show $12.7 million in undisclosed cash payments designated for Mr. Manafort from Mr. Yanukovych's pro-Russian political party from 2007 to 2012, according to Ukraine's newly formed National Anti-Corruption Bureau. Investigators assert that the disbursements were part of an illegal off-the-books system whose recipients also included election officials. In addition, criminal prosecutors are investigating a group of offshore shell companies that helped members of Mr. Yanukovych's inner circle finance their lavish lifestyles, including a palatial presidential residence with a private zoo, golf course and tennis court. Among the hundreds of murky transactions these companies engaged in was an $18 million deal to sell Ukrainian cable television assets to a partnership put together by Mr. Manafort and a Russian oligarch, Oleg Deripaska, a close ally of President Vladimir V. Putin.

MICHIGAN REPUBLICANS SLOW TO ENDORSE TRUMP: Donald Trump's inflammatory style is leading high-ranking Michigan Republican officeholders and candidates to take a hands-off approach to their presidential nominee with fewer than three months until Election Day (*Associated Press*). Many Republican leaders have settled on saying they will vote for Trump to stop a Clinton presidency. "People want a change. They don't trust Hillary Clinton," said Attorney General Bill Schuette, a likely 2018 gubernatorial candidate who attended Trump's recent economic speech in Detroit. Trump's pivot to jobs was eclipsed a day later by his controversial remarks about blocking Clinton's judicial appointments. "Running for president is a serious task," Schuette said in response. "His recent comments, while appearing to be a poor attempt at humor, are not appropriate, period." Gov. Rick Snyder, who cannot run for a third term because of term limits, has decided not to endorse Trump four years after the governor rallied with GOP nominee Mitt Romney in Michigan. A spokeswoman for Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, another potential gubernatorial candidate who has endorsed Trump, said he would not comment on Trump's "day-to-day activities." Of Michigan's nine Republican U.S. House members, six support Trump. Three others — Reps. Justin Amash, Bill Huizenga and Fred Upton — have reservations.



Sunday Talk

PENCE SAYS TRUMP MADE IMPORTANT POINT WITH ISIS FOUNDER: Indiana Gov. Mike Pence (R) on Sunday defended running mate Donald Trump's comments that President Obama was the founder of the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (*The Hill).* "I think he was being very serious and he was making a point that needs to be made," Pence said on *"Fox News Sunday."* "That there is no question that the failed policies of President Barack Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in the wider Middle East created a vacuum within Iraq in which ISIS was able to arise...He was making a very serious point." Pence said Trump has a way of talking that gets people's attention and his comments have drawn attention to a "very important issue." Trump made the claim last week linking Obama and Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton to the founding of ISIS. "ISIS is honoring President Obama," Trump said Wednesday during a rally in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. "He's the founder of ISIS. He founded ISIS."

PENCE CALLS FOR 'PAY TO PLAY' CLINTON PROBE: Republican vice presidential nominee Mike Pence is calling for an investigation into whether contributions to the Clinton Global Initiative influenced Hillary Clinton's decisions as secretary of state (*Politico*). "The new e-mails that have been made public just in the last week seem to make a direct connection between favors done by State Department officials and major foreign donors to the Clinton Foundation," the Indiana governor said on *"Fox News Sunday."* Asked if there were any actual evidence that Clinton, now the Democratic presidential nominee, made decisions driven by those donations, Pence hedged at first and then doubled down. "Certainly, officials at the FBI, we also found out this week, believe that there should be an investigation, and Obama's Department of Justice apparently has shut that down," Pence said. "The public has a right to know, because this — really and truly, this is exactly the kind of pay-to-play politics the American people are, are sick and tired of. But, frankly, it is just one more example of the way I do believe that the Clintons have been operating over the last 30 years."

PENCE SAYS HE'S NOT TRUMP'S 'CLEAN-UP CREW': Indiana Gov. Mike Pence is shrugging off any notion he's a one-man "cleanup crew" for his Republican presidential running mate, Donald Trump (*Politico*). "I couldn't be more honored to be campaigning shoulder to shoulder with a man who I believe is going to be the next president of the United States," Pence said on "Fox News Sunday," adding, though, that he and Trump simply have "different styles." And that includes their approach to the press. Pence has for weeks said he would talk to Trump about lifting a campaign event ban imposed sometimes on some media, including POLITICO, for coverage that Trump didn't like. Again Sunday, Trump blasted the media through his Twitter account, tweeting that, "If the disgusting and corrupt media covered me honestly and didn't put false meaning into the words I say, I would be beating Hillary by 20%." Asked by Fox host Chris Wallace if the campaign would lift that ban, Pence responded, "I don't think Donald Trump is having any problem getting press at this point. He gets a lot an awful lot of attention." Asked whether

stylistic differences like Trump's statements regarding Khizr and Ghazala Khan, the parents of a slain American soldier, after the critical comments towards him at last month's Democratic National Convention, or Trump's remarks questioning NATO's mutual self-defense agreement, give Pence pause, the governor replied again that he's honored to stand shoulder to shoulder with Trump. "Look, he's not someone that spent a lifetime in politics. He speaks his heart and he speaks his mind. Pence added. "And I truly do believe, this good man is going to be a great president of the United States."

PENCE SAYS 'ON-GOING' DISCUSSION OVER TRUMP MEDIA BAN: Indiana Gov. Mike Pence (R) on Sunday said there is a discussion going on within Donald Trump's campaign regarding the ban put on some reporters and media outlets barring them from attending the Republican presidential nominee's events (*The Hill*). "I don't think Donald Trump is having any problem getting press at this point," Pence, Trump's running mate, said on "*Fox News Sunday*." "We'll keep our private conversations private. But that's an ongoing discussion in the campaign." Trump has in the past revoked the press credentials of several media outlets including The Washington Post, Politico, Buzzfeed and The Huffington Post for what he considered unfair and biased reporting. Howey Politics Indiana was initially banned from a Trump rally in Westfield but Pence's office and local Trump campaign officials intervened. He has also suggested he would revoke the credentials of The New York Times. Pence has said in the past he has a generally positive relationship with the press. "I do believe in the public's right to know," he said Sunday. "Whether it's about these latest allegations about Hillary Clinton or otherwise and we'll continue to advance that principle."

McMULLIN SAYS TRUMP WILL LOSE: Independent presidential candidate Evan McMullin said Sunday he's confident Republican nominee Donald Trump has no chance of making it to the White House (*The Hill*). "It's so likely that Donald Trump will lose...my entrance into the race doesn't affect that," he said on ABC's *"This Week."* "I've been in this race for less than a week. I entered at a time when he was down by 10 percent. You pointed out just recently that polls are showing in key states that he's doing even worse than that. He's not a credible candidate." McMullin, a veteran of the CIA and a former House Republican Conference policy adviser, also touted his own chances of winning the presidency, saying his campaign "absolutely" has a chance. "I fully acknowledge that it would have been much better had someone else with national name ID gotten into this race six months ago," he said.

MANAFORT SAYS TRUMP CAMPAIGN 'STRONG': Donald Trump's campaign is "very strong" and moving forward, contrary to various media reports, a top aide to the Republican presidential nominee said Sunday*(The Hill).* Paul Manafort pushed back on talk that the campaign is in a state of disarray after a week in which the billionaire called President Obama the founder of the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and made what many took as a threat against Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton. "The campaign is moving forward and is very strong," Manafort said on CNN's *"State of the Union."*

MANAFORT SAYS TRUMP DID NOT THREATEN CLINTON: Donald Trump's campaign chairman said Sunday the Republican presidential nominee's comments last week that gun advocates could deal with Hillary Clinton should not be interpreted as a threat. "Most people did not interpret it that way, it was not at all meant to be a threat," Paul Manafort told CNN's Jake Tapper on "*State of the Union*." Manafort said the attention on the comments were the "Clinton narrative" being carried by the media, despite criticism

from some Republicans and even a Trump supporter at the rally who thought the comments shouldn't have been said in public.

CARVILLE SAYS TRUMP 'PRETTY STUPID' ABOUT POLITICS: Democratic strategist James Carville said on Sunday that Donald Trump is losing the fight against Hillary Clinton and that the Republican presidential nominee is "pretty stupid when it comes to politics" (*The Hill*). During a radio interview with John Catsimatidis, Carville said that Trump's campaign is endangering his chances of winning and pushing away the rest of the Republican Party. "These guys have been outflanked, outmaneuvered, outsmarted, and they're not taking it very well," the Democratic strategist said of the campaign. "They're just going to have to stand there and just get beat because that's what's going to happen to Trump. He's just getting slapped around every time you turn around. If anything, he's pretty stupid when it comes to politics."

PANETTA SAYS 'MOVE ON FROM EMAILS': The American people should move on from Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server while Secretary of State and focus on more important issues, Leon Panetta said Sunday (*The Hill).* Panetta, a Clinton supporter, said on ABC's *"This Week*" that it's time to talk about the "real issues." "They found no basis for any kind of action, and so you know, it's been investigated, no action has been taken by the Justice Department," Panetta said. "I really do think it's time for the candidates and the American people to move on and talk about the real issues that are going to affect us as we face the future."

GUTIERREZ SAYS CLINTON WILL MAKE GOOD PRESIDENT: Hillary Clinton would make a "darn good president" while Donald Trump would take the U.S. back 50 years, a former George W. Bush administration official said Sunday *(The Hill).* Former U.S. Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez became one of several Republicans last week to diverge from the party and back the Democratic nominee for president. "I think... Hillary Clinton, is the best for the country. I'm not thinking about it as a Republican. I'm thinking about it as a U.S. citizen," Gutierrez said on CNN's *"State of the Union."* "I think at some point you have to put the party aside and think about what's best for the country. I don't want to live in a society that Donald Trump will create."

SESSIONS SAYS TOO MUCH MADE OVER CHEATING REMARK: Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.), a Donald Trump supporter, early Sunday defended the Republican nominee's statement that he'll only lose in Pennsylvania if "cheating goes on" (*The Hill*). "There's cheating in every election," Sessions said on ABC's "*This Week*." "And every party goes out in advance of the election and they call on poll watchers and those kind of things to make sure they're not cheated out of an election. That just really helps create integrity in the system." Trump said Friday that only voter fraud can prevent him from winning the swing state of Pennsylvania this November. "The only way we can lose, in my opinion, I really mean this, Pennsylvania, is if cheating goes on. I really believe it," he said during a rally in Altoona, Pa.

Congress

CLINTON FBI FILES COULD GO TO HOUSE COMMITTEE: Some of the FBI files on the agency's investigation into Hillary Clinton's use of a private server exclusively for government business while serving as secretary of state could be given to a House oversight committee as early as this week, a congressional source confirmed with *Fox News* on Sunday. The matter has been progressing since early July, when a formal request was made by Congress for the file -- the remaining block appears to rest within the Justice Department. The FBI, after interviewing Clinton last month, concluded its investigation of Clinton's use of a private server, confirming publicly that 113 classified emails were sent and received by Clinton, as well as 2,000 that were classified after the fact. The Oversight Committee has formally asked if Clinton committed perjury during her Benghazi testimony in October 2015, because her statements to Congress appear to conflict with the FBI's findings. Clinton has maintained she was truthful in her FBI interview. Fox News is told that the FBI and Justice Department have confirmed the receipt of the committee's request.

DONNELLY TRAINS WITH FIREFIGHTERS: U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly said he didn't want them to go easy on him. And they didn't. Firefighters at the New Albany Fire Department said Donnelly held his own while going through training exercises Friday that the team does on a regular basis (Rickert, *News & Tribune*). "We had the Senator go in just like we were doing a house fire with the rescue," Fire Chief Matt Juliot said. "He came in on a ladder truck, he went in with an entry team, he did a search with zero visibility with full gear, they reached a 'victim,' they got the victim. "And then he went up into the ladder truck; he learned how to supply water. He could see the pressure and how it feels to handle a fire hose." The day's visit was part of the Senator's "Donnelly Days" program, where he meets with local residents and leaders throughout the state he represents. Donnelly told the firefighters he didn't want them to hold back for his sake; he wanted to be involved in exactly what they would be doing. What he got was a real look at what it's like to do their job. "It's so team-based," he said of his experience. "You know you talk about team sports and everything, this is everybody has each other's back to the point where we're all moving at the right speed, we're all moving toward the victim.

McCONNELL SAYS 'I MAY NOT HEAD SENATE NEXT YEAR': Mitch McConnell may not be leading the Senate majority next Congress, the Kentucky Republican acknowledged Thursday, hinting of the down-ballot effect Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump could have on Senate races. "I may or may not be calling the shots next year," McConnell told a civic group in Louisville, according to The *Associated Press.*McConnell, in an apparent overture to donors, called Republicans' chances to retain the Senate "very dicey" but dismissed the Trump effect, insisting that Republicans would be "on defense," regardless of who was atop the ticket.



General Assembly

CLERE LAUDS ABLE ACT: While the ABLE Act might not solve all the problems people with disabilities and their families deal with on a daily basis, it will definitely be a step in the right direction when it comes to financial planning (Morris, *News & Tribune*). ABLE — which stands for Achieving a Better Life Experience — allows people with disabilities to put money into a 529 account, up to $14,000 a year and $100,000 total, without the threat of losing federal benefits. It's money that can be used for expenses associated with transportation, housing and other needs. "It's just another tool in the toolbox," said Diane McCartin, whose stepdaughter has a disability. "It gives individuals with disabilities and their parents or caregivers more flexibility." People with disabilities and their families depend on public benefits in order to meet the daily human needs, including housing and food. Currently, those receiving Medicaid benefits are only allowed to save $2,000 or less to remain eligible for public benefits. However, up to $14,000 a year can be put into an ABLE account, which can not exceed $100,000 without worrying about losing benefits. "It's a huge difference," Mitchell said. "ABLE accounts allow for much broader use." State Rep. Ed Clere, R-New Albany, sponsored the bill in the Indiana House. He said ABLE will allow those with disabilities to plan better for future needs. "It's all about self-sufficiency," Clere said. "It's a valuable new tool for individuals and their families when it comes to financial planning. A lot of parents who have children with disabilities are getting older and there is increasing concern how to provide for their child's needs when they are unable to. This is a good option for families."

State

INDOT: LANE CLOSURES ON I-65 SOUTH - The Indiana Department of Transportation will restrict lanes on Interstate 65 in Johnson County required by the state's $84 million added-travel lanes project between Main Street/Greenwood and State Road 44/Franklin which includes full depth pavement replacement and bridge work at Main Street, Whiteland Road, Hurricane Creek and S.R. 44. MONDAY, August 15: Northbound I-65 traffic at S.R. 44 (mile marker 90.0) will be shifted to new pavement at the offramp and onramp during daytime hours. There will be minor traffic disruptions while crews relocate concrete barrier wall sections. TUESDAY-FRIDAY, August 16-19: The outside lane along Main Street's onramp to northbound I-65 will be closed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day while crews grade the shoulder area. Other ramp lanes will remain open with traffic merging into northbound I-65's right lane. FRIDAY NIGHT, August 19: The right ramp lane from Main Street to southbound I-65 (mile marker 99.3 to 98.8) will close during overnight hours beginning at 9 p.m. while workers install a drainage structure. Other ramp lanes will remain open to traffic. FRIDAY NIGHT, August 19: The local access lane to S.R. 44 from southbound I-65 at the interstate overpass (mile marker 88.5) will close during overnight hours beginning at 9 p.m. while crews pour a concrete bridge deck. The onramp to I-65 will remain open to traffic.

DNR: YELLOWWOOD PARK TRAILS CLOSED FOR LOGGING - Hikers, bird-watchers and horseback riders may have to change their summer plans due to logging in Yellowwood State Forest near Yellowwood Lake (*Bloomington Herald-Times*). The logging operation is just now getting underway, according to Jim Allen, property manager at Yellowwood State Forest, but the trails in that portion of the forest have already been closed. "We do have a timber harvest on the property," he said, and the restrictions on trails are needed to ensure people are safe. Trails affected include the Lake Trail that circles Yellowwood Lake; part of the Tecumseh Trail, which starts in Morgan-Monroe State Forest and

winds its way toward Lake Monroe, ending in Brown County just south of Ind. 46; and Scarce O'Fat Trail, which is a loop trail west of the dam and lake and shares its trail with the Tecumseh Trail and an area horse trail for a short way. "Several different trails intersect, so this had a bigger impact than some of our other closures," Allen said. He expects the logging operation will close the trails for six to eight weeks. Allen is hopeful the trails may be open by the time the leaves begin to turn this fall.

DNR: INDIANA BLACK BEAR POPULATION EXPECTED TO GROW - A black bear that's roaming southern Indiana — only the second wild one confirmed in the state since the 1870s — is the latest sign the adaptable animals are on the rebound across the nation, wildlife biologists say (*Fox59*). Hunting and deforestation eradicated black bears in much of their original U.S. range by the late 19th century. But an increase in forested land and changes in hunting regulations in the last few decades have boosted their numbers in states where they maintained a foothold and sent some ambling across state borders, said Dave Garshelis, a bear scientist with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The bears are even establishing new populations, mostly recently in Ohio, where there are an estimated 50-100 bears. Indiana could be next, due to a good breeding habitat and growing numbers of them in adjacent states, including Kentucky and Michigan. "Nobody would have expected back in the '80s … what it would be like in 2016, how much the black bear populations have grown. They are extremely adaptable," said Garshelis, who co-chairs the Bear Specialist Group, a research organization.



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WHITE HOUSE: OBAMA EMBRACED EXECUTIVE ORDERS - In nearly eight years in office, President Obama has sought to reshape the nation with a sweeping assertion of executive authority and a canon of regulations that have inserted the United States government more deeply into American life (*New York Times*). Once a presidential candidate with deep misgivings about executive power, Mr. Obama will leave the White House as one of the most prolific authors of major regulations in presidential history. Blocked for most of his presidency by Congress, Mr. Obama has sought to act however he could. In the process he created the kind of government neither he nor the Republicans wanted — one that depended on bureaucratic bulldozing rather than legislative transparency. But once Mr. Obama got the taste for it, he pursued his executive power without apology, and in ways that will shape the presidency for decades to come. The Obama administration in its first seven years finalized 560 major regulations — those classified by the Congressional Budget Office as having particularly significant economic or social impacts. That was nearly 50 percent more than the George W. Bush administration during the comparable period, according to data kept by the regulatory studies center at George Washington University. Under Mr. Obama, the government has literally placed a higher value on human life. And it has imposed billions of dollars in new costs on businesses and consumers.

WHITE HOUSE: OBAMA PREVIEWS CLIMATE CHANGE - His term may be winding down, but President Obama is determined to continue hammering away at the effects of climate change (*CBS News*). In a new video address, the president previewed his latest efforts to address what he called "one of the most urgent challenges of our time," noting that despite national -- and international -- movement on climate change, "there's still so much more to do." "We're not done yet. In the weeks and months ahead, we'll release a second round of fuel efficiency standards for heavy-duty vehicles," Mr. Obama said in a video released Saturday. "We'll take steps to meet the goal we set with Canada and Mexico to achieve 50 percent clean power across North America by 2025. And we'll continue to protect our lands and waters so that our kids and grandkids can enjoy our most beautiful spaces for generations."

AGRICULTURE: RECORD CORN, SOY CROPS COMING AS PRICES TUMBLE - The USDA shocked grain markets Friday with its newest outlook for the corn and soybeans crops that are getting ready to be harvested. The government agency is now projecting record-breaking yields for corn at 175.1 bushels per acre and soybeans at 48.9 bushels per acre (*South Bend Tribune*). If these projections come true this fall, the corn and soybean crops will be the largest in U.S. history, adding to the global surplus of grain. While record yields are a point of pride for the agricultural industry, the overwhelming supply is hurting prices. On Friday's report, soybean prices dropped as much as 21 cents per bushel, and corn fell to the lowest level in almost seven years. As of noon Friday, corn for delivery in December was worth $3.24 and November soybeans traded for $9.69.

WISCONSIN: RIOTS AFTER MILWAUKEE PD SHOOTING - Milwaukee police officer shot and killed an armed suspect Saturday night during a foot chase on the city's north side, setting off a violent confrontation between police and crowds protesting the shooting (*Fox News*). A gas station was set on fire and other businesses also were torched following an hours-long standoff between rioters and police, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported. City leaders pleaded for calm after the violence erupted, with Mayor Tom Barrett imploring parents of anyone at the scene to "get them home right now" after at least four businesses burned and one officer was hurt.

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COUNTIES: COMPLAINTS TO SBA LED TO FBI VIGO SCHOOLS RAID - Complaints to the State Board of Accounts about Vigo County School Corp.'s contracting procedures triggered the federal

investigation that resulted in a June FBI raid on the corporation's offices, the Tribune-Star has confirmed (Laughlin, *Terre Haute Tribune-Star*). Paul Joyce, the state examiner, this week told the newspaper his state agency received information that prompted a special audit. Information gleaned during that audit led to a federal investigation. In an email, the state board said it began its review "based on information we received that indicated there were issues with the corporation's contracting procedures." Joyce said he first spoke to the school corporation Feb. 4, and the school corporation was cooperative. Joyce said state law forbids him from discussing the source of the information that led to the audit. "I can't break the law. We try to stop people from breaking the law," Joyce said. "The corporation is still under investigation."

COUNTIES: TIPPECANOE SHERIFF EYES $18K DRONE - Tippecanoe County Sheriff Barry Richard told the *Journal & Courier* Tuesday that he is poised to spend $18,000 on a drone helicopter for the sheriff's office. By Friday, however, Richard revised his statement, saying, "That's depending on what equipment we end up with and the training costs. "Eighteen thousand dollars is not what I would quote as a price," he said. "I'm just saying right now it's more than $10,000, less than $20,000. I feel comfortable saying that." By comparison, Greenfield Police Department in 2014 purchased a drone — a DGI Phantom I model — for $650 and a GoPro camera to attach to the drone for $400, said Lt. J.D. Fortner.

COUNTIES: CARROLL INVESTMENTS PAYING OFF WITH JOBS - After years of a downturn in business, Carroll County now is feeling the effects of improved economic and workforce conditions (Ambrose, *Lafayette Journal & Courier*). The area was hit hard by the recession, closing down a number of major manufacturers and industries, according to Laura Walls, executive director of Carroll County Economic Development Corp. Now, new jobs are created every month and properties that have been empty for years are being reappropriated. For example, Next Day Container Inc. and Peters Industrial Development LLC recently announced new investments in the area. According to Walls, Carroll County has added 475 jobs in the past year, a fact sometimes overlooked because the unemployment rate has remained steady.

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HOLCOMB ADDS $105K IN BIG DONATIONS, BUT NO MORE FROM PENCE: The gubernatorial campaign of Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb has picked up an additional $105,000 in large donations since Aug. 3, according to the Indiana Secretary of State's campaign finance website as of Thursday evening (*Howey Politics Indiana*). But none of the new big money is coming from Gov. Mike Pence's $7.4 million account since $1.25 million was moved over on July 29. On Aug. 8, Holcomb picked up a $50,000 donation from Ralph Amos of Alexandria and $10,000 from Jeffrey Taylor of Carmel. On Aug. 3, Holcomb received $25,000 from Golars LLC of Fishers and $20,000 from Grinder Singh of McCordsville. Since July 25, Democrat John Gregg raised $105,000, including Indiana 3rd CD Democrats, $10,000; Drive Committee $50,000; D. Michael Harding $10,000; James Baise $10,000; and Michael G. Browning $25,000.

TRUMP ESCALATES OBAMA/ISIS CONTROVERSY THEN CLAIMS 'SARCASM': Donald Trump on Thursday escalated his attack on President Barack Obama, doubling down on his accusation that he's a founder of the Islamic State and claiming that both Obama and Hillary Clinton remain the terrorist group's most valuable players (*Politico*). The inflammatory accusation comes as Trump has set off another round of hand-wringing within the Republican Party, returning to his freewheeling ways after the GOP convention with overtures for Russia to hack Clinton's emails, attacks on the Muslim-American family of a fallen war hero, and a suggestion that "Second Amendment people" are the only ones who can stop Clinton. On Thursday, Trump showed no signs of backing down or reining it in. After first leveling the terror-related accusation against Obama and Clinton at a Wednesday night rally, Trump made the claim three more times on Thursday — all before noon. "Our government isn't giving us good protection. Our government has unleashed ISIS," he said as he addressed the National Association of Home Builders in Miami. "I call President Obama and Hillary Clinton the founders of ISIS. They're the founders. In fact, I think we'll give Hillary Clinton the — you know, if you're on a sports team, most valuable player, MVP, you get the MVP award — ISIS will hand her the most valuable player award. Her only competition is Barack Obama." This morning, Trump suggested he is just being sarcastic, tweeting, "Ratings challenged @CNN reports so seriously that I call President Obama (and Clinton) 'the founder' of ISIS, & MVP," Trump tweeted Friday morning. "THEY DON'T GET SARCASM?"

PENCE BLAMES MEDIA FOR OBAMA/ISIS FLAP: Gov. Mike Pence on Thursday blamed the media for making an issue out of Donald Trump's claim that President Barack Obama "founded ISIS," saying they were nitpicking at Trump's wording while missing the larger truth of Trump's remarks (*Politico*). "The media's talking today about another controversy over semantics," Pence said at a town hall here. "Let's be very clear: It was Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton who helped undo all the hard fought gains in Operation Iraqi Freedom that our soldiers won and secured that nation." Pence continued: "When President Obama became president, it's important to remember, that Iraq was essentially stable and it was Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton that withdrew American forces precipitously without what's called a status of forces agreement, and they created the very vacuum in which ISIS was able to be spawned and conjured up as it were, compromising large areas of Iraq and bringing violence to that part of the world, to our allies in Europe and inspiring violence here at home."

TRUMP ACKNOWLEDGES LOOMING LOSS, VACATION: Straying from his trademark bravado, Donald Trump acknowledged Thursday that his presidential campaign is facing challenges and could ultimately fall short — a rare expression of humility by the Republican presidential nominee (*Associated Press*). Trump's most explicit concession came as he pleaded for support at a gathering of evangelical ministers, where Trump observed he was "having a tremendous problem in Utah." The same day, the billionaire celebrity acknowledged that his lack of political correctness could cost him the election if Americans reject his blunt approach. "We're having a problem," Trump told the ministers, adding that the next president could get to nominate up to five high court justices. "It could cost us the Supreme Court." After trouncing 16 challengers in the Republican primary, Trump is encountering worrying signs as his campaign moves into the general election. Democrat Hillary Clinton's lead over Trump in national polls has widened in recent days, while a number of fellow Republicans have declared they won't support their own party's presidential nominee. Trump was reduced to citing a poll that actually showed him a few points behind Clinton and arguing the race between them was close. Asked by CNBC how he planned to reverse the advantage that Clinton has opened over him, Trump said he simply planned to do "the same thing I'm doing right now." "At the end, it's either going to work, or I'm going to, you know, I'm going to have a very, very nice, long vacation," Trump said.

SAVING MIKE PENCE'S POLITICAL CAREER: Mike Pence has been the good soldier. He's standing up for his boss and cleaning up Donald Trump's messes. And he's even holding onto a thin edge in the polls that show more people still like him than dislike him (*Politico*). But Trump's campaign is devolving, driven by one self-inflicted wound after another. And barring a sharp turnaround, Pence's allies will need to focus on minimizing the damage by association the Indiana governor will face if he aims for a political career after Election Day. "Mike has done a good job distancing himself from Trump even as his VP choice, and as odd as that is as a campaign dynamic, it's showing that his principles come first, however much some think he has compromised his principles," a former Pence adviser wrote in an email, communicating on the condition of anonymity. "When this campaign is all said and done, people on all sides of Trump in the GOP will think [Pence] did the best he could given the circumstances. And I predict most of my anti-Trump friends will at that point at least admit that trying to unite the party against Clinton by joining Trump wasn't entirely without its merits." Trump's declining poll numbers, and the way in which national Republicans are increasingly distancing themselves from the nominee, underscore the risks Pence has taken on and the possibility that his long-rising political career could be headed toward a cliff in November. Pence, 57, left a tough but winnable race for reelection as governor to join the ticket. The Pence image — "a Christian, a conservative and a Republican, in that order" — is one that has been carefully crafted over more than a decade in public life. But it could now be in danger as Trump's divisive campaign continues to upend the norms of American political discourse. "The danger for Pence is that people are going to say he sold out. They're not going to say he's the reason Trump lost. They're going to say he sold out his principles to be part of that ticket," said Andy Downs, director of the Mike Downs Center for Indiana Politics. "And if he's viewed as someone who sold out, then he loses his base." This was a risk that some people close to Pence saw coming even before Trump's latest round of controversies and declining poll numbers. "I wasn't disappointed [that Pence accepted]. I was gravely concerned," Charles Lake, Pence's former pastor, said a few days after Pence took the job. "I think the thing that's going to happen is Mike is going to balance Trump. … Mike's not going to become a carbon copy of Trump."

PENCE ALREADY LOOKING AT POST '16 OPTIONS: As Gov. Mike Pence of Indiana was extolling Donald J. Trump to a crowd here on Tuesday as a "good man" who "speaks from his heart," Mr. Trump was holding a rally of his own just a few states south, with a decidedly different message — suggesting that gun owners could take action against Hillary Clinton (*New York Times*). Moments later, stepping down from the stage, Mr. Pence found himself in a familiar position, trying to explain away Mr. Trump's

comments. "Of course not, no," Mr. Pence said, when asked by a local news affiliate if his running mate was calling for his supporters to take up arms against the Democratic nominee. Less than a month after becoming the Republican nominee for vice president, Mike Pence — Midwestern calm and folksy to Mr. Trump's controversial and brash — has emerged as the Republican ticket's cleaner-up in chief, a role that has thrust him deftly, if at times uncomfortably, into the spotlight in his quest to help elect Mr. Trump president. But behind the scenes, Mr. Pence and his team of loyalists are waging an equally challenging campaign, hoping to position him as a compelling national politician for a post-2016 landscape. Even if the Republican ticket fails in the battle for the White House, Mr. Pence wants to preserve his future viability, a goal that has created a delicate dance for him — leaving him wary of offending Mr. Trump and his base, while also eager to ingratiate himself with the Republican establishment. So far, Mr. Pence has performed this awkward two-step quite nimbly. "Mike will keep his style," said Frederick S. Klipsch, the chairman of Hoosiers for Quality Education and the treasurer of Mr. Pence's campaigns since 2011. "He's a man of integrity, he's a man of high values, and he won't compromise that. I think Donald Trump would not expect Mike Pence to do anything other than be himself." "He has been so great," Mr. Trump said, at a recent news conference. "Honestly, he's been even better than I thought, O.K.? Better."

CLINTON HAS 46% LEAD WITH LATINOS IN FOX POLL: With less than four months to go before Election Day, Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton holds a commanding 46 point lead over her Republican rival Donald Trump among Hispanic voters, according to an exclusive poll released Thursday by Fox News Latino (*Fox News*). The poll found that 66 percent of registered Latino voters would head to the ballot box to vote for Clinton and her running-mate, Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine, compared to only 20 percent who would pick the ticket of Trump and Indiana Gov. Mike on Election Day. The gap between the two candidates widened 7 percent since May, when Clinton held a 39-point edge among Hispanics. "The results are not that surprising given the reaction of Latinos to some of Trump's proposals," Alfonso Aguilar, the executive director of the Latino Partnership for Conservative Principles, told Fox News Latino. The poll, which was conducted over the phone from August 7-10, surveyed 803 Latino registered voters and has a sampling error margin of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. The poll was conducted under the direction of Anderson Robbins Research (D) and Shaw & Company Research (R). When Libertarian candidate Gary Johnson and his running-mate Bill Weld were added to the mix, 16 percent of Latinos said they would vote for the third party ticket – just 1 percent less than those who would vote for Trump and Pence. Clinton still easily secured 59 percent of the Hispanic vote when Johnson was factored in.

CARSON SAYS TRUMP SABOTAGING HIS OWN CAMPAIGN: Rep. Andre Carson (D-Ind.) said Donald Trump may be trying to sabotage his own campaign (*Fox59*). Carson mentioned a story by Time Magazine about the Republican presidential nominee's "meltdown" this summer. "It appears as if he knows he will not be the next president of the United States, so he's trying to sabotage this thing because he's not used to losing," said Carson during a press briefing. "When he sees poll numbers declining, he's crying like a baby." He said Trump's "meltdown" is actually sabotage of his own campaign in order to clear the way for Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton.

HARDLY ANY INDIANA TEACHERS RATED 'INEFFECTIVE': For the third year in a row, barely any Indiana teachers, principals and superintendents were rated "ineffective" under the state's fledgling evaluation system (*Chalkbeat*). Of the 68,386 educators evaluated by the state in 2015, just 260—0.38 percent—got the lowest rating, a status that could put educators in the state at risk for being fired. About 88 percent of educators were rated "effective" or "highly effective" in 2015, the top two ratings of four possible options, and 1.47 percent of educators were rated "improvement necessary," according to state

data. Broken down by job, 89 percent of teachers, 78 percent of superintendents and 87 percent of principals were considered "highly effective" or "effective." It's not clear if the high-ratings trend would've continued naturally without a recent change to state law. Earlier this year, lawmakers decided not to penalize teachers who were rated ineffective because of changes to the state ISTEP exam that resulted in a drop in test scores for nearly all schools in 2015. The Indiana General Assembly passed a bill to hold teachers "harmless" if their students' test scores fell. Schools were blocked from using ISTEP scores as part of a teacher's evaluation for 2015 unless it would improve a teacher's rating. The law also ensured teachers would receive bonuses or salary increases no matter what A-F letter grades their schools received.

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: There's almost a comic aspect to Donald Trump mouthing off about Gold Star mothers, or inviting Russians to hack Hillary, or saying that President Obama "founded ISIS," then Gov. Pence telling us that it's the media's fault and that we're "nitpicking" only to have Trump tweet this morning that he was just being "sarcastic." Governor, you are getting played! And you don't get it because of your blind ambition. The presidential race is beginning to look like a blowout, something Trump acknowledged in Orlando last night, suggesting he is preparing to take a long, long vacation after the Republican Party is reduced to rubble. Pence's allies are already looking over their shoulders at his post Nov. 8 options. I wonder if it's ever occurred to them that the governor and his peeps will have to come back to Indiana and face Republicans who now find their gubernatorial nominee without most of the Pence war chest, the media which has had little access, and a career of political and policy stances that have now warped under the weird Trump presidential facade. Or as John Meachem said on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" today, "It's like the Republican Party has sold its soul and the check just bounced." That check bears Mike Pence's signature. - *Brian A. Howey*



Campaigns

NO SERIOUS OPPONENTS FOR BROOKS, ROKITA: Two Indiana Republican members of Congress aren't facing any prominent challengers in their attempts to get back on the November election ballot (*Associated Press*). Candidates for the seats now held by U.S. Reps. Susan Brooks and Todd Rokita faced a Wednesday filing deadline to be considered by Republican precinct committee members during Saturday votes. That's when they will fill ballot vacancies created when Brooks and Rokita withdrew their congressional candidacies to seek the GOP gubernatorial nomination after Gov. Mike Pence became Donald Trump's running mate. GOP leaders instead picked Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb to run for governor. The two challengers to Brooks include Stephen MacKenzie of Fishers, whom she easily defeated in the May

primary. Rokita's three challengers include Kevin Grant of West Lafayette, who lost by wide margins to Rokita in the 2016 and 2014 primaries.

WALORSKI TALKS OF CONGRESS, NOT CAMPAIGN: In an election year like this one, it's hard to avoid hearing or talking about political campaigns (Allen, *South Bend Tribune*). But when U.S. Rep. Jackie Walorski spoke to the Kiwanis Club of South Bend for a half-hour Thursday afternoon, the Jimtown Republican didn't even mention that she's up for re-election in November. She didn't talk about her opponent, South Bend Democrat Lynn Coleman, who's running against her for Indiana's 2nd Congressional District seat. She just talked about her work in Congress. Walorski told the lunch audience at Century Center about chairing a subcommittee on nutrition that is "looking at the past, present and future of food stamps." The panel is working with House Speaker Paul Ryan's policy agenda called "A Better Way to Fight Poverty." She told the story she heard last year from a Concord High School student who tried to help her mother and two younger siblings by getting a part-time job. The teen's income ended up creating a new challenge, Walorski said, because the family lost its eligibility for government assistance as a result. "There really is a welfare cliff," she said, referring to the idea that low-income people face disincentives to earn money if it leads to cuts in their welfare benefits. "It does exist, and it's our jobs — since it was built by bureaucrats — to dismantle it and find a better way for success for people."

YOUNG TALKS ABOUT STUDENT DEBT: With Americans carrying about $1.3 trillion in debt from student loans, the cost of college and how to pay for it have become big political issues in the United States (Allen,*South Bend Tribune*). Todd Young, a Republican congressman from southern Indiana who is running for the U.S. Senate this year, has introduced legislation that would enable "a truly debt-free college education." The proposal, the Investing in Student Success Act, would give students the option of entering into income-share agreements with private investors. The idea is that investors would pay students' tuition, and — after graduating — the students would pay those investors a percentage of their earnings. Purdue University is rolling out such a program called "Back A Boiler" on a small scale this coming school year for juniors and seniors. Young consulted Purdue President Mitch Daniels while drafting his bill.

HOLCOMB TO SPEAK AT TRINE: Trine University has tapped Eric Holcomb - lieutenant governor and Republican candidate for governor - as the next speaker in its Distinguished Speaker Series (*Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). Holcomb will speak at 10 a.m. Sept. 13 in the Ryan Concert Hall of the T. Furth Center for Performing Arts. The event will include a remembrance of those who lost their lives in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

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TRUMP SEES 'TREMENDOUS PROBLEM' IN REPUBLICAN UTAH: Donald Trump urged evangelical Christians to rally behind him in a speech here Thursday, seeking to ease their concerns about the Republican presidential nominee and proclaiming that sending him to the White House is crucial for the future of their movement (*Washington Post)*. Trump tried to draw a direct distinction between himself and Mitt Romney, the party's 2012 nominee, who would have become the nation's first Mormon president. Echoing some post-2012 analysis suggesting that Romney's religion led some evangelicals to stay home, Trump said "religion didn't get out and vote" for the former governor, "whatever the reason." Throughout the day, Trump also intensified his attacks against Democratic rival Hillary Clinton and President Obama, repeatedly casting them as co-founders of the Islamic State terrorist group as a result of their Middle East policies. Adding to party leaders' worries, Trump signaled in a television interview that he does not intend to change the way he campaigns, despite fears that his proclivity for picking distracting fights could cost him the election. Here in Orlando, he spoke to leaders of evangelical Christian groups, some of whom have privately expressed skepticism about Mormons. Trump stressed his difficulties in the country's only majority-Mormon state — making an apparent play for support by noting that he has a "tremendous problem" in Utah.

DEMOCRATS SENSE 'MASSIVE, MASSIVE WIN': In a less volatile election cycle, the notion that Democrats would be on offense in red states like Utah, Arizona and Georgia would suggest the presidential race was effectively over (*CNN*). No one is willing to make that kind of bet in a race that has defied all political norms. But as Donald Trump's downward spiral continues in round after round of battleground polls, and the Hillary Clinton campaign has begun to dabble in ruby-red states, Democrats are clearly feeling bullish. Some are now openly mulling the possibility of a Clinton blowout in November. Even Trump acknowledged Thursday that his campaign was "having a tremendous problem in Utah," a reliably Republican state where Mitt Romney won more than 70% of the vote in 2012 and the hunger for another choice ushered independent candidate Evan McMullin, who has strong ties to Utah and the LDS community, into the presidential race this week. Mitch Stewart, who was the Obama campaign's battleground states director in 2012, said Clinton's strengthened position could dramatically reconfigure the electoral map for Democrats -- helping to lay groundwork for a Democratic transformation of states like Arizona and Georgia that were not expected to be competitive until 2020 or 2024. "In 2008 when we won by six or seven points, we got relatively close in a state like Georgia, and would have gotten close in a state like Arizona if John McCain hadn't been senator there," Stewart said. "If you add three, or four, or five points on top of that -- which is where Secretary Clinton is right now --- it makes sense that Arizona and Georgia are basically tied. That's where the race is given the strength of her candidacy and the weakness of his." Clinton could be looking at a sweep of the map that could net as many as 380 electoral votes, Stewart said: potentially "a massive, massive win."

REPUBLICANS URGE RNC TO CUT OFF FUNDS TO TRUMP: More than 70 Republicans have signed an open letter to Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus urging him to stop spending any money to help Donald Trump win in November and shift those contributions to Senate and House races (*Politico*). The letter comes as a number of Republican senators and high-profile GOP national security officials have come forward saying they cannot vote for Trump. "We believe that Donald Trump's

divisiveness, recklessness, incompetence, and record-breaking unpopularity risk turning this election into a Democratic landslide, and only the immediate shift of all available RNC resources to vulnerable Senate and House races will prevent the GOP from drowning with a Trump-emblazoned anchor around its neck," states a draft of the letter obtained by POLITICO. "This should not be a difficult decision, as Donald Trump's chances of being elected president are evaporating by the day."

PRIEBUS EXPRESSES CONCERNS TO TRUMP: Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus spoke to Donald Trump about the direction of his campaign and his impact on down-ballot races, sources tell *CNN*. The two are already in regular contact and this particular conversation was described to CNN as not confrontational -- as a Time Magazine piece suggested Thursday -- but rather as a broad overview of the state of the race and the ramifications of Trump's freewheeling style. Sean Spicer, the RNC's chief strategist, denied on Twitter that Preibus threatened to reallocated resources from the presidential campaign to down-ballot races like House and Senate contests, as Time reported. A senior Trump adviser said the notion that Priebus threatened Trump is "malarkey."

TRUMP TELLS EVANGELICALS HOW HE'LL GET TO HEAVEN: Donald Trump joked to a group of evangelical pastors Thursday that winning the White House is "probably" the only way he'll get into heaven (*CBS News*). "I want to just say that whatever you can do...this will be an election that will go down in the history books and for evangelicals, for the Christians, for everybody, for everybody of religion, this will be maybe the most important election that our country has ever had," Trump told the crowd of more than 700 evangelical pastors in Orlando, Florida at an event hosted by the American Renewal Project. "So go out and spread the word and once I get in, I will do my thing that I do very well. And I figure it's probably maybe the only way I'm going to get to heaven. So I better do a good job. Okay? Thank you. Thank you very much," the GOP presidential nominee added, drawing laughs from the audience.

PENCE BLASTS NATIONAL MEDIA: Gov. Mike Pence says the national press is guilty of hypocrisy in how they divide their air time for Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. Pence sat down with Sean Hannity on Fox News Channel Wednesday night (*WIBC*). "To see the way the media has the capacity to major in the minors, to take a comment as they did and take it all the way to the cable airwaves and make a controversy when in the very same week the father of the terrorist who took 49 lives in Orlando, attended a Hillary Clinto rally, was on television," said Pence. Pence said he believes the media show a clear bias. "That got a fraction of the attention that was paid to the statements that Donald Trump made on the 2nd Amendment and on the people that advocate for it."

CLINTON BLASTS TRUMP TAX PLAN: Hillary Clinton lambasted Donald Trump's economic plans in a speech Thursday as nothing more than a huge tax break for himself, labeling tax cuts he proposed earlier this week as "the Trump Loophole" (*CNN*). Throughout her speech on the floor of a factory north of Detroit, Clinton accused Trump of using his presidential campaign to boost wealthy people like himself, looking to drive home a message that the only person Trump is looking out for is Trump. "He would give trillions in tax cuts to big corporations, millionaires, and Wall Street money managers," Clinton said. "In his speech on Monday, he called for a new tax loophole -- let's call it the 'Trump Loophole'." She added, "It would allow him to pay less than half the current tax rate on income from many of his companies. He'd pay a lower rate than millions of middle class families." Clinton slammed the Republican nominee for

proposing to eliminate of the Estate Tax, a move that would save his family $4 billion dollars based on the $10 billion Trump says he is worth. "He's offered no credible plans to address what working families are up against today," Clinton said. "Nothing on student loans or the cost of prescription drugs. Nothing for farmers and struggling rural communities ... Nothing for communities of color in our cities to overcome barriers of systemic racism. Nothing to create new opportunities for young people."

KAINE SAYS GOP TAKES 'U-TURN': Democratic vice presidential nominee Tim Kaine continued his charge against Republicans Thursday morning for what he called changing course since President Obama's election and putting "barriers" up to prevent people from voting (*NBC News).* "Up until recently, the Grand Old Party, the party of Lincoln, along with the Democrats were a party that understood the importance of expanding the franchise and wanted more people to participate," Kaine said. "We were going in the same direction, but starting a few years before, but especially since the election of President Obama, one party has decided to do a U-turn on its history and be against voting and against participation and put hurdles and barriers up in everybody's way."

REAGAN DAUGHTER TELLS TRUMP 'WORDS MATTER': The daughter of former President Ronald Reagan is speaking out against the presidential nominee of her father's party. "Words matter," Patti Davis wrote in an impassioned letter to Donald Trump on Facebook (*CBS News*). She was responding to incendiary comments Trump made at a rally in Wilmington, N.C. Tuesday. Davis called the comment "glib and horrifying" and said it has already echoed around the world. "It was heard by sane and decent people who shudder at your fondness for verbal violence. It was heard by your supporters, many of whom gleefully and angrily yell, 'Lock her up!' at your rallies. It was heard by the person sitting alone in a room, locked in his own dark fantasies, who sees unbridled violence as a way to make his mark in the world, and is just looking for ideas. Yes, Mr. Trump, words matter. But then you know that, which makes this all even more horrifying," Davis wrote.



State

EDUCATION: DOE SEEKS $4M IN DAMAGES FROM VENDOR - The Indiana Department of Education is seeking $4 million in damages from the company that created last year's problem-filled ISTEP+ test (*Indiana Public Media*). The state accuses CTB, now Data Recognition Corporation, of not living up to contractual duties after the company substantially delayed releasing 2015 ISTEP+ scores. At Wednesday's State Board of Education meeting, state superintendent Glenda Ritz said the state sent a letter to the Califonia-based testing company asking for damages. Indiana's four-year, $95 million

contract with CTB, entitles the department to damages, should the company fail to perform. "We have been expecting a response regarding that demand letter," Ritz said. "We have not yet received a response." A provision in the CTB testing contract caps damages at 10 percent, or about $2.3 million. Ritz said the a request of $4 million dollars is "appropriate" because of damages the state sustained during last school year.

LAW: JUSTICE SLAUGHTER SWORN IN - Indiana's newest Supreme Court justice was formally sworn in Thursday at the Statehouse (Smith, *Indiana Public Media*). Governor Mike Pence appointed Geoffrey Slaughter in May to replace the retiring Brent Dickson, the second longest serving justice in state history. At his swearing-in, Slaughter noted the big shoes he has to fill. "No one can replace Justice Dickson," Slaughter says. "I'm merely succeeding him and, in doing so, I'm mindful of his enormous legacy." Federal judge Debra McVicker Lynch, Slaughter's former colleague in private practice, spoke at the ceremony at his request. She says she wanted to "introduce" him to the court. "He is an accomplished thinker and writer," Lynch says. "He loves law. He loves policy. He loves language. He loves people." This was the formal ceremony, but Slaughter was sworn-in privately in June. Chief Justice Loretta Rush spoke about her new colleague. "He's an excellent writer with an attention to detail, has a fantastic work ethic and a passion for law," Rush says. Slaughter has been working on the court, now, for two months.

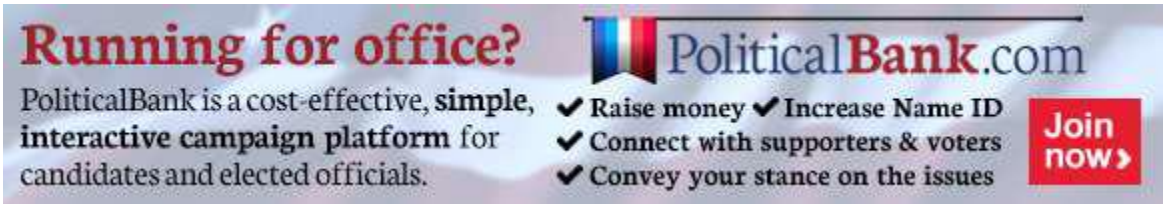
DRUGS: COST OF NARCAN EXPLODES - In the midst of what some call a heroin epidemic, the cost of Narcan, a life-saving antidote, is skyrocketing. About four times every day, Indianapolis first responders rely on Narcan to save the lives of men and women over dosing on heroin (*WTHR-TV*). Dr. Dan O'Donnell is the Medical Director of the city's Emergency Medical Services. "If not for Narcan, people could die," he said. The heroin antidote, O'Donnell explained is now one of the most often used medications available to EMS crews. "We know this is needed to save lives so we will always make room for it in a budget. It's not a medicine we can go without right now," he said.

DOC: PENDLETON OFFICER ARRESTED FOR TRAFFICKING - An officer at the Pendleton Correctional Industrial Facility was arrested Wednesday on suspicion of attempting to smuggle drugs into the facility (*Anderson Herald-Bulletin*). According to a press release from the prison, Mark Wooten of Westfield is charged with trafficking in a controlled substance with an inmate, a Level 6 felony; and possession of a controlled substance, a Level 5 felony. Two-hundred strips of suboxone, with an estimated value of more than $20,000, were reportedly confiscated from Wooten. Strips of the drug are used to treat opioid addiction. Meanwhile, authorities in Lebanon have taken Sherrie Ausherman, 52, of Lebanon into custody on a warrant issued in Madison County. The felony charge is trafficking with an inmate. She is being held at the Madison County Jail on $20,000 bond.



Nation

DEA: MARIJUANA REMAINS SCHEDULE 1 - Marijuana advocates who hoped the cascade of states moving to legalize medical marijuana would soften the federal stance on the drug faced disappointment Thursday as the Drug Enforcement Administration announced it will keep marijuana illegal for any purpose (*Associated Press*). Marijuana will remain a Schedule 1 substance under the Controlled Substances Act. Substances in Schedule 1 are determined by the Food and Drug Administration to have no medical use. States that allow marijuana for medical use or legalize recreational use remain in defiance of federal law. The announcement to be published Friday in the Federal Register relaxes the rules for marijuana research to make it easier for institutions to grow marijuana for scientific study. The DEA currently authorizes just one grow facility in Mississippi. In reaching its conclusion, the DEA said a Health and Human Services evaluation shows marijuana has no "currently accepted medical use" because "the drug's chemistry is not known and reproducible; there are no adequate safety studies; there are no adequate and well-controlled studies proving efficacy; the drug is not accepted by qualified experts; and the scientific evidence is not widely available." "There is no evidence that there is a consensus among qualified experts that marijuana is safe and effective for use in treating a specific, recognized disorder," the report added. "At this time," the DEA concluded, "the known risks of marijuana use have not been shown to be outweighed by specific benefits in well-controlled clinical trials that scientifically evaluate safety and efficacy."



Local

CITIES: CARMEL TO CLOSE KEY INTERSECTION - Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard would like a roundabout at every possible intersection in the city, and the next construction project scheduled to start Monday will convert one of the burg's most heavily traveled and congested four-way junctions (*IBJ)*. The intersection of Carmel Drive and Rangeline Road will close Sunday night and remain blocked until mid-November as it is reconstructed into a $2.3 million, two-lane roundabout. The city received $1.2 million in federal funding for the project, and the remainder of the cost will be paid for through the $260 million bond package handled by the Carmel Bond Bank earlier this year for a lengthy list of infrastructure improvements. That list includes a handful of other roundabout projects, including five more on Rangeline at 116th Street, Executive Drive, Fourth Street, City Center Drive and 111th Street planned for 2017 and 2018. "We've had such good experience with our roundabouts," Brainard said. "We're really looking at every single intersection in the city to see if it can be a roundabout."

CITIES: HAMILTON QUESTIONS I-69 TIMELINE - The mayor of Bloomington is concerned over the completion of the I-69 project (*WISH-TV*). His concerns come after what he said were several delays in construction and a lack of payment to contractors. "My constituents and others around here felt the road was closed but we didn't see enough work being done, well it turns out that payments weren't being made, so contractors were not doing work," Mayor John Hamilton said. "The rating agency and those looking at this project said we're not on pace to meet June 2017 yet. There's a 60 day period to prove they can get on pace," Hamilton added. The project was originally supposed to be completed by October of this year, but INDOT pushed the completion date back to June of next year.

CITIES: GE PLANT IN BLOOMINGTON CLOSING - More than 300 employees at the Bloomington GE Appliances plant will work their last day on Aug. 26 (*Indiana Public Media*). Plant officials announced plans to close the plant in June, but had to go through negotiations with the union to finalize employee severance benefits. "No one ever wants to have to close a plant," said BPO General Manager of Operations Frank Scheffel in a statement. "We've been through a lot together, and we can now start the next chapter of our lives knowing we have the resources to make a successful transition to retirement or to new employment for those who wish to work." Employees will receive 90 percent of their base salary and unreduced benefits through June 15, 2017. After that, they'll each receive a severance package negotiated by the union last summer. Officials say 94 percent of their employees are eligible to retire with a pension and health coverage.

CITIES: HAMILTON LOOKS AT BLOOMINGTON SAFETY - Bloomington officials are working to increase safety in the downtown area, and they're starting by installing cameras and reaching out to various sectors of the community (Banta, *Bloomington Herald-Times*). Mayor John Hamilton on Wednesday announced that the city is beginning a comprehensive effort to make downtown more safe and civil. "Our downtown is sometimes not as safe and civil a place as we would like it to be," he said. "They will not always be tranquil, but our public shared spaces must always be safe and civil." But the problems — which include a growing crime rate, evidence of more use and abuse of drugs and increasing complaints about panhandling — are complex, and current actions are a starting point, he said. "I'm not here to offer solutions," Hamilton told a crowd gathered outside the Monroe County Public Library. Instead, the mayor offered information about ongoing efforts and pilot programs that will supplement the work the Bloomington Police Department already is doing.

CITIES: RETIRING LILLY CEO DONATES $5M TO PRE-K - Eli Lilly and Co. CEO John Lechleiter and his wife, Sarah, are donating $5 million to United Way, to be matched by the Eli Lilly and Co. Foundation. Of the $10 million total commitment, $8 million will be directed to United Way of Central Indiana, the largest gift from an individual donor in the organization's 98-year history (*IndyStar*). A significant portion of the donation is designated for improving and expanding early childhood education and also for the expansion of the Center for Working Families network in Central Indiana. "We are honored to provide this commitment to United Way," the Lechleiters said in a news release. "We believe that United Way is uniquely positioned to address pressing community needs in Central Indiana and in communities around the globe."

CITIES: NEW JOB FOR FORMER LAWRENCE MAYOR - Former city of Lawrence mayor Dean Jessup has a new job with the City of Indianapolis (*WRTV*). Jessup was hired on July 25 as an illegal dumping environmental inspector under the city's new Department of Business and Neighborhood Services division. He will earn a $30,021 salary. Jessup, a Democrat, served as the mayor of Lawrence from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2015 earning a $76,500 salary.

COUNTIES: LAKE COUNCILMAN'S TRIAL IS DELAYED - A jury trial has been scheduled Dec. 8 and 9 in Porter Superior Court for Lake County Councilman Jamal Washington, who is facing charges of domestic violence against his wife and another woman (*Post-Tribune*). Porter Superior Judge Jeffrey Thode said the trial, originally set to begin later this month, was continued until December after a hearing Tuesday. A pretrial conference has been scheduled for Oct. 14. Thode said a contempt motion against a witness who was not cooperating with the deposition process was not considered Thursday after the matter was worked out before the hearing. Washington was charged Dec. 3 with domestic battery and two counts of strangulation stemming from the incident at this home involving the two women.

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DGA MEMO SUGGESTS COMING CHALLENGE TO HOLCOMB ACCESS TO PENCE CASH: The Democratic Governors Association is pushing back on the Holcomb/Crouch campaign having "permissible" access to funds from the disbanding Mike Pence reelection campaign (*Howey Politics Indiana*). In the memo dated Aug. 10, the DGA notes, "Weeks after Eric Holcomb became Mike Pence's handpicked successor, the Indiana GOP remains in disarray over its inability to access Pence's campaign funds. Yesterday, Hoosiers were exposed to the GOP's latest end-around, money-grabbing scheme that appears to violate basic campaign finance regulations." The DGA cited a *Howey Politics Indiana* report: "The Holcomb/Crouch campaign is expecting to recover about $5 million of the reelection funds from Gov. Mike Pence," An informed and reliable campaign source tells HPI, 'It's safe to say that somewhere in the ball park of $5 million will come via direct transfers, in-kind or other legally permissible ways. No one really knows the full amount at this point.'" The DGA explained, "However, this plan appears to be the latest in a long line of legally questionable moves made by Indiana Republicans. it appears the Republican's latest "plan" would violate the law if implemented: (1. Federal law provides that 'only donations from permissible sources that comply with the Act's contribution limits may be used to make disbursements … to non-Federal candidates." FEC Adv. Op. 2007-26 (Schock).' Pence appears to have transferred his federally permissible funds to Holcomb's campaign, after the "oddly precise" initial transfer of $1,248,492.04. (2. The article suggests that the Pence campaign may try to make "in-kind" contributions to get around the restrictions. But in-kind contributions, like monetary contributions, are "subject to the source prohibitions and amount limitations of the Act." FEC Adv. Op. 2006-4 (Tancredo). If the Pence campaign purchases a good or service with funds that are not federally permissible, and provides that to Holcomb's campaign, that violates federal law. (3. The article suggests that there are "legally permissible ways," other than direct transfers, to move $5 million from Pence's campaign to Holcomb's. An unnamed source in an earlier article argued that in the case of individuals who had contributed over the federal limit, funds in excess of the $2,700 limit 'could be returned to the donor, who could then donate it back to the Holcomb campaign.'" The DGA added, "But the FEC addressed that possibility in 2007 and rejected it. In response to Congressman Schock's request to refund the money to donors, the FEC wrote that "[t]he funds identified to be refunded may not also form the basis to fund another disbursement under the proposals outlined in questions 1, 2, and 3 [which involved proposed contributions to state/local party committees and candidates." See FEC Adv. Op. 2007-26. In other words, refunds cannot be provided to donors with the understanding that those funds will, in turn, be provided to the Holcomb campaign."

CLINTON ACCUSES TRUMP OF CROSSING LINE ON RHETORIC: Donald Trump on Wednesday pleaded innocence as the latest firestorm around his campaign refused to die down, saying he wasn't trying to incite violence against Hillary Clinton when he said "Second Amendment people" are the only ones who can stop her from appointing liberal justices to the Supreme Court (*Politico*). Clinton wasn't buying it. "Words matter, my friends, and if you are running to be president or if you are president of the United States, words can have tremendous consequences," she said at a rally in Iowa on Wednesday afternoon. "Yesterday, we witnessed the latest in a long line of casual comments from Donald Trump that crossed the line." Trump on Tuesday touched off another scandal when he suggested gun rights advocates could be the last hope in an effort to stop Clinton from abolishing the Second Amendment through Supreme Court picks. The backlash was swift, with Democrats calling the statement beyond the pale, the Secret Service reporting that it was aware of the remark, and Republicans trying to dismiss the comment as a bad joke. On Wednesday, the furor was still raging. And Trump was still trying to clean up

the mess. "What we're talking about is political power, there's tremendous political power to save the Second Amendment, tremendous," he said on Fox News, an in interview clip posted on Wednesday afternoon. "You look at the power they have in terms of votes and that's what I was referring to, obviously that's what I was referring to and everybody knows it."

STATE DEPT. EMAILS SHED LIGHT ON CLINTON: Newly released State Department emails shed additional light on the relationships Hillary Clinton and her top aides maintained with her family's foundation during the years she served as secretary of state (*Washington Post*). The emails, obtained by the conservative group Judicial Watch as part of a public-records lawsuit, included one in which a longtime aide to Bill Clinton sought a State Department meeting on behalf of a major foundation donor. The aide, Doug Band, who played a role in expanding the foundation's reach, wrote to Hillary Clinton's State Department staff requesting a meeting for a wealthy Nigerian businessman of Lebanese descent who has given the Clinton Foundation $1 million to $5 million in donations, according to disclosure reports. "We need Gilbert Chagoury to speak to the substance person re Lebanon," Band wrote in the email addressed to Huma Abedin and Cheryl Mills, two of Clinton's closest aides at State. "As you know he's a key guy there and to us and is loved in Lebanon. Very imp." Abedin responded with the name of the recent U.S. ambassador to Lebanon, Jeffrey Feltman, who was serving as acting assistant secretary of state for near eastern affairs. She added: "I'll talk to Jeff." As it turned out, Feltman said he never connected with the billionaire. "Gilbert Chagoury never contacted me," he said in response to a question Wednesday from The Washington Post. "I have never met nor spoken to him. No one ever told me he was seeking me out." The exchange sparked an immediate response from Clinton's critics, who say that the Chagoury email along with other State Department correspondence released over the past year as part of various inquiries and lawsuits suggest a pattern in which donors to Clinton causes seem to have received special access to Clinton's State Department. Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump pointed Wednesday to the document release, saying the emails reveal Clinton's "pay to play" approach to governance.

FOX NEWS SAYS SWING STATES LEANING CLINTON: The 2016 battleground map is tilting in Hillary Clinton's favor, according to the latest ratings from the Fox News Decision Team - as recent polling shows the Democrat widening her lead over Donald Trump in a handful of states likely to decide the White House race (*FoxNews*). The latest Fox News "2016 Scorecard" was released Tuesday, and reflects polling conducted after the party conventions in July. While the Democratic presidential nominee's contest with Trump remains tight in most of the battleground states, surveys show her lead widening in New Hampshire, Pennsylvania and Virginia. As a result, the Fox News Decision Team has moved the states from the "toss-up" to the "lean Democrat" category. "The race isn't over in the states we've shifted to leaning Democratic, but it's now clear that Clinton is playing from a position of strength in those states," the Decision Team said in a statement Tuesday, as the new scorecard was released.

NEXT WEEKLY HPI ON AUG. 18: The next weekly edition of *Howey Politics Indiana* will be published on Thursday, Aug. 18.

PENCE SUGGESTS EXPANSION OF MUSLIM BAN: Gov. Mike Pence of Indiana suggested in a radio interview on Monday that Donald J. Trump's proposed ban on Muslims from entering the country could be broadened to include other religions, not just Muslims (*New York Times*). In an interview with Charlie

Sykes, a Wisconsin talk radio host, Mr. Sykes specifically pressed Mr. Pence on his running mate's Muslim ban, asking: "So there's no longer a proposed temporary ban on Muslims? It would be anyone from those countries, including Christians? Jews?" Mr. Pence, seeming to go beyond even the policy proposed by Mr. Trump, did not rule out barring immigrants from other religions, if they were coming from nations or territories that support terrorism. "I think what you heard in the convention speech from Donald Trump, what we've talked about out on the stump, is that we would temporarily suspend from countries, or territories if you will — the caliphate of ISIS obviously expands beyond one country," he said. "But to say that individuals that come from regions or countries that have been compromised by terrorism would, that we would suspend that immigration, I think that's appropriate until we develop a new vetting system." A spokesman for Mr. Pence did not respond to emails seeking clarification.

DEA REFUSING TO REMOVE MARIJUANA FROM SCHEDULE 1: The government on Thursday will refuse again to allow the use of marijuana for medical purposes, reaffirming its conclusion that the drug's therapeutic value has not been proved scientifically, according to government officials, and defying a growing clamor to legalize it for the treatment of a variety of conditions (*Washington Post*). In an announcement scheduled to be in the Federal Register, the Drug Enforcement Administration will turn down requests to remove marijuana from "Schedule I," which classifies it as a drug with "no currently accepted medical use" in the United States and precludes doctors from prescribing it. The decision will keep the federal government at odds with 25 states and the District of Columbia, which have passed laws allowing medical use of marijuana to some degree. Members of Congress have called for its reclassification and on Wednesday, the National Conference of State Legislatures adopted a resolution asking the federal government to remove marijuana from Schedule I.

REV. BARBER URGES LOCAL FAITH LEADERS TO GET POLITICAL: The Rev. William Barber returned to his native Indianapolis Wednesday to urge faith leaders to get more involved in the political process (Heinz, *WRTV*). Barber is a prominent Protestant minister and activist who currently serves as the president of the North Carolina NAACP. He told a room of Indianapolis faith leaders this week that now is the time to stand up and stand together. "I work to conserve a divine tradition that teaches us to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our God," Barber said. "I saw to you tonight, some issues are not left versus right, liberal versus conservative - they are right versus wrong." Barber said faith leaders need to get into the public square and bring their "deepest moral values" from their faith traditions and from the U.S. Constitution. He says that starts with a look at poverty, injustice and racism. Barber says he's urging a "moral revolution." "Where the poor, the least, the left out, the hurting, people who have differences are all honored and respected as children of God, both in our rhetoric and in our policy," Barber said.

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: The 2016 presidential campaign is particularly ugly, but it's not like this is the first American election cursed with irresponsible invective, misinformation and exaggeration. The rapid adoption of world-wide electronic news and social media, employed with sensationalist methods, has exacerbated our differences. Let's not forget the values we all share. The Republic survives thanks in no small part to an educated and informed electorate that may disagree about the nuts and bolts of governance and at the same time manage to get along. - *Mark Curry*



Campaigns

RUSSIAN HACK OF DNC WIDER: A Russian cyberattack that targeted Democratic politicians was bigger than it first appeared and breached the private email accounts of more than 100 party officials and groups, officials with knowledge of the case said Wednesday (*New York Times*). The widening scope of the attack has prompted the F.B.I. to broaden its investigation, and agents have begun notifying a long list of Democratic officials that the Russians may have breached their personal accounts. The main targets appear to have been the personal email accounts of Hillary Clinton's campaign officials and party operatives, along with a number of party organizations. Officials have acknowledged that the Russian hackers gained access to the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, which is the fund-raising arm for House Democrats, and to the Democratic National Committee, including a D.N.C. voter analytics program used by Mrs. Clinton's presidential campaign.

BROOKS, ROKITA FACE NO PROMINENT FOES FOR BALLOT RETURN: Two Indiana Republican members of Congress aren't facing any prominent challengers in their attempts to get back on the November election ballot (*Associated Press*). Candidates for the seats now held by U.S. Reps. Susan Brooks and Todd Rokita faced a Wednesday filing deadline to be considered by Republican precinct committee members during Saturday votes. That's when they will fill ballot vacancies created when Brooks and Rokita withdrew their congressional candidacies to seek the GOP gubernatorial nomination after Gov. Mike Pence became Donald Trump's running mate. They lost to Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb. The two challengers to Brooks include Stephen MacKenzie of Fishers, whom she easily defeated in the May primary. Rokita's three challengers include Kevin Grant of West Lafayette, who lost by wide margins to Rokita in the 2016 and 2014 primaries.

CIVIL RIGHTS PROTECTIONS A PRIORITY, GREGG SAYS: Democratic gubernatorial candidate John Gregg Friday said if he is elected governor, he will address the extending of civil rights protections to all Hoosiers as a priority (de la Bastide, *CNHI*). A large crowd of Madison County Democrats gathered at the Mill Creek Center to welcome Gregg. During an interview with The Herald Bulletin, Gregg said his first act as governor will be addressing the extension of civil rights to the LGBT community, a contentious issue in Indiana since 2014. "Civil rights for everyone are not a social issue," he said. "It's a basic civil right about human dignity." Gregg said he will sign an executive order granting civil rights protections to members of the LGBT community that work for the state. "I will mention it in the State of the State (address), and we will require every company doing business with the state of Indiana grant civil rights protections to their employees." Gregg said Republican mayors in Indiana cities signed the extension of civil rights protections to the LGBT community and that Holcomb is out of step with the Republican Party. Moderate Republicans and independents are the key to this election, he said.

STAR SAYS RGA AD STRETCHES TRUTH ON GREGG AND HILLARY: A Republican Governors Association ad attempts to paint John Gregg as anti-coal by tying him to statements made by Hillary Clinton (Schneider, *IndyStar*). But Gregg has opposed Obama-backed environmental programs and expressed frustration over Clinton's statement. The ad describes Gregg, the Democratic candidate for governor, as one of Clinton's "most vocal supporters." Then it cuts to footage of Clinton at a March event where she said "we're going to put a lot of coal miners and coal companies out of business." Following Clinton's remarks, Gregg released this statement: "Coal industry workers aren't a statistic to me, they're my family and my neighbors, so of course I was disappointed by Secretary Clinton's comments." With all things considered, the ad by the RGA's Right Direction PAC relies almost solely on an out-of-context representation of Clinton's comments. And Gregg breaking with Clinton over her remarks shows that he's willing to think independently. So saying that he'll put Clinton before Hoosiers is a long, long stretch.

YOUNG OUTLINES PLAN TO HELP STUDENTS PAY FOR COLLEGE: Republican senatorial candidate Todd Young went to South Bend to talk about his plan to help students pay for college, a news release stated (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Young has introduced bipartisan legislation to allow for an alternative debt-free student financing option. Young's Investing in Student Success Act would create a debt-free education financing option for students through the use of income share agreements (ISAs). Through an ISA, a student receives educational funding from a private donor. In exchange, the student agrees to pay an agreed-upon percentage of their income for a set number of years once they graduate. No amount of interest is ever charged to the student. Todd's bi-partisan bill also provides a minimum income threshold, as well as annual maximum payment percentage, to protect the student's financial stability. Purdue University, under the leadership of President Mitch Daniels, has started a debt-free education financing program utilizing ISAs called 'Back-a-Boiler' and worked with Young to draft the federal legislation to expand their use. President Daniels has also testified before Congress on the benefits of such an approach.

BAYH SHUNS CRITICISM OF TRUMP, SEEKS CROSSOVER VOTERS: "I'm a Democrat in Indiana," said Paul Tencher, Bayh's campaign manager. "The only way I win is with crossover voters." (Roarty, *Roll Call*). That means breaking with Clinton on key issues (he opposes the nuclear-arms deal with Iran), capitalizing on the goodwill he and his father (former United States Senator Birch Bayh) amassed during decades in public office, and emphasizing his opposition to many free-trade deals like the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement. It also means laying off criticism of the Democratic Party's favorite punching bag, Trump. "[Trump's] not someone we worry about or talk about," said Trencher, who added that the campaign's goal was to give GOP-leaning voters a "permission slip" to vote for Bayh. Republicans say they have a campaign ready to knock down Bayh's strategy - especially when it comes to his decades-long tenure in the public eye. Already, the National Republican Senatorial Campaign has run a TV ad in Indiana highlighting the former senator's support for Obamacare, arguing that he is just another down-the-line liberal. The political committee's spending comes on top of a $1 million buy last month from the Koch-backed Freedom Partners Action Fund. Young and his campaign are arguing, meanwhile, Bayh has turned his back on the Hoosier State after leaving office, spending more time at a home in the nation's capital than Indiana.

BAYH MADE MILLIONS SERVING CORPORATE BOARDS AFTER SENATE: When Indiana Democrat Evan Bayh, who is running for his old Senate seat, left Congress in 2011, he cited dysfunction, gridlock

and the outsize influence of "entrenched" special interests on lawmakers (Reilly, *Huffington Post*). He even floated returning to Indiana to teach, telling Ezra Klein he felt he could "make a bigger difference in a different capacity." He did find a different capacity, though it's not clear he made much difference. Since leaving Capitol Hill, Bayh has cultivated a very lucrative second career in serving on corporate boards, earning nearly $4 million over the last five years. Since 2011, Bayh has served on the board of directors at five corporations: McGraw Hill Education, Marathon Petroleum, Berry Plastics Group, Fifth Third Bancorp and RLJ Lodging Trust. Bayh's campaign denied that the former senator's corporate record will influence his lawmaking. "Hoosiers know Evan as the independent-minded Senator and Governor who put Indiana first and it's why they continue to support him by a huge margin," Bayh campaign manager Paul Tencher told HuffPost in an email. "If elected, Evan will resign these positions but that won't stop his opponents from trying to misrepresent his record. Too bad for them, it just won't work."

COLEMAN SAYS WALORSKI IGNORED HONEYWELL WORKERS: A contract dispute between Honeywell and the United Auto Workers has put more than 300 people out of work for the past three months at the company's South Bend factory (Allen, *South Bend Tribune*). It's a difficult situation that has led several Democratic politicians - including U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly, gubernatorial candidate John Gregg, state Rep. David Niezgodski and South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg - to visit the UAW Local 9 members as they've picketed outside the plant where Honeywell makes airplane brakes and wheels. Lynn Coleman, a Democrat running this year for north-central Indiana's congressional seat, held a press conference on Wednesday morning in front of the plant's main gate along Westmoor Street to ask why incumbent U.S. Rep. Jackie Walorski, R-Jimtown, hasn't been to the site to listen to workers and show her support. "These people are her constituents," Coleman said, referring to the UAW members. "One of the issues we have in this district is everybody is not represented." Several UAW members have contacted Walorski about the Honeywell stalemate, according to union officials. She responded with a letter. "The manufacturing jobs at this facility are the pillars upon which America was built and it is absolutely critical that this dispute be resolved as soon as possible with an agreeable solution for all parties," Walorski wrote.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY CLERK REASSURES VOTERS ON BALLOT SECURITY: When Donald Trump claimed "the election is going to be rigged," it sparked new questions about the possibility of hacking happening locally (Spencer, *WSBT-TV*). Democratic Clerk Terri Rethlake with St. Joseph County said a rigged election would not happen in the county. "If numbers look wrong in a precinct, you can tell right away," said Rethlake. "We're reconciling numbers every day." In St. Joe County, workers tabulate votes, then input into a computer not connected to the internet. Once a 10-day window is up to accept provisional ballots, the final numbers are submitted down state. The office also tests the voting machines before the election; a process that is open and advertised to the public, according to Rethlake. "We don't want anybody to think that nothing is not done with the utmost integrity here in the elections," said Rethlake.



Presidential 2016

SECRET SERVICE QUESTIONS TRUMP CAMPAIGN: A US Secret Service official confirms to *CNN* that the USSS has spoken to the Trump campaign regarding his Second Amendment comments. "There has been more than one conversation" on the topic, the official told CNN. But it's unclear at what level in the campaign structure the conversations occurred. The campaign told the USSS that Donald Trump did not intend to incite violence, according to the official. "No such meeting or conversation ever happened," Trump tweeted in response to *CNN*s report.

TRUMP LASHES OUT AT MORNING JOE: Donald Trump lashed out at Joe Scarborough on Wednesday after the *MSNBC* host urged Republicans to disavow their nominee "Morning Joe's weakness is its low ratings (*Politico*). I don't watch anymore but I heard he went wild against Rudy Giuliani and #2A - sad & irrelevant!" Trump tweeted. On Wednesday morning, Scarborough, a former Republican congressman, criticized the Republican Party for its continued support of Trump on his flagship show, "Morning Joe." "Let me say this to my Republican Party," he said. "You are letting Donald Trump destroy the party. And you've done it from the beginning. We've said from the very beginning when he started blowing himself up. When Paul Ryan endorsed him, that it's only going to get worse. And it just keeps getting worse, doesn't it?" Scarborough's comments came a day after he wrote an op-ed in *The Washington Post* calling for the GOP to drop Trump from the ticket. Scarborough was incensed by Trump's statement that "Second Amendment people" might be the only group able to stop Hillary Clinton from appointing liberal Supreme Court justices. Many took the comment to be a call for violence against Clinton. "A bloody line has been crossed that cannot be ignored," he wrote. "At long last, Donald Trump has left the Republican Party few options but to act decisively and get this political train wreck off the tracks before something terrible happens."

TRUMP ACCUSES CLINTON OF PAY TO PLAY: Donald Trump on Wednesday accused Hillary Clinton of engaging in quid pro quo during her tenure as head of the State Department (*Politico*). Amid a batch of 296 pages of emails released Tuesday, one correspondence showed Bill Clinton aide Doug Band, who also oversaw Clinton Foundation employees, interacting with top Hillary Clinton aides to request a meeting between a Clinton Foundation megadonor and a U.S. ambassador. The April 2009 email correspondence shows Band urging Hillary Clinton aides Huma Abedin and Cheryl Mills to set up a meeting with "the substance person," a reference to Gilbert Chagoury, a Lebanese-Nigerian billionaire whom Band portrayed as a "key guy there and to us and is loved in Lebanon." According to the New York Post, Chagoury has given the foundation between $1 million and $5 million. After Abedin informed Band that she would speak to Jeff Feltman, then an ambassador to Lebanon, he insisted that she call Feltman because "[t]his is very important" and "[h]e's awake, I'm sure." During a rally Wednesday in Abindgon, Virginia, Trump invoked the latest email dump, falsely claiming to supporters that "a thousand … or something" emails were released Tuesday. Former State Department Chief of Staff Cheryl Mills and Hillary Clinton take a break in a hearing of the House Select Committee on Benghazi October 22, 2015. "A couple of very bad ones came out, and it's called pay for play," he said. "And some of these were really, really bad and illegal. If it's true, it's illegal. You're paying and you're getting things."

NRA STANDS BY TRUMP: Donald J. Trump's candidacy has driven away throngs of Republican elected officials, donors and policy experts. But not the National Rifle Association (*New York Times*). With Mr. Trump increasingly isolated and hobbled by controversies of his own making, the powerful gun-rights group has emerged as one of his remaining stalwart allies in the Republican coalition: the institution on the right most aggressively committed to his candidacy, except for the Republican National Committee itself. The association has spent millions of dollars on television commercials for Mr. Trump, even as other Republican groups have kept their checkbooks closed and Mr. Trump's campaign has not run any ads of its own. The N.R.A.'s chief political strategist, Chris Cox, gave a forceful testimonial for Mr. Trump at the Republican convention; Mr. Trump has repeatedly praised Mr. Cox and the association's executive vice president, Wayne LaPierre.

CLINTON UP 6% IN BLOOMBERG POLL: Hillary Clinton holds a six point lead over Donald Trump among likely voters, according to a fresh Bloomberg Politics national poll released Wednesday morning (*Politico*). Fifty percent of the likely voters reached by the new poll say they either support Clinton or are leaning her way, while just 44 percent said the same of Trump. The poll shows the former secretary of state with a smaller advantage than she has in most other recent polls, most of which have lately shown her to hold a double-digit lead. In a four-way race that also includes Libertarian candidate Gary Johnson and the Green Party's Jill Stein, Clinton holds a four-point lead over Trump, 44 percent to 40 percent. Johnson, the former Republican governor of New Mexico, earned the support of nine percent of respondents, while Stein clocked in at four percent.

PENCE APOLOGIZES TO CONGRESSMAN: Mike Pence personally called and apologized to Ohio state Rep. Niraj Antani on Wednesday, after the Republican legislator was denied entrance into a seating area reserved for elected officials at Pence's town hall event (*Politico*). Antani says he had been invited to the event but was denied seating in the V.I.P. area after the Trump campaign objected to an anti-Trump tweet. Antani, 25, who was a delegate for Ohio Gov. John Kasich, had been canvassing his district last Thursday, knocking on doors as is his tradition and asking voters "Is there an issue that you are particularly concerned about?" Afterward, he tweeted: "FWIW, knocking doors in most affluent part of my GOP heavy district, and not one of them has been happy with Trump. All pro @JohnKasich," the tweet read. "I think it was pretty blasé," he told POLITICO.

TRUMP SAYS OBAMA FOUNDED ISIS: Donald Trump is now accusing President Obama of founding the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), which is wreaking havoc from the Middle East to European cities (*CBS News*). "In fact, in many respects, you know they honor President Obama," Trump said Wednesday during a raucous campaign rally outside Fort Lauderdale, Florida. "ISIS is honoring President Obama. He is the founder of ISIS. He is the founder of ISIS, OK? He's the founder! He founded ISIS! And I would say the co-founder would be Crooked Hillary Clinton."

PENCE BLASTS STRICKLAND'S SCALIA REMARK: Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, Republican nominee Donald Trump's running mate, denounced former Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland's remarks about Justice Antonin Scalia's death happening at a "good time" (*CNN*). Strickland, a Democrat who is challenging GOP Sen. Rob Portman, spoke at an AFL-CIO event on Monday in Ohio and emphasized the importance of his party maintaining the White House and winning back a Senate majority. "...The death of Scalia saved labor from a terrible decision," he said, according to a recording issued by the *NTK Network*, which calls

itself a news aggregation site. "And I don't wish anyone ill, but it happened at a good time. Because once that decision had been made, it would have been tough to reverse it." Pence slammed Strickland's remarks, calling them "appalling and "callous."

PENCE BOOED FOR PRAISING KASICH: Republican vice presidential nominee Mike Pence called Ohio Governor John Kasich a "great governor" at a campaign rally in Cambridge, Ohio on Wednesday - and the crowd responded with boos (*CBS News*). Kasich, a former Republican presidential candidate, has withheld his endorsement from Trump and is a frequent critic of the mogul. "Nothing of what Donald Trump's laid out.... none of that's theoretical, because I can honestly tell you as he always tells me to do, it's not hypothetical, it's real," Pence promised about Trump's proposed economic reforms. He cited Kasich's Ohio as an example, " I mean, you've seen it here in Ohio, where you've got a great governor in John Kasich and a great legislature that's been cutting taxes and growing jobs." The crowd promptly booed, but an unfazed Pence just continued with his speech.

FOLEY ATTENDS TRUMP RALLY: Donald Trump on Wednesday night admonished Hillary Clinton for having the father of the Orlando shooter seated behind her at a recent campaign rally (*NBC News*). "Wasn't it terrible?" Trump asked, that Seddique Mateen was "sitting with a big smile on his face right behind Hillary Clinton ... When you get those seats, you sort of know the campaign." But as he said those words, disgraced former Congressman Mark Foley smiled up at him from behind the stage. Foley, a Republican who represented southern Florida, was forced to resign his seat in September 2006 in the wake of allegations that he sent sent suggestive emails and instant messages to congressional pages. The former congressman shared Trump's camera shot, with a smile, for the entirety of the hour-long rally.

FORMER GOP CONGRESSMAN BACKING CLINTON: Chris Shays, a former Republican congressman from Connecticut, says he never voted for a Democratic governor or president (*CBS News*). But the self-proclaimed Kasich enthusiast told CBS News' Nancy Cordes in a Wednesday interview he will be casting a vote for Hillary Clinton in November, making him one of the most recent Republicans willing to cross party lines so as to avoid a Trump presidency. "Donald Trump lost me a long time ago," he declared. "[Kasich] was my first choice, my second choice, my third choice but I've come to realize that my next choice is Hillary Clinton." It wasn't a difficult decision, he added, describing the former secretary of state as "tough" and "smart."

TRUMP LOSING GROUND… IN KANSAS: Kansas is the latest traditionally Republican state where the party's presidential nominee Donald Trump has lost ground (Garcia, *Roll Call*). According to a poll conducted for KSN-TV, Trump would get 44 percent of the vote compared to 39 percent for Hillary Clinton. That's 3 points down from what Trump received in KSN's July poll and Clinton was up 3 points. Mitt Romney won the state in 2012 with almost 60 percent of the vote, while Barack Obama got 38 percent. But Trump has not served as a drag on Republican Sen. Jerry Moran, the poll showed. Moran, who has declined to endorse Trump, is polling at 52 percent and his opponent Patrick Wiesner has only 32 percent of the vote. Rothenberg & Gonzales Political Report/Roll Call rates the race Safe Republican.

PENCE FAVORABILITY BESTS KAINE: Since their respective selections as vice presidential candidates, both Mike Pence and Tim Kaine have become much better known nationwide, but Pence's image has grown significantly more positive over this time than has been the case for Kaine (Swift, *Gallup*). As of now, Republicans are embracing Pence more than Democrats are embracing Kaine. Both Pence's favorable and unfavorable ratings have risen, while the percentage of those who have never heard of him or have no opinion has dropped from 65% before the Republican convention to 39%. His favorable rating has gone up more than his unfavorable rating. Sixty-four percent of Republicans have a favorable impression of Pence, up from 40% in mid-July. He has risen to 33% favorability among independents and even has a 17% score among Democrats, up from a paltry 5% in July. Americans' overall image of Kaine has become somewhat more negative since the beginning of the Democratic convention, contrasting with Pence's more positive movement. The U.S. senator from Virginia and former Virginia governor has a favorable rating of 33%, up from 24% before the convention. But his unfavorable rating has increased from 14% to 30%.

MILWAUKEE RALLY FOR PENCE THIS EVENING: Gov. Mike Pence will be in Milwaukee this evening for a rally at the City Center (*Howey Politics Indiana*).

MEDIA 'OVERWHELMINGLY BIASED' FOR CLINTON, PENCE SAYS: Vice presidential candidate Mike Pence on Wednesday said most of the media is tilting the White House race in Hillary Clinton's favor (Hensch, *The Hill*). "It's two-on-one," the Indiana governor and Donald Trump's running mate said on *Fox News's*"Hannity." "The media's going to continue to do Hillary's work for her. The media is overwhelmingly biased in electing Hillary Clinton the next president of the United States. I think it's amazing. My late father used to say, 'It is what it is.'" Pence cited news coverage this week of Clinton's campaign receiving praise from the father of a mass shooter as one example of unfairness. "The father of the terrorist who took 49 lives in Orlando was sitting behind Hillary Clinton," he said of her rally in Kissimmee, Fla. last Monday. "That got a fraction of the attention that Donald Trump's remarks about protecting the Second Amendment did." Pence then cited stories about GOP reluctance to rally around Trump as more evidence of journalistic prejudice. "We're getting support from members of Congress from literally all over the Congress," Pence said. "Those who are giving their support are not getting anywhere near as much attention as those who say they're not or they're not there yet."

LIBERALS UNHAPPY WITH CLINTON APPEAL TO GOP VOTERS: When the Hillary Clinton team began exploring whether former secretaries of state, such as Henry Kissinger, might back her, liberals warned that would be a step too far (Weigel, *Washington Post*). And the prospect fed a perception that, with a contentious primary behind her, the Democratic nominee has returned to her old, hawkish ways and is again taking progressives for granted. "What does Kissinger, a veritable war criminal, do to help win over these voters?" Alex Shephard asked in the New Republic. Wrote Greg Grandin in the Nation: "Kissinger is a unique monster. He stands not as a bulwark against Donald Trump's feared recklessness and immorality but as his progenitor." Wrote Isaac Chotiner in Slate: "Clinton must exercise the judgment that will be required of her in office. The prospect of Kissinger having influence in a Clinton White House is downright scary." These progressives opposed the national security decisions Clinton made in the Senate and the State Department. They already felt that their questions about her were not answered in the primaries, which is why so many of them backed Sen. Bernie Sanders (Vt.). With his campaign in the rearview mirror, they see Clinton courting the sorts of Republicans they have worked against for decades - and it angers them.



Congress

DONNELLY PARTICIPATES AT PIONEER VILLAGE TODAY: U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly (D-IN) will participate in the Pioneer Village Demonstration at the Indiana State Fair for his latest "Donnelly Day," highlighting the evolution of farming in Indiana to coincide with the state's bicentennial (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Activities Donnelly will partake in may include: wheat threshing using a steam-powered threshing machine, shingle-making, chopping silage, sawing logs, and corn-shelling. A news release indicated that the senator and Indiana Farm Bureau President Randy Kron, as well as members of the Indiana FFA, will also host a media availability and discussion with media about changes in Indiana agriculture over the past 200 years and what they envision in the future.

COATS AT MONTICELLO ROTARY CLUB FRIDAY: U.S. Senator Dan Coats (R-IN) will address the Rotary Club of Monticello and take questions from Club members at noon ET on Friday, a media advisory stated (*Howey Politics Indiana*).

VISCLOSKY ANNOUNCES GREAT LAKES GRANT FOR E. CHICAGO: U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky announced that the Environmental Protection Agency's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) has awarded a grant for the City of East Chicago (*Howey Politics Indiana*). According to a news release, the $175,000 grant will install green infrastructure at Jerose Park to reduce stormwater runoff and filter contaminants before they reach Lake Michigan. According to the EPA, the new instillations will prevent over 290,000 gallons of unfiltered runoff from reaching Lake Michigan. The GLRI was established in 2010 as a way to accelerate efforts to protect and restore the largest system of fresh surface water in the world.



General Assembly

ALEC IMPACTS INDIANA LEGISLATION: Four state lawmakers want Indiana taxpayers to pay for their trip to a private function, I-Team 8 has learned (Haeberle, *WISH-TV*). The lawmakers were among hundreds of legislators, lobbyists and corporate members attending last month's annual conference of the American Legislative Exchange Council. That revelation uncovered by I-Team 8 - that public money might be involved to reimburse those attending a private function - raises new questions about the conference and the influence it has on Indiana's legislators. The controversial conference at the JW Marriott Indianapolis luxury hotel drew both protests and praise from big-name politicians like Indiana Governor and GOP vice presidential candidate Mike Pence. Rep. Tim Wesco, Rep. David Heaton, Rep. Ron Bacon, and state Sen. Jim Buck are the four lawmakers seeking mileage reimbursements for travelling to the conference, according to the information provided through the Legislative Services Agency."I think about one out of four state legislators are members of ALEC. This is a place where you can exchange ideas of what they are doing in different states and how they are approaching things. And I think it's a good exchange of ideas," state Sen. Dennis Kruse said. But critics charge that ALEC is more about buying influence by allowing corporations and their lobbyists exclusive access to lawmakers where they then can together on so-called "model legislation" behind closed doors. An I-Team 8 investigation found that those model policies are often carbon-copied into Indiana's Statehouse. For example, I-Team 8 discovered a resolution pushing for local control of coal emissions was copied word for word from an ALEC resolution. An ALEC-backed policy that called for the repeal of a common construction wage became part of Indiana law last year.

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State

GOVERNOR: TRAILER MANUFACTURER EXPANDING IN ELKHART COUNTY - inTech Trailers, a custom aluminum trailer manufacturer, announced plans today to expand its operations in Indiana, creating up to 60 new high-wage jobs (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The homegrown Hoosier company will invest $1.67 million to expand operations across its campus in Nappanee. inTech Trailers has purchased 3.5 acres of land adjacent to its current property and plans to build a new 42,000-square-foot facility. With construction expected to begin this month, the company will install a full production line to manufacture motorsports trailers at its new facility, requiring new equipment such as saws, forklifts, welding machines, overhead cranes, scaffolds, hydraulic shears and hydraulic brakes. As part of its growth, the company recently completed a renovation of an 8,000-square-foot insulated and heated production facility, which was formerly used for cold storage. The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered inTech Trailers Inc. up to $450,000 in conditional tax credits based on the company's job creation plans. The city of Nappanee will consider additional incentives.

STATEHOUSE: BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTS NEW VICE-CHAIR - The Indiana State Board of Education has elected a new vice-chair (Brown, *Inside Indiana Business*). Cari Whicker succeeds Sarah O'Brien, who announced last month she was stepping down from the board. Whicker is a sixth grade language arts and social studies teacher at Riverview Middle School in Huntington. She was appointed to the SBOE in 2012 by then-Governor Mitch Daniels and reappointed by Governor Mike Pence. O'Brien's resignation was made official following Wednesday's board meeting. O'Brien stepped down in order to care for her daughter, who is dealing with a variety of medical issues.

STATEHOUSE: RITZ SEEKS $4M FROM EX-ISTEP VENDOR - The Indiana Department of Education is seeking $4 million in damages from the state's former testing vendor, CTB/McGraw Hill, as a result of lengthy delays with scoring the 2014-15 ISTEP (Schneider, *IndyStar*). Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz announced details of her agency's claims Wednesday. She said the department is requesting the amount "because of the damages that we've identified that happened during the actual school year and the administration of the test." The state is demanding the payment because of scoring delays with the 2015 test - the first year Hoosier students took a more rigorous test based on new state learning benchmarks. Those delays pushed back setting a pass/fail line for the test that "caused a ripple effect in Indiana's accountability and teacher evaluation system," according to the Department of Education's demand letter sent to CTB in June. The department estimated the damages tied to the delays exceeded $11 million. But the contract with the testing firm had capped damages at $2.4 million. Department of Education spokesman Daniel Altman said the agency is seeking to recover $4 million because it thinks it's an "appropriate amount at this time."

COURTS: NOV. 9 DATE TO HEAR PLANNED PARENTHOOD SUIT - A federal judge has set a November hearing on Planned Parenthood's bid to block a new Indiana mandate that women undergo an ultrasound at least 18 hours before having an abortion (*Associated Press*). The judge in Indianapolis will hear the preliminary injunction request Nov. 9th. Planned Parenthood of Kentucky and Indiana sued the state in July, arguing that the ultrasound mandate is unconstitutional and will prevent some women from getting abortions.

AGRICULTURE: HOOSIER WATERMELONS LOOKING GOOD - Larry Sutter, who works at Southwest Purdue Ag Center in Vincennes tells *WTWO* that this year is a good year for watermelons (Brumfield, *WTWO-TV*). He says the market for watermelons can be questionable at times, because each year is different than the last. According to the USDA Economic Research Service, over one hundred and 120,000 acres of watermelons were grown in the us in 2014, producing 3.2 billion pounds. This is down slightly from the previous two years. But this year, we may be seeing a trend in the opposite direction. "This year the melons have gotten riper, I think a little quicker," says Sutter. "And at least on our farm, than in the past couple of years. The last two years, we've barely had enough ripe watermelons to bring to the watermelon fest. And this year, we've been picking them 2 to 3 weeks ahead. So a little early, a little earlier than normal."

AGRICULTURE: GOOD CONDITIONS COULD MEAN GOOD CROPS - The United States Department of Agriculture is expecting a bumper harvest for corn and soybeans this year (Ropeik, *Indiana Public*

Media). More supply for the same demand might mean lower prices at the grocery store, but it also means less money for farmers. Spokeswoman Megan Kuhn of Indiana's corn and soybean checkoff groups says they're hoping for high quality, as well as quantity, to nudge those prices back up. As of this week, the USDA says 53 percent of Indiana corn is in good condition, with 20 percent considered excellent, both slightly above the 2015 national average. And Kuhn says Indiana isn't the only state doing well. "We're seeing really good crop conditions throughout the U.S., which kind of keeps that price pretty stable," Kuhn says. That's compared to last year, when she says bad weather singled out Indiana's crop. She says it made the effect of low grain prices worse in Indiana than elsewhere in the Midwest. She says agronomists will set the tone for harvest season Friday at the State Fair, when they announce whether crop yields are measuring up to earlier predictions.

Nation

WHITEHOUSE: 72% OF GOP VOTERS DOUBT OBAMA'S CITIZENSHIP - A large majority of registered Republican voters still doubt President Obama's citizenship, according to a recent *NBC News/SurveyMonkey*poll (Savransky, *The Hill*). The poll found that 72 percent of registered Republican voters hold doubts about the president's citizenship. According to the poll, eight in 10 Democrats agree that Obama was born in the U.S. Only 27 percent of Republicans agree with that statement, and 41 percent disagree. Another 31 percent of Republicans said they neither agreed nor disagreed.

PENTAGON: U.S. FACES FIGHTER PILOT SHORTAGE - An acute shortage of Air Force fighter pilots could grow even worse, with nearly a third of all jobs becoming vacant in the coming years, senior service officials said Wednesday (*Washington Post*). Air Force Secretary Deborah James said that the service could be short about 1,000 fighter pilots "in just a couple years," prompting the service to ask Congress for the ability to boost financial incentives to recruit and keep pilots. Data released to The Washington Post this spring indicates there are about 723 fighter pilot vacancies among 3,495 jobs, leaving about 21 percent unfilled.

Local

CITIES: JUDGE DENIES EVANSVILLE MOTION TO DISMISS GUN SUIT - A judge has denied Evansville's latest motion to dismiss a local gun owner's lawsuit accusing the city of violating a state law barring local governments from regulating guns (Wilson, *Evansville Courier & Press*). Vanderburgh County Senior Judge Carl Heldt issued an order denying the city's motion for summary judgement Wednesday afternoon. It is the third time the city has lost a bid to dismiss the lawsuit. Benjamin Magenheimer was removed from Mesker Park Zoo while openly wearing a handgun in September 2011. He filed a lawsuit against the city the same month, claiming his removal violated what was then a new state law barring local governments from regulating guns. Magenheimer's lawsuit was filed under Indiana's Firearms Preemption Act, which bars local governments from regulating guns. The act had been in effect only a few months at the time. The lawsuit has been pending since 2011 while the city has unsuccessfully sought its dismissal, losing two previous motions for a judgement in the city's favor. City attorneys had argued Magenheimer should have filed the lawsuit as a tort claim - the legal means by which citizens can

sue government agencies or their employees - which would have made it invalid because he did not serve proper notice under that law.

CITIES: CARMEL TAX HIKE HIGHER THAN ESTIMATED - Carmel's tax rate increased 19 percent this year, higher than city officials estimated when they approved the 2016 budget (Sikich, *IndyStar*). Homeowners discovered the hike when they paid their spring property taxes. The tax rate rose to 83.56 cents per $100 of assessed valuation from 70.07 cents. After standard deductions are applied, a homeowner with a $200,000 house will pay $111 more in taxes for a total of $2,024 this year, city officials said. The increase would be $87 after the state's 1 percent cap on home value is applied. Officials had estimated the increase would be to 78.94 cents. That means the same homeowner would have seen a $59 increase, IndyStar reported when the budget was approved Oct. 1, 2015. Mayor Jim Brainard had been upfront about the need to increase taxes this year, though he estimated at the lesser amount. During his annual State of the City address in October, Brainard estimated that taxes would increase as the city prepared to undertake a major expansion of infrastructure to keep up with a growing population.

CITIES: BLOOMINGTON TO INSTALL CAMS, INCREASE PATROLS - The city of Bloomington is taking steps to increase safety downtown after a spike in reports of panhandling and crime in the area (Brosher,*Indiana Public Media*). Panhandling is legal in many areas of the city between sunrise and sunset, but Mayor John Hamilton says some of the people asking for help are becoming increasingly aggressive. "I have parks employees who feel the need for police support as they go about their work in some downtown parks," Hamilton says. To help address the issues, the police department will install six cameras as part of a pilot program. Hamilton also announced the creation of a Downtown Safety And Civility Dialogue and Deliberation Project that will gather information and interview stakeholders about issues downtown, with the goal of presenting recommendations to the mayor by the end of the year.

CITIES: CONFLICT OF INTEREST CLAIMS IN SELLERSBURG - Though 29 people applied for the job, the Sellersburg Town Council narrowed its choices for executive secretary to two applicants who both have ties to board members (Beilman, *News & Tribune*). The council couldn't reach a decision on who to hire during Monday's meeting because of possible conflicts of interest. One applicant is Councilman Brad Amos' girlfriend whom he lives with. The other is Councilman Bill Conlin's wife's cousin. In an interview Tuesday, both said they don't believe their connections to the applicants affected their votes on the matter. "[My girlfriend] was the most qualified out of the 29 applicants that applied for this job," Amos said. While acknowledging some may perceive conflict of interest, he looks at the matter as a business decision made in the best interest of the town, he said. And four of five council members ranked her as first or second choice, Amos added. Nepotism law that prohibits council members from hiring relatives does not apply in either instance, but other council members still questioned the connections. "Even an appearance of a conflict of interest is a conflict," Councilwoman Martina Webster said. "Even if the law technically says it's not, it is to me."

COUNTIES: ALLEN PROSECUTOR HEARS NAACP CONCERNS - On Monday, Larry D. Gist, president of the local NAACP, sent out a news release announcing a rally Tuesday evening "to demand answers from Allen County Prosecutor Karen Richards" (Larson, *Fort Wayne News-Sentinel*). The rally was to be in support of family and friends of homicide victims who "have waited years for answers about the cases of

loved ones, only to be passed off - or many times blatantly ignored - by Karen Richards, when inquiring," the news release said. Before the rally Tuesday, Richards met with Gist, Jonathan Ray, president/CEO of the Fort Wayne Urban League, and Carlton Lynch, pastor of New Beginnings Church. "I'm the one who pulled the meeting together," Lynch said. "She called me back within 15 minutes." He said he believes Richards is serious about addressing the concerns presented at the meeting. The 1 hour, 20 minute meeting resulted in a new idea to make it easier for people to provide information to police. Both the NAACP and the Urban League will be liaisons between the community and the prosecutor's office. Ray said if people aren't comfortable coming downtown to talk to police, the Urban League will facilitate a meeting at their facility, or the NAACP at its offices. The police will still conduct the interview, but will do it in a more neutral space than at the Fort Wayne Police Department.

CITIES: SUPPORTERS BACK BARTHOLOMEW SCHOOLS' GENDER POLICY - An ongoing dialogue over the Bartholomew Consolidated School Board's decision to add protections based on gender identity to its antidiscrimination policy took a different turn this week (Covington, Columbus Republic). That difference was an increase in number of people speaking in support of the change. The BCSC board voted May 23 to update the language in its antidiscrimination policy to include protections based on gender identity. The policy had included protections based on transgender status since 2013, and district leaders said this year's change was meant to reflect new language used nationwide to discuss LGBT rights. However, some parents - sometimes in groups as big as 100 or as small as three - attended that May 23 meeting and the four subsequent ones to speak against what they said are possible negative consequences of the updated policy. Nearly 20 residents attended Monday's meeting, with about half of them speaking critically about the policy. The number of supporters at Monday's meeting - about eight - was twice what it has been in the past as parents, educators and local faith leaders spoke in favor of the board's actions.

COUNTIES: WARRICK SWMD PROPOSES 16% BUDGET INCREASE - The Warrick County Solid Waste Management District proposed a 16-percent increase to its budget, leaving some Warrick County Council members worried (Hall, *Evansville Courier & Press*). Warrick County Solid Waste Management District Superintendent Scott Anslinger told the council that most increases will be used to operate the district's newest facility, the Recycling and Processing Center, or to make repairs to insisting structures. The district will receive about $1.4 million in property taxes to fund its budget, leaving almost $1.2 million to be brought in by revenue streams. Most of the $1.2 million will come from profits that the district makes selling recyclables. The district currently accepts recycling from about 8,000 households: about 3,000 from Advanced Disposal's recycling from the town of Newburgh and about 5,000 of Renewables Resources' customers with the district's curbside program. In the first six months of accepting recyclables, the district has made about $65,000.

COUNTIES: BARTHOLOMEW COUNCIL TO HIRE FINANCIAL ADVISOR - Budget shortfalls facing Bartholomew County are likely overstated. That's the message from county officials (*WCSI*). The County Council met Tuesday night and the upcoming budget dominated much of the meeting. Talk was focused on early figures released by the state's Department of Local Government Finance, which estimated that tax caps will have almost twice the impact as they did this year, resulting in an approximate $1.5 million shortfall in 2017. Barb Hackman, County Auditor, explained that those figures relied on false data that assumed that the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp. would eat up additional tax dollars. She told the body that she spoke with BCSC leaders, who assured her that the school corporation's tax-rate will remain largely unchanged. Council President Bill Lentz then began talking about the possibility of hiring a

financial advisor. He explained, that in anticipation of next week's budget sessions, an advisor is needed, especially after the recent retirement of the county's previous advisor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Campaigns

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

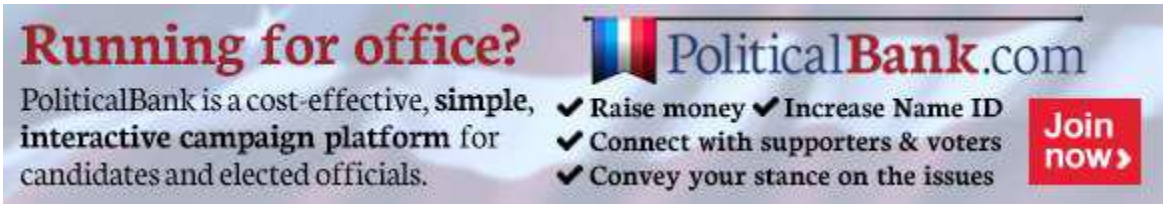
EMAILS RENEW QUESTIONS ABOUT CLINTON FOUNDATION: A new batch of State Department emails released Tuesday showed the close and sometimes overlapping interests between the Clinton Foundation and the State Department when Hillary Clinton served as secretary of state (Lichtblau, *New York Times).* The documents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

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

Congress

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

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



General Assembly

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

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

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

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

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State

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nation

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



Local

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sports

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

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HOLCOMB CAMPAIGN EXPECTS UP TO $5M IN PENCE FUNDS: The Holcomb/Crouch campaign is expecting to recover about $5 million of the reelection funds from Gov. Mike Pence (*Howey Politics Indiana*). An informed and reliable campaign source tells *HPI*, "It's safe to say that somewhere in the ball park of $5 million will come via direct transfers, in-kind or other legally permissible ways. No one really knows the full amount at this point." The knowledgeable source said that while the Pence campaign posted $7.5 million on the June 30 mid-year report, in reality the campaign was never prepared to turn that much over to the new gubernatorial nominee who became Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb on July 26. At the time of the mid-year report, the source said, the Pence campaign believed the governor was likely to be nominated for vice president by Donald Trump. "Pretty much at that point, they knew they were being vetted for vice president, there were still expenditures, but the revenues stopped." The source told *HPI* that "The folks over at the Pence campaign knew about this possible scenario and they were prepared for this. They were not caught flat-footed. They knew they would have to have a plan" to transfer funds. The Holcomb source acknowledged that prior to Pence being officially nominated on July 19 at the Republican National Convention and accepting that nomination on July 20, the Pence campaign could have transferred $5 million in funds to the Republican Governors Association, the Indiana Republican Party or Holcomb, who Pence endorsed on July 22. When Gov. Pence was nominated, the Pence funding fell under the guise of the Federal Election Commission rules. Had the Pence campaign made that transfer prior to the nomination, Holcomb could have had immediate access to the bulk of the funds. Instead, only $1.25 million has been transferred as of Monday, that coming on July 29. The source said that the Pence campaign will refund an unspecified amount of money to the RGA, which could then infuse the Holcomb campaign with similar amount. The source also cited page 6 in an FEC advisory that said the Pence committee can refund donors "as permitted by state law." The source said that those funds come under an FEC formula. "A donation made a month ago would get a larger refund than one made four months ago." The Pence campaign has not responded to *HPI* requests for comment.

TRUMP UNVEILS ECONOMIC PLAN: Donald J. Trump sought to move beyond a week of turmoil on Monday, turning his attention to the economy with a major policy address in which he cast himself as a president who could bring new jobs and prosperity and warning that his rival, Hillary Clinton, would be a steward of stagnation (*New York Times*). Mr. Trump, who has argued that his background as a real estate developer qualifies him to steer the world's largest economy, highlighted how his economic vision differs from that of Mrs. Clinton, warning that she would merely continue the policies of the Obama administration. In Mr. Trump's estimation, those have failed. Mr. Trump chose Detroit as his backdrop to unveil plans to overhaul the tax code, rethink America's energy policy and tear up trade agreements. He reiterated a call to put America first. "It will be American hands that rebuild this country," he said in his address at the Detroit Economic Club. "It will be American workers who are hired to do the job." Calling Mrs. Clinton "the candidate of the past," Mr. Trump said, "Ours is the campaign of the future." In the address, interrupted several times by protesters, Mr. Trump called for "a conversation about how to make America great again for everyone, and especially those who have the very least." But the economic agenda Mr. Trump described included many traditionally Republican policies that offer little to no direct benefit to working-class Americans, while giving a considerable financial boost to the wealthiest. For example, Mr. Trump called for ending what Republicans label the "death tax." He did not mention that the estate tax currently exempts the first $5.45 million for an individual and $10.9 million for a married couple — meaning that only the very wealthy pay even a dime.

TRUMP/PENCE FUNDRAISER SET FOR EVANSVILLE: The Republican presidential ticket of Donald Trump and his running mate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, will attend a fundraiser Aug. 15 at the home of businessman Steve Chancellor on Henze Road in Evansville (Martin, *Evansville Courier & Press*). Plans for the event materialized quickly, according to Wayne Parke, Vanderburgh County Republican Party chairman. He said he has been told of no public appearances during the visit by either Trump or Pence. "This is being driven by the Trump/Pence campaign and by Chancellor's office," Parke said. "(The local GOP) is informed, but we're not in the driver's seat." The minimum donation for a couple to attend is $10,000, according to the invitation. For photo opportunities and access to the VIPs, donations can go to $25,000, $100,000 and $250,000. In addition to Trump and Pence, special guests are listed as Sen. Dan Coats and his wife, GOP National Committeewoman Marsha Coats; Rep. Todd Young, who is the Republican candidate to replace Dan Coats in the Senate; Rep. Larry Bucshon; Rep. Marlin Stutzman; Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb, the Republican candidate for governor and his lieutenant governor running mate Suzanne Crouch; and Rep. Brett Guthrie of Kentucky.

SECRET SERVICE PUTS PENCE SCHEDULE UNDER WRAPS: Under a new U.S. Secret Service policy, reporters are not allowed to publicize Gov. Mike Pence's official schedule in advance (Kelly, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). For instance, a story can't say "Tomorrow morning Gov. Mike Pence will be petting cows at the Indiana State Fair." Up until this week, Gov. Mike Pence's official events have always been made public at least a day beforehand. His office has regularly released his schedule to reporters and posted the advisory on his website - often leading to tweets telling Hoosiers about his upcoming whereabouts - whether it be ribbon-cuttings, speeches or other appearances. But that changed last week when a schedule for the Republican vice presidential nominee was sent to reporters saying "MEDIA LOGISTICS BELOW ARE FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY, NOT FOR REPORTING." They are also no longer posted online. Reporters are allowed to tweet, write and air the events as they happen.

DESPERATE RNC MOVE TO DUMP TRUMP: Desperate conservatives have circulated a petition calling for the Republican National Committee to host a special meeting where Donald Trump could be replaced as the party's presidential nominee (*Associated Press*). Organizers — some of the same Republicans who tried to prevent Trump from winning the GOP nomination — acknowledge the effort is a long shot at best. But fearing an Election Day disaster, they have appealed to RNC members across the nation in recent days to intervene. "Desperate times call for desperate measures," Regina Thomson, executive director of a political action committee known as the GOP Accountability Project, wrote in an e-mail distributed to RNC members over the weekend and obtained by The Associated Press. "Donald J. Trump is a disaster," Thomson wrote, attaching a copy of the petition in the message. "His post-convention behavior has been deplorable." Indiana RNC National Committeewoman Marsha Coats has endorsed Coats and is still backing him, according to Matt Lahr, a spokesman for U.S. Sen. Dan Coats, who is a host for a Trump/Pence fundraiser in Evansville on Aug. 15 (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Committeeman John Hammond III is also a host of that fundraiser.

50 GOP NATIONAL SECURITY EXPERTS PAN TRUMP: Donald Trump's effort to appeal to establishment Republicans suffered another setback on Monday as 50 senior GOP national security officials warned in a new letter that Trump would "risk our country's national security and well-being" (*Politico*). The signatories of the letter, which was first reported by The *New York Times*, all worked in Republican administrations, with many serving as top aides to President George W. Bush. They said none

of them would be voting for Trump. "Trump lacks the character, values, and experience to be President," they wrote. "He weakens U.S. moral authority as the leader of the free world. He appears to lack basic knowledge about and belief in the U.S. Constitution, U.S. laws, and U.S. institutions, including religious tolerance, freedom of the press, and an independent judiciary." The letter signers include Michael Hayden, the former director of the CIA and the National Security Agency, two former secretaries of homeland security, and John Negroponte, who served as director of national intelligence and deputy secretary of state. None of the living Republican former secretaries of state signed the letter. Trump responded to the letter in a statement issued by his campaign, blaming the signees for the Iraq War and accusing them of profiting off their positions. "The names on this letter are the ones American people should look to for answers on why the world is a mess," Trump said in the statement. "These insiders — along with Hillary Clinton — are the owners of the disastrous decisions to invade Iraq, allow Americans to die in Benghazi, and they are the ones who allowed the rise of ISIS."

INDIANA VOTER ID LAW DIFFERENT THAN OVERTURNED ONES: Indiana's voter identification law differs from recently overturned laws in other states that legal experts say have caused disenfranchisement among minorities (*Associated Press*). The U.S. Supreme Court upheld Indiana's law in the 2008 decision in Crawford v. Marion County Election Board, inspiring more strict laws that federal courts have struck down, the Bloomington Herald-Times reported. Michael Pitts, a professor of law and a dean's fellow at Indiana University's Robert H. McKinney School of Law in Indianapolis, said the state's voter ID law provides ways to get around showing photo identification. People older than 65 can vote an absentee ballot via mail without showing identification, and there's an opportunity to sign an affidavit saying a person can't obtain an ID because of serious financial limitations or religious objections to being photographed. The same can't be said for laws that followed the 2008 decision upholding Indiana's law, experts said.

IU'S LILLY KING WINS GOLD MEDAL: Lilly King's Olympic dreams came true Monday night (Beard,*Evansville Courier & Press*). King won the gold medal in the 100-meter breaststroke at the Rio Olympics, setting an Olympic record with her time of 1:04.93. The former record was 1:05.17 set by Leisel Jones of Australia. She also beat Russian rival Yulia Efimova by more than a half second. Efimova swam 1:05.50. King's Indiana University teammate, Katie Meili, won the bronze medal in 1:05.69 to give the U.S. the top two finishers. Defending Olympic gold medalist Ruta Meilutyte of Lithuania was seventh in 1:07.32. King told NBC after the win that she had told Meili in the ready room, "In 15 minutes our lives are going to change." The two Hoosiers made good on that statement. From first dive to last, David Boudia and Steele Johnson performed as the Olympic silver medalists they became in an hour's time (*IndyStar*). It was all those other hours – not only in training, but in overcoming other struggles – that propelled the divers onto the podium. They gave Hamilton County one medal at the Rio Olympics, or one fewer than host Brazil and as many as sports heavyweights Spain and France. Boudia, 27, of Noblesville, and Johnson, 20, of Carmel, finished second Monday in synchronized 10-meter platform.

CLARK COUNTY ZIKA CASE DUE TO TRAVELER: Clark County health officials say that while a Sellersburg man that has tested positive for Zika contracted it from traveling, the county has precautions in place to help keep it from spreading *(News & Tribune)*. After the case was discovered lat last week, the Clark County Health Department began collected batches of mosquitoes in Sellersburg to test for presence of either of the two species that can carry the virus, aedes albopictus and aedes aegypti, in the surrounding area. "We normally see either no mosquitoes that transmit Zika, or a very small number, maybe two, three, five, on a typical collection for more than 24 hours," Dr. Kevin Burke, Clark County

health officer said. "This particular (sample) we counted this weekend had 16 albopictus. So that's a little bit of a concern." But Burke cautioned the public not to panic, only to be vigilant. "I don't think people need to be panicky, or frightened because I doubt this is indicative of upcoming [transmittal]," he said. "I think this is a travel-related case but we are doing the things that put us in a position to quickly detect whether or not there are viruses in the mosquitoes."

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: Wander Indiana Redux. I am underwhelmed by the three proposed BMV license plates. Wondering why just one design firm was contracted for the three proposed plates, as opposed to opening up to other firms. My vote? I guess it would be the plate showing the state and flag with "The Hoosier State" slogan. I think the shape of the state should be on the plate. - *Brian A. Howey*



Campaigns

LT. GOV. CANDIDATES DEBATE AG ISSUES THIS AFTERNOON: Hoosier voters have the opportunity to hear lieutenant gubernatorial candidates weigh in on the state of agriculture this afternoon (Redman, Inside Indiana Business). Republican Suzanne Crouch and Democrat Christina Hale will debate beginning at 2 p.m. at the Indiana State Fair. The candidates will face questions from a panel that includes Megan Conant, Indiana farm director, Brownfield Network; John Ketzenberger, president, Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute and Gary Truitt, president, Hoosier Ag Today. The event is hosted by AgrIInstitute. Inside INdiana Business host Gerry Dick will moderate the event.

KNOX COUNTY FLAVOR TO GOV RACE: When Knox County voters go to polls in November their choice for governor will be between a favorite son and a prodigal cousin with strong local ties. On the Democrat side is John Gregg, a longtime state representative, former Indiana House Speaker, attorney and former Vincennes University President. Gregg grew up in Sandborn in northern Knox County and still lives there (Grant, *Washington Times-Herald*). On the Republican side is Eric Holcomb, who grew up and now lives in Indianapolis, but has some powerful ties to Knox County. Both of his parents grew up in Knox County and met while attending Vincennes University. Holcomb also lived in Vincennes for several years while serving on the staff of Eighth District Congressman John Hostettler and even made an unsuccessful run for the Legislature while living there. Holcomb often refers to Vincennes as his second home. Holcomb and Gregg are not just familiar with each other after their years in Knox County politics, but the voters know them well. Even Knox County Republican Chairman Linda Painter grew up going to school and church with Gregg. "John was a year ahead of me in school," said Painter. "I just can't say

anything negative about him." "We're the home to Indiana's history and I guess this race will just add another chapter to it," said Knox County Democratic Party Chairman Sandy Stewart. "You know Eric worked in Knox County for so many years and he was so active politically, as a resident you can't help but be proud. This is great for the county to have the two candidates for governor being tied so closely to this area."

YOUNG CAMPAIGN MAKES 800K VOTER CONTACTS: The U.S. Senate campaign of Republican Todd Young has made more than 800,000 voter contacts (Howey Politics Indiana). "Through the help of over 750 volunteers, we have made over 800,000 voter contacts with over 70,000 of those being person-to-person contact through door knocking," the Young campaign said in a fundraising email to supporters. "It's clear that Hoosiers are invested in sending a Marine to clean up the mess in Washington. They are looking for a Senator who gives them the time of day by living in the state and listening to their concerns. They don't want a Senator who is a creature of Washington and simply leans on blanketing the airwaves with TV ads."

GREGG ATTENDS NEW ALBANY FUNDRAISER THIS EVENING: Democratic candidate for governor John Gregg will attend a fundraiser in New Albany from 5:30-7:30 p.m. today.

YOUNG CAMP TARGETS BAYH ON OBAMACARE: An email from Trevor Foughty, campaign manager for Todd Young for U.S. Senate, targets the Republican's opponent, former U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh, a Democrat, for his 2009 vote in support of Obamacare and his later opposition to parts of the bill (*Howey Politics Indiana*). In discussing negotiations surrounding passage of the bill, the Associated Press reported in 2009 that Bayh had secured a reduction for a $40 billion tax on medical devices - possibly in support of Guidant Corp., a Hoosier-based maker of cardiovascular devices. "It's well-documented that Bayh was the deciding vote for Obamacare, despite the protests of Hoosiers who opposed it," the email read. Foughty points to an article written by Bayh and published in the Sept. 27, 2012 Wall Street Journal that begins "The Supreme Court decision in June upholding the Affordable Care Act leaves in place a tax on medical devices that threatens thousands of American jobs and our global competitiveness." Foughty suggests the 2012 article was written after Bayh's employer, McGuireWoods Consulting, was paid $2.125 million to oppose the bill. "It's also worth noting that Bayh's op-ed decrying parts of Obamacare only came after his firm was hired," Foughty wrote.

SENATE RACE GOING NEGATIVE: Indiana's race for U.S. Senate between Republican Todd Young and Democrat Evan Bayh is going negative with no end in sight (Smith, *Indiana Public Media*). Almost immediately after Evan Bayh entered the race just a few weeks ago, the Young campaign - and its national GOP backers - started their attacks, focusing on whether Bayh really lives in Indiana. The negativity even permeates the two candidates' personal interactions. Here's Bayh and Young greeting each other at the State Fair: Bayh: "Hey Todd, how are you?" Young: "Did you just fly in this morning?" Bayh: "No, we were here for several days." Bayh says the campaign doesn't need to be negative. "I think we should stick to the issue, what the positive things we hope to accomplish are. That's certainly why I'm running," Bayh says. "If Congressman Young wants to attack me, that's his choice." Yet the Democratic Senate Campaign Committee also put out an attack ad focused on Young calling Social Security "flawed" and a "Ponzi scheme."

DEMOCATS FILL BALLOT IN GOP-HEAVY HAMILTON COUNTY: Hamilton County voters will have candidates on both sides of the ballot this year (Erdody, *Indianapolis Business Journal*). Democrats have appointed candidates to run for all of the local offices in the heavily Republican county - something that hasn't happened since 2004. Of course, Democrats will be hoping for a better outcome this time around. In 2004, none of the Democrats won their races. In 2012 - the last time all of these offices were up for grabs - no Democrats ran in the county races. In 2008, a few Democrats were on the ballot, but none were successful. Democrat Jeff Curts ran against Dillinger for County Commissioner District 2, and Democrats Christopher Brown and Jeff Gilliam ran for County Council at-large.

JUDGMENT DAY FOR SPEAKER RYAN: What should have been a fairly routine primary challenge for House Speaker Paul Ryan has now become a symbol of Republican Party problems: A fight pitting the establishment against GOP rebels, and their controversial presidential nominee against Washington leadership (*NBC News*). Before last week, few people even knew — or cared — that Ryan's primary for re-election was approaching. But when Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump said he wasn't ready to endorse Ryan and then praised his Republican challenger, Paul Nehlen, the political spotlight shined directly on Tuesday's contest. While Ryan remains a heavy favorite, national reporters descended upon Wisconsin's first congressional district, which he has represented in Congress for 16 years, to tell the tale of what could be the latest and greatest upset of a member of Republican leadership (House Majority Leader Eric Cantor unexpectedly lost his primary to upstart and college professor Dave Brat in 2014).



Presidential 2016

10% LEAD FOR HILLARY IN NBC/SURVEY MONKEY POLL: Hillary Clinton's lead over Donald Trump has grown to double-digits in yet another poll (*Politico*). The former secretary of state holds a 10-point advantage, 51 percent to 41 percent, over the Manhattan billionaire in a new *NBC News/Survey Monkey Poll.*Clinton's lead over Trump among poll respondents is up two points relative to a week ago and up nine points since the end of the Democratic National Convention.

CLINTON HAS 13% LEAD IN MONMOUTH POLL: Hillary Clinton's post-convention bounce has been amplified through the weekend, giving the Democratic presidential nominee a double-digit lead among likely voters, according to a new poll released Monday *(Politico*). The Monmouth University survey shows

Clinton leading the flagging GOP nominee Donald Trump, 50 percent to 37 percent, among likely voters. Libertarian Party nominee Gary Johnson is at 7 percent, and Green Party nominee Jill Stein is at 2 percent. Only 3 percent of likely voters are undecided. In a poll conducted immediately before the two national party conventions last month, Clinton only had only a 2-point lead among likely voters, 45 percent to 43 percent.

OTHER GOP SECURITY SIGNATORIES: Among the most prominent Republican national security signatories in the letter opposing a Donald Trump presidency are Michael V. Hayden, a former director of both the C.I.A. and the National Security Agency; John D. Negroponte, who served as the first director of national intelligence and then deputy secretary of state; and Robert B. Zoellick, another former deputy secretary of state, United States trade representive and, until 2012, president of the World Bank (*New York Times*). Two former secretaries of Homeland Security, Tom Ridge and Michael Chertoff, also signed, as did Eric S. Edelman, who was Vice President Dick Cheney's national security adviser and as a top aide to Robert M. Gates when he was secretary of defense. Robert Blackwill and James Jeffrey, two key strategists in Mr. Bush's National Security Council, and William H. Taft IV, a former deputy secretary of defense and ambassador to NATO, also signed. Mr. Blackwill, a former aide to Henry A. Kissinger, is expected to endorse Mrs. Clinton this week. Missing from the signatories are any of the living Republican former secretaries of state: Mr. Kissinger, George P. Shultz, James A. Baker III, Colin L. Powell and Condoleezza Rice.

McMULLIN TO RUN AS GOP ALTERNATIVE: Evan McMullin, the former chief policy director for Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives, will offer discontented members of his party an option this November by launching an independent, conservative bid for president (*Politico*). "In a year where Americans have lost faith in the candidates of both major parties, it's time for a generation of new leadership to step up," McMullin said in a statement to *ABC News*. "It's never too late to do the right thing, and America deserves much better than either Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton can offer us. I humbly offer myself as a leader who can give millions of disaffected Americans a conservative choice for President." Citing "multiple sources" in a series of posts to Twitter, MSNBC host Joe Scarborough was the first to announce McMullin's bid. He said McMullin will kick off his campaign Monday and has "the backing of key $$ contributors in the Republican Party."

SEN. COLLINS WON'T VOTE FOR TRUMP: Sen. Susan Collins joined the growing list of Republicans who say they aren't supporting Donald Trump in the general election (*Politico*). "Donald Trump does not reflect historical Republican values nor the inclusive approach to governing that is critical to healing the divisions in our country," she wrote in a piece for The *Washington Post*. The senior senator from Maine lists three major incidents as explanations for why she can't support Trump: She cited Trump mocking a reporter with disabilities, his comments that an Indiana-born judge of Mexican heritage is biased against him and his attacks against the parents of Army Capt. Humayun Khan, who spoke at the Democratic National Convention, as reasons she will buck her party's nominee. "My conclusion about Mr. Trump's unsuitability for office is based on his disregard for the precept of treating others with respect, an idea that should transcend politics. Instead, he opts to mock the vulnerable and inflame prejudices by attacking ethnic and religious minorities," she wrote.

PENCE COMMUNICATES FOR TRUMP: Their job descriptions are similar, but their day-to-day responsibilities couldn't be more different (*Politico)*. Mike Pence, the GOP vice presidential nominee, is straining to hold the Republican Party's conservative tent together amid the tumultuous campaign of his running mate Donald Trump. He's consistently forced to address the latest bout of controversy in his calm, workmanlike demeanor. Tim Kaine's got it easy by comparison. The Virginia senator is merely augmenting Hillary Clinton's message, serving as a down-home articulator of long-held Democratic policy values. The selections of Kaine and Pence have done little to change the broad contours of the race, which is showing signs of drifting away from Republicans three months out from Election Day. But the utilization of each candidate is revealing as the election winds through the sleepy month of August before it heats up next month with debates and voters' returns from vacation. Pence is working assiduously to reassure nervous Republicans that Trump is a champion for the military and a strong standard-bearer for their party. Kaine doesn't have to vouch for Clinton — his role is to raise money, badger Trump and put a folksy voice behind Clinton's policy plans that are a mix of congressional Democrats' and Sanders's populist policies. "He's the one that people can go to when they're trying to understand the message," said one prominent Indiana Republican operative of Pence. "To people who don't understand Trumpism … he's the one who communicates to them."

PENCE SAYS TRUMP GETTING TO KNOW RYAN: With just over 90 days before the election, the Republican nominee for president and republican Speaker of the House are still working on their relationship, according to Indiana Gov. Mike Pence (*CBS News*). Pence called into WTMJ's Midday with Charlie Sykes and attempted to explain away the seemingly disjointed levels of support for Ryan coming from the Trump campaign. The Republican vice presidential nominee, who served with Ryan in Congress for twelve years, told Sykes that he considers Ryan and his family among his closest friends. He described Donald Trump's endorsement of Speaker Paul Ryan on Friday night at a rally in Green Bay as "an unqualified expression of support" and explained that their troubles over the last week -- Trump has initially refused to endorse Ryan -- amounted to nothing more than simple growing pains. "Early in the week it was just reflective of the fact that these two men are still getting to know each other. I mean, at the end of the day, even in politics it takes a little bit of time for people to get to know each other" Pence told Sykes, adding, "I think you are going to see that relationship personally and politically grow stronger everyday".

HILLARY CLAIMS ECONOMIC PLAN WILL ADD 215K HOOSIER JOBS: Hillary for Indiana announced new analysis that shows Indiana could add nearly 215,000 jobs under Hillary Clinton's economic plans, while it could lose 70,000 jobs under a Donald Trump presidency, according to an email from her campaign *(Howey Politics Indiana*). The findings are based on two recent reports by Moody's economist and former adviser to John McCain, Mark Zandi. The email stated that Zandi's analysis showed that under Clinton's plans, the economy overall would create 10.4 million jobs nationwide while under Trump, the economy would lose 3.4 million jobs and the nation would plunge into a "lengthy recession." Clinton has pledged to make the largest investment in good-paying jobs since World War II in her first 100 days in office.

CLINTON RIPS TRUMP ECONOMIC PLAN: Hillary Clinton responded to Donald Trump's economic address on Monday, calling Trump's vision a "repackag[ing]" of "trickle-down economics" (*CBS News).* "He's got -- I don't know -- a dozen or so economic advisors he just named, hedge fund guys, billionaire guys, six guys named Steve," she said, speaking at a campaign rally in St. Petersburg just a few hours after Trump's speech in Detroit. "Now, they tried to make his old, tired ideas sound new." But,

Clinton said, Americans "all know" that Trump's proposals "will give super big tax breaks to large corporations and the really wealthy." "Just like him and the guys who wrote the speech, right?," she said. To cheers in the room, Clinton said "we're going to turn that upside down -- we're going to make the wealthy pay their fair share in taxes for a change!"

TRUMP ABANDONS STANDARD DEDUCTION: When Donald Trump first rolled out his tax plan last October, it contained a major boon for the middle-class -- a near quadrupling of the standard income-tax deduction, to $25,000 for individuals and $50,000 for couples filing jointly (*Bloomberg News*). But when Trump updated his plan with an eye toward controlling its costs on Monday, he didn't mention the standard deduction at all -- calling into question just how much benefit his plan has for lower- and middle-class taxpayers. In its original form, the Republican presidential nominee's plan was set to exempt about 70 million lower-income Americans from paying any taxes at all -- and offer cuts to middle-income taxpayers, who are most likely to use the standard deduction. When that provision didn't make it into Trump's speech on economic policy Monday, observers were left to wonder just how much his revamped proposals will benefit lower- and middle-income Americans. One of the "big question marks" in Trump's speech to the Detroit Economic Club was "what is he doing with the standard deduction," said Kyle Pomerleau, director of federal projects at the conservative-leaning Tax Foundation in Washington.

KHANS BLAME TRUMP FOR GROWING INTOLERANCE: Khizr and Ghazala Khan, the Gold Star parents whose appearance at the Democratic National Convention created a firestorm for Donald Trump, say they felt compelled to speak out because the welcome they felt when they immigrated to the United States nearly four decades ago is eroding in the face of this year's presidential campaign (*USA Today*). Even the decision to wear a hijab, the traditional head scarf worn by some Muslim women including Ghazala Khan, has become the source of anxiety. "You see people wearing scarves, people are pointing fingers at them and throwing them out of flights and calling them names when they pass by and all of that," Khizr Khan, 66, said on Capital Download. "Most Americans are against this kind of nonsense, but there is an element that has gotten voice, has been encouraged by this political rhetoric, and especially this election season has made it worse." He says Trump's call to ban all Muslim immigrants — a position the Republican nominee has since modified — and his provocative statements against Mexicans and others bear some of the responsibility for a loss of civility and restraint. "The voices that wouldn't dare because they were afraid of the decent America to condemn them ... have gathered courage to show their ugliness," he told USA TODAY's weekly video newsmaker series.

2 BENGHAZI PARENTS SUE CLINTON: The parents of two of the four Americans who died in the Benghazi attack in 2012 filed a lawsuit Monday against Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton, alleging her "reckless handling" of classified information contributed to their deaths (*Fox News*). The case was filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia by Larry Klayman of Freedom Watch USA on behalf of Patricia Smith, the mother of Sean Smith, and Charles Woods, the father of Tyrone Woods, for allegedly wrongfully causing the death of their sons as well as for defamation and intentional and negligent infliction of emotional distress. The lawsuit suggests that Clinton's use of a private email server contributed to the deaths of Smith and Woods, adding that terrorists were able to "obtain the whereabouts of Ambassador Christopher Stevens and thus the U.S. State Department and covert and other government operations in Benghazi, Libya and subsequently orchestrate, plan, and execute the now infamous September 11, 2012 attack."

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TAYLOR TO UNVEIL HATE CRIME PROPOSAL THIS MORNING: State Sen. Greg Taylor (D-Indianapolis) will host a press conference this morning at the Statehouse to preview a legislative proposal that would add clear bias motivated hate crime language to Indiana state code (*Howey Politics Indiana*).

BEHNING LAUDS CHANGES AT INDY PUBLIC SCHOOLS: "In his few years as superintendent of Indianapolis Public Schools, Dr. Lewis Ferebee, together with his team, has made a significant difference in the performance and perception of one of our state's largest school districts," according to a news release from State Rep. Bob Behning (R-Indianapolis) (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "In fact, IPS has already begun to see improvements in graduation rates and third grade reading scores. Achieving this turnaround has not been easy. The district is outperforming many comparable urban school systems across the nation in graduating African American males. IPS is transforming longstanding practices that have reflected disproportional disciplinary consequences. IPS has recently been invited twice to join White House discussions, providing Dr. Ferebee an opportunity to highlight on a national platform the district's dramatic reduction in suspensions and expulsions, and its impactful community-wide charge to create student employment and apprenticeship opportunities. Rebuilding an underperforming district like IPS into a 21st century school system focused on excellence, requires vision, commitment and great leadership."



State

GOVERNOR: PENCE ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF CLAUSON - Gov. Mike Pence issued the following statement after learning of the passing of Bryan Clauson (*Howey Politics Indiana*): "Karen and I were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Noblesville's Bryan Clauson. He was a tremendous competitor and his incredible talent was evident, from the Hoosier state's many short tracks to the famed Indianapolis Motor Speedway. He was deeply respected by his fellow competitors and beloved by his family. As we pause to honor the passing of a Hoosier racing champion, let us keep the Clauson family and his fiancée, Lauren, in our thoughts and prayers."

MILITARY: INDIANA GUARD TO GITMO - About 60 Indiana National Guard soldiers are being deployed to the Guantanamo Bay detention center in Cuba (*Indiana Public Media)*. National Guard officials say the members of the 38th Infantry Division were recognized during a departure ceremony Sunday at the main Guard armory in Indianapolis. Guard officials say the Indiana soldiers will be involved in operations of the U.S. prison for terror suspects. They will be replacing 60 other Indiana Guardsmen who departed in November. The Indiana soldiers will finish their training at Fort Bliss, Texas, before heading to Cuba.

DEVELOPMENT: DUKE, CSX ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY IN LEBANON - A special transportation announcement is scheduled this morning in Lebanon (Redman*, Inside Indiana Business*) Indianapolis-based Duke Realty Corp. says the news conference will address the expansion of transportation and logistics options in central Indiana. Representatives from CSX Transportation, Duke Realty, the City of Lebanon, and the Boone County Economic Development Corp. will be in attendance.

ENVIRONMENT: RESEARCHERS ADDRESS LAKE MICHIGAN BEACH EROSION - Lake Michigan water has risen and fallen, like a living, changing organism, but there is little doubt the combination of rising water and manmade structures has created a problem (Gonzalez, *Post-Tribune*). Soon, there may be plans to stop the potentially devastating effects of beach erosion, also called sand starvation, but getting to a consensus on what to do and who should pay for immediate and long-term solutions shifts like the sand beneath dozens of structures along the shoreline. In a July City Council meeting, Portage Mayor James Snyder spoke of the beach erosion issues and plans to fix the problem. He spoke of entities studying and working together, collaborating to start a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, or USACE, feasibility study to "assign blame" to the parties whose structures led to the beach erosion. "What used to be finger-pointing has turned into collaboration," Snyder said later, during a discussion at the lakefront park. "We have set the standard that that's not going to happen anymore. We're going to get in a room. We're gonna not point fingers at anybody. We're gonna figure this out."

Nation

TRAVEL: DELTA STILL NOT READY WHEN WE ARE - Delta's travails, and those of its customers, move into day two with the airline canceling nearly 250 flights (*ABC News)*. The cancellations Tuesday follow about 1,000 cancelled flights Monday and almost 3,000 delayed flights after an outage at its Atlanta headquarters initiated a global meltdown of it booking and communications systems. The airline was back online after a number of hours Monday, but the outages were so widespread that it is still

dealing with the ripple effects a day later. The airline posted a video apology by CEO Ed Bastian. And it offered refunds and $200 in travel vouchers to people whose flights were canceled or delayed at least three hours.

ILLINOIS: GANGS TARGET CHICAGO PD - Leaders from three Chicago gangs reportedly met last week to discuss plans to kill police officers in response to the officer-involved shooting death of 18-year-old Paul O'Neal (*Fox News*). The *Chicago Sun-Times,* citing an alert issued to Chicago officers, reported Monday that the meeting took place on Thursday between the gangs Vice Lords, Black Disciples and Four Corner Hustlers. According to the paper, the Four Corner Hustlers have "provided guns" and pinpointed a "sniper in place." However, authorities are still unsure where the alleged sniper spot is placed. The gang is also funneling weapons to the other two gangs.



Local

CITIES: LEAD, ARSENIC PROMPTS E. CHICAGO TO MOVE SCHOOL - About 430 Carrie Gosch Elementary School students are being moved across East Chicago after high levels of lead and arsenic were found in the neighboring West Calumet Housing Complex, which residents are being relocated out of (Pete,*NWI Times*). An elevated level of lead was only found in a far corner of the Carrie Gosch school grounds but School City of East Chicago officials decided to move the students and 40 teachers a week before school starts across town to the West Side Middle School building to be safe and alleviate parents' fears, Superintendent Paige McNulty said. The decision was prompted partly by low enrollment, which was likely the result of parents who are hesitant to send kids to school at a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Superfund site or who are uncertain about where they'll be living as they wait on vouchers to move. Only 92 students have enrolled so far at Carrie Gosch, as compared to about 150 at the same time last year.

CITIES: 1 DROWING, 8 RESCUED NEAR MICHIGAN CITY LIGHTHOUSE - A 14-year-old boy has reportedly drowned after swimming near the pier Monday evening. Travis Mensah, 14, was pulled from Lake Michigan at 7:09 p.m. after being underwater for nearly an hour, according to Fire Chief Randy Novak. He was found about 30 yards from shore, according to James Poe of the United States Coast Guard. LaPorte County Chief Deputy Coroner Mark Huffman confirmed the death and the identity of the boy. Eight people were nearly drowned in the waters off Washington Park Beach Saturday, including a 15-year-old participant in the city's beach volleyball tournament, who was pulled under while trying to assist the others (*LaPorte Herald-Argus*). At least that was the information released Saturday by Capt.

Buddy Kasinger, public information officer for LaPorte County EMS. He said a total of four people were transported to Franciscan St. Anthony Health-Michigan City following the incident, with one of them, a 14-year-old, suffering cardiac arrest.

CITIES: IU EAST SET TO OPEN NEW BUILDING IN RICHMOND - Final touches are being made to the newest building on Indiana University East's campus (Emery, *Richmond Palladium-Item*). The Student Events and Activities Center is nearly complete, and a dedication ceremony has been set for Aug. 19 to celebrate. The dream for a fifth building on the Richmond campus has been years in the making. Ground was broken in November 2014, and construction began in June 2015. Campus leaders say the new center is designed to promote student success through programs in health and wellness, physical education, athletics, student activities and special events. The Student Events and Activities Center is a $5 million construction project. Donors gave more than $1.7 million toward the project. The rest of the cost came through savings and campus efficiencies, Troutwine said.

CITIES: IPFW REBRANDS ATHLETICS - IPFW is rebranding its athletic program (Ober, *Inside Indiana Business).* Director of Athletics Kelley Hartley Hutton says the transition from "IPFW Mastodons" to "Fort Wayne Mastodons" will address consistency and confusion issues with the current brand. The school says its academic brand will remain the same. Hartley Hutton says some teams have already begun using Fort Wayne on uniforms, while others will transition over time. The Summit League office and league members are also using the Fort Wayne brand in schedules, rankings and broadcasts. She says the rebranding will align IPFW with the Summit League's other members and help grow the Mastodons' brand beyond northeast Indiana.

CITIES: INDEPENDENT FILM SHOOTS IN COLUMBUS - An independent movie with a Hollywood-hot lead actor aims to capture Columbus and especially its trademark architecture during three weeks of filming (Blair, *Columbus Republic*). In fact, some of the city's best known, architecturally acclaimed buildings form the backdrop and much of the framework of "Columbus," which began shooting Sunday and will continue through Aug. 20. A Korean-born director who uses the name Kogonada wrote the screenplay about two young people one summer discovering their purpose and future - and finding themselves amid the Midwestern mecca of design. The film features Korean-born John Cho, currently starring as Sulu in "Star Trek Beyond," Michael Cera from the TV series "Arrested Development," and Haley Lu Richardson of the TV series "Ravenswood."

CITIES: INDY MARKS 99TH HOME DEMOLITION - The city of Indianapolis has now demolished 99 abandoned homes through a federal blight removal program, Mayor Joe Hogsett announced yesterday (Eason,*IndyStar*). But residents will have to wait at least a few more months for a clear picture of the administration's broader strategy for tackling blight to emerge. Hogsett marked the demolition milestone at an afternoon news conference. After a troubled start, Hogsett said the city and its nonprofit partners have torn down 99 out of 336 homes it committed to demolish through the Hardest Hit Fund before the end of 2017, when $6.3 million in federal grant money is set to expire. "Change takes time," Hogsett said. "But for far too many residents, in far too many neighborhoods, they have been waiting for that change for far too long."

COUNTIES: MADISON PROSECUTOR FIRES GUN IN RESTAURANT - Two days after accidentally firing his handgun into the floor of an Anderson restaurant, Madison County Prosecutor Rodney Cummings acknowledges he could have done more to prevent the mishap *(IndyStar*). No one was injured after the shooting inside the Texas Roadhouse about 11 p.m. Saturday. Cummings said he thinks his new 9mm gun's safety disengaged when he placed it inside the front pocket of his shorts. The gun then fired into the floor as Cummings walked out the door. "It was a new gun. I've only had it for a couple weeks," said Cummings, who noted he's carried a firearm for 36 years as both a prosecutor and a police officer. "I always try to be as safe as I can," Cummings said. "Carrying a gun in my pocket is probably not the smartest move."

COUNTIES: NAACP RALLY TO PROTEST ALLEN PROSECUTOR - A civil rights organization in Fort Wayne is calling out the Allen County prosecutor for not doing enough to give families of local homicide victims the justice they seek (Crandall & Neumeyer, *WPTA*). The NAACP has a specific complaint, and has a plan for getting that complaint out to the public. A little more than seven months into 2016, the homicide total in Allen County 20 and counting. Routinely, you see young black men and boys shot to death, and in virtually all this year's slayings occurring within the city's borders, the killer remains on the loose. That doesn't sit well with Fort Wayne NAACP President Larry Gist. He maintains families of homicide victims have waited years for answers about the cases of loved ones, only to be "passed off - or many times blatantly ignored" by Allen County Prosecutor Karen Richards. Gist has organized a community rally at the county courthouse Tuesday evening, to give voice to the frustration. "We're going to put this information out to her, and we're going to start flooding her with phone calls and at her office, we want to demand these answers. Enough is enough," Gist said.

COUNTIES: PUBLIC DEFENDER FUNDS RUNNING OUT IN BROWN - Before the murder trial of Daniel Messel began last week, the county's fund that pays for public defenders was almost broke (*Brown County Democrat*). Messel, of Bloomington, is accused of killing an Indiana University student and dumping her body in Brown County last April. The fund began the year with $14,000, Brown County Auditor Beth Mulry told the county council July 18. There was only $1,800 remaining at the time of the meeting, with bills still to be paid against that balance. Mulry said the Public Defender Board could transfer money from its budget line for public defender conflicts and appeals. However, about half of that fund is usually depleted in a year anyway. Council did not take action to fix the situation.

COUNTIES: CROWDS JOIN DEBATE ON HENRY WIND FARM ORDINANCE - The gallery of the old circuit courtroom on the second floor of the Henry County Courthouse was standing room only Thursday as citizens of Henry County and beyond shared their thoughts regarding the local "wind farm" ordinance (Green,*New Castle Courier-Times*). The Henry County Commissioners asked local zoning administrator Darrin Jacobs to create a committee to review the wind energy conversion system (WECS) ordinance and Thursday was that committee's second meeting. By design, the meeting ran from 6 to 9 p.m. with those "for" and those "against" given 90 minutes apiece. Each person who signed up to address the committee was allowed a maximum of three minutes to present their thoughts and 29 people from each side of the issue spoke. Those who spoke against the development of wind farms in Henry County cited many reasons for their opposition including noise, vibration, loss of property value near the turbines, shadow flicker and a variety of health concerns. Those in favor of wind farm development spoke

primarily about the economic benefits the turbines will provide local landowners and taxing units and about the right to do with their property as they wish.

COUNTIES: MADISON PROSECUTOR FIRES GUN INSIDE RESTAURANT - A central Indiana prosecutor says he plans to buy a holster after accidentally firing a handgun in his pocket, sending a bullet into the floor of a restaurant (*Associated Press*). No one was injured when Madison County Prosecutor Rodney Cummings discharged the weapon inside the Texas Roadhouse in Anderson about 11 p.m. Saturday. Cummings told The Indianapolis Star he believes the safety on the 9mm gun disengaged when he placed the weapon inside a pocket of his shorts. The gun discharged as Cummings walked out the door. He says he's had the gun for only a couple of weeks but has carried a firearm for 36 years as both a prosecutor and a police officer. Cummings said he plans to have the gun examined to ensure there are no mechanical problems.

COUNTIES: HENRY JAIL ON LOCKDOWN AFTER FIRES - After two arson fires in as many nights, the Henry County jail is "on lockdown, just like they do in prison," Sheriff Ric McCorkle said Monday (*Muncie Star Press*). The fires – reported about 2 a.m. last Wednesday and Thursday, respectively – were quickly contained, and no injuries were reported. Male inmates are believed to have started the first fire, while female prisoners were responsible for the blaze the following night. In both cases, a mattress and jail uniforms were among the items damaged.

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PENCE CASH COMING SLOW TO HOLCOMB: It is still too early to tell whether Gov. Mike Pence and his reelection campaign's hasty bolt from Indiana politics without taking the necessary steps to transfer his $7.4 million campaign fund to the successor nominee is a blunder of historic proportions, or just a temporary blip (*Howey Politics Indiana*). But now just under two weeks of the fledgling gubernatorial campaign of Eric Holcomb and Suzanne Crouch, only a fraction of the Pence funds - $1.25 million - has flowed into the new nominee's account. Like the old adage of "early money is like yeast," the Holcomb/Crouch campaign could have really used the Pence money to gin up his name ID, which is under 20%. That, however, is a work in progress. Republican financier Bob Grand, who is advising the Holcomb campaign on how to unlock the Pence funds, responded to a number of questions by *Howey Politics Indiana* by saying Saturday morning, "Stay tuned. You can tell by recent filings that we are really having success." Those recent big donor filings on the Indiana Secretary of State website show the transfer of $1.25 million on July 29. There have been about half a dozen other transfers in the $10,000 to $25,000 range. One that hasn't occurred is the $282,000 that was reported in Auditor Crouch's account at mid-year. Holcomb made his case before the Indiana Republican Central Committee that nominated him on July 26 that he would have access to Pence's $7.4 million. But when Pence was formally nominated as vice president on July 19, that money came under federal guidelines, with Politico reporting that under $3 million would likely be available to the new nominee. The blunder was that Pence didn't transfer the funds to the Republican Governors Association, the Indiana Republicans, or Holcomb prior to accepting the nomination. The Holcomb campaign has been diplomatic, with communications director Pete Seat telling HPI on Saturday, "Only the Pence campaign can speak for their money. It's not our place to speak for the dollars and cents of other campaigns." The emerging story line is that instead of instant access to the Pence funds, the Holcomb campaign is now spending staff assets and resources and precious time to gain access to the funds. Key players in the Pence campaign migrated to the Donald Trump presidential campaign, including Marty Obst, the former Pence finance director, and Marc Lotter, deputy campaign manager. The Pence campaign has for all intensive purposes checked out. It does not respond to media inquiries, and Gov. Pence has not taken questions from Indiana media in his two trips back to the state since he was nominated, including Friday when he appeared at the Indiana State Fair, although he did do an NBC "Today Show" interview. Seat and Grand have consistently said the Holcomb campaign will have enough to compete with Democrat nominee John Gregg, who has raised more than $10 million. "Events are being added to the calendar every day," Seat said. "It's filling up fast. And you're likely to hear about some high-level surrogates coming to help as well. We are absolutely confident the campaign will have the resources to get Eric's message up and out."

INDIANA IN PENCE'S REAR VIEW MIRROR: Since Gov. Mike Pence was tapped as Donald Trump's vice presidential running mate, he's been to Virginia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Arizona, Nevada, Manhattan and four days in Cleveland (Davies, *Associated Press*). The national campaigning is just beginning, and he's been everywhere — but hasn't spent much time in Indiana. The governor's office says Pence is in daily communication about state government issues and is available when needed. That matters because unlike some other states, no one becomes acting governor for Indiana when the governor is out of the state or in another country, not even Pence's lieutenant governor, who has designs on the top state office. Pence, who spent Friday morning at opening events for the Indiana State Fair before flying to campaign with Trump in Iowa and Wisconsin, has told his staff that he would drop his campaign schedule and return to Indiana in case of any emergencies, spokeswoman Kara Brooks said. And part of the Fridays since being tapped as Trump's vice presidential pick on July 15 have been

devoted to state-related activities. "With today's technology it is easy for anyone, including the governor, to be anywhere in the country or world and stay engaged," she said. "So he's able to stay engaged with the staff and what's happening in the state." But such assurances don't satisfy Indiana House Minority Leader Scott Pelath, who says state government will lack leadership for the rest of the year with Pence's extended campaign absences and his lame-duck status after having to drop his re-election bid. "It's pretty evident that we're going to be without an active governor," said Pelath, a Democrat from Michigan City. "I don't care what party the governor is in, you need one." State Senate Majority Leader Brandt Hershman said he wasn't concerned about state government operations during Pence's travels and that he was confident the governor would be available whenever necessary. "The fact of the matter is in most day-to-day activities, work is done at the staff level," said Hershman, a Republican from Lafayette.

PRESIDENT HAS ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY OVER NUKES: Hillary Clinton has fueled a debate over whether her rival for the presidency, Donald J. Trump, is fit to command America's atomic forces (*New York Times*). "Imagine him in the Oval Office facing a real crisis," she said in her address at the Democratic convention last week. "A man you can bait with a tweet is not a man we can trust with nuclear weapons." This portrayal has become such an issue in the campaign that President Obama was asked about it at a news conference on Thursday, where he echoed Mrs. Clinton's concerns. Her charge raises a question: Is there any check on a president's power to launch nuclear arms that could destroy entire cities or nations? The short answer is no, though history suggests that in practice, there may be ways to slow down or even derail the decision-making process. No one disputes, however, that the president has an awesome authority. If the United States appeared to be under nuclear assault, the president would have minutes to decide whether the threat was real, and to fire as many as 925 nuclear warheads with a destructive force greater than 17,000 Hiroshima bombs, according to estimates by Hans M. Kristensen, the director of the Nuclear Information Project at the Federation of American Scientists, a private group in Washington. The commander in chief can also order the first use of nuclear weapons even if the United States is not under nuclear attack. "There's no veto once the president has ordered a strike," said Franklin C. Miller, a nuclear specialist who held White House and Defense Department posts for 31 years before leaving government service in 2005. "The president and only the president has the authority to order the use of nuclear weapons."

SCARBOROUGH SAYS TRUMP TALKING OF USING NUKES: There was Joe Scarborough on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" on Wednesday asking the former Central Intelligence Agency director Michael V. Hayden whether there were safeguards in place to ensure that if Mr. Trump "gets angry, he can't launch a nuclear weapon," given the perception that he might not be "the most stable guy" (*New York Times*). Then Mr. Scarborough shared an alarming conversation he said he had with a "foreign policy expert" who had given Mr. Trump a national security briefing. "Three times he asked about the use of nuclear weapons," Mr. Scarborough said, describing one of the questions as "If we have them, why can't we use them?" Speaking with me later, Mr. Scarborough, a Republican, said he had not contemplated sharing the anecdote with the audience until just before he did. "When that discussion came up, I really didn't have a choice," Mr. Scarborough said. "That was something I thought Americans needed to know." Mr. Trump has denied Mr. Scarborough's account. (He told The New York Times in March he would use nuclear weapons as "an absolutely last step." But when the MSNBC host Chris Matthews challenged him for raising the possibility he would use them, Mr. Trump asked, "Then why are we making them?")

EX-CIA DIRECTOR CALLS TRUMP SECURITY RISK: Former CIA Director Michael Morrell wrote this op-ed for the *New York Times* endorsing Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton, excerpted here:

"The dangers that flow from Mr. Trump's character are not just risks that would emerge if he became president. It is already damaging our national security. President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia was a career intelligence officer, trained to identify vulnerabilities in an individual and to exploit them. That is exactly what he did early in the primaries. Mr. Putin played upon Mr. Trump's vulnerabilities by complimenting him. He responded just as Mr. Putin had calculated. Mr. Putin is a great leader, Mr. Trump says, ignoring that he has killed and jailed journalists and political opponents, has invaded two of his neighbors and is driving his economy to ruin. Mr. Trump has also taken policy positions consistent with Russian, not American, interests — endorsing Russian espionage against the United States, supporting Russia's annexation of Crimea and giving a green light to a possible Russian invasion of the Baltic States. In the intelligence business, we would say that Mr. Putin had recruited Mr. Trump as an unwitting agent of the Russian Federation." - Former CIA Director Michael Morrell, in a New York Times op-ed article endorsing Hillary Clinton for president. Read the article by clicking here. Gov. Mike Pence defended Trump, saying Friday on NBC's Today Show, ""People that know Donald Trump know that he knows how to stand up and stand strong and standing up to Russian aggression is going to be really different under a Trump/Pence administration, and everybody knows that."

TRUMP'S DISASTROUS WEEK: Hillary Clinton's surge in the polls over the past week has widened her path to victory in November and put Donald Trump in a deeper hole than recent losers Mitt Romney, John McCain or John Kerry faced at this phase of the campaign (*Politico*). Trump's disastrous week — in which a series of controversial comments and inaccurate statements helped send the GOP presidential nominee spiraling downward in polls taken after the two national party conventions — has put him significantly behind his Democratic opponent. He now trails by about 7 percentage points in the national averages calculated by RealClearPolitics and HuffPost Pollster, and has been forced to play defense in a number of reliably Republican states. But for all the talk of Trump's collapse, Clinton's post-convention bounce returns the race to roughly where it was before July — a month that began with FBI Director James Comey criticizing her "extremely careless" use of a private email server while serving as secretary of state, even as Comey said the government shouldn't charge Clinton criminally. Clinton has equaled her previous high-water mark in the RealClearPolitics average (6.8 points on June 28) and the HuffPost Pollster model (7.1 points on June 20). And that widening chasm between the candidates in national polls is playing out on the Electoral College map as well. As Clinton has pulled away from Trump overall, she's moved traditional battleground states into her column. Clinton posted significant leads this week in Florida, Michigan, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania — which would clinch the election for the Democrat, even if she lost the other seven states POLITICO has identified as battleground states (Colorado, Iowa, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia and Wisconsin). But Clinton has also put longtime Republican states onto the map. Top Democrats gawked at polls this week showing her with slight advantages in Arizona and Georgia, even though neither state has voted Democratic since Bill Clinton was president.

McINTOSH SEEKS DOWN BALLOT SEPARATION FROM TRUMP: After a disastrous week of feuds and plummeting poll numbers, Republican leaders have concluded that Donald J. Trump is a threat to the party's fortunes and have begun discussing how soon their endangered candidates should explicitly distance themselves from the presidential nominee (*New York Times*). For Republicans in close races, top strategists say, the issue is no longer in doubt. One House Republican has already started airing an ad vowing to stand up to Mr. Trump if he is elected president, and others are expected to press similar themes in the weeks ahead. David McIntosh, the president of the Club for Growth, a group that advocates small government, said the organization was studying how to get Republican voters who may dislike Mr. Trump to turn out for the party's down-ballot candidates. Mr. McIntosh said the Club for Growth intended to convince voters that they would need a "strong voice in the Senate and House," regardless of their feelings about the presidential race. "You hope Trump does well so that the base

Republican vote comes out and is strong," Mr. McIntosh said. "But you also have to plan for if he doesn't do well."

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: *Howey Politics Indiana* continues our "Tsunami Watch," given the spate of recent polls show Hillary Clinton expanding national leads as well as several state polls from Virginia, Georgia and Arizona showing red states in danger of going blue. This election cycle is shaping up to be a very bad cycle for Republicans as Donald Trump spars with Gold Star families and flirts with Vlad Putin. The most chilling story of the past few days is a New York Times article explaining that the president has supreme authority over nuclear strikes. There are no checks and balances there. Donald Trump is volatile, unpredictable, vindictive, uninformed on many geopolitical topics and to many of us, we don't know when he's serious and when he's "kidding." It is stunning to me that so many Hoosier Republicans in what used to be the "Party of Lugar" are OK with giving Trump unchallenged access to the nuclear codes. Chilling. Unnerving*. - Brian A. Howey*

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HOLCOMB LARGE DONATIONS: Here are large donations to the Eric Holcomb gubernatorial campaign from July 29 through Aug. 5: Community Health Network PAC $10,000; Mike Pence for Indiana $1,248,492.04; Herbert Likens, Anderson, $10,000; Gregory Wendt, San Francisco, $25,000; Old National Bank PAC $10,000.

HOLCOMB CAMPAIGN HAS 13 FIELD OFFICES: The gubernatorial campaign of Eric Holcomb now has 13 field offices up and running, according to tweets from the nominee (Howey Politics Indiana). "I ask you to get involved," Holcomb tweeted on Sunday from the Buck Garden Party. "We've got 13 field offices across IN. Every call you make & letter you write is going to matter #GardenParty." Republican National Committeewoman Marsha Coats tweeted, "@HolcombForIN is eternally optimistic. Unlike my husband. #INGov."

GREGG, COATS, HOLCOMB HAM IT UP AT STATE FAIR: What do you get when you put John Gregg, Eric Holcomb and Dan Coats in a room together? A pretty good impromptu comedy show

(Cook, *IndyStar*). The three politicians — along with many others — attended Indiana Pork's annual Ham Breakfast at the Indiana State Fair on Friday. There was ham, bacon and, as it turns out, a side of humor. It began when candidates running for office were asked to stand up and be recognized. Among those who stood was Coats -- a bit of surprise given that the U.S. senator is retiring at the end of his term in January. "Maybe there will be an announcement?" Holcomb, Coats' former chief of staff, joked. Coats later explained: "Obviously over the years I've been to a lot of events like this. When they say candidates stand up, I just reflexively stand up." When Gregg, the former House speaker and Democratic candidate for governor, followed his GOP rival Holcomb to the microphone, he too had a joke for Coats. "I can't boast having worked for as many Republican governors as my friend," Gregg said of Holcomb, a former top aide to Gov. Mitch Daniels and now lieutenant governor under Gov. Mike Pence. "But I do want to point out to the audience," Gregg continued, "that Sen. Coats' wife's maiden name is Gregg. We'll just leave it at that." He then turned to Coats and said, "Cousin, it's good to see you." Gregg, who is making his second run for the governor's office, went on to introduce himself to the audience of hog farmers. "A lot of things have changed. This is an exciting time in politics. But two or three things haven't," he said. "I'm John Gregg, I'm still running for governor, and I love bacon." When it was Coats' turn, he addressed Gregg's earlier comments about his wife's maiden name. "Well first of all, John, Gregg comes from my wife's father's family — and they're a bunch of scoundrels!" he said. "We don't bring it up that often and we probably won't be bringing it up too much in the next few months."

HOUSE LEADERS TO CAMPAIGN FOR BANKS: If anyone is wondering whether Republican congressional candidate Jim Banks would get along with House GOP leaders or align with the conservative wing that sometimes clashes with them, his upcoming fundraisers offer a clue (*Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). He might do both. House Majority Whip Steve Scalise of Louisiana will be a guest at a Banks fundraising roundtable and reception on Aug. 17 at The Vic/One Ten Craft Meatery in Warsaw. Admission is $250 a person, $1,000 to be a host and $2,700 to be a sponsor. Scalise is the third-ranking Republican in the House, behind Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin and Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy of California. The night after the Warsaw fundraiser, Banks will have another at the Joseph Decuis farm south of Columbia City. That event will feature Ohio Rep. Jim Jordan, chairman of the House Freedom Caucus. Admission is $100 a person, $1,000 for hosts and $2,700 for sponsors.



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CLINTON LEADS BY 8% IN ABC/POST POLL: Hillary Clinton has emerged from the two major party conventions and their aftermath with an eight-point lead over Donald Trump, aided by a consolidation of support among Democrats and a failure so far by Republicans to rally equally behind their nominee, according to a new Washington Post-ABC News poll. Clinton and her running mate, Sen. Tim Kaine (Va.), now lead Trump and his running mate, Gov. Mike Pence (Ind.), by 50 percent to 42 percent among

registered voters, double the four-point advantage the Democrats held on the eve of the Republican convention in mid-July. Among likely voters, the Democratic nominee leads by 51 percent to 44 percent. In a four-way race that includes Libertarian Party nominee Gary Johnson and Green Party nominee Jill Stein, Clinton leads Trump by 45 percent to 37 percent, with Johnson at 8 percent and Stein at 4 percent. Before the Republican convention, she had a four-percentage-point lead in a four-way matchup.

CLINTON UP 9% IN NBC/WSJ POLL: A poll released on Thursday *by NBC News* and *The Wall Street Journal* showed Hillary Clinton leading Donald Trump by 9 points, with the Democrat polling at 47 percent and the Republican at 38 percent. The survey said Trump is more popular among whites and seniors, while his Democratic rival is leading among women and AfricanAmericans. The two were close among male voters, with a 1 percentage point lead for Clinton. Participants favored the Republican nominee on issues such as changing the status quo (48 percent to 26 percent), dealing with crime (44 percent to 36 percent) and standing up for America (41 percent to 39 percent). Meanwhile, the Democrat was ahead in dealing with immigration (49 percent to 39 percent), changing the country for the better (42 percent to 36 percent) and dealing with a crisis (51 percent to 33 percent).

CNN POLL OF POLLS HAS CLINTON UP 10%: The post-convention polls are in, and they consistently show Hillary Clinton entering the next phase of the presidential election campaign with the upper hand over Donald Trump. The CNN Poll of Polls incorporating the results of six major polls -- all conducted after the party conventions concluded in late July -- finds Clinton with an average of 49% support to Trump's 39%. When third party candidates Gary Johnson and Jill Stein are included, the margin remains the same, with both candidates losing the same amount of support to land at 45% for Clinton to 35% for Trump, with Johnson at 9% and Stein at 5%. The new averages reflect a sharp increase in support for Clinton compared with pre-convention polls. The last CNN Poll of Polls, analyzing the results of five national, live-interviewer telephone polls conducted before the GOP convention began, found Clinton ahead 45% to 41%.

HILLARY LEADS BY 12% IN VA: The battleground state of Virginia looks a little less like a battleground today, as Hillary Clinton has opened up a lead there of 49 percent to 37 percent, echoing some of the movement seen in national polls this week (*CBS News*). Clinton has nearly-unanimous Democratic backing at the moment while Trump isn't doing as well with his fellow Republicans: she has 95 percent of the state's Democrats compared to 79 percent of GOP-ers for Trump. In today's highly partisan electorate, that amounts to a dramatic difference. There isn't a wholesale move of Republicans to Clinton - just 6 percent - but others have drifted into being unsure, or voting third-party, and in what may become a turnout factor down the road, Republicans report lower motivation to vote than before. (However, that also suggests there could be room for Trump to rebound, if some of his partisans return.)

CLINTON UP 4% IN GEORGIA: Hillary Clinton leads Donald Trump in a surprising new poll of Georgia, edging the Republican nominee 44% to 40% among registered voters in the deep red state (*CNN*). The Atlanta Journal Constitution poll, released Friday, showed Clinton with a 4-point lead over Trump, excluding third-party candidates. The Democratic nominee retains an advantage, 41% to 38%, with Libertarian candidate Gary Johnson and Green Party candidate Jill Stein included in the survey. Johnson pulls 11% support, while Stein garners 2%. Since 1964, Georgia has only voted for a Democratic

presidential candidate three times -- for favorite son Jimmy Carter in 1976 and 1980, and Bill Clinton in 1992.

PENCE RETURNS TO STATE FAIR: Governor Mike Pence returned to the Hoosier State Friday to kick off the 160th Indiana State Fair (*Indiana Public Media*). Pence and his wife Karen participated in the Fair's opening ceremony and the unveiling of the Bicentennial exhibit, as well as showing off the First Lady's water colors in the Arts Building before touring some of the Fairgrounds. On this visit, Pence was playing the role of governor…though when greeting the State Fair Queen, he couldn't resist a mention of his vice presidential candidacy: "I know what it is to get tapped unexpectedly and find yourself out front at lots of public events," says Pence. Mostly, though, Pence stuck to talking about the Fair. "I think the fact that our state is synonymous with everything that's good and strong about the heartland in so many ways proceeds from the farm – and that's what we celebrate at the Indiana State Fair," says Pence. Pence did not take questions from reporters.

PENCE IN TRUMP CLEANUP ROLE: Since his selection as Donald Trump's running mate, Mike Pence has tried to stay focused on winning over conservatives skeptical of the New York billionaire (Slodysko*, Associated Press*). His new boss keeps getting in the way. On several occasions in the past week, the Indiana governor has found himself in direct conflict with Trump, taking a different campaign tact or running damage control after one of the Republican presidential nominee's incendiary remarks. The latest came Wednesday, when Pence offered an unqualified endorsement of House Speaker Paul Ryan's re-election bid a day after Trump refused to endorse Ryan. "There's been some cleanup," said Curt Smith, a longtime Pence friend who runs the socially conservative Indiana Family Institute. "I think you'll see more." Campaign spokesman Marc Lotter didn't respond to a request to interview Pence about his relationship with Trump. He also would not answer questions about the Indiana governor's approach to dealing with the fallout from Trump's remarks. Indiana Republican public affairs consultant Mike Murphy compared Pence's relationship with Trump to an arranged marriage. "He's staying consistent with his character and he's not changing who he is, but he's also careful not to criticize his spouse," said Murphy, who has known Pence for nearly 30 years.

'LET MIKE BE MIKE' IS NEW MANTRA: An hour before Mike Pence gave the biggest speech of his life at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, officials from Donald Trump's campaign read over the text for the first time. They made no changes (*Washington Post).* Eleven days later, the Republican vice-presidential nominee crafted a statement about the Muslim American parents of an Army officer killed in Iraq. It contained none of the vitriol that Trump had directed at the same family. Again, no changes. These moments, confirmed by several campaign aides, reveal an emerging dynamic between this odd-couple Republican ticket: They're not always on the same page, and they don't always co-ordinate. It happened again, in public, this week: Just one day after Trump had declined to endorse House Speaker Paul D. Ryan in his Wisconsin primary, Pence did so enthusiastically. In the opening weeks of their partnership, Trump has granted his running mate broad leeway with no precedent in recent presidential campaigns, amplifying differences in style and substance between the Indiana governor and New York real estate mogul. For a campaign whose mantra long has been "Let Trump be Trump," the guiding principle that has formed around Pence is, as one of the aides put it, "Let Mike be Mike." The strategy amounts to a high-risk, high-reward proposition. Trump advisers believe Pence could help repackage the ticket for voters turned off by Trump: Where Trump is brash and bristly, Pence is cool and collected. Trump shoots from the hip, but Pence is cautious. But at times Trump and Pence deliver contradictory, even awkward messages, as with their statements this week about Ryan.

SPECULATION ON TRUMP, PENCE RELATIONSHIP: To much of the world, Donald Trump and Mike Pence look like a ticket at odds with itself, as the presidential candidate continuously courts controversy while his running mate keeps scrambling to mend fences (*Politico*). But top advisers to Pence insist that none of this is a problem for their joint bid for the White House. Instead, they say, this is Pence at his best. "Mike will be doing the more conventional, bring-the-party-together" duties, said one top Pence adviser. And while Trump is off being Trump, the idea is Pence can reach out to the party establishment and Ted Cruz-style conservative voters, trading on shared convictions, personal connections and a long shared history. Indeed, to many Republicans who opposed Trump in the primary, the GOP nominee's main appeal is that, with him in the White House, a Republican Congress would have more success pushing its policy agenda. And for those voters, Pence is intended to be an instrument of reassurance, a would-be emissary between Trump's White House and Ryan's House. It's an unorthodox role for a running mate, who are typically intended to both broaden a candidate's appeal and amplify his or her message. But Trump's trouble has never been with volume. He continues to draw large crowds, amass media attention and thrill the rock-solid fan base that propelled him through the Republican primary. It's great if it works, but the risk of the ticket's dual-track messaging is that creates the impression of a fractured ticket. And indeed, while Pence and Trump spent the past week insisting they were entirely on the same page, they were confronted by questions about why they kept offering different answers to the same questions — including by an 11-year-old boy who had something of an "Emperor's New Clothes" moment at a Pence campaign stop Thursday.

TRUMP BACKS OFF IRAN VIDEO CLAIM: GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump on Friday backed away from earlier claims that he had seen video showing the United States delivering $400 million to the Iranian government, which he has repeated several times in recent days. Such a video does not appear to exist *(Washington Post*). "The plane I saw on television was the hostage plane in Geneva, Switzerland, not the plane carrying $400 million in cash going to Iran!" Trump tweeted Friday morning. Trump first made the claim that he had seen such footage of a "top secret" location on Wednesday, during a campaign event in Daytona Beach, Fla. His remarks on the issue came after the Wall Street Journal earlier this week reported the details of a $400 million payment the Obama administration sent to Iran in January, which it delivered in cash. The State Department had previously announced the payment — part of a $1.7 billion package settling a previous financial dispute — on the same day President Obama announced that Iran would release several American prisoners, which led many critics of the administration to suggest that the payment was effectively ransom. Obama and the State Department say that is a mischaracterization of the payment, and reiterated the U.S. policy against paying ransom. (Among the detainees released was Washington Post reporter Jason Rezaian.) Trump's comments caused confusion and speculation about whether he might have seen such video footage during classified intelligence briefings, which are provided to the two presidential nominees. The intelligence briefings, however, have reportedly not yet begun.

TRUMP ENDORSES RYAN, McCAIN, AYOTTE: Donald J. Trump belatedly endorsed the re-elections of Speaker Paul D. Ryan and Senators John McCain and Kelly Ayotte on Friday, moving to heal a deepening rift within the Republican Party touched off by Mr. Trump's feud with the parents of a slain American soldier (*New York Times*). "I support and endorse our speaker of the House, Paul Ryan," Mr. Trump said at a rally here after announcing his backing of the senators. "He's a good man. We may disagree on a couple of things, but mostly we agree." Mr. Trump ignited a controversy within his party on Tuesday when he said he was not "quite there yet" in supporting Mr. Ryan, echoing a similar line of doubt that Mr.

Ryan, the nation's most powerful elected Republican, had cast before eventually endorsing Mr. Trump for president.

TRUMP JULY HAUL ALARMS CLINTON CAMPAIGN: Hillary Clinton's campaign is quickly working to beef up its efforts to raise campaign cash before the fall — sending the candidate, running mate Tim Kaine, and former President Bill Clinton on an all-out financial sprint through August while explicitly warning top fundraisers this week that they need to pick up the pace (*Politico)*. In an internal memo, first obtained by POLITICO, that will be circulated to high-level donors on Monday morning, campaign manager Robby Mook specifically writes that the Republican nominee's July haul overshot the campaign's expectations, necessitating a new wave of action. "Donald Trump also had his best fundraising month of the campaign, raising $80 million," explains Mook in the roughly 750-word missive — titled "Wake Up Call" — after trumpeting Clinton's own $90 million haul between the campaign and other Democratic committees. "This was far more than anyone expected — and should be a wake-up call to all Hillary supporters. We must redouble our efforts in the coming weeks."

TRUMP CALLS CLINTON 'A MONSTER': Donald Trump took his insults of Hillary Clinton to another level on Friday night (*Politico*). Speaking at a Green Bay rally where minutes earlier, the real estate mogul pledged to build a "big tent" Republican Party and endorsed House Speaker Paul Ryan and Sens. John McCain and Kelly Ayotte, Trump turned up the venom against his Democratic opponent. "In one way, she's a monster," Trump said of Clinton. "In another way, she's a weak person. She's actually not strong enough to be president. So she's got both." Trump, who also referred to Clinton as "unhinged" and "unbalanced," relentlessly attacked the former secretary of state in an improvisational tear that contrasted sharply with his scripted endorsement remarks. "She will be a disaster," Trump said. "She will be so bad for our country and we can't let it happen."

PENCE ACTED SLOW OPIOID CRISIS: Indiana Gov. Mike Pence signed a pledge last month, along with most of the nation's governors, to combat the opioid crisis, calling it "one of the deadliest drug epidemics in our nation's history." But when confronted with a spiraling HIV outbreak in his home state as a result of opioid addicts sharing contaminated needles, Pence dragged his feet before agreeing to lift a ban on programs that distribute sterile needles (*Politico*). Indiana became a national flashpoint for the opioid epidemic last year when nearly 200 people in rural Scott County became infected with HIV primarily as a result of injecting Opana, a powerful prescription opioid, with dirty needles. Those needles spawned one of the biggest outbreaks of HIV in decades, with more than 20 new cases being diagnosed every week at the height of the outbreak last year. Public health experts from around the country advised immediately lifting the state's ban on needle exchange programs as a way to stop the spread of the disease — an approach that has proven effective in other places. The governor resisted but under enormous pressure, he eventually agreed to a partial lifting of the ban. But critics say the statewide compromise has been ineffective because it offered little financial help to cash-strapped counties and permitted only "limited and accountable" exchange programs, as Pence described it.

PENCE CHANGED STANCE AFTER CALL FROM SCOTT SHERIFF: On the evening of March 24, 2015, Sheriff Dan McClain got an unexpected voice mail: "This is Gov. Mike Pence calling. I would welcome the opportunity to get your counsel on what's going on in Scott County" (*New York Times*). What was going on was unprecedented in Indiana and rare in the United States: H.I.V. was spreading

with terrifying speed among intravenous drug users in this rural community near the Kentucky border. Local, state and federal health officials were urging the governor to allow clean needles to be distributed to slow the outbreak. But Indiana law made it illegal to possess a syringe without a prescription. And Mr. Pence, a steadfast conservative, was morally opposed to needle exchanges on the grounds that they supported drug abuse. As Sheriff McClain called the governor back, the pressure was mounting. The number of new H.I.V. cases in the county was nearing 90. "Don't give me any political views; I want to know your opinion," the sheriff recalled Mr. Pence saying. Sheriff McClain, who was not a fan of needle exchanges, was quick to reply: "I believe the only thing we can do to stop or slow this thing is to get clean needles out there." As the Republican vice-presidential candidate, Mr. Pence brings a long record of social and fiscal conservatism that serves as a counterweight to Donald J. Trump's frequently shifting views. But rarely have the governor's principles been tested like they were during Indiana's worst public health crisis in years. In recent interviews, local, state and federal health officials said Mr. Pence initially held firm. So as they struggled to contain the spread of H.I.V., the officials embarked on a behind-the-scenes effort over several weeks to persuade him to change his mind, using political pressure, research and pleas for help from this remote, poor community. On March 23, more than two months after the outbreak was detected, Mr. Pence said he was going to go home and pray on it. He spoke to the sheriff the next night. Two days later, he issued an executive order allowing syringes to be distributed in Scott County.

CLERE, ADAMS REACT: State Representative Ed Clere, a Republican who was among those pushing the governor to approve the needle exchange, said he was relieved when Mr. Pence finally did so. He also wished it had been done sooner. "It was disappointing that it took so much effort to bring the governor on board," Mr. Clere said *(New York Times)*. Get the latest national and state polls on the presidential election between Hillary Clinton and Donald J. Trump. But Dr. Jerome Adams, Mr. Pence's health commissioner, said the governor needed certainty that he was doing the right thing. "The governor wanted to make sure if we went this route it was absolutely necessary," Dr. Adams said. "I believe he was praying on it up until the final decision."

CLINTON SAYS SHE WAS BEING TRUTHFUL: Hillary Clinton on Friday sought to explain her recent mischaracterization of the F.B.I. investigation into her private email server, saying she "may have short-circuited" in her remarks during a television interview on Sunday when she asserted that the F.B.I. director, James B. Comey, had called her statements about her private email servers "truthful" (*New York Times*). Mrs. Clinton made the remarks while taking her most extensive questions from journalists in months — after going more than 200 days without holding a formal news conference. She has been under fire from Republicans and others since her remarks Sunday on Fox News about her use of a private email server as secretary of state and the resulting F.B.I. investigation. While Mr. Comey did not recommend charges in the case, he said Mrs. Clinton had been "extremely careless" in her use of a private email server and contradicted statements she made about her handling of her email. In her remarks here before the National Association of Black Journalists and the National Association of Hispanic Journalists, Mrs. Clinton tried to explain the discrepancy with what Mr. Comey actually said. "I was pointing out in both of those instances that Director Comey had said that my answers in my F.B.I. interview were truthful," she said. "That's really the bottom line here."

FORMER REAGAN POLITICAL DIRECTOR TO VOTE FOR CLINTON: A former Ronald Reagan political director says he's voting for Hillary Clinton, rejecting the Republican nominee for the first time in 40 years (Bradner, *CNN)*. Frank Lavin, who was Reagan's political director from 1987 to 1989, became

the latest GOP official -- following Reps. Scott Rigell and Richard Hanna and operatives like former Jeb Bush aide Sally Bradshaw and ex-Chris Christie communications aide Maria Comella -- to announce he won't back Donald Trump. And former GOP gubernatorial candidate Meg Whitman -- CEO of Hewlett Packard -- says she will vote for and donate money to Hillary Clinton. "It might not be entirely clear that Hillary Clinton deserves to win the presidency, but it is thunderingly clear that Donald Trump deserves to lose," Lavin wrote in an op-ed for CNN.

REP. RIGELL TO VOTE FOR JOHNSON: Rep. Scott Rigell, R-Va. said Saturday that he would support Libertarian Gary Johnson for president over GOP nominee Donald Trump (*Fox News*). "I've always said I will not vote for Donald Trump and I will not vote for Hillary Clinton," Rigell told The New York Times. Rigell is the third Republican House member this week to say he would not vote for the real estate mogul, who has caused an uproar on the campaign trail with a series of controversial comments. On Tuesday, Rep. Richard Hanna, R-N.Y., wrote in an op-ed that he would vote for Clinton instead of Trump, whom Hanna called "offensive and narcissistic," as well as "a world-class panderer." Both Hanna and Rigell are retiring from Congress following this election. The day after Hanna's op-ed was published, Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., told CNN that he would not back Trump amid an ongoing war of words between the GOP nominee and the Muslim family of a fallen American soldier.

PENCE TRAVEL SCHEDULE: Governor Mike Pence August 8th - August 10th: Monday, August 8th, 2016 at 4:00 PM: Sioux City, IA, Town Hall, Sioux City Convention Center, 801 4th Street. Sioux City, IA 51101; 7:00 PM: Council Bluffs, IA, Campaign Rally, Mid-America Center, 1 Arena Way, Council Bluffs, IA 51501; Tuesday, August 9th, 2016 at 3:00 PM: East Lancaster, PA, Town Hall, Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center, 2300 Lincoln Highway, East Lancaster, PA 17602. 7:00 PM: Pittsburgh, PA, Celebration, Heinz History Center, 1212 Smallman Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222; Wednesday, August 10th, 2016 at 3:00 PM: Dayton, OH Town Hall, The Mandalay, 2700 E River Road, Moraine, OH; Wednesday, August 10th, 2016 at 7:00 PM: Cambridge, OH, Rally, The Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center, 7033 Glenn Highway, Cambridge, OH.

JOHNSON COMING TO PURDUE SEPT. 13: Libertarian Presidential candidate Gary Johnson is coming to Purdue next month (*IndyPolitics)*. According to the state party, Johnson will participate in a town hall at Purdue University on Tuesday, September 13th at 5:30 pm. Johnson was formally invited by Purdue University President and former Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels. The exact location at Purdue will be announced closer to the date of the event.



Sunday Talk

MANAFORT SAYS TRUMP CAMPAIGN RESTARTS TODAY: Donald Trump is set to deliver an economic speech today to the prestigious Detroit Economic Club in his effort to step past his spats over the past 10 days with the Muslim-American parents of a slain Army captain and the leaders of a Republican Party he has promised to unite (*Associated Press*). "Mr. Trump on Monday will lay out a vision that's a growth economic plan" that will focus on cutting taxes, cutting regulation, energy development and boosting middle-class wages, campaign chairman Paul Manafort said in remarks broadcast Sunday on Fox Business. "When we do that, we're comfortable that we can get the agenda and the narrative of the campaign back on where it belongs, which is comparing the tepid economy under (President Barack) Obama and (Democratic presidential nominee Hillary) Clinton, versus the kind of growth economy that Mr. Trump wants to build." What came before today's speech, Manafort suggested, doesn't count in the race to Election Day on Nov. 8.

KASICH SAYS TRUMP UNLIKELY TO WIN OHIO: Ohio Gov. John Kasich said it will be "really difficult" for Donald Trump to win the Buckeye State in November because of his divisiveness (*The Hill*). Ohio, a battleground state, offers 18 electoral votes, and was narrowly won by President Obama in 2012 and 2008. Both Hillary Clinton and Trump have campaigned regularly in the state, but Kasich isn't confident Trump can win there. You could save hundreds by transferring your balance to this 15-month 0% APR no-fee card Read More "Can Trump win Ohio? He's going to win parts of Ohio where people are really hurting," Kasich said Sunday on CNN's "*State of the Union*. "There will be sections he will win because people are angry, frustrated and haven't heard any answers. But I still think it's difficult if you are dividing to be able to win Ohio. I think it's really, really difficult."

FLAKE MEETS WITH PENCE BUT WON'T SUPPORT TRUMP: A meeting with Donald Trump's running mate, Mike Pence, didn't change Sen. Jeff Flake's (R-Ariz.) mind about supporting Donald Trump *(The Hill*). But, Flake said Sunday, he hopes Pence, a conservative governor from Indiana, can have an impact on Trump's tone and policy positions. "Mike and I go way back. We came in the House together. I have a lot of respect for him.... I certainly respect him. I still told him I'm not ready to support Donald Trump," Flake said on CBS's "*Face the Nation."* "I hope he has influence on Donald Trump but I've yet to see Donald Trump change positions he needs to change," Flake said, adding that the businessman needs to adjust his tone if he wants to win in November. Flake said Pence told him Trump is different in private than he is in public, something that is often said about the Republican presidential candidate. Flake rejected that defense. "If you can govern in private, I guess it would be OK, but you can't, and I still have a problem with some of the statements that he's making."

FLAKE SAYS TRUMP COULD LOSE ARIZONA: He took issue especially with comments Trump made when launching his campaign about Mexico sending in its "rapists" and drugs to the U.S. "That just doesn't sit well... You can't expect to win Arizona when you make statements like that."

KAINE DEFENDS CASH TO IRAN: Democratic vice presidential nominee Tim Kaine defended the Obama administration's $400 million delivery to Iran earlier this year amid allegations the payment was a

ransom in return for American hostages (*Politico*). Last week, The *Wall Street Journal* reported $400 million was sent in January as the first installment of the White House's $1.7 billion settlement with Iran over a failed arms deal signed with Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi shortly before he was deposed in the 1979 revolution. Republicans have alleged that the money was effectively a ransom payment. President Barack Obama has said the timing of the payment so close to the hostages' release was purely coincidental. Speaking on NBC's Meet the Press, Kaine continued the president's line of defense. "There was a legitimate claim against the United States," Kaine said. "The United States bargained it down to a fraction. We're making claims in international tribunals, and we're having claims made against us all the time."

COTTON COMMENTS ON IRAN FUND TRANSFER: Sen. Tom Cotton suggested Sunday that he'll accept President Obama's explanation that the roughly $400 million in cash to Iran amid the country holding several Americans captive was part of a decades-old settlement, but said the move sends a "dangerous" message to terrorists and others around the world (*Fox News*). "He said this payment was not a ransom," the Arkansas Republican and major critic of Obama's recent Iran nuclear deal, said on *"Fox News Sunday."* "It doesn't really matter though what President Obama says. It matters what the Iranians think and it matters what dictators and terrorists and gangsters all around the world think. And they clearly think that this was a ransom payment … That's why it's so dangerous."

GIULIANI CALLS CLINTON A LIAR: Republican Rudy Giuliani, a former New York of mayor, hammered Democrat presidential nominee Hillary Clinton for her latest response to the email scandal that has plagued her campaign (*Politico)*. Clinton acknowledged on Friday that she may have "short-circuited" when she claimed in a recent interviews that FBI Director James Comey said she was "truthful" about her use of a private email server as secretary of state. Speaking Sunday on ABC's *This Week*, Giuliani scoffed at Clinton's statements. "She lied," he said. "She didn't short-circuit. She lied last week when she said the FBI found that she'd hadn't lied. You read Comey's report, he found she lied in about eight different places. So maybe short-circuit is her euphemism for lying," said Giuliani, who is also a former U.S. Attorney.

GIULIANI URGES 'CALM' IN WAKE OF POLLS: Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani (R) said Donald Trump still has a good chance to win in November despite recent polling that shows the GOP nominee behind Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton (*The Hill).* "First of all, 8 points down at this stage, of course you'd rather be ahead, but I remember George Bush the first being 16 points down to [Michael] Dukakis going into September. So let's, you know, calm down," he said on ABC's "*This Week."* "Everyone should calm down about it. There's certainly every opportunity for Trump to win this election."

KASICH UNDECIDED: Ohio Gov. John Kasich, Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump's former primary rival, says he still doesn't know who he will vote for in November (*The Hill*). "We still have time. That's something I think about a little bit but not a lot," Kasich said Sunday on CNN's "*State of the Union*." Kasich has refused to endorse Trump and has consistently rebuked the nominee's policy positions and campaign flubs. Kasich also didn't speak at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland last month, even though he is the governor of the state.

Congress

DONNELLY, SENATORS CONCERNED ABOUT GYMNASTICS SCANDAL: Four U.S. senators sent a letter to the president of USA Gymnastics late Friday to express their "deep concern" about the organization's handling of child sexual abuse allegations (*IndyStar*). Citing an IndyStar investigation published Thursday, Democratic senators Joe Donnelly of Indiana, Dianne Feinstein of California, Patrick Leahy of Vermont and Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut asked USA Gymnastics President Steve Penny to provide information on its policies and how they've changed over the last two decades. "We urge you immediately to take specific actions to ensure that allegations of sexual abuse are promptly reported to appropriate authorities and law enforcement, so that children are protected," they wrote.

COATS COMMENTS ON JOBS REPORT: Joint Economic Committee Chairman Dan Coats (R-Ind.) issued the following statement regarding the report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) that the U.S. economy added 255,000 nonfarm payroll jobs in July, the first month of the third quarter. The unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.9 percent (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "This month's employment report is welcome news, especially after last week's dismal second quarter GDP growth estimate, but we need a sustained period of strong job growth to improve confidence in the ongoing economic recovery. In 2016 we have averaged a gain of 186,000 jobs per month, well short of last year's monthly average of 229,000 new jobs. Reducing burdensome regulations and updating our outdated tax code would untie the hands of job creators and allow them to hire more workers, which would help our economy reach its full potential."

BUCSHON MOVING TO DC: U.S. Rep. Larry Bucshon and his family will live in the Capitol Hill condo he bought for $295,000 after his election to Congress in 2010. Bucshon's wife and daughter will move out of the family's 9,500-square-foot, three-acre Warrick County home (Langhorne, *Evansville Courier & Press*). Bucshon, 54, was living alone in the condo when Congress was in session, returning to the Warrick County house at other times. "I want to spend time with my daughter," Bucshon said, noting he missed chunks of his three older children's lives in Warrick County while he was serving in Congress. Those children, he said, have since left the nest. "My wife and I talked about it and said, 'You know, my daughter's 12, and it would be good if I could spend some more time with her,' " he said.



General Assembly

STATE HAS RECORD SURPLUS - The state ended its 2016 budget year on June 30 with $2.24 billion in the bank — the largest reserve balance in Indiana history (Ross, *NWI Times*). That money is not just unspent appropriations, though $103.3 million mostly in surplus funds that state agencies didn't use last year got added to the reserve, but cash built up over many years to cushion against steep spending reductions if revenue falters during a recession or to cover an unexpected major expense. "It's important for our state government to maintain strong reserve funds so that we can protect schools, roads, public safety and other essential services from budget cuts in the event of an economic downturn," said state Sen. Brandt Hershman, R-Buck Creek, chairman of the Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee. The $2.24 billion is equivalent to 14.2 percent of planned 2017 spending, or enough money to keep state government operating as usual for 52 days in the unlikely event that no revenue comes in during that period. While the state's budget reserve typically is written and spoken about as a single entity it's actually held in four separate accounts, with different rules for how the funds grow and how the money they contain can be spent.

INDOT: TOLLING CAMERAS INSTALLED ON LOUISVILLE BRIDGES - Tolling won't begin until late this year, but drivers may soon notice cameras in place at the north end of the Abraham Lincoln Bridge, near Court Avenue in Southern Indiana (*Louisville Courier & Journal*). Two cameras are being installed and should be in place by early morning on Friday, Aug. 5, said Mindy Peterson, Ohio River Bridges Project and RiverLink spokeswoman. The first two cameras are for testing purposes; more cameras will be installed later. "Testing the cameras is part of preparations for all-electronic tolling," she said. RiverLink is the tolling system that helps make the $2.3 billion bridge project possible. Tolling won't begin until cross-river capacity is added to the area transportation system, probably not before December.

JUSTICE: REPRIMAND RECOMMENDED FOR CAMM PROSECUTOR - A hearing officer from Indiana's Disciplinary Commission Wednesday recommended that Floyd County prosecutor Keith Henderson get a public reprimand for his actions in the David Camm triple-murder case, according to reports (*Louisville Courier-Journal*). David L. Pippen, hearing officer for the commission, published the recommendation in Indiana Supreme Court in which he wrote that Henderson violated ethics rules by pursuing a deal to write a book about the Camm case between the second and third trials, according to a document filed Wednesday and first reported by WDRB. Ethics rules state that attorneys are prohibited from negotiating publicity rights arising from representation of their clients, according to the recommendation. The findings will now go before the Indiana Supreme Court, which will decide whether to accept or reject the recommendation. "The Hearing Officer recommends that Respondent, Keith A. Henderson, receive a public reprimand to make clear to all public attorneys that they should not allow personal interests enter into their public representation," Pippen concluded in the document. The decision now rests with the state supreme court.

FAMILIES: STATE RATED LOW FOR FEMALE SUPPORT - Indiana was one of 27 states to receive a less than stellar grade in a recent state-by-state analysis by the National Partnership for Women and Families (*Bloomington Herald-Times*). The state earned a "D-minus" in the analysis, titled "Expecting Better: A State-by-State Analysis of Laws That Help Expecting and New Parents," based on a lack of laws and regulations governing paid leave and other workplace help for expecting and new parents that go beyond what's already provided by federal law. The report does note some progress since the National Partnership conducted its first analysis of this sort in 2005, including the passage of legislation in Indiana and nine other states to protect the rights of nursing mothers in the workplace.

VETERANS: WORLD WAR II AIRMAN TO BE BURIED AT TIPTON - The remains of a World War II airman will finally be returned to his family for burial in Tipton, Indiana (*WRTV*). Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Robert L. McIntosh, 21, will be buried in his hometown of Tipton. McIntosh was assigned to the 27th Fighter Squadron, 1st Fighter Group, on May 12, 1944, when he was sent on a strafing missions against an enemy airfield in Piacenza, Italy. Due to poor weather conditions, the flight leader missed the intended target and began flying south. Following a brief air battle over Bologna, visibility worsened and pilots were ordered to climb above the overcast. McIntosh's aircraft was observed diving through the clouds and was not seen again. In August 2015, a recovery team excavated a crash site in Santa Cristina, Italy, determined to be McIntosh's. Subsequent positive identification of McIntosh's remains was made by scientists in the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory. McIntosh will be buried in Tipton on August 13 with full military honors.

BMV: HOOSIERS CAN PICK NEW BORING PLATES - Hoosiers, pick your plate. Indiana residents can vote on a new vehicle license plate design among three unveiled Friday at the Indiana State Fair (*Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). Once chosen, the new design will replace the outgoing bicentennial plate currently in use. Fort Wayne's Intellectual Technology Inc., a firm that designs and manufactures license plates for states nationwide, did the artwork. The three designs are: a blue, red and green plate depicting a covered bridge over a creek; a white, blue and yellow choice with a torch and stars over the silhouette of Indiana and the slogan "The Hoosier State"; and a plate with a white background, blue numbers and a yellow, bottom border with the slogan, "Crossroads of America." "This is going to be a fun process for Hoosiers during the next four weeks," said Kent Abernathy, Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles commissioner, in a statement. "We have three interesting designs, and I hope all state residents will vote and let us know which one they like the best."

AG: CORN PRICES TUMBLE - Corn prices continued their slow slide lower this week, falling under $3.20 per bushel for the first time in almost two years (*Associated Press*). Field surveys suggest corn plants weathered the "heat dome" that plagued the Midwest recently; current ratings suggest that this crop could be one of the healthiest and largest on record. The USDA will update its prognosis of the crop size on Friday, which could put an end to the recent bearishness if it shows a pickup in demand or a threat to yields. Without a boost from the USDA, however, the large corn supply could continue dragging prices lower. If prices fall toward $3 per bushel, those farmers who haven't already presold grain or protected their crop prices will feel financial pain as prices drop below the cost of production.

RVs: SALES SURGING - Wholesale RV shipments have increased for six straight years and are on track for a record number in 2016, according to the Recreation Vehicle Industry Association. The association has predicted the industry will make nearly 400,000 shipments this year — breaking the 2006 record of 390,500 — and will exceed 400,000 in 2017 (*South Bend Tribune*). Chad Rothrock, a sales representative for Total Value RV in Elkhart, said the dealership sold 23 RVs at the show last year and expects to top that this year. "We've seen consistent growth at the show for the past four years," he said, adding that the dealership has cashed in on the industry's boom. "We're having a hot period now because of low interest rates and fuel prices, and we anticipate this wave will hopefully last another 10 years."

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WHITE HOUSE: STAR-STUDDED OBAMA BIRTHDAY CROWD - There are plenty of perks to being president of the United States. One of them is glamorous birthday parties *(New York Times*). For the past seven years, from the ages of 48 to 55, President Obama has celebrated the annual occasion with a growing collection of celebrities, sports stars, business executives, movie moguls and politicians — all dancing into the small hours of the morning. On Friday night and well into Saturday, Mr. Obama did it again, marking his 55th birthday — his last as commander in chief — with a big White House party. East Wing staff members were told to expect to be working until 4 a.m. Guests were asked not to tweet pictures (some did anyway) or spill any details. One birthday guest, who normally has a very good memory, insisted late Saturday that he had imbibed too much to remember a thing. (It's not clear what the guest was drinking, but Mr. Obama favors extra-dry Grey Goose martinis.) Another birthday friend recalled only seeing Alonzo Mourning, a retired Miami Heat basketball star, and watching Stevie Wonder perform. Magic Johnson tweeted a picture of himself and his wife on Friday evening. "Cookie and I getting ready to go to President Obama's birthday party!" he wrote. The Rev. Al Sharpton tweeted at 1:10 a.m.: "Leaving the White House after the celebration of President Obama's birthday. His last birthday as President." Others spotted at the White House before the party included the talk show host Ellen DeGeneres; Grant Hill, a former N.B.A. star; George Lucas, the creator of "Star Wars"; and a collection of former Obama aides and media celebrities. The singer-songwriter Nick Jonas tweeted afterward: "Tonight was a night I will never forget. #BarackObama #happybirthday." Paul McCartney was reportedly a guest and performed for Mr. Obama and his wife, Michelle.

WHITE HOUSE: OBAMA NEEDS HELP WITH GOLF GAME - President Barack Obama says he needs some help with his sand shots as he opens up about his golf game (*Associated Press).* The president, an avid weekend golfer, is set to hit the links several times during his vacation in Martha's Vineyard. Obama estimates he has a handicap of 13. A handicap score allows players of varying abilities to compete fairly. The lower the handicap, the better the player. In summing up his game on the Golf Channel's "Morning Drive," Obama says he's "not a hack, but I'm not quitting my day job."

TRAVEL: DELTA FLIGHTS GROUNDED TODAY - Delta Airlines has grounded flights scheduled to leave Monday after experiencing unspecified systems issues (Associated Press). Confirmation of Monday's troubles came in an official account that responds to customers via Twitter. The airline declined to immediately comment by phone and it was unclear whether all its flights were affected. "Delta has experienced a computer outage that has affected flights scheduled for this morning," the company tweeted to customers affected by delays. "Flights awaiting departure are currently delayed. Flights enroute are operating normally. We appreciate your patience."



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CITIES: HOOKUP APPS SPARK HIV RISE - More young people meeting up via smartphone dating apps might be partly to blame for an increase in new cases of HIV in Michiana, public health experts said (*South Bend Tribune*). Agencies that offer HIV testing in St. Joseph County and the surrounding area have reported a modest but noticeable rise in new patients living with the virus, driven by people younger than age 30 who contracted the disease through unprotected sex. AIDS Ministries/AIDS Assist of Northern Indiana, one of the chief area nonprofits that offers services for people with HIV in a six-county area, recorded 11 new positive tests through June this year, surpassing the total of nine new positive tests through all of 2015. Of those new HIV patients, 60 percent were younger than age 30. "People are meeting and hooking up with social media. They'll meet up and have casual, anonymous sex, and then they'll never see them again," Melissa Murawski, a disease intervention specialist who helps the state collect data on new HIV cases, said. "If you're using Grindr or Snapchat or Tinder and you end up hooking up, your risk is higher because you may ask them (their HIV status) and they may lie."

CITIES: EVANSVILLE CONSIDERS TAX CHANGE - It might cost the average property owner about $20 a year, but it could in turn boost city revenues $500,000 (*Evansville Courier & Press*). The City Council's Finance Committee Chairman, Dan McGinn, R-1st Ward, wants to undo an extension of a property tax credit passed last year to relieve some budget woes. "I'm a realist. We cannot continue to increase services and continue to lower taxes without something happening," McGinn said. "We either have to reduce services, we have to fire people, we have to raise taxes, or this is somewhat similar, this is use the taxes we have available and stop giving money back that we cannot afford."

CITIES: COOK HAS NEW JOBS STRATEGY: With more than 300 local jobs open right now at Cook, the company is looking to alternative ways of getting the work done — including a plan that fits well under the Cook "impact project" umbrella to strengthen Hoosiers' education (*Bloomington Herald-Times*). One is a phased retirement program that allows workers to retire from their full-time jobs but come back part time. It is designed for workers who've reached retirement age and no longer want to work 40 hours, but "would love to join us in a part-time capacity," said human resources director Katie Smith. "We didn't want to lose all their experience and knowledge — there's so much they're walking out the door with. We got a lot of feedback that they would love to join us in a part-time capacity," Smith said. The company also has launched a new plan to recruit potential workers who would not normally meet the company's minimum requirement of a high school diploma or equivalent. The program, titled My Cook Pathway, was announced in June.

COUNTIES RAGAN NEW KOSCIUSCKO COUNTY CHAIR - A majority of the precinct committeemen and vice committeemen at a caucus Wednesday night chose Michael Ragan as the new chair of the Kosciusko County Republican Party (*Warsaw Times-Union)*. Ragan faced Tressa Nichols in the bid to replace Randy Girod, who resigned effective July 7 after serving 7-1/2 years as party chair. While vote totals for the caucus were not released, a candidate must receive at least half of the votes to be declared the winner. Of the 128 precinct committeemen and vice committeemen who were eligible to vote, 94

participated in the caucus at the county courthouse. Each candidate had three minutes to speak before the vote. They spoke in the order that their filings were received by the state party secretary and county party secretary, according to interim chair and GOP Vice Chair Marsha McSherry. Before the candidates spoke, they each had someone who spoke for them for two minutes as an introduction. Girod introduced Ragan. He reminded the Republicans that Ragan ran against him for the party chair four years ago. "But I'm here to tell you, there was never a moment of discord between us. We worked together as a team, and that's what it's all about. I think that's what separates this county from so many other counties – we do have a heritage of Republican cooperation. We get along together."

COUNTIES: DEM CHAIR CALLS FOR HENDERSON TO RESIGN IN FLOYD - The Floyd County Democratic Party chairman has called for Republican Keith Henderson to resign as prosecutor and withdraw from the race for Circuit Court judge (*News & Tribune*). Adam Dickey released a statement Thursday night after an Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission hearing officer released a report finding Henderson violated rules of ethics for public attorneys. The alleged misconduct is related to Henderson entering an agreement to co-author a book detailing the David Camm trials. Camm was convicted in Floyd County in 2002 on charges that he killed his wife and two children. He appealed the conviction only to be convicted again in 2006, a verdict that was later overturned. Camm was acquitted in 2013 after a third and final trial. Sometime between the second and third trials is when Henderson signed an agreement with a publisher, but Henderson maintains that he returned any money received from the publisher and canceled all contracts once the book deal was brought into question. Henderson was removed as prosecutor on the case before the third trial.

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YOUNG, MUTZ RECALL BAYH'S OPPOSITION TO SUBARU: While Evan Bayh may be a new entry into the 2016 U.S. Senate race, his Republican opponent Todd Young plans to drag out old skeletons from Bayh's closet, some dating back to 1988, including his opposition to a Japanese automaker locating a now thriving plant in Indiana (Thomas Curry, *Howey Politics Indiana*). Young met with Subaru officials, toured the factory and spoke to media at the same Subaru plant in Lafayette Thursday that was a major focus of Indiana's 1988 gubernatorial race between Evan Bayh and then Lt. Gov John Mutz, who was instrumental in landing the plant while heading the Department of Commerce under Gov. Robert Orr. Mutz, who also spoke and met with Young at the plant that provides more than 1,000 jobs, was the focus of attacks from Bayh that likened Mutz's effort to bring the Subaru plant to Indiana to selling out American jobs and industry. Mutz spoke briefly on the 1988 attack ads that many consider racist by saying, "It's unfortunate Bayh chose to be divisive" and that "I hate to think what our Indiana economy would be without Japanese investment." The Subaru plant was the beginning of Japanese auto makers establishing not only auto plants, but hundreds of related suppliers. More than 200 Japanese companies have invested in Indiana. Toyota and Honda have large auto plants in Princeton and Greensburg. On the 1988 campaign, Young said that "There is no question that that campaign was designed to scare Hoosiers. That campaign is very much like the one he is running now. I will let Evan Bayh defend those things." Young continued to take shots at his opponent stating that "I am not running on my father's name. I am running on his values. Hoosier values. My children were born here in Indiana. My friends are Hoosiers not Washingtonians. That informs my policy positions and that matters to Hoosiers. We are going to win this race, Evan Bayh has never faced an opponent like me." Young also called Bayh "dead wrong" in regards to his skepticism towards Japanese investment and said that "Japanese investment is essential to Indiana's economy. We need forward thinking leaders who are going to make our country and world better off," said Young, who cited that his efforts in the House to lessen regulation on business is necessary to keep companies like Subaru in Indiana.

$1.25M OF PENCE MONEY FLOWS TO HOLCOMB: New Indiana Republican gubernatorial candidate Eric Holcomb has received his first big infusion of campaign cash as he ramps up efforts to introduce himself to voters with about three months left before the November election (*Associated Press*). A state disclosure report filed Wednesday shows Gov. Mike Pence's state campaign committee gave nearly $1.25 million to Holcomb, who is the lieutenant governor, last week. The money is important because Holcomb must quickly build a statewide campaign against Democratic candidate John Gregg after state Republican leaders picked Holcomb to replace Pence, who dropped his re-election bid July 15 to become Donald Trump's vice presidential running mate. Holcomb had boasted of access to Pence's $7 million campaign fund as he tussled with U.S. Reps. Susan Brooks and Todd Rokita ahead of the GOP state committee vote making him the nominee last week. But transferring the governor's campaign money has been complicated by federal rules limiting the size of contributions that now apply to Pence as a federal candidate. Holcomb, a former state Republican chairman, said this week he didn't expect any problems raising the money needed for his campaign. "I am extremely encouraged that we will be financially resourced," he said. "It is going well and we are just a matter of days into it." Gregg had about $5.8 million in campaign money at the end of June, and contributions since then includes $500,000 from the Democratic Governors Association and $200,000 from Chicago media billionaire Fred Eychaner.

TRUMP LOSING GROUND IN SWING STATE POLLS: A difficult week for Donald Trump has gotten tougher with the release of several new polls in swing states showing him trailing Hillary Clinton by wide margins (*Washington Post*). The surveys come hot on the heels of polls from *CNN/ORC* and *Fox News* showing that Clinton's got a wide national lead (plus-9 in *CNN's*, and plus-10 in *Fox's*). And the bad numbers have been coupled with day after day of negative press for Trump, including his poorly received fight with the family of a soldier killed in Iraq, his declaration at a rally that he "always wanted a Purple Heart" and reports that his campaign staff is becoming demoralized. It's not hard to see why they would be. Keeping your hopes up on a losing political campaign is a bit like playing Jenga. As more and more pieces get knocked out, it's harder and harder to keep upright. Those pieces can be varied: poor fundraising numbers, gaffes, hard-hitting ads from opponents. They can also be poll numbers - like these new state polls that knock some significant blocks out of Trump's tower. In New Hampshire, a survey from *WBUR* shows Hillary Clinton leading Trump by 17 points. In Pennsylvania, a *Franklin & Marshall College* poll has Clinton up 11 among likely voters. In Michigan, a *Detroit News* poll shows Clinton up 6 points in a head-to-head match-up.

TRUMP AND PENCE RUNNING PARALLEL CAMPAIGNS: Whether he sets foot onstage with Hillary Clinton, Donald Trump is very likely to find himself engaged in some sort of debate this fall - with his running mate (Sinderbrand & Phillips, *Washington Post*). It's not that Trump and vice-presidential nominee Mike Pence are publicly sparring. (Try to imagine Pence sparring. Go ahead. We don't have nearly enough imagination.) It's that, rather than embrace a joint message, they seem to be running two distinct, parallel campaigns, often relating two very distinct, entirely unrelated - and sometimes opposite - points of view. Here's how that usually works: The Indiana governor will watch a Trump comment explode across the media firmament. He'll wait a decent interval - as long as several days - before issuing a response that either reframes the Republican nominee's central point as the exact opposite of what he actually said or stakes out a different position entirely. And then, within minutes or hours, Trump will do the same - in reverse. (More on that below. A lot more.) The fact that the distance between their respective messages is sometimes wide enough to drive a campaign bus through isn't a huge shock. That's not just because of their stark differences in biography and temperament. Or the reality that the main thing the two seem to have in common is that they both want Donald Trump to become president of the United States. It's because Pence has spent his career - up to and including the period after his selection as Trump's VP - advocating policies and supporting individuals that the nominee hasn't, and doesn't (at least: not while he's been running for president).

11-YEAR-OLD PUTS PENCE ON THE SPOT: Indiana Gov. Mike Pence on Thursday fielded one of the toughest questions he's faced as Donald Trump's running mate - from 11-year-old Matthew Schricker (*CNN*). "I've been watching the news lately and I've been noticing lately that you've been kind of softening up on Mr. Trump's policies and words. Is this going to be your role in the administration?" Schricker said at Pence's Raleigh, North Carolina, town hall. Pence was at first taken aback. "What did you say that I've been doing?" Pence asked, to laughter. Schricker repeated: "You've been kind of softening up his words and policies. Pence laughed, and then gave a candid response about his running mate's style, and how it differs from his own. "Sometimes things don't always come out like you mean," Pence said, before also pledging to stand by the GOP nominee "Donald Trump and I are absolutely determined to work together. We have different styles, you might have noticed that. I said at our convention, I said, you know we nominated someone larger than life, known for charisma. So they wanted to kind of balance the ticket."

TRUMP PUSHES REPUBLICAN PARTY TO ITS BREAKING POINT: Donald Trump has summoned a tornado of negative stories that threaten to rip his campaign from its foundation if he doesn't stop, supporters inside and outside Trump's orbit are warning (*NBC News*). Several top backers - including Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani - are trying to persuade Trump to move past his feud with the parents of the late Iraq War soldier Humayun Khan, stop bashing fellow Republicans like House Speaker Paul Ryan and Sen. John McCain, and refocus his attacks on Hillary Clinton. But hopes aren't high among Republican allies that Trump, 70, can make such a fundamental change at this point. And the Trump campaign publicly denies that any intervention is occurring at all. "The reality is that I don't think anyone has any influence" over Trump, a party source told NBC News. Within the GOP, strategists are increasingly wondering at what point candidates will aggressively break with Trump or the party will divert resources from the presidential race to head off a collapse down the ticket.

THE 2016 RACE IS NOT OVER: At the end of the day, here's what we know (Walter, *Cook Political Report*). Trump is running a disorganized, unconventional and seat-of-the-pants campaign that is driven as much by what he sees/hears on cable TV as anything else. This approach won him the primary but it really limits his pathways to 270 Electoral College votes. Hillary Clinton is running an organized and disciplined campaign that lacks the sort of organic excitement or enthusiasm of a "normal" campaign. It comes across as stilted and poll-driven and focused-group to within an inch of its life. But, she has more options to get to 270 than he does. She is clearly the favorite. But, this race is not over.

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: It seems bedlam rules the Trump campaign, with the media camped outside the gates, sharpening their knives. I can relate to what the candidate and his staff might be experiencing about now. A common occurrence during Trump rallies begins during a pause with the candidate dramatically pointing to the press pen and quietly telling the crowd something along the lines of "There sits the enemy." The crowd begins to murmur and Donald's voice rises in a crescendo to fling accusations at the group of "liars" gathered to report on his campaign activity. His fans roar to their feet to boo and hiss, with some shouting individual insults until the din overwhelms the amplifier system. It can be unnerving to be at the pointed end of that stick. - *Mark Curry*



Campaigns

BAYH CAMPAIGN RUNNING 'TRADE' AD: The Evan Bayh campaign released "Trade" today, to air on broadcast television and cable starting immediately (*Howey Politics Indiana*). In the ad, Evan lays out his agenda for the next Senate: a bipartisan approach to cracking down on bad trade deals, fighting terrorism, and protecting crucial programs for our seniors like Medicare and Social Security. "Trade" is the campaign's third positive ad, and will run statewide.

HOLCOMB, GREGG TALK AG ISSUES AT SUMMIT: Both Democratic and Republican governor candidates addressed the Agricultural Policy Summit in Indianapolis recently (Quinlan*, Indiana AgriNews*). Republican Eric Holcomb and Democrat John Gregg touched on multiple issues relevant to agriculture in the state, including rural roads and infrastructure, livestock expansion, renewable fuel standard, farmland property tax, and rural economic development. On the state of agriculture in Indiana, Gregg said, "Ag is going through some phenomenal changes. It's a business that's important to our economy, it's important to our rural communities, it's important to our entire state. With those opportunities come challenges. Some of those challenges are how to continue to make rural communities, where our farmland is located, viable." Regarding rural roads and infrastructure, Holcomb said, "We will take a hard look and solve this in January at the next General Assembly. We'll look for a long-term, sustainable program. Everything is on the table. But we have to make sure that all roads lead to Indiana. We are the crossroads of America, that's our motto. It's not just roads and bridges. It is railways, broadband - everything you need to ensure you can get your products out. We have to leverage that advantage we have being in the center of the country. That's the fuel we're competing on."

DEMOCRATS SEE CHANCE TO SEIZE 9TH CD: Indiana's 9th Congressional District seat usually is a safe bet for Republicans to win, but this year Democrats see a chance for success in November (Colombo,*Indianapolis Business Journal*). The race between Democrat Shelli Yoder and Republican Trey Hollingsworth is gaining national attention as Democrats seek to position Yoder as the Hoosier choice and Hollingsworth, who recently moved here from Tennessee, as an outsider. Hollingsworth won the primary with 34 percent of the vote. The race at times became nasty, with challenger Attorney General Greg Zoeller calling Hollingsworth a "political scam artist." The general election race seemed to pop onto the dashboards of national analysts and Democrats after a poll conducted by Yoder's campaign in May showed the candidates tied with 41 percent of the vote, and 18 percent undecided. David Carney, a general consultant for the Indiana Jobs Now super PAC supporting Hollingsworth, said Hollingsworth is competing in an "extremely safe Republican seat." However, it's important to not take that for granted in a turbulent election year. "This race hasn't slipped or somehow moved [from Republican-favored]," Carney said. "But there's not a single thing anyone should take for granted anywhere in Indiana. Every race will be competitive, potentially. [Yoder] is just out of step with the vast majority of Indiana voters and citizens."

GREGG, HALE UPCOMING SCHEDULE: Democratic governor candidate John Gregg will speak at the Indiana Pork Producers annual breakfast this morning at the State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis (*Howey Politics Indiana*). His running mate, Christina Hale, will address the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association Local 151 Picnic Indianapolis midday. This evening, Gregg will stop by Good's Candy Shop in Anderson, to visit with local supporters. On Saturday, Greg is slated to attend the Concerned Clergy of Indianapolis in the morning, and will speak at the Grant County Democratic Party's FDR Dinner in the evening. Sunday midday, Hale will join with volunteers to participate in "Yoga in the Outfield" at Victory Field in Indianapolis. Gregg will join area supporters to march in the Strassenfest Parade in Jasper early in the afternoon.

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RYAN SAYS TRUMP CAMPAIGN IS 'DISTRESSING': House Speaker Paul D. Ryan repeated Thursday that his endorsement of Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump was "not a blank check" and delivered a sharp critique of Trump's flailing campaign two days after Trump declined to endorse Ryan for reelection to his Wisconsin congressional seat (*Washington Post*). "He's had a pretty strange run since the convention," Ryan said on WTAQ radio in Green Bay. "You would think that we want to be focusing on Hillary Clinton, on all of her deficiencies. She is such a weak candidate that one would think that we would be on offense against Hillary Clinton, and it is distressing that that's not what we're talking about these days."

TRUMP CAMPAIGN TRIES TO INSTILL CONFIDENCE: After a rocky week, Donald Trump's team projected confidence Thursday, with Trump, his running mate, his staff and his surrogates all sending the same message: The campaign is moving in the right direction - and it's Hillary Clinton who's in trouble (*Politico*). Ben Carson and other surrogates are working to put Trump's feud with a Gold Star family in the campaign's rear-view mirror. Indiana Gov. Mike Pence is working to mend frayed fences with fellow Republicans after Trump offered a surprise non-endorsement to Paul Ryan ahead of his Tuesday primary. And Trump himself on Wednesday aimed to squash reports of campaign strife with assertions that the campaign is more unified than it has ever been. Top Trump advisers and aides vowed that the candidate would pivot to more substantial issues like Clinton's role in the Iranian nuclear deal, and the candidate himself acknowledged as much to a Florida TV station. But while Trump's team asserted they were moving in the right direction, a slew of polls - normally one of the GOP nominee's favorite talking points - suggested otherwise. Polls in Florida, New Hampshire, Michigan and Pennsylvania - battleground states Trump needs to win to have any chance at winning in November - showed him trailing Clinton by as much as 15 points. Coupled with a national Fox News poll taken in the days following Clinton's official nomination at the Democratic National Convention last week, the numbers suggested big trouble.

STUTZMAN SEES 'LOT OF POTENTIAL' IN TRUMP: U.S. Rep. Marlin Stutzman (R-IN) said Thursday that his support for Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump has not wavered (Francisco, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). Stutzman told local media that he and others see "a lot of possibilities and a lot of potential with a President Trump." Stutzman endorsed Trump's candidacy in June. "I think that what Donald Trump says a lot of times is twisted in the media. I think a lot of times what he says may not come out as pointed as maybe what he wanted or maybe it was too pointed," Stutzman said during a news conference at the Steel Dynamics Keith E. Busse IPFW Alumni Center. "But I think at the end of the

day when people start to look at Mr. Trump's record as a person - he's a successful businessman. Look at his family: He's a strong family man. There's a lot of other things to look at with his actions that speak more loudly to me than what his rhetoric says," Stutzman said. "His rhetoric sometimes is more loud than what I'm used to and I know that a lot of Hoosiers are used to. But we're looking for action right now, and I think that's where a lot of people are seeing... there's a lot of possibilities and a lot of potential with a President Trump," he said.

NBC/WSJ POLL HAS HILLARY WITH 9 POINT LEAD: Hillary Clinton has jumped out to a nine-point lead over Donald Trump, a new NBC News/Wall Street Journal national poll shows, nearly doubling the five-point advantage she held over her Republican foe before the political conventions (Dann, *NBC News*). In a head-to-head matchup, the Democratic ticket of Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine receives the support of 47 percent of registered voters, while the Republican ticket of Donald Trump and Mike Pence gets 38 percent, the survey shows. Last month, Clinton led Trump by a margin of 46 percent to 41 percent. In this latest poll, Clinton enjoys a significant advantage among women (51 percent to Trump's 35 percent), African Americans (91 percent to 1 percent), all non-white voters (69 percent to 17 percent), young voters (46 percent to 34 percent), and white voters with a college degree (47 percent to 40 percent). Trump leads among white voters (45 percent to Clinton's 40 percent), seniors (46 percent to 43 percent), independents (36 percent to 32 percent) and white voters without a college degree (49 percent to 36 percent). The two candidates are running nearly even among men, at 43 percent for Clinton and 42 percent for Trump.

CLINTON OPENS A 15% ADVANTAGE IN NH: Hillary Clinton has opened up a 15-point advantage over Donald Trump in the battleground state of New Hampshire, according to the results of the latest *WBUR* poll released Thursday, which also found the state's Democratic Gov. Maggie Hassan with a double-digit lead over incumbent Republican Sen. Kelly Ayotte. The survey, conducted in the days immediately following the Democratic National Convention, found Clinton with 47 percent support among likely voters. Trump has the backing of 32 percent of voters, while Libertarian nominee Gary Johnson finished a distant third with 8 percent and Green Party candidate Jill Stein took 3 percent. Another 2 percent indicated support for another candidate, while 7 percent did not know or refused to answer. Clinton held a much narrower two-point edge over Trump in a *WMUR/University of New Hampshire* poll taken before the convention. National polls taken after both conventions showed Clinton erasing any bounce Trump gained from the previous week when he briefly surged following the Republican National Convention.

10% LEAD FOR CLINTON IN FOX POLL: Hillary Clinton's post-convention bounce and Donald Trump's rough week have combined to deliver the former secretary of state a double-digit lead in a fresh poll released Wednesday evening. Clinton holds a 10-point advantage over the Manhattan billionaire, 49 percent to 39 percent, according to the new *Fox News* poll. The number of respondents who said they are either planning to vote for Clinton or leaning in her direction spiked 5 points relative to the previous Fox News poll, which was conducted in the midst of the Democratic National Convention, while Trump's number climbed only a single point. In a three-way race that includes Libertarian candidate Gary Johnson, both Clinton's and Trump's support among those polled took a 5-point dip to 44 percent and 35 percent, respectively. Johnson, the former governor of New Mexico, earned the support of 12 percent of respondents.

9% CLINTON LEAD IN MICHIGAN: Hillary Clinton led Donald Trump 41% to 32% in the statewide survey, poll conducted for *The Detroit News* and *WDIV-TV* shows. Survey of 600 likely Michigan general election voters conducted July 30-Aug.1; Margin of error +/-4 pts.

CLINTON UP 6% IN FLORIDA: Hillary Clinton holds a six-point lead over Donald Trump in Florida, according to the latest Suffolk University survey of likely voters in the state released Thursday (*Politico*). Matched head-to-head, Clinton took 48 percent, while Trump earned 42 percent. In a four-way matchup, Clinton grabbed 43 percent, followed by 39 percent for Trump, 4 percent for Libertarian nominee Gary Johnson and 3 percent for Green Party candidate Jill Stein. Clinton leads Trump by 12 points among women in the two-way ballot test (50 percent to 38 percent) and by 24 points in South Florida (57 percent to 33 percent). Men are split between Trump, who picked up 46 percent to Clinton's 44 percent. Trump performed best in the northern part of the state, outdrawing Clinton 54 percent to 39 percent. The Republican nominee campaigned in Jacksonville, Florida, on Wednesday evening.

TRUMP LOSES MORE SUPPORT: Trump suffered two defections Wednesday when Rep. Adam Kinzinger (Ill.), an Iraq War veteran, said on *CNN* that he is unlikely to vote for Trump because the nominee was "beginning to cross a lot of red lines of the unforgivable in politics." Former Montana governor Marc Racicot, a former RNC chairman and a close associate of former president George W. Bush's, also said he won't vote for Trump. "I'm not accusing people of being appeasers, but what I am saying is that there's a transcendent set of values throughout our history that we subscribe to above party," Racicot told *Bloomberg Politics*, adding that he thinks Trump lacks those values. Reed, who managed Robert J. Dole's 1996 presidential campaign, said Trump should "stop doing silly interviews nine times a day that get you off message" and deliver a major address seeking to reset the campaign establishing himself as the change candidate.

TRUMP RISKS LOSING MILITARY SUPPORT: Donald J. Trump is locked in an explosive feud with Republicans in Washington and has already faced humiliating defections from within his own party that have destabilized his campaign on the national level (*New York Times*). But closer to the ground, he has also risked alienating an even more pivotal constituency in the swing states that will decide the presidential election: military communities dismayed by his crude and sometimes offensive comments about the armed services. Starting last week when he clashed with Khizr and Ghazala Khan, the parents of a Muslim captain in the Army who was killed in Iraq, Mr. Trump has reignited a set of controversies surrounding his approach to the military. He has drawn fresh attention to his derisive comments about Senator John McCain's capture in Vietnam, as well as to his own avoidance of military service during the same war. He attacked Gen. John R. Allen, a retired Marine who endorsed Hillary Clinton, as a "failed general" over the weekend, and he joked at a campaign event on Tuesday about receiving a Purple Heart, the military decoration for soldiers wounded in combat. These missteps threaten Mr. Trump in the heart of the electoral map. In several important states, his most realistic path to victory hinges on areas with close ties to the military, including northern Florida, coastal Virginia and New Hampshire, and a cluster of towns near military bases in North Carolina, Colorado and Arizona.

PENCE EVENTUALLY ENDORSES McCAIN, AYOTTE: An adviser to Mike Pence told *NBC News* the Republican vice presidential nominee endorses John McCain and Kelly Ayotte in their re-election bids after originally skirting around the question earlier yesterday (Hillyard, *NBC News*). "Mike Pence endorses John

McCain and Kelly Ayotte in their primary bids," Pence communications adviser Marc Short said in a statement. When asked about his support for the two GOP senators earlier on Thursday, Pence told reporters: "I look forward to supporting Republican candidates in the days and weeks ahead all over the country, and so does Donald Trump. But the stakes in this election are so high. To restore our country and home and abroad, we need new leadership, and I'm looking forward to standing should to shoulder with Donald Trump to drive that new leadership forward." Trump declined to endorse both senators, as well as House Speaker Paul Ryan. But aides to Pence said he never intended to withhold support for either of the senators.

UNCLEAR IF SENATE MAJORITY SINKS OR SWIMS: Republicans in most Senate battlegrounds are running ahead of Trump in their states (Enten, *FiveThirtyEight*). That may last, increasing the chances that the GOP hangs on to their Senate majority. But it's also possible that Trump begins to drag down his party's down-ballot candidates. Right now, Republicans hold 54 Senate seats to the Democrats' 46. In order to take control of the Senate, Democrats need to pick up four seats if Clinton wins the presidency and five if she doesn't. Of the 34 Senate seats up for grabs in 2016, here are the 10 that are closest to changing parties, according to the current polling averages: Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. All these seats, with the exception of Nevada's, are currently held by Republicans, so Democrats need to win five of them to pick up a net gain of four and win six to pick up a net gain of five. (I'm not including the Indiana Senate election, which was shaken up by the late entrance of Democrat Evan Bayh. We have only one poll for the race, which comes from the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.) Trump is doing far worse in these states than the Republicans running for Senate in them. Unless Trump's position improves, Republicans will be able to maintain control of the Senate only if enough voters split their tickets, voting Republican for the Senate but not in the presidential race.

CANDIDATES JOHNSON, STEIN LARGELY UNKNOWN: Roughly two-thirds of U.S. adults are unfamiliar with third-party presidential candidates Gary Johnson of the Libertarian Party and Jill Stein of the Green Party (Jones, *Gallup*). Those with an opinion are about evenly split in holding a positive or a negative view of Johnson, while they are slightly negative about Stein. The results are based on a July 13-17 Gallup poll, conducted before the Republican and Democratic national conventions. It is unclear what impact, if any, those conventions have had on views of the Libertarian and Green Party candidates, who receive far less media attention than Republican candidate Donald Trump and Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton. But given the unpopularity of Trump and Clinton, it is possible Americans will be searching for an alternative candidate to vote for this fall. Current presidential preference polls that include the third-party candidates show Johnson averaging about 7% of the vote and Stein 3%.



Congress

DONNELLY, UNIONS TO FIGHT FREE TRADE, TPP: U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly (D-IN) and several leaders of local labor unions discussed the effects a continuing pattern of offshoring jobs would have on the country (Steeb, *Statehouse File*). The discussion focused on Carrier Corporation's decision in February to move 2,100 manufacturing jobs to Mexico from Indiana. "What you're seeing with Carrier is what I call free riders," said Donnelly. "What they do because of the trade agreement NAFTA, is they ship jobs to Mexico for $3 an hour, and so they get the benefit of the absolute lowest wages they can find, and then turn around to ship the products back into the United States." Richard Trumka, AFL-CIO president, said decisions like Carrier's affect the workers and their families not the business. He said voters should analyze every candidate's policies, actions and beliefs before voting. "Those people that we elect set the trade rules and they can be changed," Trumka said. "We have the momentum going right now to change them and we're not going to let up until we got a new trade regime." Part of Donnelly's plan is to fight for fair trade agreements, which includes trying to keep the Trans Pacific Partnership from passing.

HUELSKAMP DEFEATED IN PRIMARY: Frustrated voters in a sprawling Kansas congressional district sent a blunt message on Tuesday that might yet break through the din of this election: At some point the government needs to do something for them (*New York Times*). That sentiment was delivered in the harshest possible terms to Representative Tim Huelskamp, a firebrand Tea Party conservative who lost in a primary landslide after spending most of his six years in Washington feuding with his own leaders. He was so difficult to work with and troublesome that he was kicked off the Agriculture Committee. The loss of that crucial legislative post, and his vote against a long-term farm bill, did not endear him to the powerful farming interests in a state that likes its federal agricultural aid. Farm groups joined the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and another deep-pocketed advocacy group to get behind Roger Marshall, a political novice who promised to work on behalf of Kansas rather than rabble rouse.



General Assembly

AG GROUPS PLAN FOR 2017 ASSEMBLY: It may not feel like it, but the year is half over, and agricultural groups are busy planning for the 2017 General Assembly (Quinlan, *Indiana AgriNews*). Representatives of several groups discussed their plans July 27 at the Agriculture Policy Summit. Although each has unique legislative priorities and strategies, common themes included focus on infrastructure, economic development and budget setting. Top issues include road funding, weight regulations, bean and corn uses, and education and outreach.



State

GOVERNOR: PENCES VISIT STATE FAIR THIS MORNING - Governor Mike Pence and First Lady Karen Pence will visit the Indiana State Fair this morning (*Howey Political Report*). A media alert indicated the couple will participate in the opening ceremony and visit the Bicentennial Pavilion and the Indiana Arts Building, where the First Lady has a 16-print watercolor exhibition.

GOVERNOR: PENCE MAKES APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - Governor Mike Pence recently made appointments to various boards and commissions.

Indiana Dieticians Certification Board (3-year term through July 31, 2019) - Rachel F. Noirot, Monroe County.

Indiana Executive Council on Cybersecurity (serves at Governor's pleasure) - Jacob M. Butler, Allen County; Joni K. Hart, Marion County; Owen J. LaChat, Delaware County; Stephen A. Key, Marion County; Mark A. Lantzy, Marion County; Mark T. Maassel, Porter County; Ronald W. Pelletier, Hamilton County; Robert I. Richhart, Morgan County; Daniel J. Solero, Hendricks County; Robert E. Templeman, Monroe County; and, Jon F. Weirick, Whitley County.

Indiana Gaming Commission (reappointed to 3-year term through Aug. 31, 2019) - Marc D. Fine, Vanderburgh County; and, Joseph C. Svetanoff, Lake County.

Indiana State University Board of Trustees (reappointed to serve a four-year term through June 30, 2020) - Tanya R. Bell, Hendricks County; and, Randall K. Minas, Lake County.

Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group (appointed to serve at the Governor's pleasure) - Jan M. Lutz, Marion County; and, Julie L. Whitman, Boone County.

Private Investigator & Security Guard Licensing Board - Lewis T. Cliborne, Lake County, appointed to serve a two-year term through Aug. 31, 2018; Don C. Johnson, Monroe County, reappointed to serve a two-year term through July 31, 2018; and, Lewis R. LaMaster, Scott County, reappointed to serve a two-year term through July 31, 2018.

ECONOMY: STEEL CONCERNS AIRED IN WASHINGTON - Steel industry stakeholders urged the U.S. International Trade Commission Thursday to take action against what they says are unfairly-traded imports (McGowan, *Inside Indiana Business*). Indiana produces more steel than any other state. Leaders including the CEO of ArcelorMittal, which is one of the largest employers in northwest Indiana, and U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky (D-IN), who represents portions of the region, are pushing for stiffer regulations they say would help level out the market for domestic producers. Visclosky singled out hot-rolled steel products, saying Hoosier workers and employers are "being cheated out of the opportunity to compete fairly" by steelmakers in Australia, Brazil, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Turkey and the United Kingdom. ArcelorMittal USA CEO John Brett said the cheaper foreign steel flooding the U.S. markets, much of which he contends arrived here as "unfairly traded" imports, forced a collapse in the domestic market that has led to layoffs and other cost-cutting decision in recent years. In March, ArcelorMittal idled a plant at the Indiana Harbor facility in East Chicago, costing some 300 jobs.

ECONOMY: GREAT YEAR FOR COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE - A vice president at Cushman & Wakefield says, at the midpoint of 2016, it is one of the best years on record for commercial real estate in Indiana (Ober,*Inside Indiana Business*). Jason Tolliver says organic growth, foreign direct investment and a desire for live-work-play developments has fueled growth in almost every sector. He says development is growing in some areas of the state where there is not enough space to meet demand. During an interview on *Inside INdiana Business Television*, Tolliver said he expects a "really strong end" to 2016. Tolliver says one stand-out sector is office developments, where Indiana is outpacing the nation. He says the United States office sector began the year "soft," but tech momentum in Indiana has the state performing better. He calls the retail sector a continuing "bundle of contradictions." While many department stores are "right-sizing" their footprints, he says restaurants are driving growth.

AGRICULTURE: FARMLAND VALUE CONTINUES FALL - A Purdue University survey has found Indiana farmland values have continued their downward trend (*Associated Press*). The 2016 Purdue Farmland Value Survey released Wednesday found average declines of 8.2 to 8.7 percent from last year, depending on land quality. It says such large declines haven't been seen since the mid-1980s. The survey says that over the past two years, the average farmland value has fallen about 13 percent. The report says the declines are largely the result of tighter profit margins from low commodity prices. It says the downward trend in farmland values was consistent across all regions of the state. The survey shows that top- and average-quality farmland fell by an average of 8.2 percent and poor-quality farmland declined by 8.7 percent. Top land fell from $9,266 per acre to $8,508.

COURTS: WARRANT REQUIRED FOR PHONE LOCATION DATA - Police must obtain a judicial warrant to access the cellular phone location records of a suspected criminal, the Indiana Court of Appeals ruled Thursday (Carden, *NWI Times*). In a 2-1 decision, involving a first-of-its-kind issue for

Indiana, the appellate court determined Hoosiers have an expectation of privacy in their location data maintained by cellphone providers, and police do not have automatic authority to access and use those records as a tracking device. Appeals Judge Patricia Riley, a Rensselaer native writing for the court, distinguished cellphone location data from similar records individuals voluntarily convey to businesses, or other third parties, which those entities are free to provide to police or the government, upon request. Appeals Judge James Kirsch dissented from the decision. He said the court should have followed precedents set by several federal appellate circuits that declined to find individuals have an expectation of privacy for their cellular location data. Republican Attorney General Greg Zoeller is likely to ask the Indiana Supreme Court to review and set aside the Court of Appeals decision.

EDUCATION: DANIELS HONORED FOR PARTNERSHIPS - Purdue University President Mitch Daniels is being nationally recognized for his work with public-private partnerships (Ober*, Inside Indiana Business*). The American Road and Transportation Builders Association has named Daniels its P3 Entrepreneur of the Year for his work on the $120 million State Street Redevelopment Project in West Lafayette. The State Street project involves overhauling the corridor that runs through Purdue and into downtown West Lafayette. The effort is a driving factor in the proposed $1.2 billion Purdue Innovation District. The project received final approval from Governor Mike Pence in March. Daniels has taken leadership roles in several public-private partnerships during his years at Purdue and as governor Indiana. They include the Indiana Toll Road, which generated more than $3.8 billion in cash for the state. Much of that money was used for the 10-year Major Moves transportation plan and a trust fund future infrastructure projects.

ECONOMY: INDIANA CITIES AMONG MOST AFFORDABLE - A national website focusing on quality-of-life data has ranked three Indiana cities in the top 10 for lowest cost of living in the nation (McGowan, *Inside Indiana Business*). The Niche.com list is based on metrics including home value, property taxes, rent and gas prices. The top cities in Indiana are Fort Wayne and Evansville, number one and two in the country, respectively, sixth-ranked South Bend and #24 in the country Indianapolis. The full list of factors is: Home Value to Income Ratio, Median Effective Property Tax, Median Home Value, Median Rent,Monthly Housing Cost to Income Ratio, CPI Gas Index, CPI Grocery Index and Rent to Income Ratio. The numbers come from the U.S. Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Nation

WHITE HOUSE: OBAMA SAYS IRAN CASH UPROAR 'MANUFACTURED' - President Obama on Thursday flatly denied that a $400 million pallet of cash delivered to the Iranian government in January, on the same day that four American citizens who had been detained by Iran were released, was a ransom payment, calling the latest uproar over the landmark nuclear pact with Tehran "the manufacturing of outrage" (Cooper & Schmidt, *New York Times*). Mr. Obama said the payment was part of a decades-old dispute with Iran that had been litigated before an international tribunal, adding that his administration publicly disclosed the agreement in January. "We do not pay ransom for hostages," Mr. Obama said during a news conference at the Pentagon. In a forceful rebuttal to accusations from critics who said that the payment could put more Americans in danger of being held, he called "the notion that we would start now, in this high profile way," one that "defies logic." "It's been interesting to watch this story surface," Mr. Obama said. "Some of you may recall, we announced these payments in January.

Many months ago. It was no secret." Mr. Obama's comments came after a meeting with his national security staff on the battle to counter the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria.

WHITE HOUSE: KERRY INSISTS NO RANSOM FOR HOSTAGES - Secretary of State John Kerry insisted Thursday that the United States never pays ransoms for hostages, rejecting accusations that a $400 million payment to Iran was a quid pro quo for the release of American prisoners (*CNN*). "First of all, the United States of America does not pay ransom and does not negotiate ransoms with any country," Kerry said at a news conference in Argentina. "We never have and we're not doing that now. It is not our policy." A furor erupted after The Wall Street Journal reported Wednesday on the circumstances and timing of a cash payment to Iran. CNN had at the time reported that the transfer had been arranged.

WHITE HOUSE: ISLAMIC STATE TO CONTINUE AS THREAT - The Islamic State group will probably continue to be a threat to the U.S. even after it is ousted from key strongholds in Iraq and Syria, President Barack Obama said Thursday, warning that lone-wolf believers will still be inspired to launch attacks that are harder to detect and prevent (*Associated Press*). Speaking to reporters after meeting with his top national security advisers in the Pentagon, Obama said the U.S. has to do a better job disrupting terror networks and intercepting the internet messages that can get to troubled individuals and inspire them to act. "What ISIL has figured out is that if they can convince a handful of people or even one person to carry out an attack on a subway, or at a parade or some other public venue, and kill scores of people as opposed to thousands of people, it still creates the kinds of fear and concern that elevates their profile," Obama said. He said terrorism likely won't be eliminated by his administration or his successors, and he's always pushing his team to seek out new ideas to battle the problem.

WEATHER: U.S. IN HURRICANE DROUGHT - Hurricanes, large and small, have eluded U.S. shores for record lengths of time. As population and wealth along parts of the U.S. coast have exploded since the last stormy period, experts dread the potential damage and harm once the drought ends (*Washington Post*). Three historically unprecedented droughts in landfalling U.S. hurricanes are presently active. A major hurricane hasn't hit the U.S. Gulf or East Coast in more than a decade. A major hurricane is one containing maximum sustained winds of at least 111 mph and classified as Category 3 or higher on the 1-5 Saffir-Simpson wind scale. The streak has reached 3,937 days, longer than any previous drought by nearly two years. Twenty-seven major hurricanes have occurred in the Atlantic Ocean basin since the last one, Wilma, struck Florida in 2005. The odds of this are 1 in 2,300, according to Phil Klotzbach, a hurricane researcher from Colorado State University. Even the entire Gulf of Mexico, and its sprawling coast from Florida to Texas, have been hurricane-free for almost three full years, the longest period since record-keeping began 165 years ago (in 1851). The last hurricane to traverse the Gulf waters was Ingrid, which made landfall in Mexico as a tropical storm, in September 2013.

ECONOMY: UNEMPLOYMENT REQUESTS UP, NEAR ALL-TIME LOW - More Americans applied for unemployment benefits last week, but the number of remained close to historic lows in a positive sign for the job market (Boak, *Associated Press*). Applications for jobless aid rose 3,000 to a seasonally adjusted 269,000, the Labor Department said Thursday. The four-week average, a less volatile measure, increased 3,750 to 260,250. The number of Americans collecting benefits has fallen 5.4 percent over the past year to 2.14 million. The U.S. economy looks pretty resilient despite a slow start to 2016, since jobless claims are a proxy for layoffs. The number of people seeking aid has been below 300,000 for 74 straight weeks,

the longest streak since 1973. By holding onto employees, employers are signaling that they expect economic growth to continue. The pace of hiring and economic growth slowed in the first half of 2016, even if companies are refraining from layoffs. Monthly job gains averaged 147,000 in the April-June quarter, a 25 percent decline from the average in the first three months of the year. Economists estimate that Friday's employment report will show that 175,000 jobs were added in July, with the unemployment rate dipping to 4.8 percent from 4.9 percent.

CRIME: PROSECUTOR REP BLASTS OBAMA'S COMMUTATIONS - The head of the association representing career federal prosecutors unloaded Thursday on President Obama's decision to cut short the sentences of 214 prisoners, accusing the administration of violating its own clemency guidelines (Kirby,*FoxNews*). Obama's was the most commutations ever issued on a single day, according to political scientist P.S. Ruckman Jr., who tracks presidential commutations. His total now stands at 562, more than the previous nine presidents combined. "These aren't little, nonviolent offenders." Steve Cook, president of the National Association of Assistant U.S. Attorneys, told LifeZette that 55 of the prisoners have firearms convictions - in many cases not just possessing a weapon but using it help carry out drug distribution operations. Others have criminal backgrounds that should have raised red flags, he said. "The reason some of this should shock people is when this clemency program was announced, the public was told in order to qualify, applicants had to meet six very specific criteria," he said, adding that even a cursory review suggests many should have failed that test. Cook noted that two men who received a break were serving time for "engaging in a continuing criminal enterprise," which he said indicates they were drug kingpins.

Local

CITIES: CONSTRUCTION JOBS UP 20% IN KOKOMO - Recent data analysis shows that Kokomo led the nation in a percentage increase of construction jobs over the last year, city officials announced Thursday (Myers, *Kokomo Tribune*). An analysis by the Associated General Contractors of America of data gathered by the Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that the Kokomo Metropolitan Statistical Area gained 200 construction jobs from June 2015 to June 2016. The industry growth represents a 20 percent increase, the highest in the nation. According to the data, Kokomo increased from 1,000 to 1,200 construction jobs. The second highest increase was in Boise City, Idaho, which saw a 19 percent increase from 18,700 jobs to 22,300. "This is another example of how Kokomo's economy continues to grow," said Kokomo Mayor Greg Goodnight in a press release. "New housing and amenities produced by these new construction jobs have an economic ripple throughout the rest of the city." Kokomo was one of two Indiana cities to experience a double-digit increase. Lafayette-West Lafayette saw an increase of 11 percent from 3,700 jobs to 4,100.

CITIES: NO CRIMINAL CHARGES FOR INDY COUNCILOR ACCUSED OF RAPE - Criminal charges will not be filed against an Indianapolis councilor accused of rape (Galer, *WTHR-TV*). A special prosecutor made the decision Thursday after reviewing the allegation against Zach Adamson (D-Indianapolis). The allegation stemmed from an incident in September 2015, but was reported in June 2016. Adamson maintained his innocence in the matter. "From the beginning, we have maintained that the accusations against me were false," Adamson said in a statement. "We are pleased that after 7 weeks of extensive

investigations by the police, they have come to the same conclusion. We're grateful to the IMPD detectives working on this matter and thank them for their thorough investigation..."

CITIES: SECOND EEOC CLAIM AGAINST TERRE HAUTE STREET DEPT. - A second person claims he was harassed by co-workers while he was employed at the Terre Haute Street Department (Swaner, *WTHI-TV*). Steve Stedman filed a claim with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). Terry Fish has also filed a claim after filing a Tort Claim against the city last November. Fish claimed his former co-workers harassed him for a decade. Fish is physically and mentally disabled. Stedman claims he could not just sit by and watch the harassment, so he took his concerns to his bosses. "Nothing was done by Brad Miller of the mayor," Stedman said in a prepared statement read to News 10. Miller told News 10 he cannot comment on any litigation against the city that's pending. City Attorney Eddie Felling told us the same thing, although he did tell us he's already filed his response to both claims. Attorney Paul Jungers represents Stedman and Fish. He says the EEOC will appoint an investigator to look into the claims. That investigator could issue Stedman a "right to sue" letter.

CITIES: ANDERSON PLANS TO DEMOLISH 70 PROPERTIES - The city of Anderson plans to demolish dozens of vacant properties over the next month (McNicholas, *WISH-TV*). They're knocking the homes down using state grant money. Anderson locals said the city's still recovering from General Motors' decision to close its Anderson plant. Anderson's population stood at 70,000 in 1970 and, today, it's dropped below 60,000. City leaders hope a new blight elimination project will breathe new life into the city. City leaders plan to demolish 70 properties between now and mid-September. The city was awarded a grant of about $2 million a year and a half ago, according to the mayor. A city spokesperson said city workers find the homeowners and use grant money to acquire the lot. If the homeowners don't cooperate, the demolition can't happen. In some cases, city workers can enforce an Unsafe Building Ordinance to demolish the property if the owner does not cooperate. If the homeowner cooperates, the mayor's team works to find new owners to revitalize the property.

CITIES: SOUTH BEND AIRPORT LAND EYED FOR REDEVELOPMENT - Plans are in the works for the transfer of 70 acres of land near the airport to the city for future redevelopment (Blasko, *South Bend Tribune*). In anticipation of the move, the Airport Authority, which owns the land, has petitioned to have it annexed into the city and rezoned from agricultural to light industrial. The Common Council will consider the petition Monday. The transfer is part of an agreement between the city and Airport Authority for the development of a new facility for Corporate Wings, a fixed-base operator out of Ohio. The city agreed in 2014 to build a $1.5 million ramp for the facility, which, when finished later this year, will provide general aviation and concierge services to corporate and commercial clients. In exchange, the Airport Authority agreed to transfer to the city 71.31 acres of undeveloped land. Brian Pawlowski, acting executive director of Community Investment for the city, said Wednesday the city has no immediate plans for the property, which is in German Township.

CITIES: BEECH GROVE SETTLES OVER FACEBOOK PAGE - The City of Beech Grove has reached a settlement with two women who sued the city over their posts being banned from the city's Facebook page (*WTHR-TV*). The city took down its police and city Facebook pages last month after the lawsuit was filed. The women claimed the city had banned them from critical posts. A city attorney said it happened when people posted comments not related to crime. In some cases, the comments were seen as

inflammatory and not true. Beech Grove will now allow the women to post comments and the city will also pay the women's court costs. Beech Grove will change its Facebook editing policies. The city was reluctant to take down its Facebook pages because it was a way for them to receive crime tips.

CITIES: FEDERAL GRANT FOR CLAY CITY WATER SYSTEM - Donella Baumgartner, president of the Clay City Town Council, called the grant and repairs to the city's water filtration system "awesome" (Phillips,*Brazil Times*). She praised National Water Service for putting in extra time to be sure temporary repairs to the filtration system will hold and said that after the $550,000 federal grant is applied and permanent repairs are completed, "Hopefully, we won't have to raise any water prices but the water will look much better and that's awesome." She said the water is currently safe to drink but many times it appears to be colored. Bids will be received this fall. Work on the plant should start before the end of the year and take six months to complete. Next year, the town plans to apply for a sanitary sewer/storm sewer grant to upgrade that utility, Baumgartner said.

COUNTIES: COMMISSION RECOMMENDS REPRIMAND FOR FLOYD PROSECUTOR - A hearing officer from Indiana's Disciplinary Commission Wednesday recommended that Floyd County prosecutor Keith Henderson get a public reprimand for his actions in the David Camm triple-murder case, according to reports (Sayers, *Louisville Courier-Journal*). David L. Pippen, hearing officer for the commission, published the recommendation in Indiana Supreme Court in which he wrote that Henderson violated ethics rules by pursuing a deal to write a book about the Camm case between the second and third trials, according to a document filed Wednesday and first reported by WDRB. Ethics rules state that attorneys are prohibited from negotiating publicity rights arising from representation of their clients, according to the recommendation. The findings will now go before the Indiana Supreme Court, which will decide whether to accept or reject the recommendation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Campaigns

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

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

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

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

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



Presidential 2016

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Congress

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



State

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

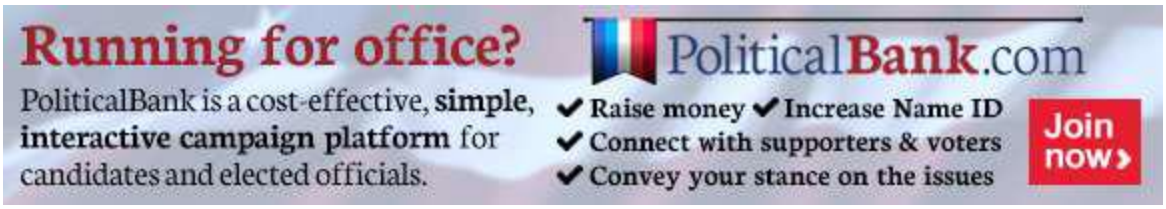
EDUCATION: SHORTAGE OF FIRST-TIME TEACHERS - The crop of first-year teachers across Indiana decreased by almost a fifth in the past five years, leaving school districts hard-pressed to find educators as a new school year begins (Turner, *IndyStar*). School officials said it's been increasingly difficult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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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KERNAN CALLS TRUMP 'UNFIT' FOR PRESIDENCY: A former Indiana governor is now saying that Donald Trump's comments about members of the military are disgraceful. Former Gov. Joe Kernan appears in a new ad from a Super PAC Priorities USA that supports Hillary Clinton. The ad from Priorities USA is airing in 9 battleground states including Ohio (*WISH-TV*). In the ad Kernan takes issue with Donald Trump's comments about Arizona Senator John McCain being a war hero only because he was captured. "Donald Trump doesn't understand the weight of sending Americans into harm's way," says Kernan. "He's unfit to be President."

TRUMP WON'T ENDORSE RYAN, McCAIN: Donald Trump threw out another stunner to his own party on Tuesday by declaring himself unready to endorse House Speaker Paul Ryan, the highest-ranking elected Republican, and two other prominent Senate Republicans (*Bloomberg News*). Ryan faces a Republican primary next week in his Wisconsin district against challenger Paul Nehlen, whom Trump has praised. Trump added in the same interview with the Washington Post that he also isn't supporting Senator John McCain in Arizona or Senator Kelly Ayotte in New Hampshire, both of whom face upcoming primaries. "I like Paul, but these are horrible times for our country," Trump told the newspaper. "We need very strong leadership. We need very, very strong leadership. And I'm just not quite there yet. I'm not quite there yet." By choosing that phrasing, the New York billionaire was pointedly using almost identical language to what Ryan had used earlier this year when he spent several weeks evaluating whether or not to support Trump. In early May, Ryan said, "I'm just not there yet," before eventually backing Trump on June 2. Trump singled out Ayotte as a weak and disloyal leader in New Hampshire, a state whose presidential primary Trump won handily.

PENCE HUDDLES WITH McCAIN: Republican vice presidential nominee Mike Pence met with Sen. John McCain on Tuesday, just hours after Donald Trump declined to endorse McCain in his upcoming primary (Nussbaum*, Politico*). "Upon scheduling a trip to Arizona," said Lorna Romero, McCain's communications director, "Governor Pence's office reached out to John McCain to request a meeting. John McCain was happy to welcome Governor Pence to Phoenix, and they enjoyed a very friendly meeting, during which they discussed a variety of issues." Pence's campaign said the meeting lasted about 25 minutes. "The two leaders discussed many issues facing the United States and the need for strong American leadership to defeat radical Islamic terrorism and ISIS," said Marc Lotter, Pence's press secretary. Pence's meeting with McCain, the 2008 GOP nominee, was scheduled before Trump made his comments Tuesday. Trump also declined Tuesday morning to endorse House Speaker Paul Ryan. The news, which roiled Republican circles Tuesday, did not stop Pence from uttering his standard line on Republican unity at a town hall event in Tucson. After praising Trump, Pence segued into the line: "Up until very recently it seems like he's been out there doing it all on his own, but now we are united, we are come together." The meeting was to be one test of whether Pence can repair the bridges to the Republican establishment that Trump at times seems so eager to burn.

OBAMA CALLS TRUMP 'UNFIT' FOR PRESIDENCY: President Obama on Tuesday escalated his criticism of Donald Trump, calling him "unfit to serve as president," as the Republican presidential

nominee faced censure from members of both parties for disparaging the parents of a fallen army captain (*Washington Post*). "The notion that he would attack a Gold Star family that made such extraordinary sacrifices on behalf of our country, the fact that he doesn't appear to have basic knowledge around critical issues in Europe, in the Middle East, in Asia, means that he is woefully unprepared to do this job," Obama said at the White House, during a news conference with the prime minister of Singapore. Obama also challenged Republican leaders to go beyond distancing themselves from Trump, saying their objections "ring hollow" as long as they still pledge to vote for him. "There has to come a point at which you say enough," the president said. Reflecting on the novelty of his own remarks, Obama said his warning stands apart from his criticism of his own Republican presidential rivals, Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) and former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney, with whom he disagreed on "certain policy issues" but whose qualifications and "basic decency" he didn't dispute.

TRUMP GIVEN A PURPLE HEART: Without setting foot on a battlefield, Donald Trump said he received a Purple Heart medal on Tuesday at his rally in Ashburn, Virginia, from a retired lieutenant colonel and supporter (*Politico*). "I said to him, 'Is that like the real one, or is that a copy?" the Republican nominee said moments after taking the stage at a local high school. Trump recounted the exchange, remarking that the man, who he identified as retired Lt. Col. Louis Dorfman said, "That's my real Purple Heart. I have such confidence in you." "And I said, 'Man, that's like big stuff. I always wanted to get the Purple Heart," Trump said. "This was much easier."

STATE CHOOSES NOT TO APPEAL ABORTION ORDER: Indiana has opted not to appeal a federal judge's order blocking a state law that would ban abortions sought because of a fetus' genetic abnormalities (*Associated Press*). The judge issued a preliminary injunction June 30 blocking the law from taking effect. Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky sought that order in its lawsuit arguing the law is unconstitutional and violates women's privacy rights. Indiana's attorney general's office had 30 days to appeal the preliminary order, but did not. Spokesman Bryan Corbin said in a Tuesday statement that after reviewing the case with its clients the office determined Indiana has no need to appeal the judge's order "at this point" in the ongoing case. Corbin says if the judge eventually issues a final order making the injunction permanent, Indiana "would likely appeal that."

GARY MAYOR THINKS HOOSIERS WILL BACK HILLARY: Fresh from attending the Democratic National Convention last week in Philadelphia, Gary Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson said she thinks traditional red state Indiana will once again go blue in November (Tejeda, *Post-Tribune*). Despite losing to Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vermont) in the May primary, Freeman-Wilson said Secretary Hillary Clinton will win Indiana and take the state's 11 Electoral College votes based on the strength of the state's ticket. "I think things look good for Democrats running for many offices," the mayor said. "That could create the momentum that would allow Hillary Clinton a good chance to win the state." She cited the presence on the ballot of Evan Bayh, who she said was a "popular, proven product" with the voters. And, as Freeman Wilson sees it, former Indiana House speaker John Gregg will not be running against a Republican with the advantages of incumbency.

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: With Trump's lead in Indiana last recorded in the double digits, conventional wisdom implies it is highly unlikely the Republican will lose here despite efforts by state Democrats to suggest otherwise, and especially with Pence sharing the ticket. Yet the New York billionaire has suffered

what for any other candidate would be a debilitating week. Last night, in the midst of the Kahn debacle, a tweet from *CNBC's* John Harwood quoted a Trump insider as stating the Republican's campaign staff was "suicidal," a suggestion quickly denied by campaign leadership. Other reports indicate Hillary is personally reaching out to Republican leaders in an effort to gain their support, notching Meg Whitman as one success. It will be interesting to see what comes from the opening of the Hillary for Indiana office in Indianapolis earlier this week. It seems doubtful the Democratic candidate will invest significant resources to turn Indiana blue in 2016, but, then again, little about this election can be described as conventional. - *Mark Curry*

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GREGG TOURS TECH COMPANY TODAY, HALE IN MUNSTER: Democratic Governor candidate John Gregg will visit TCC Solutions Software in Indianapolis this morning to tour the technology company and meet with its leadership (*Howey Politics Indiana*). A news release noted that his running mate, Christina Hale, will tour the Three Floyds Brewery on Munster tomorrow afternoon.

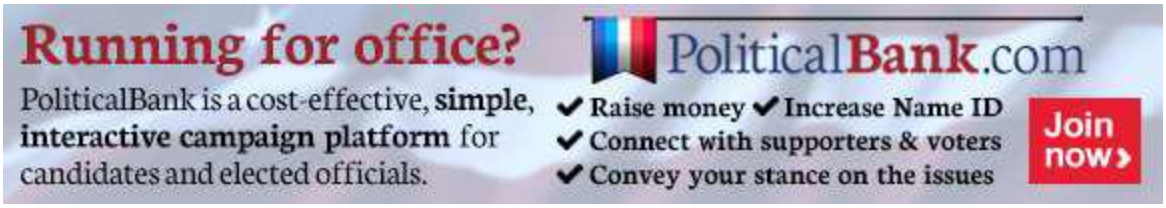
INDEMS HIT HOLCOMB ON PENCE RECORD: A news release from the Indiana Democratic Party stated "Eric Holcomb told the Statehouse press corps that he was proud of the ideological agenda that has the state's economy lagging and the Hoosier middle-class falling behind" (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "That must mean Holcomb is proud of the many PR problems Indiana has faced under Mike Pence," the news release continued. "This includes RFRA, one of the most restrictive anti-abortion laws in the nation, and the state's choice to decline the $80 million grant for statewide Pre-K."

INGOP AGAIN TIES GREGG TO HILLARY: "John Gregg cares little about good paying, hard-working Hoosier jobs," stated Indiana Republican Party Chairman Jeff Cardwell in a news release (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "At the same time Hillary Clinton was promising to put Hoosier coal miners out of business, John Gregg was sending her a max out campaign contribution. We do not need to go back to the failed policies of the past with John Gregg. We need to keep Indiana moving forward with Eric Holcomb as our next Governor."

YOUNG TO VISIT SUBARU: On Thursday, August 4th, at 12:30 P.M. U.S. Senate candidate Todd Young will visit the Subaru of Indiana Automotive (SIA) manufacturing plant in Lafayette (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Prior to the tour, Young will meet with the SIA management team to discuss the positive economic impact the plant has on the surrounding community and the entire state. There will be media availability at 1:00 PM inside of the manufacturing facility. Young's opponent, Democrat Evan Bayh, came out against tax credits for Subaru during his first campaign for governor in 1988.

YOUNG CAMP LAUNCHES 'BAYHISBOUGHT.COM': According to a news release from the Republican's campaign manager, the U.S. Senate campaign of Todd Young launched BayhIsBought.com, a new website and accompanying social media presence "to educate Hoosiers on the real Evan Bayh" (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "Evan Bayh has changed," wrote Trevor Foughty, Young's campaign manager. "He cashed in and became a 'super-lobbyist' after casting the deciding vote for Obamacare. To this day Bayh remains a partner at one of the largest lobbyist firms in the world and has made millions sitting on corporate boards. Evan Bayh has been bought and paid for by special interests. Hoosiers know cleaning up the mess in Washington is long overdue, and it is why they will send Todd Young to the Senate in November."

YODER RELEASES TAXES, URGES HOLLINGSWORTH TO DO SAME: Monroe County Councilwoman and educator Shelli Yoder, Democratic candidate for Congress in Indiana's 9th District, announced plans to release her taxes, and called upon her opponent, Trey Hollingsworth, to do the same (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "As a working mother and lifelong Hoosier, I know that Indiana voters demand transparency from their elected officials, and so it is in the name of transparency that I'm releasing my taxes today," Yoder stated in an email news release. The news release noted that the Indianapolis Star reported Hollingsworth's company sued Indiana in order to avoid paying $90,000 in taxes owed after having received more than $800,000 in state tax abatements.



Presidential 2016

TRUMP CALLS OBAMA A 'TERRIBLE PRESIDENT': Donald Trump says President Barack Obama is attacking him because he's "concerned I'm going to win" (*CNN*). Trump criticized Obama in an interview with WJLA hours after Obama had declared at a news conference that Trump is "unfit to serve as president." "Well, he's a terrible president," Trump said. "He'll probably go down as the worst president in the history of our country, he's been a total disaster."

PENCE TO CAMPAIGN IN ARIZONA: Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump's conservative running mate, will stump Tuesday in Tucson and Phoenix as the GOP campaign continues to try to manage a self-inflicted controversy involving Trump's comments about the parents of a Muslim U.S. soldier who was killed in action in Iraq (*IndyStar*). Pence, who accepted the GOP's vice-presidential nomination July 20 at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, will host town-hall-style meetings at 2 p.m. at the Fox Tucson Theater and at 7 p.m. at the Phoenix Convention Center. The Trump campaign has signaled that Arizona is one of the states it is targeting in the November general election, despite its long history as a presidential red state. President Barack Obama lost Arizona in 2008 and 2012, respectively, to Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, but polls have indicated that Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton has a fighting chance in the state. President Bill Clinton in 1996 became the only Democrat to carry Arizona since President Harry Truman did so in 1948.

TRUMP URGES INTEREST RATE RISE: Donald Trump on Tuesday said interest rates set by the Federal Reserve are inflating the stock market and recommended 401(k)-holders to get out of equities, just like he did (*Bloomberg News*). "I did invest and I got out, and it was actually very good timing," the Republican presidential nominee said in a phone interview with Fox Business. "But I've never been a big investor in the stock market." "Interest rates are artificially low," Trump said. "The only reason the stock market is where it is is because you get free money." Trump said the market would "go great" if he were elected.

TRUMP ASKS BABY TO LEAVE RALLY: Donald Trump asked a woman with a crying baby to leave his rally in Ashburn, Virginia, on Tuesday (*Politico*). The GOP nominee initially suggested that he did not mind the disruption. "Don't worry about that baby. I love babies," Trump said after hearing the baby crying during an aside about the trade imbalance. "Don't worry about it. I love babies. I hear that baby crying, I like it. What a baby. What a beautiful baby. Don't worry, don't worry. The mom's running around like—don't worry about it, you know. It's young and beautiful and healthy and that's what we want."

REP. HANNA WILL VOTE FOR CLINTON: Rep. Richard Hanna of New York will cast his ballot for Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton this November, becoming the first Republican member of Congress to say he'll cross party lines and vote directly against GOP nominee Donald Trump (*Politico*). "For me, it is not enough to simply denounce his comments: He is unfit to serve our party and cannot lead this country," Hanna wrote in an op-ed for Syracuse.com published Tuesday.

TOP CHRISTIE AIDE VOTING FOR CLINTON: Longtime Chris Christie aide Maria Comella says she plans to vote for Hillary Clinton -- saying that after Donald Trump's nomination, Republicans are "at a moment where silence isn't an option." Comella is breaking from the governor she helped elevate into the national political limelight (*CNN*). Her decision, announced in an email interview with CNN's Jamie Gangel, comes the day after a top Jeb Bush aide said she was leaving the Republican Party. Comella blasted Trump over his attack on the Muslim parents of an American soldier killed in combat, calling it emblematic of the rhetoric that has led her to reject her own party's nominee. "Donald Trump has been a

demagogue this whole time, preying on people's anxieties with loose information and salacious rhetoric, drumming up fear and hatred of the 'other,'" Comella said.

MEG WHITMAN WILL SUPPORT CLINTON CAMPAIGN: Meg Whitman, a Hewlett Packard executive and Republican fund-raiser, said Tuesday that she would support Hillary Clinton for president and give a "substantial" contribution to her campaign in order to stop Donald J. Trump, whom she berated as a threat to American democracy (Martin, *New York Times*). "I will vote for Hillary, I will talk to my Republican friends about helping her, and I will donate to her campaign and try to raise money for her," Ms. Whitman said in a telephone interview. She revealed that Mrs. Clinton, the Democratic nominee, had reached out to her in a phone call about a month ago, one of the first indications that Mrs. Clinton is aggressively courting Republican leaders.

CLINTON PREPARING TO RUN $100M IN TV ADS: Hillary Clinton and her allies are poised for a TV ad blitz of nearly $100 million dollars, compared to less than $1 million currently reserved on the airwaves by backers of Donald Trump (*NBC News*). According to ad-tracking data provided to NBC News by SMG Delta, Clinton's campaign and pro-Clinton group Priorities USA Action have reserved a combined $98 million through the fall so far, while pro-Trump PAC Rebuilding America Now has just about $817,000 set to air at this time.

BARAKA IS STEIN'S RUNNING MATE: Jill Stein has selected human rights activist Ajamu Baraka as her running mate, the Green Party presumptive nominee's campaign announced Monday (Politico). Baraka was the founding executive director of the U.S. Human Rights Network and coordinator of the Black Left Unity Network's Committee on International Affairs. He has also served on the boards of Amnesty International and the National Center for Human Rights Education.

DNC SHAKEUP: The shake-up at the Democratic National Committee after an embarrassing breach of its email system continued on Tuesday with the departure of three senior officials (*New York Times*). Amy Dacey, the committee's chief executive; Luis Miranda, its communications director; and Brad Marshall, its chief financial officer, will leave amid a reshuffling of leadership positions, said Donna Brazile, the interim chairwoman.



Congress

DONNELLY-SUPPORTED FOOD LABEL BILL SIGNED INTO LAW: Bipartisan biotechnology labeling legislation was signed into law that U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly (D-IN) supported and helped shape (*Howey Politics Indiana*). According to a news release, the legislation will provide consumers with consistent national food labeling requirements that preempt a confusing and misguided patchwork of state labels, which would have harmed consumers and farmers alike. It will also maintain state and federal consumer protection laws. Donnelly, who serves on the Senate Agriculture Committee, was actively involved in working toward the bipartisan deal on biotechnology labeling. In the Senate Agriculture Committee, Donnelly offered an amendment to create a national, voluntary labeling standard that had ambitious goals for companies to make information available to consumers.

DONNELLY VISITS URSCHEL LABS IN CHESTERTON: U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly (D-IN) worked alongside Hoosier employees at Urschel Laboratories in the food processing machine assembly department (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Donnelly also visited the test lab, where he helped a technician test a chip slicer, as part of his visit to Urschel Laboratories' newly-constructed 350,000 square-foot facility in Chesterton. Urschel Laboratories produces slicers, dicers, shredders, and other food processing machinery. Urschel's patented devices for slicing potatoes into chips and french fries are widely used throughout the world.



General Assembly

MERRITT LEGISLATION TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS: Joined by lawmakers and public safety officials, State Sen. Jim Merritt (R-Indianapolis) yesterday discussed a legislative proposal he plans to author during the 2017 session to protect on- and off-duty public safety officers and their families (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Current Indiana law provides enhanced penalties for public safety officers who are harmed when acting in their official capacity. Merritt's proposal would expand those enhanced penalties when a public safety officer or their family is harmed – on- or off-duty – just because they are known to be a police officer, firefighter or other public safety officer, according to a news release. "With the recent targeting and violence against police officers, it's imperative for Indiana to update its laws to protect our public safety officers both on- and off-duty," Merritt said. He was joined by State Sen. Randy Head (R-Logansport), former Deputy Prosecutor for Cass County; State Sen. Michael Crider (R-Greenfield), a former conservation officer with the Department of Natural Resources; State Sen. Jim Arnold (D-LaPorte), former LaPorte County Sheriff; Asst. Chief Randy Taylor of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department; Jack Sandlin, a retired law enforcement officer; Aaron Freeman, a former deputy prosecuting attorney; state and local chapter presidents from the Fraternal Order of Police

(FOP); and Leo Blackwell, an attorney and retired member of the Indianapolis Police Department and lifelong member of the FOP.

INDIANA HOUSE GOP OFFERS INTERNSHIPS: For current college students, recent graduates and those in graduate school, there are opportunities to gain real-world experience and expand resumes by interning with the Indiana House of Representatives, according to a news release from Rep. Steve Davisson (R-Salem) (*Howey Politics Indiana*). These internships are open to college sophomores and up, recent graduates and graduate students. This paid program during the spring semester provides interns opportunities to immerse themselves in Indiana's legislative process by working directly with state representatives. Interns receive a bi-weekly compensation of $700 and opportunities to earn college credits. Former interns have launched careers not only in government, but the business and non-profit sectors. To learn more about internship opportunities and the application process, visit www.indianahouserepublicans.com/internship. The application deadline is Oct. 31.



State

GOVERNOR: MAN AWAITS PENCE PARDON - Keith Cooper learned that Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump tapped Indiana Gov. Mike Pence as his running mate while he was watching the news on television last month. And Cooper was angry (*IndyStar*). More than 200 days have passed since a former deputy prosecutor wrote to Pence asking that he pardon Cooper, an innocent man who sat in prison for nine years. More than two years have passed since the Indiana Parole Board heard Cooper's petition for pardon. Pence has yet to formally exonerate Cooper. "He can't even do right by me," Cooper told IndyStar on Monday. "What is he going to do for all U.S. citizens?"

GOVERNOR: MANUFACTURER INVESTING $15M IN MERRILLVILLE - Polycon Industries, a manufacturer of plastic containers, announced plans to expand its operations in Indiana, investing $15 million and creating up to 100 new jobs by the end of 2017 (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The company will invest more than $15 million to construct and equip a 150,000-square-foot addition to its facility in Merrillville, which it shares with its parent company, Crown Packaging, according to a news release. Construction on the company's expansion began last month, and operations in its new wing are set to begin in February 2017. Polycon Industries, which currently has more than 130 employees, plans to begin hiring skilled machine operators, processors and experienced mechanics in August. The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) offered Polycon Industries Inc. up to $635,000 in conditional tax credits

and up to $30,000 in training grants based on the company's job creation plans. The town of Merrillville approved additional incentives at the request of the Lake County Indiana Economic Alliance.

STATEHOUSE: ISTEP FATE REMAINS IN LIMBO - The 2016-17 school year was supposed to be the last year for ISTEP testing, but a panel tasked with picking a replacement has doubts about how possible that is (Osowski, *Evansville Courier & Press*). The panel, established by the Indiana General Assembly to create a new statewide test, has held three meetings, and members still aren't sure what kind of test they want to consider. Testing experts have told the committee building a test can take up to two years, which has some members wondering if they need to push back the ISTEP's demise. With parents, teachers and school officials crying for a new test, Rep. Robert Behning (R-Indianapolis) authored a bill to eliminate ISTEP after the 2017 Spring test. Behning said during the most recent meeting that he didn't want to rush into a new test and didn't think the panel had enough time to create a new test that was going to work. He floated the idea of keeping the current test and look at pilot test options to see how they work. The committee is supposed to have a decision ready to go before the General Assembly when they return to work in 2017.

REGIONAL CITIES: PROJECTS NAMED FOR NORTHERN GRANT - The $42 million grant that north-central Indiana won through the state's Regional Cities Initiative will soon be put to work (Allen, *South Bend Tribune*). Regional Cities of Northern Indiana, which is the five-person board administering the grant for St. Joseph, Elkhart and Marshall counties, chose several projects Tuesday morning to receive money. In total, the board identified $38.6 million worth of projects that will receive a piece of the grant as long as the Indiana Economic Development Corp. deems those projects eligible for Regional Cities money and the projects secure matching funds from the private sector and local government. The selected projects include a $3.5 million contribution to fix the facade of Building 84, a former Studebaker auto assembly plant. Another selected project is the South Bend Blue Ways, which aims to revamp riverfront trails and parks. The board allocated $5 million for that project. Also of note, the board allotted $9 million for a regional aquatic center in Elkhart and $2 million for an aquatic center in Plymouth. A plan to renovate the Goshen Theater would receive $1.8 million. The board also set aside $14.6 million for housing developments, including a large apartment-and-retail project in downtown Mishawaka and an expansion of the Commerce Center in downtown South Bend.

TRANSPORTATION: HOOSIER TRAIN REVENUE UP 65% - As the revamped Hoosier State train celebrates its first year, Iowa Pacific Holdings says key metrics continue to come back positive (McGowan,*Inside Indiana Business*). Marketing and Sales Manager Heather Hice says ridership, on-time performance and customer satisfaction are all up, compared to a year ago. Hice says the number legislators pay attention to, revenue, was also up 65 percent in May and June. The contract between the state, Iowa Pacific, Amtrak and cities and towns along the Indianapolis-to-Chicago route is set to expire in June of 2017.Iowa Pacific provides what Hice calls "the rolling stock," which includes the trains, equipment and on-board services, as well as marketing services. Amtrak is the operator and is responsible for train and engine crews, coordination with host railroads, reservations and ticketing. The line is funded by INDOT and the cities and towns along the way including Crawfordsville, Dyer, Lafayette, Rensselaer and West Lafayette.

TRANSPORTATION: RAIL TRAFFIC TO INCREASE IN SOUTH - Train traffic will increase, starting around Sept. 1, on a rail line between Louisville and Seymour (Shafer, *Louisville Courier-Journal*). The current speed limit of trains on the line will increase incrementally over several weeks from the current maximum speed of 25 miles per hour to a top allowable speed of 49 miles per hour. In addition, the number and average length of CSX Transportation trains on the line will increase from three or four trains per day to around 10 per day. Train length may also increase, up to 14,000 feet long, CSX Transportation officials said, adding in a release that "the number and length of trains will vary and continue to adjust, depending on rail freight volumes." Laura Phelps, a spokeswoman for CSX Transportation, said in an email that in April 2015, the federal Surface Transportation Board approved an agreement between the Louisville & Indiana Railroad (LIRC) and CSX that grants CSX a permanent easement to operate over the LIRC's 106-mile rail corridor between Indianapolis and Louisville.

HOUSING: SINGLE-FAMILY BUILDING PERMITS UP 14% - Single-family building permits in Indiana increased 6 percent in June compared to the same time last year according to the latest data from the U.S. Census Bureau and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (*Howey Politics Indiana*). According to a news release from the Indiana Builders Association, permits decreased 2 percent in June over the previous month. "For the fifth straight month, single-family housing starts in Indiana have increased over the same time last year," said Indiana Builders Association Chief Executive Officer Rick Wajda. In June 2016, there were 1,394 single-family building permits issued compared to 1,309 in 2015. The single family permit numbers for the first half of 2016 are up 14 percent compared to the first half of 2015. Builder confidence in the market for newly built, single-family homes in July fell one point to 59 from a June reading of 60 on the National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index (HMI). Any number over 50 indicates that more builders view conditions as good than poor.

ECONOMY: KELLOGG CLOSING INDIANA PLANT - Cereal and snacks giant Kellogg Co. is closing its plant in Vigo County (Dick, *Inside Indiana Business*). The company confirms for *Inside INdiana Business* that the closure will occur in phases and impact 150 positions. The company expects the phase out to begin in February and conclude in September of next year. Kellogg acquired the IndyBake Products plant in Seelyville in 2008. At the time, the company indicated it would keep the 90 workers at the plant and potentially add another 150 to manufacture crackers, including the Cheez-It and Keebler brands. The deal included performance-based incentives offered by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and infrastructure and tax abatement assistance from local governments.

ECONOMY: WEAKER REVENUE DINGS CUMMINS PROFITS - Columbus-based Cummins Inc. is reporting second quarter net income of $406 million, compared to $471 million in the same quarter last year (McGowan, *Inside Indiana Business*). The manufacturer says a dip in sales was driven by lower North American production, coupled with weak global demand for off-highway and power generation equipment. Global revenues were $4.5 billion, off 10 percent compared to Q2 of 2015. As a result, Cummins has lowered its previous full-year revenue guidance. It expects the same major factors affecting this quarter to pull 2016 revenues down 8 to 10 percent, compared to the 5 to 9 percent forecast previously.

ECONOMY: FLANDERS ELECTRIC TO LAY OFF 100 - A long time Evansville company, Flanders Electric announced its laying off more than 100 workers, effective immediately (Bartlett, *WFIE-TV*).

Flanders electric announced 80 layoffs back in February. The 109 layoffs confirmed to us today are in addition to that. The company services heavy equipment used in industries like mining, milling, and utilities like oil and gas. They tell us they have had to restructure because of a downturn in the industry. Flanders is based in Evansville with about 330 employees locally, and less than 500 more globally. We're told employees are getting severance packages, and will get support from outplacement services. Officials with Flanders tell us right now, there are no plans for any further layoffs, but they can't predict what will happen in the future.

ECONOMY: JOB GROWTH FALLS BEHIND POPULATION GROWTH - Indiana set a record with 2,614,000 million private sector jobs in July 2015, breaking a 15-year-old record, but the Hoosier state has yet to return to its pre-recession employment rate, according to a new report (Pete, *NWI Times*). The Indianapolis-based Indiana Institute for Working Families found the state still would have needed another 108,400 jobs to regain its pre-Great Recession employment rate after population growth was factored in. Though Indiana has more total jobs now than it did in 2007, job creation has failed to keep up with population growth, so there are still fewer opportunities for employment than there were before the Great Recession, the report stated. When the Great Recession began, Indiana had 2,993,100 jobs. Today, it has 3,070,200 according to Bureau of Labor Statistics. But if you figure in population growth of 6.2 percent over that time, Indiana would need the 108,400 jobs just to keep employment per person even with what it was when the recession struck.

VETERANS: VA SENDS WRONG MED RECORDS TO 14 RECIPIENTS - A new report shows the number of veterans who received someone else's medical results in the mail is in the double digits (Roberts, *WANE-TV*). Last month, one veteran contacted NewsChannel 15 saying he got two other veterans' VA medical results in the mail along with his own. A privacy report following up from this incident shows at least 14 other patients of the VA Northern Indiana Health Care System had the same thing happen to them. When we asked Acting Director Jay Miller last month about the original incident reported to us he said something like that rarely ever happens. However, when we asked him about the 14 others who got the wrong medical records he said it's 'too much.' In the report, the VA privacy officer recommends implementing more procedures to make sure the mailing machine is working properly. That includes a better quality assurance program. Miller said right now the hospital has a program that tracks the envelopes to their destinations, but he said workers need to be checking what's actually in the envelope. Miller said all 14 veterans affected have been called.

ENERGY: SIERRA CLUB TARGETS ROCKPORT COAL PLANT -Supporters of renewable energy want Indiana-Michigan Power to retire a coal-fired power plant in southern Indiana they say is hurting the environment (Neumeyer, *WPTA-TV*). A new campaign in Fort Wayne is designed to turn up the heat on I&M regarding the issue. Kerwin Olson with Citizens Action Coalition and his allies say the Rockport coal plant costs Hoosier ratepayers a lot of money, but those on the other side argue that coal is a big benefit to the Indiana economy. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources says the state's coal mining industry supports 2,500 jobs. According to Brian Bergsma from I&M, the company is already converting coal to more renewable technology. But he says on I&M's chosen path, electric customers would pay less than $10.00 more per year, while the Sierra Club's aggressive option would cost ratepayers ten times that over 20 years. Environmentalists say the energy giant needs to do the right thing and do it now.

EDUCATION: CHANGES COST 21ST CENTURY SCHOLARS - Eighty-one percent of students are at risk of losing a college scholarship (*WTHR*). The 21st Century Scholars program is available to low-income high school students. Tami Silverman is CEO of the program and talked to WTHR about why the class of 2017 is so at-risk. She explained that a spring 2017 compliance deadline is looming. The Indiana Commission for Higher Education (ICHE) reports more than 110,000 students are currently enrolled in the program. In 2013, ICHE introduced the Scholar Success Program. It outlines 12 necessary college preparation activities, such as getting workplace experience and visiting colleges. This year's senior Scholars are the first to be required to complete these activities. Yet in May, ICHE discovered only 8 percent of them were on track to do so. Through outreach efforts which often included partners in higher education, school corporations and community organizations, ICHE reports the number of on-track students tripled in less than two months. Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers is encouraged by the increase but says there is much work still to do and outreach will continue into the school year.

EDUCATION: VU TO BUILD COAL MINE TRAINING FACILITY - Vincennes University voted Monday to continue investing in Indiana's coal industry (McNeece, *Vincennes Sun-Commercial*). The board awarded a $2.07 million contract to Krempp Construction in Jasper for the construction of a 40,000-square-foot training facility on its Gibson County campus at Fort Branch. Despite a steady industry decline, VU president Chuck Johnson said the university still trains thousands each year in coal mining safety. And VU officials argue that the facility - the first of its kind in Indiana, perhaps in the Midwest - will have other uses. Johnson said the underground structure modeled after another at the University of Virginia with large open rooms and corridors to mimic a coal mine setting could be used for homeland security exercises and firefighter training. The facility would also be applicable to training associated with other kinds of mining, such as limestone and metals. Some board members, however, had reservations about spending so much on a facility geared toward such a struggling industry. Mines continue to close and consolidate, and fewer and fewer people are entering the industry at all.

Nation

WHITE HOUSE: OBAMA COMMENTS ON LIBYAN AIR STRIKES - U.S. airstrikes against the Islamic State group in Libya continued for a second day Tuesday, as President Barack Obama called the new bombing campaign critical to protecting U.S. national security interests (*CBS News*). The strikes are needed to ensure that Libya's fragile new Government of National Accord is "able to finish the job" and drive the militants out of the troubled North African country, President Obama said.

WHITE HOUSE: BIDEN PRESIDES OVER GAY MARRIAGE - Joe Biden officiated his first wedding - which also happened to be a union between two men - at his residence near the Naval Observatory (*CBS News*). In a tweet, Biden said he "couldn't be happier" to marry two longtime White House staffers, Brian Mosteller, director of Oval Office operations for President Obama, and Joe Mahsie, a trip coordinator for first lady Michelle Obama.

Local

CITIES: GENDER LAW MOVES FORWARD IN LAFAYETTE - Lafayette is one vote away from adding gender identity to the law, which protects residents from discrimination in employment, business and housing situations (Fentem, *Indiana Public Media*). The vote during Monday evening's city council meeting was unanimously in favor of expanding the ordinance, even though public commenters at City Hall, who numbered more than a dozen, were far less unified in their opinions. The largest concern among detractors was focused on what has become a central issue in the conversation for transgender rights, the use of public restrooms. Concerned citizens, such as Jeanna Romein, said if approved, the ordinance would make it easier for male criminals to disguise themselves and prey on women in a public facility. "We care, [but] we are the larger population," she said, "and we're speaking with love to say, we're not against you, but we are against the people who are going to take advantage of this." Supporters such as Skye Brown, who identifies as a non-binary trans person, said instances involving straight men masquerading as transgender people are rare and often deployed as a red herring in the transgender rights debate. The measure requires a final vote in September from the City Council to move forward.

CITIES: SURPRISE AT REDEVELOPMENT DEAL IN GARY - The city has reached a deal with a private redevelopment partner with ties to former Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley that could impact a large segment of the city (Bierschenk, *NWI Times)*. The Gary Redevelopment Commission quickly and without initial comment, approved an agreement with MaiaCo LLC. The quick approval upset several residents who attended the meeting and said the public should have been involved from the inception of a deal that could have a dramatic effect on the city. Resident Ruth Needleman, who along with many other residents attended a community forum on the MaiaCo proposal Wednesday, characterized the action as a "travesty of justice and democracy." She said people attending the forum were not told at that time that there would be a vote on the agreement. Redevelopment Director Joe Van Dyk said it is only the beginning of the process in which MaiaCo will be working with the city. The agreement calls for the company to create and implement a community outreach and development plan within six months. The agreement calls for MaiaCo to provide $1 million worth of resources, which may include cash as well as in-kind contributions, by July 29, 2017. By July 29, 2036, the company is to have provided a cumulative value of $15 million in resources toward Gary's revitalization strategy.

CITIES: TERRE HAUTE TABLES STORMWATER FEE AGAIN - The Terre Haute Board of Sanitary Commissioners on Tuesday again voted to table a stormwater fee resolution, which will again prevent the issue from coming before the Terre Haute City Council this month (Greninger, *Terre Haute Tribune-Star*). Board attorney Terry Modesitt recommended the board table the issue. "There are still discussions going on before the board and don't think you will be in a position yet to vote on it?" Modesitt said. Rick Jenkins, a housing developer, said he thinks the board should pull the resolution, then rewrite the resolution to address concerns told to the board by the public. Modesitt said the board may do that in the future, but said he is waiting on legal research from Indianapolis attorney Dennis Otten of Bose, McKinney & Evans that is handling the resolution. After the meeting, Modesitt said state law is clear on allowing state agencies to table an issue until a specific future date; however, for cities and towns there is no clear answer on whether a city board can table an issue to a future date. That is the issue being research by Otten's firm, Modesitt said.

CITIES: $2M PROJECT UNDERWAY IN GREENWOOD - A nearly $2 million development project is underway in Greenwood (Choi, *WISH-TV*). Indiana-American Office Parke will be located off of County Line Road on Airport Parkway. Construction is expected to begin next month. City officials say it's part of a bigger plan to further develop the area near I-65. There are many things that propel the Greenwood Airport. Staff is just one of them. Personnel has helped the airport maintain business, and, according to airport manager Lori Curless, development along County Line Road has helped grow business. "If you go to 2015-2016 our fuel sales are up 77 percent, traffic is up 48 percent," she added, "That is all indicative of the area." That area will soon see more development, practically in their backyard. On Airport Parkway is where the $1.8 million office building is expected to be built.

CITIES: FISHERS SEEKS TO RESTRICT RETAIL ALONG I-69 - Fishers is planning to restrict additional retail development near two key intersections of Interstate 69 in an effort to streamline and improve the commercial landscape (Erdody, *Indianapolis Business Journal*). City officials have been discussing for several months what kind of new developments they would prefer to see near the 106th Street and 116th Street interchanges of I-69. A zoning ordinance is expected to be introduced to the Fishers City Council later this month. In May, the council approved a temporary ordinance to require council oversight of any new project in those areas - regardless of whether it met existing zoning standards - to give the city time to create a long-term vision. The land along the corridor currently is zoned commercial, with several planned-unit development standards that allow a variety of architectural styles and building heights. Mayor Scott Fadness has described it as "hodgepodge" and "fruit salad" zoning. At an informal meeting Tuesday morning, several City Council members and a representative from Navient Corp. heard from city staff about the potential zoning changes. The updated zoning would allow office buildings with or without retail uses and standalone restaurants without drive-thrus. Any standalone retail use would require special zoning and permission from the City Council.

CITIES: ELKHART APPLIES FOR ROAD FUNDS - Mayor Tim Neese announced that Elkhart submitted applications for multiple paving projects - amounting to $2 million - to INDOT's new Community Crossings Matching Grant Program (Smith, *Elkhart Truth*). If the applications are approved, Elkhart will receive $1 million of the project costs. The grant program was established this year to provide funds for local road projects. "Local governments across Indiana, and even the state itself, have been struggling to maintain their road infrastructure due to stagnant funding sources," Neese said in a press release. "This is an excellent opportunity for the city of Elkhart to accomplish more with less and truly benefit the entire community. This is taxpayer money, and I want it returned to Elkhart for improvements." One eligibility requirement for the program is having a Road Asset Management Plan. Neese and Elkhart City Councilman Brian Dickerson began working with the city's Engineering Department in March to create a plan.

CITIES: REED SWORN IN AS FORT WAYNE POLICE CHIEF - A room full of Fort Wayne Police Department command staff and officers, Fort Wayne Fire Department and city officials and, of course, family and friends watched as Steve Reed was officially sworn in as the city's newest police chief Monday morning at Citizens Square (Krieg, *Fort Wayne News-Sentinel*). The ceremony included a few words by Public Safety Director Rusty York who spoke about the chief's responsibilities to the citizens of Fort Wayne - responsibilities York himself once had before becoming public safety director. Mayor Tom Henry spoke briefly about the wisdom needed to guide hundreds of officers who serve and protect Fort Wayne daily. Reed, a 23-year veteran with the FWPD, had served as assistant police chief since January 2014.

CITIES: WEST LAFAYETTE TO DEMOLISH ABANDONED CITY HALL - West Lafayette's mold-infested city hall will be gone by the end of November, possibly sooner (Wilkins, *Lafayette Journal & Courier*). "We're going to tear it down this year," West Lafayette Mayor John Dennis said last week when asked for an update on the nearly three-year saga. Water pipes froze and ruptured inside the city building in two separate incidents in January 2014, creating extensive water damage. During the cleanup of the second mess, crews found pervasive mold problems throughout the basement, and mold spores in the first and second floor. By early March 2014, the building was abandoned. The city explored how much it would cost to correct the problem, how much it would cost to completely renovate the building, and how much it would cost to raze the building, which was a prefab construction from the early 1970s. The biggest delay, Dennis said, was preserving the building while insurance adjusters and city officials reached an agreement.

CITIES: TENSIONS HIGH IN DALEVILLE OVER APT. PROJECT - Tensions ran high as the Daleville Planning and Zoning Board failed to either recommend or vote against the zoning changes needed for the Salem Place Apartments project being proposed (Ohlenkamp, *Muncie Star Press*). Tensions ran so high that half the audience abruptly walked out of the meeting during the board's designated discussion time following hostilities between the crowd and the board. The nearly $8.4 million project up for debate, would bring 64 low-income apartments to Daleville. A crowd of about 120 residents came out both for and against the project during the public forum at the Daleville High School cafeteria. The tension that was hovering over the crowd Monday night wasn't unexpected. Between 40-50 residents came out to the town council meeting July 11 to voice concerns about the project, planned by Fishers-based RealAmerica Development, and asked them to not approve the zoning ordinance change the company needs for a piece of the project. That meeting was delayed to Monday's public forum. Critics of the project continued to point to potential population change impacting Daleville Community Schools, as well as claims that the new apartments would be Section 8 housing.

CITIES: ST. JOHN REMOVES COMMISSIONER - In a surprise move, the St. John Town Council voted to remove Jim Maciejewski from the town's Plan Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals (Watkins, *NWI Times*). The action came at the request of Councilman Christian Jorgensen, who said, in the course of educating himself about the town's codes, he learned that appointments to both boards are supposed to be bipartisan. Jorgensen said Maciejwski was appointed after applying as a Democrat but has voted Republican in the last several primaries. Maciejewski and Steve Kozol were appointed as Democrats and Jason Williams and Robert Birlson were the Republicans. Maciejewski also was the council's appointment to the BZA from the Plan Commission as a Democrat. Jorgensen said, with the Plan Commission dealing with the update of the town's comprehensive plan and several other major issues, the replacement should be named immediately to avoid any delays. He nominated John P. Kennedy, of American StructurePoint, who he said has experience with comprehensive plans. Maciejewski, who has been on the commission for 14 years, said Monday he has not received notification of his removal but described himself as "an independent thinker and an independent voter."

COUNTIES: CAFO CAUSES TENSION IN CARROLL - A Carroll County CAFO is causing tensions for some in the community (Moberger, *WLFI-TV*). Some Carroll County residents were warned in May that a confined animal feeding operation could be making its way to their backyard, housing around 13,000 hogs. Now those residents are expressing the tough time they've had trying to find the information they

need to fight it. Many of the residents have been fighting where the CAFO is going to be built. Some said it will affect their property value, as well as Wildcat Creek. Carroll County Resident Lisa Bough is one of the people fighting the CAFO. Bough asked Carroll County months ago for public records on how many CAFOs have been approved in the county. At Monday's Carroll County Commissioners meeting, Bough asked for the records once again. The Area Plan Commission said they've given Bough all the records the county has on file, but Bough said some records were missing. That's when the commission expressed there's been poor record keeping in the county, and that could be why some records are missing. Bough and her husband plan to appeal the CAFO in Indianapolis August 9th and need those missing public records to help their case. The commission is hoping to find more records, but said even if there are more records to be found, they will not be ready before the meeting in Indianapolis August 9. In fact, they expressed the soonest records would be available is 10 days later, on August 19.

COUNTIES: VANDERBURGH LOOKS TO CUT $3.5M FROM BUDGET - The Vanderburgh County Council plans to cut about $3.5 million from the proposed 2017 budget (Evans, *Evansville Courier & Press*). The property-tax fed general fund is budgeted at $53.3 million, a 5 percent jump from 2016, according to a copy of the proposed budget provided to the Courier & Press. The overall proposed 2017 budget is $91.4 million, which is 2.6 percent less than last year's. County Council President Angela Koehler Lindsey, R-At-Large, said Tuesday during the first day of budget hearings a big jump in costs is health insurance. The official numbers aren't in yet, but the Vanderburgh County Auditor's Office expects insurance rates to climb 12 percent next year. More than 10 department heads pitched their budget requests to council Tuesday. The hearing process continues Wednesday.

COUNTIES: MIAMI COURTHOUSE BROUGHT INTO COMPLIANCE - Miami County commissioners have finally brought the courthouse attic into compliance with state fire code three years after receiving a citation for having stacks of papers and documents piled near a furnace (Gerber, *Kokomo Tribune*). Construction workers last week began building firewalls around the two furnaces on the fourth floor of the courthouse to prevent any heat or sparks from catching the building on fire. Commissioner Josh Francis said the new walls cost around $19,000, and construction should be complete this week. The project comes three years after Peru Fire Chief Chris Betzner first cited commissioners for violating state fire code, which forbids combustible materials from being housed in the same room where there is a gas-fired appliance. Before the construction of the firewall, some of the papers and documents were stored less than 10 feet away from the furnaces.

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Crouch joins the Holcomb ticket

GOP confident some Pence funds will flow to ticket as Gregg begins airing response ad

By BRIAN A. HOWEY

INDIANAPOLIS – The easy part for the new Holcomb/Crouch ticket came and went Monday morning with smiles and cheers.

Suzanne Crouch was formally ratified by the Indiana Republican Central Committee three days after Republican gubernatorial nominee Eric Holcomb nominated her for lieutenant governor. She was presented to the public and press Monday morning, capping nearly six months of unprecedented change that has roiled the party.



Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb with his running mate, Auditor Suzanne Crouch, who was confirmed by the Indiana Republican Central Committee on Monday. (HPI Photo by Brian A. Howey)

"She brings it all," Holcomb said as he was flanked by the same 22 committee members who gave him the gubernatorial nomination six days ago. Holcomb cited Crouch's background as a Vanderburgh County commissioner and auditor, state representative and state auditor, as well as her successful statewide election in 2014. "She's held four important positions. She has legislative and executive experience. Most importantly, she can assume the

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The Pence adventure

By BRIAN A. HOWEY

INDIANAPOLIS – The drunken uncle is down in the basement, droning on and on about walls and Russian dictators and shooting people on Fifth Avenue and vicious Gold Star moms.



Floating above these sounds is a faint Mozartian oboe of a voice … "I'm a Christian, a conservative and a Republican in that order …"

Indiana Gov. Mike Pence grew up a Catholic, evolved into an evangelical, and has now converted to the Trumpian Church of Ambition. This conversion is uncomfortable for those who know him and care about him.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



"I cannot emphasize enough how deeply I disagree with Mr. Trump's statement. I hope Americans understand that the remarks do not represent the views of our Republican Party, its officers or candidates."

- U.S. Sen. John McCain

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The emerging reality is that Pence has reordered his life priorities. He has become a Republican first. At a time when dozens of Republicans spent months sizing up Donald Trump, many decided no way, unsheathed their 10-foot poles, and wouldn't go anywhere near Cleveland, Ohio, in July.

Pence not only signed up for the veepstakes, he won the derby. The photos continue to be revealing. Trump comes off as the wolf, the viper with these sly smirks. Pence beams like a cheerleader. There's a bounce in his step. He and Karen Pence seem like Hansel and Gretel, heading to the Gingerbread House.

The hope was that the Christian and conservative in Pence would tug Trump into a more mainstream axis, or as RNC Chairman Reince Priebus observed, "He knows the pivot is important. He has been better and I think he's going to be great moving forward."

But as Stephen Hayes of the Weekly Standard observed, "Instead, Trump has been more volatile, more bizarre, more mendacious, and more reckless. In the time since he accepted the nomination Trump has, among other things: Revived a crackpot theory on Ted Cruz's father and the JFK assassination; suggested his adopted party is filled with people who don't want to help others; invited Russia to influence the U.S. presidential election; smeared the parents of a fallen U.S. Army captain; trashed a retired four-star general; and appeared not to know that Russia had annexed the Crimean peninsula in 2014. Some of this is merely aggravating. Some of it is outlandish. Some of it is insulting. And some of it is frightening."

The Rev. Cruz/Oswald assassination revival by Trump came at a press conference on the day after the Republican Convention, with Pence standing by having a series of good laughs as Trump rambled on. It was a truly strange moment and not a huge stretch from Patty Hearst becoming Tanya in the SLA. Pence had endorsed Sen. Ted Cruz, cut a TV ad for him in the Indiana primary, then watched Trump on Election Day morning make the assassination link. It left Cruz fuming in Evansville that morning and Trump would mow him down despite the Pence endorsement. The Cruz payback came just before Pence's salutatorian acceptance speech in Cleveland. Cruz swiped some of Pence's thunder.



Republican vice presidential nominee Mike Pence with Donald Trump at the Republican National Convention. (HPI Photo by Randy Gentry)

In linking up with Trump, Inc., Pence is now coming under intense scorn for a principled conservative who sold out to pure ambition. New York Times columnist David Brooks wrote, "This week I left the arena here each night burning with indignation at Mike Pence. I almost don't blame Trump. He is a morally untethered, spiritually vacuous man who appears haunted by multiple personality disorders. It is the 'sane' and 'reasonable' Republicans who deserve the shame – the ones who stood silently by, or worse, while Donald Trump gave away their party's sacred inheritance."

Jennifer Rubin, the conservative voice for the Washington Post, added, "Pence's silence and continued presence on the ticket suggest he considers Trump within the bounds of normal political discourse. If Pence had a modicum of dignity or decency, he would tell the American people, 'I made a terrible mistake. Mr. Trump is so morally bankrupt and of such shabby character that I could not possibly serve with him.' Failing to do so, the same should be said of Pence."

Pence is shifting on core principles, now backing Trump's lunatic Muslim ban, which he once called "offensive and unconstitutional." On free trade, a long principled stance of Gov. and Rep. Pence, the Indiana governor told Laura Ingraham last Thursday, "I believe you can be convinced. You're absolutely right, I think throughout my career I've strongly supported free trade in measures that have came before the Congress. When I was asked to support free trade initiatives as governor of Indiana, I supported them. But frankly, we're on the verge of electing one of the best negotiators in the world. As Donald and I sat down and talked earlier on, he talked to me about questioning the wisdom of these multi-country trade agreements that then, when they're not working out, the way that clearly NAFTA is not any longer, it's very difficult to unwind."

Hoosier Republicans act like they're watching a car wreck in slow motion. They see Pence gulping down the Trump Kool-Aid.

There are limits. When Trump seemed to invite the Putin Regime to hack the computers of the Hillary Clinton campaign, Pence stepped in with his own late night statement under the Trump banner, saying, "The FBI will get to the bottom of who is behind the hacking. If it is Russia and they are interfering in our elections, I can assure you both parties and the United States government will ensure there are serious consequences."

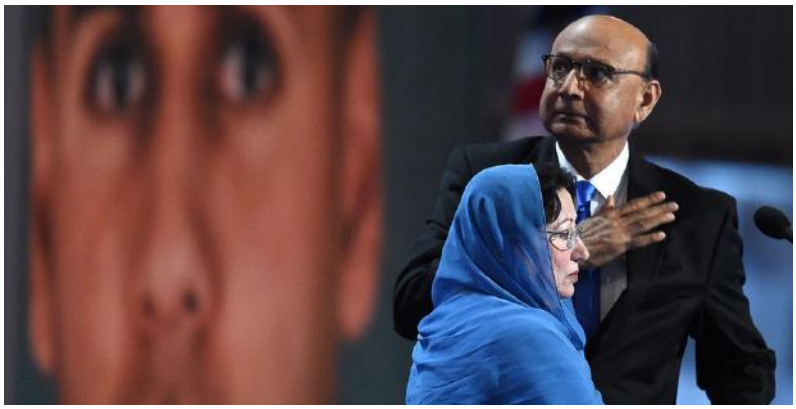
And then when things didn't seem they could get any more bizarre, Trump did the incomprehensible, blasting Gold Star mother Ghazala Khan. "If you look at his wife, she was standing there. She had nothing to say. She probably, maybe she wasn't allowed to have anything to say. You tell me," Trump said, in an interview with ABC's "This Week." Trump also disputed Khizr Khan's criticism that the billionaire businessman has "sacrificed nothing and no one" for his country.

"I've made a lot of sacrifices," Trump said. "I work very, very hard. I've created thousands and thousands of jobs, tens of thousands of jobs, built great structures," Trump said. Trump then suggested Khan lacked 1st Amendment free speech rights, saying, "While I feel deeply for the loss of his son, Mr. Khan who has never met me, has no right to stand in front of millions of people and claim I have never read the Constitution, and say many other inaccurate things."

By the end of the weekend, Gold Star families were expressing outrage and repugnance. "When you question a mother's pain, by implying that her religion, not her grief, kept her from addressing an arena of people, you are attacking us," a letter from 11 Gold Star families read. "When you say your job building buildings is akin to our sacrifice, you are attacking our sacrifice."

Sen. John McCain, the war hero and former POW dissed by Trump, adding, "In recent days, Donald Trump disparaged a fallen soldier's parents. He has suggested that the likes of their son should not be allowed in the United States – to say nothing of entering its service. I cannot emphasize enough how deeply I disagree with Mr. Trump's statement. I hope Americans understand that the remarks do not represent the views of our Republican Party, its officers, or candidates."

Enter Pence, who released a statement Sunday evening, saying, "Donald Trump and I believe that Captain Humayun Khan is an American hero and his family, like all Gold Star families, should be cherished by every American. Captain Khan gave his life to defend our country in the global war on terror."



Ghazala and Khizr Kahn at the Democratic National Convention with their son, the late U.S. Army Capt. Humayan Kahn's photo displayed behind them.

Pence, who voted for the 2002 Iraq War Resolution while serving in Congress, continued, "Due to the disastrous decisions of Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton, a once stable Middle East has now been overrun by ISIS. This must not stand. By suspending immigration from countries that have been compromised by terrorism, rebuilding our military, defeating ISIS at its source and projecting strength on the global stage, we will reduce the likelihood that other American families will face the enduring heartbreak of the Khan family."

Trump didn't get the throbbing Pence hint, tweeting at 7 a.m. Monday, "Mr. Khan, who does not know me, viciously attacked me from the stage of the DNC and is now all over T.V. doing the same – Nice!"

There are mixed emotions back home here in Indiana. Many Hoosier Republicans are proud of Pence making the federal cut. They are steamed that as he scooted away without the door smacking his rear, he forgot to transfer his $7.4 million campaign war chest for his successor. And now we all watch Mike Pence's excellent adventure veer far off into Donald in Wonderland. ❖

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duties as governor," Holcomb said.

Holcomb said that as he began his search for a running mate, Crouch's name "came up again and again, and not just from people in Southeastern Indiana."

But the ticket faces a daunting challenge of funding and ginning up name ID, after it was revealed just minutes after Holcomb secured the nomination that much of Gov. Mike Pence's campaign war chest can't be transferred to the new nominee. Pence was officially nominated on July 20 as the Republican vice presidential candidate, and when he became a federal candidate, FEC rules limit how his campaign funds can be used, even for a state race.

The funding blunder could have been prevented had the Pence campaign transferred the funds to Holcomb, whom Pence endorsed on July 22, to the Indiana Republican Party, or the Republican Governors Association prior to Pence's official vice presidential nomination. A key part of Holcomb's case against U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks and Todd Rokita before the Central Committee was his access to the Pence funds.



The Holcomb/Crouch ticket is unveiled at Republican Headquarters Monday morning. (HPI Photo by Brian A. Howey)

Asked where the Pence funds stand, Holcomb said, "You'll have to ask him." Holcomb vowed that the new ticket will be "financially resourced," though he provided no details. It's a critical question because both he and Crouch enter a 99-day sprint to Nov. 8 with name ID under 20%. Crouch's campaign committee has $282,000 as of the June 30 reporting deadline, while Holcomb's committee had around $20,000. The GOP ticket faces Gregg, who has raised more than $10 million, with another $2 million to $3 million in the Democratic Governors Association pipeline. Gregg also has name ID north of 60%.

Marc Lotter, formerly deputy campaign manager for Pence who is now on the Trump campaign, has not responded to questions from HPI on the status of the Pence funds. But sources close to the Holcomb campaign believe that a significant part of the Pence war chest will be available to them in the next day or so.

This drama plays out after Evan Bayh, the last Hoosier presidential aspirant, former Democratic governor and senator, dropped out of a Senate reelection bid in February 2010 with a $10 million war chest. Bayh's campaign committee held on to those funds for six years, allowing him to make an equally abrupt comeback in July to reclaim his old Senate seat in a race against U.S. Rep. Todd Young.

The Trump/Pence ticket faces a difficult Electoral College path to victory, in addition to the volatile Trump controversial outbursts that could limit Pence's national path and exposure to just a few months.

Last week, Bob Grand, who is working on behalf of the Holcomb campaign, told HPI, "It's all going to get worked out. It's not a problem and it's not going to be a problem. Eric Holcomb is going to have plenty of money to run this race. A fair amount of it will come from the Mike Pence campaign. The other piece is there's a lot of money being raised and people are really energized about the race." On Monday, HPI asked Grand how much of the Pence money would flow to Holcomb and he said, "Unknown yet. Watch the ($)10,000 plus filings."

GOP sources tell HPI that a number of high-dollar fundraisers for the new ticket are in the works, but details are scant and time is of the essence.

Crouch a popular choice

Holcomb's selection of Crouch is a popular one within the party. She was part of the "all female" ticket of 2014 in an attempt to thwart a Democratic narrative of the GOP's "war on women." Pence elevated Crouch from the Indiana House to auditor after his first selection, Dwayne Sawyer, resigned after just a couple of months in office due to a personal issue that was never disclosed.

Crouch had earned a reputation as working in a bipartisan manner in the House, a Republican representing heavily Democratic Evansville, Vanderburgh and Warrick counties.

Her most distinguished moment came in 2008-09 when Rep. Crouch questioned Indiana's new welfare system that it had contracted with IBM. In October 2009 Gov. Mitch Daniels cancelled a $1.34 billion deal after its rollout in Vanderburgh County was rife with problems that Crouch and other legislators flagged.

The Evansville Courier & Press reported "a maelstrom of complaints highlighted inadequacies that made it difficult for some, especially the elderly and disabled, to navigate the system. Since caseworkers were done away with, applicants didn't know who to turn to for help."

Asked about it Monday, Crouch said, "There was clear evidence it wasn't working," also citing elderly, disabled and poor Hoosiers who couldn't cope with the system. She added, "At the end of the day, Gov. Daniels had the courage to step away" and build a new hybrid system that is now working well.

Crouch said in 2009 that it takes "a lot of political courage for the governor to say, "You know, this is what we thought would work, and it's not working.'

"The biggest mistake would have been if he'd continued down the road of defending a system that wasn't

delivering the services it should," she said in 2009.

Crouch also pushed for legislation that made Indiana statutes and codes gender neutral. She rose to vice chair of the influential Ways & Means Committee before Pence tabbed her for state auditor.

Crouch told reporters, "I didn't grow up in a political family" but said her upbringing gave her the values that have led her to serve at state and local government levels. "I understand local government," she said of a key tension point between the Indiana General Assembly and counties, cities and towns. "I've walked in their shoes."

In her 2014 campaign, Crouch visited all 92 counties, something Holcomb did as state chairman, deputy chief of staff to Gov. Mitch Daniels, and as state director for Sen. Dan Coats.

Crouch gets a chance to provide a contrast to State Rep. Christina Hale, the Democratic LG nominee, next week when the two debate agricultural issues at the Indiana State Fair.

Asked about the civil rights expansion issue, Crouch didn't answer directly, but cited her ability to listen and gather input from citizens. Holcomb has said that he will weigh any legislation sent to his desk from the General Assembly if elected. Asked if he would try to separate himself from the socially divisive Pence record, Holcomb said, "I'll run on his record. I'll run on the last 12 years. I don't want to return to the 12 years before that.

House Speaker Brian Bosma applauded Crouch's nomination. "Suzanne is a longtime friend and relentless advocate for responsible, responsive government and taxpayer protection," Bosma said. "From her experience as county auditor and commissioner to her service in the Indiana House, I cannot imagine a more well-rounded and qualified running mate for our governor candidate Eric Holcomb."

Indiana Democrats criticized the nominee. "The Indiana Republican Party had their chance to turn the page on Mike Pence and his ideological agenda, but instead, they chose to go 'all in' with the governor's failed record by placing Eric Holcomb and Suzanne Crouch at the top of the ticket," said Chairman John Zody. "Both Holcomb and Crouch were handpicked by Mike Pence for their current positions, and both were witness to Mike Pence's out-of-touch record. They chose to remain silent while Indiana's economy and reputations were placed in jeopardy. The Republican Party reaffirmed their support for this failed economic agenda, one which Hoosiers were already planning to dismiss this November. The names on the ballot may have changed, but sadly Holcomb and Crouch are just more of the same."

Gregg campaign spokesman Jeff Harris told HPI, "We don't see Suzanne Crouch as a significant change. They have a ticket of two political appointees by Gov. Pence. They are going to double down on the divisive politics of Mike Pence."

Ticket prospects

Never before in Hoosier political history has a major party ticket faced more funding and ID challenges than the Holcomb/Crouch ticket faces today. This is the latest start for a ticket, by far, that as of this writing has just about $300,000 in funds if the Crouch money is pooled with Holcomb's.

Certainly the GOP funding engines will kick into high gear, but there's a huge difference between starting a race with access to $7.4 million and one with $2 million to $3 million. It comes as Todd Young's U.S. Senate campaign is scrambling to make up an $8 million deficit to Evan Bayh.



Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb informs Republican Chairman Jeff Cardwell (right) that Auditor Suzanne Crouch will join his ticket on Friday.

The real dilemma is the classic who defines whom first? The Gregg campaign has more resources at this writing and that process could begin quickly for the mostly unknown Holcomb. A response ad to the RGA's coal ad began this morning.

HPI moved this race into "Leans Gregg," last week. It's the first time this cycle that this hasn't been a "tossup" race. At this writing, Gregg has money and ID advantages.

Having said that, Holcomb has managed a gubernatorial campaign (Daniels' reelection in 2008) and knows the process. In that race, he was able to navigate the crosswinds in a state where Barack Obama won, while helping Daniels to a 58% landslide win, where he has yet establish his cred in fundraising.

The Holcomb and what's left of the Pence campaigns can be coy and opaque about the current process, but in a relatively short period, we'll know what kind of mojo the new ticket has. **HPI Horse Race Status:** Leans Gregg. ❖

Suzanne Crouch knows how to govern

By JOSHUA CLAYBOURN

EVANSVILLE – Most Hoosiers know little or nothing of Republican lieutenant governor candidate Suzanne Crouch. She hasn't spent decades on the talk radio circuit like Mike Pence, she doesn't have a family pedigree like Evan Bayh, and she hasn't spent a lifetime building a statewide political network like Eric Holcomb. But she is good at one thing in particular: Governing.



Policy wonks have long admired Crouch. She served for many years as vice chairwoman of the House Ways and Means Committee, quietly toiling away at the nittygritty work of budgets and appropriations. As a state representative Crouch also advocated for legislation creating a new Transparency Portal which offers data and links for anyone to review state spending, revenues, salaries, contracts, and performance and accountability measures.

In 2013, after the resignation of Dwayne Sawyer, Crouch was appointed state auditor and immediately set to work improving the transparency portal. Its success exploded and a number of government watchdog groups ranked Indiana's portal as one of the best in the nation.

Transparency is a consistent theme for Ms. Crouch throughout her political career, which she began as county auditor in 1995, county commissioner in 2003, state representative in 2005, and most recently as state auditor. As she told the Chicago Tribune, transparency "is what people want. It's what they expect from government."

Many Hoosiers in the GOP have begun placing their fellow Republicans in one of two camps. You're either a Lugar/Daniels Republican, focused most on the mechanics of government efficiency and budgets, or a Pence Republican, which is more ideological and likely to embrace the social and culture wars. There is no doubt Ms. Crouch falls in the former camp, but the camp is less clear for her running mate at the top of the ticket and the legislature which would send them bills.

How will Crouch react when the legislature considers a bill to expand civil rights laws or tinkers further with abortion legislation? Will she and Holcomb embrace Donald Trump's offensive and disastrous campaign, now joined by Holcomb's current boss? Could Crouch and Holcomb dictate a pragmatic vision the legislature would follow, or will they succumb to many of their Republican cohorts in the legislature who insist on jumping in the trenches of ideological warfare? Those are questions many Hoosiers will be asking over the coming months.

Ms. Crouch's brand and campaign style should help Holcomb make the case to suburban Hoosiers disaffected by the Pence years. Spend even just a few minutes with her and she'll ooze the aura of someone focused on policy more than politics, but that belies Crouch's strong track record as a tireless campaigner and fundraiser.

Since being selected as state auditor she's become a regular on the statewide Lincoln Day dinner circuit, so even if they know nothing of her policies, many Indiana Republican insiders have long been familiar with Crouch's trademark red-rimmed glasses.

As a state representative Crouch held a relatively safe seat, but unlike many others in that situation she did not rest on the demographics of her district. Instead, using her position as vice chair of the ways and means committee, she would fundraise for the state party, which in turn rewarded her with even more authority and access.

Districts made safe by demographics can conceal a subtle political strength. Suzanne Crouch understands effective campaigns and, more important, effective governance. In his first major act as the Republican candidate for governor, Eric Holcomb made the right choice by picking Suzanne Crouch as his running mate. ❖



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The female LG trend continues

By MAUREEN HAYDEN
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INDIANAPOLIS – No matter who wins the governor's race in November, one outcome seems certain: The lieutenant governor's office will be held by a woman.

The decision, formalized Monday, to add state Auditor Suzanne Crouch to the Republican ticket revives what's becoming a new tradition in Indiana politics with gender balance.

Since 2003, with one brief exception, there's been one male and one female on every major party ticket for the state's top two offices, in a state where gubernatorial candidates pick their running mates.

"It's not just a tradition, it's an expectation now," said Democrat Kathy Davis, who became Indiana's first lieutenant governor 13 years ago. "It's just a sign of something way overdue, given 51 percent of voters are women," she added.

On Monday, in the latest development of political musical chairs, Crouch was picked for the number two spot by the Republican State Central Committee at the urging of GOP gubernatorial nominee, Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb.

Crouch, 64, from Evansville, brings with her a political resume fuller than Holcomb, who moved up to the top of the ticket late last month after Gov. Mike Pence dropped out of his reelection to run for vice president, with GOP candidate Donald Trump.

A political science major at Purdue University, Crouch is a former county commissioner, county auditor, county party chairman, and a 10-year state legislator who served as vice chair of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee.

While in the legislature, she fought to pause a welfare modernization program that had been badly bungled in its roll-out and advocated for better services for people with disabilities.

Appointed to state auditor in 2012, she earned more votes than any statewide candidate when elected to the office in 2014. "I had people from all over calling me, urging me to pick her," Holcomb said Monday.

For Crouch, there was a nice bit of irony to her selection, one she talked about at Monday's announcement. Earlier this year, she championed legislation that gender-neutralized the state constitution, which for decades used only the male pronouns of he and his to describe the duties of statewide office-holders. It was a symbolic gesture, but one she hopes will inspire young women to enter politics. "What words say mean something," said Crouch.

Holcomb had been a temporary blip on the new gender-balance streak. He was appointed by Pence to his current office in March to take over departing Lt. Gov. Sue Ellspermann. He moved up a spot on the ticket when Gov. Mike Pence was picked last month to run with GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump.

Now Holcomb and Crouch are running against Democrat John Gregg and his running mate, state Rep. Christina Hale. That means Hale or Crouch will become only the fourth female lieutenant governor in Indiana history.

It's significant, but not remarkable.

According to political data analyst Eric Ostermeier, founder of Smart Politics at the University of Minnesota, Indiana will become the sixth of 12 Midwestern states to have a woman in the number two spot.



Gov. Joe Kernan names Kathy Davis the first female lieutenant governor in October 2003 (top left) followed by Mitch Daniels naming State Sen. Becky Skillman in 2004. In 2012, Mike Pence chose State Rep. Sue Ellspermann for his ticket. (HPI Photos)

It reflects an accelerating trend, he said, that started back in 1982 when Minnesota elected the Marlene Johnson the nation's first lieutenant governor.

"It's an expectation now, especially in states where gubernatorial candidates get to pick their running mates: Women are seen as complementing and balancing out the ticket," Ostermeier said.

Republican State Sen. Vaneta Becker says she's glad to see the gender-balance streak resume in Indiana. She recruited Crouch to run for her House seat in 2005 when she ran for her current Senate seat. "I wanted to make sure a woman replaced me," Becker said. "We need more women's voices in the Statehouse."

The first mixed-gender gubernatorial ticket in

Indiana was in 1984. That's when Democrat Wayne Townsend picked Ann Delaney as his running mate in the same year Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro were running at the top of the Democrats' national ticket.

They all lost.

Davis became the first female lieutenant governor through misfortune. She was appointed in 2003, to fill a hole created with the death of Gov. Frank O'Bannon, and the elevation of his replacement, then Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan.





Democrat John Gregg's two tickets with Rep. Christina Hale (left) and Sen. Vi Simpson in 2012. (HPI Photos)

Kernan and Davis lost to the Republican gubernatorial ticket of Mitch Daniels and Becky Skillman in 2004. That Daniels-Skillman duo went on to beat Jill Long Thompson and Dennie Oxley in 2008.

In 2012, Pence and Ellspermann squeaked out a narrow victory over Gregg and his female running mate, then state Sen. Vi Simpson.

That Indiana voters will now have their pick of either Hale and Crouch isn't a surprise to political observers.

"Women have come a long way in a short time in Indiana," said retired political scientist Ray Scheele of the Bowen Center for Public Affairs at Ball State University.

But maybe not far enough. No woman has held the Indiana governor's office – yet.

Scheele thinks time will change that, as more women hold elected office and move up with the party structure as political strategists.

"I think it will be part of the normal evolution," he said. ❖



This election is Clinton's to lose

By CHRIS SAUTTER

WASHINGTON – With the conventions over and three months to go, the dynamics of the 2016 campaign appear set. The presidential race between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump is now Clinton's to lose.

Granted, there are potential land mines and unforeseen circumstances that could shake things up, such as more embarrassing e-mails, even more incidents of terror, or a serious misstep on the campaign trail. But for now, certain facts are clear that point to a likely Clinton victory:



1. Democrats have been able to reframe the election as a referendum on Donald Trump's values rather than a referendum on Hillary Clinton. At their convention, Democrats turned Donald Trump's slogan "Make America Great Again" on its head, arguing that America already is great and that to suggest otherwise is a smear on the country and its citizens. Trump's dark themes of fear and resentment gave Democrats the opportunity to embrace positive themes of family values, American exceptionalism, and patriotism. Michelle Obama's brilliant speech, in particular, focused on family values, emphasizing that they are about setting a good example and providing opportunity for your kids. President Obama's speech was replete with praises of American democracy. Vice President Joe Biden used the message of American greatness to pitch the Democratic Party's progressive agenda to working-class families. The relentless attacks on Trump have seemingly stripped Trump of his Teflon. Unless Trump can turn the election into a referendum on Clinton, Democrats will be fighting on their turf.

RealClearPolitics Election 2016

President	Senate	House

Election 2016	Clinton	Trump	Spread
RCP Poll Average	44.6	45.7	Trump +1.1
Favoribility Ratings	-17.2	-21.1	Clinton +3.9
Betting Odds	68.0	32.0	
Electoral College	**Clinton**	**Trump**	**Spread**
RCP Electoral Map	202	164	Clinton +38
No Toss Up States	322	216	
Battlegrounds	**Clinton**	**Trump**	**Spread**
Pennsylvania	45.5	42.3	Clinton +3.2
Michigan	41.0	35.8	Clinton +5.2
Ohio	42.6	41.8	Clinton +0.8
Florida	43.5	43.8	Trump +0.3
Iowa	41.3	40.8	Clinton +0.5
Wisconsin	44.3	38.7	Clinton +5.6
New Hampshire	43.0	39.3	Clinton +3.7

2. The successful Democratic Convention erased Trump's lead as post-convention polls show Clinton now with a clear advantage. According to a CBS poll released Monday, the Democratic nominee leads the Republican 47%-41% including leaning voters. The new CBS survey showed Clinton with a 46-39 lead without leaners. When third-party candidates are added to the horse race question, Clinton polls at 43%, Trump at 38%, and Libertarian Gary Johnson at 10%. Trump led 44% to 43% in the CBS poll released immediately after the Republican convention in Cleveland. Clinton's convention bump is reflected in several other polls released since the convention. A Morning Consult poll released Sunday also showed Clinton ahead of Trump post-Democratic convention by a margin of 43% to 40%. The poll reversed Trump's four-point lead following the Republican convention. A CNN/ORC poll released late Monday shows Clinton with a 7-point post-convention bounce. These polls, though obviously subject to changes, bode well for Clinton, who has mostly led the race, except immediately following the Republican convention when Trump briefly jumped ahead.

3. The Electoral College map gives Clinton a clear advantage. Hillary Clinton begins the general election with a clear Electoral College advantage over Donald Trump based on how states have voted in recent presidential elections. The 18 states that have voted Democratic the past six elections yield 242 electoral votes out of 272 needed. Clinton only needs to win those 18 states plus 30 more votes to win. Even if Trump were to win every state Romney won, he would still have to carry Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Florida to prevail in the Electoral College. Polls show Ohio is currently a toss-up. But Florida's heavily Latino population makes the state a difficult catch for Trump. Pennsylvania has long been fools gold for Republicans and polling shows Clinton currently with a lead. Meanwhile, Trump is losing in North Carolina (won by Mitt Romney in 2012) and even in the normally reliable Republican states Georgia and Utah. Despite the unforgiving reality of the Electoral College, Trump supporters point to a "rust belt" strategy that has Trump winning Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Iowa. Only Ohio among those currently offers realistic hope for Trump. Trump, of course, leads comfortably in the South and Plains states. Overall, however, the Republican nominee currently faces a seemingly insurmountable Electoral College deficit.

4. Trump's personal feuds feed the narrative that he is too unstable to be President. Donald Trump's penchant for picking personal fights is not only preventing his message from getting through to voters. Trump's personal feuds also underscore the Democratic argument that he lacks the temperament to be president. The most lasting line of Hillary Clinton's convention speech was the devastating "A man you can bait with a tweet is not a man we can trust with nuclear weapons." Trump's public denigration of Khizr and Ghazala Khan, the parents of a U.S. soldier killed in Iraq who have criticized Trump for "smears of Muslims," has been so damaging that it has generated sharp rebukes by prominent Republicans, including John McCain who issued a blistering statement Monday. The Veterans of Foreign Wars, which warmly welcomed Trump to its convention last year, also scolded Trump Monday. The intense backlash raises questions about whether this controversy — unlike others

— has become a turning point in the election and will have lasting impact on the outcome of the election.

5. Clinton's voter turnout advantage could be critical. With so few truly undecided voters, turning out committed supporters will again be as critical as persuading those still wavering. It is indisputable that Clinton has a vastly superior get-out-the-vote operation to Trump's when it comes to field operations in key battleground states. Trump has devoted very little attention or resources to building a ground game. Even GOP insiders concede that Clinton is far better positioned on the ground. In a close election, Clinton's ability to turn out her supporters could make the difference.

6. Debates favor Clinton and Trump knows it. During the Republican primaries, Trump proved to be an unsteady debater, at times appearing unprepared or uninterested. His statement Sunday that the Russians were not going into the Ukraine raises questions about how much of a grasp he has on critical issues the nation faces. No one has similar questions about Hillary Clinton's command of issues. Trump's recent attacks on the Commission on Presidential Debates, which has run debates in every presidential year beginning 1988, suggest he might be trying to avoid them all together. Trump took heat for skipping a Republican debate. Before long, he may conclude he needs these debates to have a chance to win.

7. The mood of the country still favors Trump and his message. In spite of the above, Trump retains a real shot to win the election. Trump has the winds of change at his back while Clinton epitomizes the status quo. Americans worry about the future amid fears of terror and an economy that ignores the middle class. Resentment against the political establishment fuels intense voter anger. Trump hopes a Brexit-esque surge will propel him to victory. And it could if Trump would focus purely on security and economic issues. ❖

Clinton lead grows in CNN, NBC Polls

WASHINGTON – Hillary Clinton emerges from her party's convention in Philadelphia with a restored lead over Donald Trump, having earned a 7-point convention bounce, according to a new CNN/ORC Poll. In a two-way head-to-head matchup, Clinton tops Trump 52% to 43%, and in a four-way matchup including third party candidates Gary Johnson and Jill Stein, Clinton leads 45% to 37% with Johnson at 9% and Stein at 5%.

Clinton now leads Donald Trump by 8 points — 50 percent to 42 percent — up from a single-point difference last week, according to the latest NBC News|SurveyMonkey poll. Clinton also saw a bounce in a four-way general election match-up against Trump, Libertarian Gary Johnson and Green Party candidate Stein. Clinton now leads Trump by 4 points — 42- 38%.

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Questions remain after the DNC

By JACK COLWELL

SOUTH BEND – The Democratic National Convention is over. Just as at the conclusion of the rival Republican event a week earlier, questions remain.

Q. Was the Democratic convention a success for Hillary Clinton?

A. Success is in the bounce of the beholders. The beholders who count are the voters. Despite the critics that found the Republican convention too negative, too dark and gloomy, too disorganized and too divisive, Donald Trump got a significant bounce in the polls, not just catching up but pulling ahead in some samplings of American opinion. Negative works. Whether the optimistic view of America in the Democratic convention worked for Clinton will be shown now in new polls. Did she bounce back? Big? Barely? Or not at all?



Q. How was Clinton's acceptance speech?

A. Good, especially in drawing a contrast with Trump in qualifications for commander in chief and leader of the free world. But, as was to be expected, she didn't approach the soaring oratory of convention speakers on the night before. She also seemed to be concerned more with appealing to the sometimes hostile portion of Bernie Sanders supporters in the hall than to the wider audience on television, perhaps losing a chance to sway more of the wavering Republicans and independents watching on TV. Sanders and the vast majority of his supporters nationally are with her, even if that strident portion in the hall was at times disruptive. She moved way to the progressive left, not toward political middle ground that's up for grabs.

Q. Did Sen. Tim Kaine of Virginia deliver as a better vice presidential choice than Indiana Gov. Mike Pence for the Republicans?

A. No. Kaine delivered a solid speech, doing what he was supposed to do to help Clinton. But Pence also was solid in doing what he was supposed to do to help Trump. For the campaign, Kaine has more potential. He and Clinton are together on the same message. He will be used extensively. Pence will have limited impact if Trump continues as a one-man show, pushing Pence from the spotlight and saying things with which Pence can't possibly agree.

Q. Anybody hit it out of the park with a speech to be cited for years to come for stirring convention oratory?

A. Yes. First Michelle Obama. Then President Obama. They drew wildly enthusiastic responses with soaring passage after passage, performing beyond what other speakers at either convention achieved. More significantly, they spoke directly and clearly to the millions of TV viewers, not shouting or pouting or glaring, and won widespread acclaim far beyond the convention hall.

Q. Did Obama & Obama swing a big percentage of voters to Hillary?

A. Probably not. The president now enjoys some of his highest approval ratings. Michelle is even more popular. But it's hard to transfer popularity in politics. They helped to define Hillary in a positive way, disputing the "crooked Hillary" caricature drawn of her at the Republican convention. It's hard, however, to brush away negative perceptions from decades of political attacks.

Q. Will that stuff with Trump praising Vladimir Putin's leadership and urging Russians to hack into any Clinton emails when she was secretary of state hurt Trump?

A. As Trump famously boasted, even if he shot somebody in the middle of New York's 5th Avenue, he wouldn't lose his voters. No matter what he says – often outrageous, wrong and politically suicidal for any other candidate – he doesn't suffer in the polls. So why would calling for Russian espionage be different?

Q. Does Putin really want Trump to win?

A. Yes. They both dislike NATO and Hillary and agree on leadership style.

Q. Could there be release of more Russian-hacked material?

A. Sure. How about the day before the first presidential debate?

Q. Best one-liner of the convention?

A. By President Obama. When delegates booed Trump, Obama responded with three words: "Don't boo. Vote." ❖

Colwell has covered politics over five decades for the South Bend Tribune.



O'Brien leads Holcomb Crouch campaign team

By BRIAN A. HOWEY

INDIANAPOLIS – One day after officially becoming a ticket, the Holcomb/Crouch campaign today announced its senior leadership team of Mike O'Brien, campaign manager; Pete Seat, communications director; Brian McGrath, finance director; Mindy Colbert, deputy finance director; Matt Huckleby, political director; Joe Elsener, coalitions director; and Ethan Lawson, deputy political director.



"This senior campaign team brings unparalleled experience in developing strategy, delivering a message, raising money and executing a ground game," said Holcomb. "Between them, they are an all-star team with experience working on campaigns ranging from the township level to the presidential level, and serving public officials from State Auditor to president of the United States. Suzanne and I are excited to welcome them to our growing team."

Mike O'Brien, Campaign Manager – Mike O'Brien was most recently a senior public policy advisor in Barnes & Thornburg LLP's Indianapolis office and a member of the firm's Governmental Services and Finance Department. Prior to joining Barnes & Thornburg, he was a vice president with Bose Public Affairs Group in Indianapolis. He has also served as legislative director for Governor Mitch Daniels during which he was the primary liaison between the governor and the General Assembly on all legislative matters. O'Brien's previous political experience includes working on the Mitch for Governor Campaign in 2004 and 2008. In 2006, he managed Todd Rokita's successful election as Secretary of State. In 2009, he was elected chairman of the Hendricks County Republican Party.

Pete Seat, Communications Director - Pete Seat was most recently the senior project manager at Hathaway Strategies, an innovative grassroots public affairs firm located in Indianapolis, Indiana. Prior to that, he was Communications Director for the Indiana Republican Party under then-State Chairman Eric Holcomb and prior to that served in the same capacity on the campaign of former and current U.S. Senator Dan Coats. From June 2005 to January 20, 2009, he served on President George W. Bush's White House staff, including a two-year stint in the Press Office under Tony Snow and Dana Perino.

Brian McGrath, Finance Director - Brian McGrath most recently served as vice president of external relations for EdChoice. In that capacity, Brian developed resources and partnerships that supported EdChoice's nationwide efforts to promote educational choice for all children. Previously, McGrath worked for Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels as finance director of his 2008 reelection campaign, which raised a record amount of support and won the most votes ever for a statewide candidate in Indiana. Following the campaign, he served as executive director of Aiming Higher Inc. and Aiming Higher PAC, two organizations that supported Governor Daniels's political and policy goals, among them the passage of the landmark 2011 education agenda.

Mindy Colbert, Deputy Finance Director - Mindy Colbert is the President and Owner of Colbert Consulting, LLC. Prior to starting Colbert Consulting, Mindy gained over 10 years of political and non-profit fundraising experience. She served as the Executive Director of an Indiana education reform organization, Finance Director for the Indiana Republican Party, and Director of Political Fundraising for the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, where she raised funds for both the state and federal political action committees. She has worked in both the Indiana House of Representatives and Indiana Senate.

Joe Elsener, Coalitions Director – Joe Elsener most recently was a Special Assistant in the office of Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb. Prior to that he was the Political Director for Eric Holcomb's U.S. Senate campaign where he coordinated an all-volunteer ballot signature gathering effort in all 92 counties. He also previously served as the Special Assistant to then-State Chairman Eric Holcomb and the Fourth Congressional District Field Representative for Mike Pence's 2012 campaign for governor.

Ethan Lawson, Deputy Political Director – Ethan Lawson was most recently the Communications and Legislative Director for Auditor of State Suzanne Crouch. Prior to that role, he was the Auditor's Executive Assistant. Ethan has also served in various capacities for the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency, the Indiana Education Savings Authority and in the district office of U.S. Congressman Todd Rokita. He is currently the executive director of the Indiana Federation of Young Republicans and formerly the chairman of the Hendricks County Young Republicans.

New Gregg ad responds to RGA

The Gregg campaign is responding to an RGA TV ad assailing the candidate on coal with a TV ad this morning saying the Democratic nominee has been a long time advocate of coal. Gregg says his opponent is "confused" by linking him to Hillary Clinton.



The RGA ad released last week said, "John Gregg chooses Hillary over Hoosiers every time" in reference to her comments promising to put

a lot of coal miners and coal companies out of business. Gregg served as honorary campaign chairman for Clinton in Indiana in 2008. But he has distanced himself a bit this year -- not appearing at any of events or rallies -- and saying he would support whomever the Democratic Party nominates. "John Gregg is one of Hillary Clinton"s most dedicated supporters," said RGA Communications Director Jon Thompson. "When Hillary vowed to put Indiana coal miners out of work and Indiana coal companies out of business, Gregg stayed silent, making it abundantly clear that he will fight for Hillary"s liberal policies, not Hoosier families." Jeff Harris, spokesman for Gregg, said a simple internet search produces ample evidence of Gregg"s position on this issue, his support for coal miners, coal jobs and his disagreements with those in his own party. He has worked for two coal companies in Indiana in the past. Harris also made clear that Gregg supports Clinton (Fort Wayne Journal Gazette). "While he doesn't agree with anyone 100 percent of the time, he can work with people of differing views," Harris said. "He'll be casting his ballot for the first female President of the United States."

Gregg advocates LGBT rights

Through a glass side door, gubernatorial Democratic candidate John Gregg stepped into Greyhouse Coffee & Supply Co. He took a right, approached the line and began to mingle with the crowd (Bangert, Lafayette Journal & Courier). On Wednesday, Gregg met with members of the farming associations and visited Purdue University before stopping by Greyhouse for an informal meet-and-greet with members of the public and media. Gregg has been campaigning for months now. In contrast, Republican candidate Eric Holcomb was officially nominated only Tuesday to replace outgoing Gov. Mike Pence. At a recent campaign stop at Poynter Sheet Metal, Gregg said his focus is on economic matters and "not on divisive social issues." Republican insiders like Rick Martin presented Holcomb as a reconciliatory voice on social issues, recently telling the Indy Star that "Eric, having worked for both Daniels and Pence, can serve as a bridge to bring back people who may have been put off by the whole RFRA thing." But Gregg isn't buying it. "(Holcomb) thought the place the Pence-Holcomb administration had us on RFRA was the right place to be," Gregg said. "He reaffirmed that position of discrimination." Seat, contested Gregg's assessment. "Eric believes there is no place for discrimination — at all," Seat wrote in an email. "He has zero tolerance for it. Our opponent knows that. But he can't help but play politics with everything these days."

U.S. Senate

Millions flowing into Senate race

Hoosier television viewers are about to get a double dose of advertisements from candidates and interest groups hoping to influence the outcome of Indiana's suddenly competitive U.S. Senate race (Carden, NWI Times). Former U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh, the Democratic nominee, has the only all-positive commercial message, recapping his balanced budgets, state surpluses and tax-cutting prowess as Indiana's governor from 1989 to 1997. In the 30-second commercial, which is airing on cable television in Northwest Indiana and broadcast channels elsewhere in the state, Bayh also touts his bipartisan work to prevent China from harming Hoosier manufacturing and make college more affordable through Indiana's 21st Century Scholars program. "I'm about results over partisanship. Washington needs Hoosier common sense more than ever," Bayh says at the end, as the tagline "Fiscal Conservative; Hoosier Values" hovers over his left shoulder. A sharply different Bayh portrait is presented in an ad by Freedom Partners Action Fund, a conservative organization supported in part by billionaire businessmen brothers Charles and David Koch. It claims that after leaving the Senate in 2011, Bayh personally benefited from his vote for the 2008 federal bank bailout by joining the board of directors of a bank that received bailout funds and earning nearly $1 million for his board service. "Evan Bayh has a long track record of putting himself and special interests ahead of Indiana families, and supporting the Wall Street bailout is just the beginning," said Bill Riggs, spokesman for Freedom Partners Action Fund. Riggs said the group is spending $1 million to spread that message on television and online. Bayh campaign manager Paul Tencher said the ad is "misleading" and another example of the Koch brothers "trying to buy another Senate seat for their radical agenda."



Bayh hires Donnelly aides

Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Evan Bayh has hired two top campaign aides who helped Joe Donnelly win election to Indiana's other Senate seat in 2012 (Francisco, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette). Paul Tencher is managing Bayh's campaign, and Benjamin Ray is communications director. **Horse Race Status:** Leans Bayh.

Congress

Orentlicher says recount gains coming

Eighth CD Democratic candidate David Orentlicher says he is picking up votes in the Democratic recount. "The recount has been underway for two weeks now, and we have been steadily chipping away at our ballot shortfall," said Orentlicher, who trailed Ron Drake following the May 3 primary by 50 votes. "There is a sufficient rate to ultimately turn the race around." ❖

Bad news for both political parties

By LEE HAMILTON

BLOOMINGTON – So far, this election has put a premium on sound and fury at the cost of true engagement with the issues confronting the country.

The next few weeks in politics are a little like the All-Star break in baseball. With the Republican and Democratic national conventions upon us, it's a good time to step back and assess this year's election. Which carries bad news for both parties.

The Republicans face a steep electoral challenge.



If Hillary Clinton carries Florida (where polling shows a very close race) plus the District of Columbia and the 19 states that have voted Democratic in each of the last six presidential elections, she wins.

Yet victory for Donald Trump is hardly out of the question. He'll have to retain the support he already has from white voters, especially working-class whites in swing states, and try to make some inroads among non-white voters. He'll also need to hope that third-party candidates take more votes away from Clinton than from him.

Trump floated through the Republican primaries by tackling the anger and discontent that course through this year's electorate. His talk about a broken system and his emphatic, brash style appeal to a lot of people. His ability to dominate news coverage without spending much on advertising has been extraordinary. And even though he's passed through a difficult period for his campaign, the polls have grown quite close.

On the other hand, the Republican Party is splintered and off its game. Its leaders are having a difficult time with a Trump candidacy. A sizable number of GOP stars found excuses not to attend the convention, which is remarkable. Conventions are where parties fire up the faithful and gird for the general election; to find elected officials staying away is clearly a problem. And any revolt at the convention will be messy – though fortunately for the GOP, the months from August to November are an eternity in politics.

Yet the Democrats should take no comfort from this state of affairs. For starters, below the presidential level the party is struggling. Since 2008, Democrats have lost 69 seats in the U.S. House, 13 Senate seats, 12 governorships, and over 900 seats in state legislatures. Nor do they have much of a bench. The two most prominent Democrats this year, Clinton and Sen. Bernie Sanders, are both senior citizens; Clinton is 68, Sanders 74. Despite President Obama's relative youth, his years in office did not usher in a new generation of national Democratic leadership.

And while Clinton's path to the presidency may be wider than Trump's, that doesn't mean she's a strong candidate, at least, not for this particular year. She's put out carefully thought-through, even impressive, position papers on a wide variety of current issues that get very little attention in the press. At a moment when voters clearly want change, she appears to favor incrementalism as the way to get things done in Washington.

And despite the FBI's decision that it wouldn't bring criminal charges on her handling of emails when she was secretary of state, the issue is clearly dogging her. She went into this election facing a lot of voters who simply didn't trust her, and that has only gotten worse. In politics, you cannot talk someone into trusting you; you have to earn it, inch by inch.

Moreover, if Trump faces tough arithmetic in the electoral college, Clinton faces her own difficult equation. It is extremely hard for a political party to win a third consecutive term in the White House. It happened 28 years ago, when George H.W. Bush succeeded Ronald Reagan. The last candidate before that was Franklin Roosevelt, in 1940.

The British vote on Brexit is a reminder that resentments and anger can fly under the radar. And Washington, where there's money everywhere you turn, is a ripe target for "take-our-country-back" populism. The anti-establishment, anti-Washington mood captured by both Sanders and Trump should make both parties uneasy.

But then, so should the course of this election, which has put a premium on sound and fury at the cost of true engagement with the issues confronting the country. On that score, we all lose. ❖

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David Brooks, New York Times: Donald Trump has found an ingenious way to save the Democratic Party. Basically, he's abandoned the great patriotic themes that used to fire up the G.O.P. and he's allowed the Democrats to seize that ground. If you visited the two conventions this year you would have come away thinking that the Democrats are the more patriotic of the two parties — and the more culturally conservative. Trump has abandoned the Judeo-Christian aspirations that have always represented America's highest moral ideals: toward love, charity, humility, goodness, faith, temperance and gentleness. He left the ground open for Joe Biden to remind us that decent people don't enjoy firing other human beings. Trump has abandoned the basic modesty code that has always ennobled the American middle class: Don't brag, don't let your life be defined by gilded luxuries.Trump has also abandoned the American ideal of popular self-rule. He left the ground open for Barack Obama to remind us that our founders wanted active engaged citizens, not a government run by a solipsistic and self-appointed savior who wants everything his way. Trump has abandoned the deep and pervasive optimism that has always energized the American nation. For decades the Republican Party has embraced America's open, future-oriented nationalism. But when you nominate a Silvio Berlusconi you give up a piece of that. When you nominate a blood-and-soil nationalist you're no longer speaking in the voice of Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt and every Republican nominee from Reagan to McCain to Romney. This week I left the arena here each night burning with indignation at Mike Pence. I almost don't blame Trump. He is a morally untethered, spiritually vacuous man who appears haunted by multiple personality disorders. It is the "sane" and "reasonable" Republicans who deserve the shame — the ones who stood silently by, or worse, while Donald Trump gave away their party's sacred inheritance. ❖



Dave Bangert, Lafayette Journal & Courier: Hillary Clinton's acceptance speech – a historic moment as the first woman nominated by a major party – picked at Trump for being a thin-skinned, self-consumed, impetuous man, ill-suited — less than ill-suited, even — for the nuanced pressures of the job. Trump counted 22 times he was mentioned in Clinton's "very long and very boring speech." His conclusion, in a Friday morning tweet: "Many of her statements were lies and fabrications!" Clinton said she had just used Trump's own words against him. But that's never been enough to take down Trump. Not yet, anyway. The guy can call out Sen. John McCain as a loser, not a military hero, because of his time as a prisoner of war in Vietnam. ("I like people that weren't captured.") The guy can brag, "I could stand in the middle of Fifth Avenue and shoot somebody, and I wouldn't lose voters." The guy can go on during a nationally televised debate about hand size in relation to his private parts. ("I guarantee you there's no problem," he smirked. "I guarantee.") The guy can give each day's news cycle fresh meat without breaking a sweat. And still, he can wind up with Gov. Mike Pence on his ticket and the man the Indiana GOP hopes is the heir apparent, Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb, calling Trump an asset, not a liability, heading into November. ❖

Jennifer Rubin, Washington Post: House Speaker Paul D. Ryan (R-Wis.), Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) and vice-presidential nominee Gov. Mike Pence of Indiana (R) knew what they were getting into when they climbed aboard the Donald Trump bandwagon. They had watched him insult minorities, POWs, the disabled and women. They had seen for themselves how utterly ignorant he was about basic policy concepts. They knew he lied about big and small things (e.g., falsely saying he opposed the Iraq War, reneging on charity pledges until shamed by The Post). They knew he'd stiffed and swindled Trump U students. They never should have backed him; they were abetting a vile individual attaining the country's most powerful office, for which he was patently unfit. Pence went a step further in agreeing to be his running mate, and now travels around the country cheerleading for Trump. Now Trump demeans two Gold Star parents. When slammed, he does not apologize or retract the remarks. He insists he has read the Constitution but then claims Gold Star father Khizr Khan has "no right" to criticize him. In a pathetic statement trying to paper over his egregious remarks, he does not apologize to the Khans nor retract his insults. The world-class narcissist claims to be worthy of the same sympathy (I sacrificed too!) as the parents who lost their son. (As an aside, it would a spectacular instance of political karma if after smearing all Muslims and attacking their patriotism, Trump would see two patriotic Muslim parents hammer the final nails in his campaign coffin.) What does Pence, father of Marine 2nd Lt. Michael J. Pence, do? He directs the press wanting comment to Trump. Really, that's it? One wonders how 2nd Lt. Pence — and all the other Americans risking their lives — feel about that. Pence's silence and continued presence on the ticket suggest he considers Trump within the bounds of normal political discourse. If Pence had a modicum of dignity or decency, he would tell the American people, "I made a terrible mistake. Mr Trump is so morally bankrupt and of such shabby character that I could not possibly serve with him." Failing to do so, the same should be said of Pence. It's no longer sufficient for Republicans to rebuke Trump's loony positions or foul statements. There are too many of both. The problem is not one of policy but of the nominee himself. Republicans must rebuke Trump himself and cease supporting him. Silence is consent. And consent is disqualifying for high office. ❖

Gold Star family seeks apology

INDIANAPOLIS — The relatives of a fallen soldier from Northern Indiana joined other Gold Star Families on Monday in demanding an apology from Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump for his comments about the Muslim parents of a slain American soldier (IndyStar). The family of Army PFC Steven F. Sirko, who was born in Northwest Indiana and lived in Portage during his high school years, were among 23 families to sign a letter published at votevets.org in response to Trump's comments about the family of Army Capt. Humayun Khan, who was killed in Iraq in 2004. "Your recent comments regarding the Khan family were repugnant, and personally offensive to us," the letter said. The Khans appeared on stage at the final night of the Democratic National Convention. Khizr Khan, the soldier's father, took Trump to task for his "smears" of Muslims. He said Trump had espoused policies that would have denied the Khan family entrance to America. Waving his pocket copy of the U.S. Constitution, Khan offered to lend it to Trump and said: "You have sacrificed nothing, and no one." Steven Sirko, died of non-combat related injuries in 2005, according to the Military Times and the Post-Tribune in Gary. He was 20.



Candidates join Merritt on bill

INDIANAPOLIS — Republican State Senate Candidates Aaron Freeman (District 32) and Jack Sandlin (District 36) joined State Senator Jim Merritt (R-District 31) and members of law enforcement to announce plans for legislation to increase protections for Indiana public safety officers and their families. If elected this coming November, both Freeman and Sandlin plan to join Merritt in filing this legislation during the upcoming 2017 session of the Indiana General Assembly. Current law only provides enhanced penalties for public safety officers if they are harmed while acting in their official capacity. This new legislation would expand those penalties so they apply when a public safety officer, or his or her family, is harmed just because they are identified as a public safety officer. "The recent deadly attacks on law enforcement throughout the country are deeply troubling, heartbreaking, and absolutely unacceptable," Freeman said. "It is clear from recent events that members of law enforcement are being targeted - including one recently right here in Indianapolis when 17 shots were fired at an off-duty officer's car and home. Fortunately no one was harmed. As a former deputy prosecutor, I have worked on many cases involving threats and injury to public safety officers and I intend to make this legislation a priority if elected in November."

Trump received 5 military deferments

WASHINGTON — Back in 1968, at the age of 22, Donald J. Trump seemed the picture of health (New York Times).He stood 6 feet 2 inches with an athletic build; had played football, tennis and squash; and was taking up golf. His medical history was unblemished, aside from a routine appendectomy when he was 10. But after he graduated from college in the spring of 1968, making him eligible to be drafted and sent to Vietnam, he received a diagnosis that would change his path: bone spurs in his heels. The diagnosis resulted in a coveted 1-Y medical deferment that fall, exempting him from military service as the United States was undertaking huge troop deployments to Southeast Asia, inducting about 300,000 men into the military that year. The deferment was one of five Mr. Trump received during Vietnam. The others were for education.

Military mom booed at Pence rally

CARSON CITY, Nevada — The woman, in a quiet voice, stood before the crowd of hundreds at a town hall-style event here with Indiana Gov. Mike Pence and announced that her son serves in the Air Force. The crowd applauded (Politico). But then the woman said, "Time and time again, [Donald] Trump has disrespected our nation's armed forces and veterans. And his disrespect for Mr. Khan … " The reaction of the crowd was immediate and fierce, drowning out her words. The crowd began to boo as she tried to get through her question. The woman, who was subsequently identified as Catherine Byrne of Carson City, continued to speak through the jeers. "Why are you here?" one woman shouted as the boos rained down. But, over the boos and taunts, Byrne continued to speak. "You've got a son in the military, how do you tolerate this disrespect?" she asked Pence. Finally, after allowing the boos to continue for about 10 seconds, Pence moved to quiet the crowd. "That's OK," he said. Trump's running mate then repeated a line he deployed when confronted by protesters in Ohio last week: "That's what freedom looks like, and that's what freedom sounds like."

Priebus says Khan family off limits

WASHINGTON — The Khan family is off limits, Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus said Monday, hours after Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump accused the Gold Star father of "viciously" attacking him. Speaking to CNN's Wolf Blitzer, Priebus said the family was off limits but suggested Trump was right to defend himself. The Republican Party, he said, believes that Gold Star families are "precious" families who are to "be honored and loved and cherished."

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TRUMP CRITICIZES GOLD STAR MOTHER: Donald Trump sparked bipartisan backlash after the Republican attacked the bereaved parents of a Muslim U.S. Army captain who spoke at the Democratic convention last week (*Associated Press*). Critics from both parties on Saturday questioned whether Trump had the empathy and understanding to be president, particularly after he questioned why mourning mother Ghazala Khan stayed silent during her husband's Thursday night address. "He was kind of trying to turn that into some kind of ridicule," Democratic vice presidential nominee Tim Kaine said after a campaign event in Pittsburgh. "It just demonstrates again kind of a temperamental unfitness. If you don't have any more sense of empathy than that, then I'm not sure you can learn it." Former President Bill Clinton, who joined his wife and Kaine at the event, agreed: "I cannot conceive how you can say that about a Gold Star mother." Lawyer Khizr Khan gave a moving tribute to their son, Humayun, who received a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart after he was killed by a suicide bomber in Iraq in 2004. During the speech, Khan's wife, Ghazala, stood quietly by his side. "If you look at his wife, she was standing there. She had nothing to say. She probably, maybe she wasn't allowed to have anything to say. You tell me," Trump said, in an interview with ABC's "This Week." Ghazala Khan has said she didn't speak because she's still overwhelmed by her grief and can't even look at photos of her son without crying. Trump also disputed Khan's criticism that the billionaire businessman has "sacrificed nothing and no one" for his country. "I've made a lot of sacrifices. I work very, very hard. I've created thousands and thousands of jobs, tens of thousands of jobs, built great structures," Trump said. Late Saturday night, Trump released a statement calling Humayun Khan "a hero" but disputing his father's characterization. "While I feel deeply for the loss of his son, Mr. Khan who has never met me, has no right to stand in front of millions of people and claim I have never read the Constitution, (which is false) and say many other inaccurate things," said Trump.

KHAN SAYS TRUMP COMMENTS TYPICAL OF PERSON 'WITH NO SOUL': The father of a Muslim U.S. soldier killed in combat in Iraq said in an interview late Saturday that Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump's comments are "typical of a person without a soul." "What he said originally — that defines him. ... People are upset with him," Khizr Khan told The *Washington Post*. "He realizes, and his advisers feel that [his original statement] was a stupid mistake." Khan told the Post that Trump is "void of empathy" and "unfit for the stewardship of this great country." "A person void of empathy for the people he wishes to lead cannot be trusted with that leadership," Khan said. "To vote is a trust. And it cannot be placed in wrong hands."

PENCE STATEMENT ON KHAN FAMILY: Republican vice presidential nominee Mike Pence issued this statement following the firestorm created by presidential nominee Donald Trump on the Khan family over the weekend *(Howey Politics Indiana*). "Donald Trump and I believe that Captain Humayun Khan is an American hero and his family, like all Gold Star families, should be cherished by every American," Pence said in a statement Sunday evening. "Captain Khan gave his life to defend our country in the global war on terror. Due to the disastrous decisions of Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton, a once stable Middle East has now been overrun by ISIS. This must not stand. By suspending immigration from countries that have been compromised by terrorism, rebuilding our military, defeating ISIS at its source and projecting strength on the global stage, we will reduce the likelihood that other American families will face the enduring heartbreak of the Khan family. Donald Trump will support our military and their families and we

will defeat the enemies of our freedom." Capt. Kahn was killed by an IED in 2004, five years before President Obama took office. U.S. Rep. Pence voted in 2002 for the Iraq War Resolution. This morning Trump tweeted, "Mr. Khan, who does not know me, viciously attacked me from the stage of the DNC and is now all over T.V. doing the same - Nice!"

CLINTON MOVES TO A 46-39% LEAD IN CBS POLL: Hillary Clinton has received a bump in support after the Democratic convention and has now pulled ahead of Donald Trump (CBS News). Forty-six percent of voters nationwide say they'll vote for Clinton in November, while 39 percent say they'll back Trump. The race was tied last week after the Republican convention. Clinton led by a similar margin in June. Clinton got a four-point bounce after her party's convention, compared to a two-point bump for Trump after his convention. When compared to previous Democratic presidential nominees, Clinton's bounce is similar to those President Obama got in 2012 and 2008, but short of the 13-point bounce her husband, Bill Clinton, received in 1992. In 2000, support for Al Gore rose 10 points after the Democratic convention, but he went on to lose a close race that fall. When leaners are included - voters who are undecided when initially asked their vote preference but lean toward a candidate - Clinton leads Trump by six points. Clinton also retains her lead when Libertarian candidate Gary Johnson is added. Voters who back a candidate remain firm in their support. Nine in 10 Clinton and Trump voters say their minds are made up about their candidate. In the wake of the Democratic convention, positive views of Hillary Clinton have risen five points among registered voters, from 31 percent a week ago to 36 percent today. Unfavorable views of Hillary Clinton have dropped six points: from 56 percent to 50 percent. Over half of voters continue to hold an unfavorable opinion of Donald Trump. Although Trump received a slight bounce in his favorable rating after the Republican Convention, now just 31 percent view him favorably - similar to what was recorded before his party's convention.

4 PINOCCHIOS FOR CLINTON AFTER FOX NEWS INTERVIEW: "Director Comey said my answers were truthful, and what I've said is consistent with what I have told the American people, that there were decisions discussed and made to classify retroactively certain of the emails." —Hillary Clinton, interview on "Fox News Sunday," July 31, 2016. Clinton made these remarks after "Fox News Sunday" host Chris Wallace played a video of her saying: "I did not email any classified material to anyone on my email. There is no classified materials. I am confident that I never sent nor received any information that was classified at the time. I had not sent classified material nor received anything marked classified" (Washington Post). As Wallace put it, "After a long investigation, FBI Director James Comey said none of those things that you told the American public were true." After Clinton denied that, Wallace played another video of an exchange between Comey and Rep. Trey Gowdy (R-S.C.), chair of the House Select Committee on Benghazi: GOWDY: Secretary Clinton said there was nothing marked classified on her emails either sent or received. Was that true? COMEY: That's not true. GOWDY: Secretary Clinton said, "I did not email any classified material to anyone on my email. There is no classified material." Was that true? COMEY: There was classified material emailed. So what's going on here? Clinton is cherry-picking statements by Comey to preserve her narrative about the unusual setup of a private email server. This allows her to skate past the more disturbing findings of the FBI investigation. As we have seen repeatedly in Clinton's explanations of the email controversy, she relies on excessively technical and legalistic answers to explain her actions.

HOLCOMB PICKS CROUCH AS RUNNING MATE: Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb on Friday announced State Auditor Suzanne Crouch as his choice for running mate (Kelly, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). Holcomb said Crouch "brings to our ticket a strong record, an impressive resume and valuable experience in four

separate and important roles in local and state government, at both the legislative and executive levels. "She is full of energy and passion and is a natural at barnstorming the state. She is a relentless campaigner, a great fundraiser and will be the perfect governing partner if we are honored to serve as Governor and Lt. Governor." The Indiana Republican Party State Committee still must officially vote for Crouch in a Monday lieutenant governor caucus though a gubernatorial candidate's choice for running mate is always honored. Crouch – well-known for her trademark red spectacles – is a native of Vanderburgh County and has served as State Auditor since January 2014. She has a political science degree from Purdue University, and served in the Indiana House for seven years. She also spent eight years as Vanderburgh County Auditor and 21/2 years as Vanderburgh County commissioner. Crouch declined interviews until after Monday's vote. During her time in office Crouch has often focused on transparency issues, including strengthening Indiana's portal showing state spending. Earlier this year she successfully pushed a bill to make state code citations gender-neutral. In the past, much of the language pertaining to state offices referred to men only. If Holcomb and Crouch win in November, Indiana would get its fourth state auditor since July 2013. That is when Allen County native Tim Berry left the office to run the state party. His replacement, Dwayne Sawyer, then resigned abruptly three months later – leading to Crouch's January 2014 appointment by Gov. Mike Pence. She was elected to a new four-year term later that year. Two other unknowns also filed for the lieutenant governor caucus – Jeffrey Martin of Whiteland and Wayne Harmon of Indianapolis.

HOLCOMB, CROUCH PRESSER THIS MORNING: Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb, the Republican nominee for Governor of Indiana, will be joined by the Republican nominee for Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch for a press conference at 11 a.m. ET on Monday, August 1, 2016, on the south steps of the Indiana Statehouse (*Howey Politics Indiana*).

TRUMP CHANGES PENCE STANCE ON TRADE: Donald Trump's running mate Mike Pence, a longtime supporter of the Trans-Pacific Partnership and other nearly every other free trade agreement, now says the deal is comparable to Obamacare (Kaczynski, *BuzzFeed*). "With the TPP, it feels a little bit like Obamacare, you remember when Nancy Pelosi said, 'We gotta pass this bill so we can find out what's in it,'" Pence said Thursday on the Laura Ingraham Show. He cited Carrier announcing it was moving 1,400 Indianapolis jobs to Mexico as proof trade deals needed to be reworked. Earlier in the program, Pence explained why he no longer supported free trade agreements like NAFTA and TPP. "I believe you can be convinced," said Pence when asked if he could be trusted on trade. "You're absolutely right, I think throughout my career I've strongly supported free trade in measures that have came before the Congress." "When I was asked to support free trade initiatives as governor of Indiana, I supported them," he continued. "But frankly, we're on the verge of electing one of the best negotiators in the world. As Donald and I sat down and talked earlier on, he talked to me about questioning the wisdom of these multi-country trade agreements that then, when they're not working out, the way that clearly NAFTA is not any longer, it's very difficult to unwind." Pence said trade deals should be on a country-by-country basis.

8TH CD RECOUNT CONTINUES: 8th CD Democratic candidate David Orentlicher says he is picking up votes in the Democratic recount (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "The recount has been underway for two weeks now, and we have been steadily chipping away at our ballot shortfall," said Orentlicher, who trailed Ron Drake following the May 3 primary by 50 votes. "With 9 counties behind us, we expect two more weeks of counting in the remaining 10 counties, which accounted for more than 60 percent of the total vote. To this point, we're finding errors at a sufficient rate to ultimately turn the race around, and

we'll have a better sense of things next week. We resume counting on Monday in Evansville (Vanderburgh County), which had 23 percent of the overall vote in the primary." The winner will face U.S. Rep. Larry Bucshon.

USS INDIANAPOLIS LOCATION MAY BE FOUND: We're closer than ever to finding USS Indianapolis. Historian Richard Hulver, who works for Naval History and Heritage Command, has discovered a previously unknown data point on USS Indianapolis' route on its final day, July 30, 1945 (Shuler*, Indiana Public Media*). The World War II ship—named after the city in 1929—was sunk by a Japanese submarine days after delivering components for an atomic bomb that would later be dropped on Hiroshima in August 1945. When the ship went down, there was no distress signal. No records. No exact location. Until now, USS Indianapolis' position in the Pacific Ocean has been based on if it followed its routing instructions exactly. "Historically, there's no exact 'X marks the spot' for where USS Indianapolis went down," Hulver said. Through a Google search, Hulver ran across a blog post that recounted the story of a World War II sailor who claimed his ship passed the USS Indianapolis less than a day before it went down. By matching up this sailor's tank landing ship number to an account from USS Indianapolis' captain, Hulver was able to confirm tank landing ship LST 799 passed the ship prior to its sinking. The story was true. They passed each other 11 hours before USS Indianapolis was hit by a torpedo and sunk down into the sea. The matching stories put the ship 25 miles further along its route than originally thought—a considerable distance from where USS Indianapolis was thought to have gone down. "The ship was a little ahead of schedule," Hulver said.

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: First, Eric Holcomb's selection of Auditor Suzanne Crouch to fill his ticket completes the unprecedented nomination process in Indiana for this cycle. Look for full analysis on where the gubernatorial and U.S. Senate races stand at this juncture of the most unpredictable Indiana election cycle in memory in a special weekly edition of Howey Politics Indiana Tuesday morning. Second, Donald Trump says that Khizr Khan has "no right" to criticize him. A stunning thing for a presidential candidate to say, on top of his criticism of a Gold Star mother. Does Trump understand the 1st Amendment? - *Brian A. Howey*



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CAN HOLCOMB PULL THIS OFF? Can Eric Holcomb pull this off? Political observers say Indiana's newly minted Republican gubernatorial nominee has an uphill battle ahead in the next 100 or so days if

he wants to beat Democrat John Gregg in the Nov. 8 election (Colombo, *IBJ*). "What he's faced with right now is fantastic," said political analyst Brian Howey of Howey Politics Indiana. "He's got to put a staff together. He's got to unlock the Pence money. Then you're looking at a three-month window. …That's a tall task." Howey, who sponsors polls in Indiana races, estimated that Holcomb's name ID stands somewhere near 20 percent statewide, despite running an abandoned U.S. Senate campaign earlier this year that he seemed assured to lose. Gregg, who narrowly lost to Pence four years ago, has name identification at about 60 percent, Howey said. That's not to say Holcomb is doomed—by any stretch. Indiana is a Republican-leaning state. And it's a presidential election year in which Donald Trump and Mike Pence are expected to win the state easily. Holcomb has that going for him. "Nobody could say that this makes John Gregg's life easy," said political science professor Robert Dion of the University of Evansville. "This is going to be a close and competitive race. And it is going to be an expensive campaign to wage. "If John Gregg is going to come out on the winning end this time, he is going to have to work hard for it, whoever the candidate is." "I understand this is a veryunprecedented scenario we findourselves in," said Pete Seat of Hathaway Strategies, who helped run Holcomb's U.S. Senate campaign. "I would never underestimate Eric and the network he has built in the last decade. Eric will continue doing what he has always done, which is being in perpetual motion. There may not be a campaign manager as of today," Seat said on July 27, "but there's a grass-roots army." Holcomb "has a deficit in name recognition, and he doesn't have immediate access to the funds that could help him resolve that," IPFW's Andy Downs said. "The Gregg campaign can now spend however many days before Holcomb has resources defining him. You don't want your opponent to define you." The University of Evansville's Dion said that, although all candidates should be judged on their own merits, Holcomb would be unlikely to distance himself from Pence. "It would be disastrous for him to try to distance himself from Gov. Pence at this point in the campaign after he spent the past few months embracing him and his ideas and his record in office," he said. "Doing such a thing would be like a rerun on the bungled RFRA 'fix' that ended up making people on all sides unhappy."

KITCHELL SEES HOLCOMB AS A 'UNIFIER': Ryan Kitchell, who worked with Holcomb in the Daniels administration and is now executive vice president at Indiana University Health, said Holcomb "brings people together" (*IBJ*). "He's a unifier," Kitchell said. "He effectively seeks out different opinions, then brings everyone together to do what's best for Indiana." It's worth recapping that Holcomb—who has never been elected to office but served as a close adviser to Daniels, Pence and U.S. Sen. Dan Coats—has had one of the biggest Cinderella stories in Indiana politics of late. He went from running in third in a Republican U.S. Senate primary to being named the state's Republican gubernatorial nominee in a matter of months—after years influencing Indiana's policies from behind the scenes. Kitchell said Holcomb was "at the table for every major decision" the Daniels administration made, including the Major Moves infrastructure projects, creation of the Healthy Indiana Plan, development of the Indiana Economic Development Corp., expanding the Indiana Convention Center and reworking education policy. "Not just watching," Kitchell said. "He was in it. Doing, leading." Kitchell said Holcomb would make an "incredible" governor.

HOLCOMB'S CAMPAIGN BACKGROUND: The 48-year-old Eric Holcomb also is a former naval intelligence officer and former Indiana Republican Party state chairman who served as an adviser both to Gov. Mitch Daniels and to U.S. Sen. Dan Coats (Banta, *Bloomington Herald-Times*). Although he's made few runs for public office himself, he's experienced in behind-the-scenes campaigning — he helped Daniels win re-election by a wide margin in 2008, even following plunging popularity during the then-governor's first term. That effort, and a campaign of his own nearly two decades ago, have earned him the reputation of an attack dog among some, many of whom would specifically point to an ad he ran while running for state representative in 2000. The print advertisement accused Holcomb's opponent, Democratic incumbent John Frenz, of condoning obscenity and bestiality, based on Frenz's having voted

to fund Indiana University's Kinsey Institute, the university's internationally known sex research center. In reality, Frenz had voted for the state budget, which includes funding for IU and every other state university. But in a news conference announcing his role as lieutenant governor early this year, Holcomb called the ad a mistake and told reporters it taught him how not to act as a candidate. "I recognize that, and learned from that, and have not taken that approach since," he told reporters. In his own words, he's someone who seeks to build bridges and bring people together, something he'll need to do to reconcile far-right-wing conservatives and conservative business owners who aren't as interested in ideological issues. "I'm going to reach out to everyone even if I don't agree with their position on a certain, specific issue," Holcomb said in remarks given after the 22-member Republican State Central Committee selected him to fill the ballot vacancy left by Pence's selection as the national Republican Party's vice presidential nominee. "This table is big. I want folks to have a seat at the table. I won't sacrifice my core principles, but we have got to board together."

HOLCOMB ON 2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION: Here's a look at what he's said about some major issues that will face the state during the 2017 legislative session:

State budget: "We will continue to balance budgets; we will continue to right-size our tax code; we will continue to invest in education and infrastructure and work every day to make Indiana the best place to live, work, play and stay."

LGBT rights: "I will be at the balance right now of protecting our religious liberties while making sure that we are not discriminating."

Economic strategy: "I said that I want to continue to fill this state from a community approach, from the bottom up. And I've said that I want to continue work on economic development, making sure that we are continuing to diversify our economy." "We we need to make sure, as I said, that our economy here in Indiana continues to be strong. That means getting the basics right, living within our means, that means the right regulatory environment. Reasonable regulation."

Education: "I want to be the best partner I can be with anyone that wants to make sure that every kid in Indiana has access to the best education available. We need a 21st-century workforce; it's a demand. I'm all for it (expanded public funding of preschools) when it's responsibly done."

Infrastructure: "That (keeping the economy strong) means focusing on infrastructure projects — not just roads and bridges and roads and bridges, (but) ports, rail, etc."

PARKS, WASHBURNE REACT TO CROUCH SELECTION: Rep. Tom Washburne, R-Evansville, served in the Indiana House with Crouch for two years. He said Crouch's previous experience is going to serve her well if she's elected in November (Osowski, *Evansville Courier & Press*). "She has a background in local government that will be very beneficial in the governor's office," Washburne said. Vanderburgh County GOP Chairman Wayne Parke said Holcomb gets a hard worker and a proven fundraiser in Crouch. "She's qualified for the job," Parke said. "Suzanne is very knowledgeable about the government process." Crouch had been encouraged by some members of the GOP state committee to consider running for governor, an opportunity she ultimately passed on. Before saying no, she told the Courier & Press her proven track record of winning a statewide election and raising money were an asset. Those skills will assist Holcomb now. Although being involved in Hoosier politics for years, Holcomb has never won an election and was promoted to his current position of lieutenant governor by Pence back in March. Parke said it is exciting to have someone from Southwest Indiana so high on the ballot and thinks it will have a positive impact on voter turnout in November. "I think voter turnout will be good; this is going to encourage swing voters to come out," Parke said. Washburne said the addition of Crouch makes the city of Evansville no longer a sure thing for Democratic candidate John Gregg. "I think with Suzanne on the ticket, John Gregg is going to have to work for Evansville," Washburne said. "She's going to be pretty formidable."

WALORSKI BIG DONOR IS BREMEN GUN COMPANY: In most political campaigns, the top contributor is a large corporation, labor union or political organization (Booker, *South Bend Tribune*). But in this year's 2nd Congressional District race, the largest contributor is the family who owns Bremen Castings, a foundry and machine shop with about 200 employees, and BCI Defense, an emerging firearms business that makes its own version of the AR-15 rifle. Why would the family in Marshall County's small town of Bremen contribute so much — nearly $50,000 — to incumbent Republican congressional candidate Jackie Walorski? That amount was collectively given by four Brown family members in the election cycle that began in January 2015, according to the Federal Election Commission. Overall, Walorski has raised about $1.4 million during this election cycle, while her Democratic opponent, Lynn Coleman, has raised about $290,000. The Brown family's pair of small businesses are in the cross hairs of two of Capitol Hill's most heated ongoing debates: climate change and gun control. The family is concerned about threats that gun legislation and environmental regulations pose to their businesses, and they're backing a congresswoman who shares the same vision. "We have a lot in common with Congresswoman Walorski, who has done a great job of supporting foundries in the U.S. and helped fight against stringent EPA and OSHA regulations," said J.B. Brown, president of both companies. "She has also been very pro-2nd Amendment and believes in the right to bear arms. She fights for those rights every day, whether she's in a parade or making a speech in D.C., and is not afraid to promote her values."



Presidential 2016

GOLD STAR FAMILIES SEEK TRUMP APOLOGY: The families of 11 service members who died fighting for the U.S. demanded an apology from Donald Trump on Monday, accusing him of "cheapening the sacrifice made by those we lost" (NBC News). They said the Republican presidential nominee's suggestion that the Muslim mother of a U.S. soldier who died in Iraq had not "been allowed" to speak at the Democratic National Convention was akin to "attacking us." A letter signed by the Gold Star families — the term for those who have lost loved ones during military service — also called Trump's comments "repugnant, and personally offensive." "When you question a mother's pain, by implying that her religion, not her grief, kept her from addressing an arena of people, you are attacking us," the letter added. "When you say your job building buildings is akin to our sacrifice, you are attacking our sacrifice." The letter was organized by Gold Star Mother Karen Meredith from VoteVets.org, an advocacy group that calls itself non-partisan but which has been described in the past as allied to Congressional Democrats. The Center for Responsive Politics says VoteVets.org is fueled "largely by social welfare organizations aligned with Democrats and millions of dollars given by unions."

CLINTON GETS MODEST POLL BUMP IN SWING STATES: Hillary Clinton gets a slight bump across the battleground states coming out of her Democratic convention, answering the bump Trump got last week from his, and it pushes Clinton back into a very narrow lead overall (*CBS News*). Clinton now stands at 43 percent support, ahead of Trump's 41 percent. Trump had led 42 percent to 41 percent last week. This CBS News 2016 Battleground Tracker is a panel study based on 2211 interviews conducted on the internet of registered voters in eleven battleground states (Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Michigan, North Carolina, New Hampshire, Nevada, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Wisconsin.) Respondents were recontacted July 29-30, 2016 at the conclusion of the Democratic National Convention.

KOCH BROS REBUFF TRUMP: Top Donald Trump donors tried to set up a meeting between the GOP presidential nominee and Charles Koch in Colorado Springs on Friday, but Koch aides rejected the entreaties, according to two Republicans with knowledge of the outreach (*Politico*). Koch and his brother David Koch, who helm an influential network of advocacy groups and major conservative donors, have been sharply critical of Trump’s rhetoric and policy stances and have indicated they do not intend to support his campaign. Trump in turn has blasted the Kochs and other major conservative donors as puppeteers to whom his GOP primary rivals were beholden, while he touted the independence from Big Money he said he achieved by largely self-financing his campaign. But the billionaire first-time candidate has dialed back his anti-donor rhetoric since he clinched the GOP nomination and began active fundraising for a general election campaign in which his Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton, and her allies are expected to spend upward of $1.5 billion. The billionaire industrialist Koch brothers, meanwhile, are being urged to reconsider their opposition to Trump by some of the donors in their network who are supporting the Manhattan tycoon, including Minnesota media mogul Stanley S. Hubbard and Dallas investor Ray Washburne, according to the two Republicans familiar with the outreach.

DEMOCRAT ANXIETY HANGS OVER CLINTON: Democrats are worried about Hillary Clinton’s inability to separate herself from Donald Trump in the polls, even after what they believe was a largely successful convention that represented a real step toward party unity (*The Hill).* Clinton is hoping for a big post-convention boost, but the reality right now is that she in behind Trump in the polls, and has been in a relatively tight race for weeks. While the Electoral College may give her an advantage, party leaders and strategists say they remain concerned that Clinton is a tough sell when a majority of Americans think the

country is on the wrong track and want to shake up Washington. "The most important thing is there is a bias for change and there's an NBC/Wall Street Journal poll where people express that bias even when they don't know what the change is going to be," said Geoff Garin, a pollster who worked for Clinton's 2008 presidential campaign and now advises Priorities USA, a pro-Clinton super PAC. That July survey showed a majority of voters, 56 percent, prefer someone who will bring major changes to government even if they don't know what those changes will be. Only 46 percent wanted a candidate who would bring a steady approach to government. It helps explain Trump's success, and the strong challenge to Clinton in the Democratic primary from Sen. Bernie Sanders. Away from the hoopla of the Wells Fargo, Democratic officials and strategists say it's a major concern. "I'm nervous. The country is in a bad mood. It's such an unpredictable year," said a Democratic National Committee official who requested anonymity to speak frankly about Clinton's prospects.

PENCE RESPONDS TO PROTESTERS IN OHIO: Two protesters disrupted a Mike Pence rally Friday night, introducing a new element that has so far been absent in Donald Trump's running mate's campaign (*Politico*). "Lima trumps hate! Lima trumps hate!" chanted two sign-wielding protesters about seven minutes into Pence's speech, in a tweak to a chant that's become a staple at Hillary Clinton campaign events: "Love trumps hate." Pence paused as he realized what was happening, and the crowd began to jeer and boo at the protesters. One man repeatedly yelled, "Leave!" "How about 'USA'?" Pence calmly suggested from the podium. The crowd immediately began to chant "USA" as the two protesters were escorted out by officials. "As I tell my kids … that's what freedom looks like, and that's what freedom sounds like," Pence said. He then moved on with his speech.

CLINTON CAMPAIGN ANALYTICS HACKED: The Clinton presidential campaign said Friday that an "analytics data program" maintained by the Democratic National Committee had been hacked but that its computer system had not been compromised, denying news reports from earlier in the day that the campaign had become the third Democratic Party organization whose systems had been penetrated (*Washington Post).*So far, campaign computer experts "have found no evidence that our internal systems have been compromised," campaign spokesman Nick Merrill said in a statement.

KHAN CALLS FOR RYAN, McCONNELL TO REPUDIATE TRUMP: Khizr Khan, the father of a fallen Muslim American war hero who powerfully denounced Donald Trump's rhetoric and policies at the Democratic National Convention, returned to primetime programming Friday night to urge Republican leadership to distance themselves from the GOP nominee (*Politico*). Delivering what he described as "the other half" of his Thursday address on MSNBC's "The Last Word," Khan –- whose son was posthumously awarded a Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his heroism in Iraq -– tearfully singled out House Speaker Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell in a plea to "repudiate" the rhetoric and policies of Trump. Praising Ryan and McConnell each as patriots and decent human beings, Khan said it was time to demonstrate that leadership by putting aside potential political fallout to follow a "moral imperative." "Isn't it time to repudiate Trump, what he has said, what he has threatened to do? This is a moral imperative for both leaders to say to him that enough," a visibly shaken Khan said. "You are about to sink the ship of the patriot Republicans."

TRUMP SAYS U.S. SHOULD ACCEPT CRIMEA ANNEXATION: Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump is suggesting the U.S. accept Russia's annexation of Crimea if it would lead to better

relations with Moscow and stronger cooperation in fighting Islamic State militants (*Associated Press).* In an interview Sunday on ABC's "This Week," Trump suggested that the people of Crimea would rather be part of Russia. That runs counter to the Obama administration, which imposed economic sanctions against Russia for annexing the territory in Ukraine two years ago. The United Nations doesn't want countries to recognize Crimea as part of Russia, and some top Republicans are staunchly defending Crimea against what they say is Russian aggression.

TRUMP DOESN'T WANT DEBATES CONFLICTING WITH NFL: Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump said he is unhappy that some of the debates planned between him and Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton are scheduled against NFL games (*ABC News*). He also said that the NFL wrote him a letter complaining about the scheduling of debates at the same time as football games -- a point that the league disputes. Trump told ABC News' George Stephanopoulos: "I got a letter from the NFL saying, 'This is ridiculous. Why are the debates against --,' because the NFL doesn't want to go against the debates." An NFL spokesman said, however, "We did not write a letter, but we obviously prefer the debates on a different night than scheduled games." A Trump campaign source told ABC News that "Mr. Trump was made aware of the conflicting dates by a source close to the league. It's unfortunate that millions of voters will be disenfranchised by these chosen dates."

DEBATE COMMISSION HOLD FIRMS: The Commission on Presidential Debates is responding to Donald Trump and the Republican National Committee's complaints about the debate schedule with a message on Sunday: The schedule is set (*Politico*). "The Commission on Presidential Debates started working more than 18 months ago to identify religious and federal holidays, baseball league playoff games, NFL games, and other events in order to select the best nights for the 2016 debates. It is impossible to avoid all sporting events, and there have been nights on which debates and games occurred in most election cycles. A debate has never been rescheduled as a result," the commission said in a statement. Donald Trump and RNC officials have complained that two of the three scheduled presidential and one vice-presidential debates overlap with NFL games. Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort said their campaign staff would sit down with the Commission on Presidential Debates "in the next week or so" to discuss the debate schedule and RNC chairman Reince Priebus said last week that he believes the political parties should have more say in the general election debate schedule. On Sunday, Priebus added: "Certainly we're not going to agree with anything that our nominee doesn't agree with."

CUBAN ENDORSES CLINTON, CALLS TRUMP A 'JAGOFF': Billionaire sports and TV mogul Mark Cuban formally endorsed Hillary Clinton on Saturday at a campaign stop in Pittsburgh (*Politico*). Introducing Clinton and running mate Tim Kaine in his hometown, Cuban called out Donald Trump, saying, "Leadership is not yelling and screaming and intimidating. "You know what we call a person like that in Pittsburgh? A jagoff," Cuban continued. "Is there any bigger jagoff in the world than Donald Trump?" The Dictionary of American Slang defines "jagoff" as a variation on "jackoff," meaning "a stupid incompetent person."

TRUMP TO CONCENTRATE ON 3 OR 4 SWING STATES: Donald J. Trump, confronting a daunting electoral map and a significant financial disadvantage, is preparing to fall back from an expansive national campaign and concentrate the bulk of his time and money on just three or four states that his campaign believes he must sweep in order to win the presidency (*New York Times*). Even as Mr. Trump

has ticked up in national polls in recent weeks, senior Republicans say his path to the 270 Electoral College votes needed for election has remained narrow — and may have grown even more precarious. It now looks exceedingly difficult for him to assemble even the barest Electoral College majority without beating Hillary Clinton in a trifecta of the biggest swing states: Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania. President Obama won all three states in 2008 and 2012, and no Republican has won Pennsylvania in nearly three decades. With a divisive campaign message that has alienated many women and Hispanics, Mr. Trump appears to have pushed several traditional swing states out of his own reach. According to strategists on both sides of the race, polling indicates that Mrs. Clinton has a solid upper hand in Colorado and Virginia, the home state of Senator Tim Kaine, her running mate. Both states voted twice for George W. Bush, who assiduously courted Hispanic voters and suburban moderates. In addition, Trump allies have grown concerned about North Carolina, a Republican-leaning state that has large communities of black voters and college-educated whites — two audiences with which Mr. Trump is deeply unpopular.

PENCE SEEKS TO END TRUMP MEDIA BAN: Vice presidential candidate Mike Pence said the Trump campaign is having conversations about lifting the blacklist it has applied to certain media outlets (*Politico)*. Speaking to radio host Hugh Hewitt on Friday, Pence defended his own history of dealing with the news media, saying he authored legislation while in Congress to help protect journalists' confidential sources. "We're going to have those conversations internally and I fully expect in the next 100 days we're going to continue to be available to the media, whether they're fair or unfair," Pence said. The Trump campaign has blacklisted certain outlets, including POLITICO, The Washington Post, The Huffington Post, Howey Politics Indiana and others, from attending his events because of what he considers unfair coverage. On Friday, CNN's Chris Cuomo said he is blacklisted from the Trump campaign "because of how we conduct our interviews." HPI's Brian Howey was banned by the Trump campaign from a Pence/Trump joint appearance in Westfield, but gained entry after contacting the Pence gubernatorial staff and Indiana campaign chairman Rex Early. The ban appeared to be lifted at a Trump event later in the week in Zionsville.

CLINTON SEEKS 1 NEBRASKA ELECTORAL COLLEGE VOTE: Hillary Clinton is heading to heavily Republican Nebraska on Monday in search of a single electoral vote (*Washington Post*). In a move that suggests the Democratic presidential nominee is taking nothing for granted against Republican Donald Trump, Clinton has scheduled a late afternoon rally in Omaha, a moderate pocket of an otherwise conservative state. Here's why: Nebraska is one of only two states that awards part of its electoral votes based on outcomes in congressional districts. The other is Maine. In Nebraska's case, two of the state's five electoral votes go to the statewide winner. That is almost certain to be Trump. The other three are distributed on the basis of performance in Nebraska's three congressional districts. In 2008, then-Sen. Barack Obama (Ill.) edged out GOP nominee John McCain in the 2nd Congressional District, which includes Omaha, picking up exactly one of the 270 electoral votes needed to secure the presidency.

MORE WATCHED TRUMP SPEECH: Who won the convention ratings race, Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton? Trump, by a margin of two million viewers, according to Nielsen, the TV ratings firm. Clinton's Thursday night acceptance speech at the DNC averaged 29.8 million viewers across ten broadcast and cable channels (*CNN*). Trump's speech at the RNC one week earlier averaged 32.2 million viewers across the same channels. Nielsen's totals did not include PBS. With the public broadcaster's coverage added, Trump's speech had 34.9 million viewers and Clinton had 33.8 million. For Trump, the victory is even sweeter because while the first three nights of the Democratic convention out-rated the same nights of the Republican convention, his speech spurred more live viewership than Clinton's on the fourth night.

PENCE CAMPAIGN SCHEDULE: Aug. 1Who: Governor Mike Pence, What: Town Hall, Where: Carson Nugget, 507 N Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701, 3 p.m. Aug. 1; Who: Governor Mike Pence, What: Rally, Where: Grand Sierra Resort and Casino, 2500 E 2nd Street, Reno, NV 89595, When: Monday, August 1st, 2016 at 7:00 PM. Aug. 2: Who: Governor Mike Pence, What: Town Hall, Where: Tucson, AZ, 2:00 PM; Who: Governor Mike Pence; What: Town Hall, Where: Phoenix Convention Center, 100 N. 3rd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004 7:00 PM



Sunday Talk

CLINTON SAYS TRUST ISSUES ARE FAIR: Hillary Clinton acknowledges that Americans have a legitimate concern about her trustworthiness, particularly related to her email scandal and the Benghazi terror attacks, but criticized those who have attempted to undermine her Democratic presidential campaign and make a "caricature" out of her, in an exclusive interview with "*Fox News Sunday*." "I think that it's fair for Americans to have questions," Clinton said, in an interview taped Saturday. "Every time I run for an office, though, oh my goodness, all of these caricatures come out of nowhere. And people begin to undermine me because when I left office as secretary of state, 66 percent of Americans approved of what I do." According to a Gallup poll cited by Poltifact, Hillary Clinton had a favorability rating of 64 percent when she left her role as secretary state in February 2013. Her rating declined following criticism over the deadly attack of the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi and her handling of emails while at the State Department. On the issue of two-thirds of Americans having concerns about her trustworthiness, Clinton repeated what she has often said, "I know that I have work to do."

CLINTON PRESSED ON PATRICIA SMITH: Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton says she has no "ill feeling" toward a mother who is holding her personally responsible for her son's death in Benghazi and is pushing back on the criticism by the FBI director of her handling of classified information *(Politico).* On "*Fox News Sunday*" — Clinton's first appearance on the show this campaign season — host Chris Wallace pressed the former secretary of state on comments by Patricia Smith, who said at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland that she blamed Clinton "personally for the death of my son" in the 2012 terrorist attack on the consulate in Libya and for misrepresenting the circumstances surrounding the attack. "I understand the grief and the incredible sense of loss that can motivate that," Clinton said. "As other members of families who lost loved ones have said, that's not what they heard." "I don't hold any ill feeling for someone who in that moment may not fully recall everything that was or wasn't said," she said. Pressed by Wallace about why she had not called the incident a terrorist attack in its immediate aftermath, Clinton said his contention was "not fair." "If you go back and

read everything that I said that day, I quoted people who talked about it being terrorism. I had already said it was terrorism, and there was no doubt it was terrorism," Clinton said. "I think there has been a confusion in the minds of some, and exploiting that confusion for the advantage of others."

TRUMP SAYS HE HAS GREAT 'TEMPERAMENT': Donald Trump is pushing back on a key Democratic argument against him: that he's dangerous and too erratic to be commander in chief (*Politico*). In an interview airing Sunday on ABC's "*This Week,"* Trump claimed Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton is the real candidate with the poor temperament. "She's a very dishonest person. I have one of the great temperaments," Trump said. "I have a winning temperament. She has a bad temperament. She's weak." "I have a temperament where I know how to win. She doesn't know how to win," he added. Clinton has repeatedly criticized the New York real estate mogul and entertainer as "temperamentally unfit" to be president. In her acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, the former secretary of state said of her Republican rival: "A man you can bait with a tweet is not a man we can trust with nuclear weapons." But Trump hit back, calling his campaign "flawless," while Clinton "lies a lot." "You'll be writing books about this campaign. And yet, she's criticizing my campaign," Trump said. "Now, her campaign, she couldn't beat Bernie [Sanders], okay?"

TRUMP SAYS 'I DON'T KNOW PUTIN FROM ADAM': Donald Trump insisted Sunday that he has no connections to Russia or its leader amid scrutiny of the Republican presidential nominee following the leak of nearly 20,000 Democratic National Committee (DNC) emails (*The Hill).* Trump in an interview on ABC's *"This Week"* said he has never met Russian President Vladimir Putin and has no financial ties to Russia. "No, just so you understand, he said very nice things about me. But I have no relationship with him. ... I've never met him," Trump said. "He treats me with great respect. I have no relationship with Putin. I don't think I've ever met him. I never met him. I don't think I've ever met him." Trump said he has never spoken to Putin on the phone or even been in the same room with the Russian leader. The extent of their relationship, he said, is Putin having said "very good things" about Trump. "I didn't meet him. I haven't spent time with him. I didn't have dinner with him. I didn't go hiking with him. ... I wouldn't know him from Adam, except I see his picture, and I would know what he looks like."

TRUMP FUMBLES ON UKRAINE: Donald Trump said Sunday that Russian President Vladimir Putin won't make a military move into Ukraine -- even though Putin already has done just that, seizing the country's Crimean peninsula (*CNN*). "He's not going into Ukraine, OK, just so you understand. He's not going to go into Ukraine, all right? You can mark it down. You can put it down. You can take it anywhere you want," Trump said in an interview with ABC's George Stephanopoulos on "This Week." "Well, he's already there, isn't he?" Stephanoploulos responded, in a reference to Crimea, which Putin took from Ukraine in early 2014. Trump said: "OK -- well, he's there in a certain way. But I'm not there. You have Obama there. And frankly, that whole part of the world is a mess under Obama with all the strength that you're talking about and all of the power of NATO and all of this. In the meantime, he's going away. He takes Crimea." Stephanopoulos interjected to note that Trump has suggested he could recognize Russia's claim on Crimea over Ukraine's -- and Trump didn't back away from that possibility in the interview. "I'm going to take a look at it," he said. "But you know, the people of Crimea, from what I've heard, would rather be with Russia than where they were. And you have to look at that, also ... just so you understand, that was done under Obama's administration."

TRUMP SAYS PUTIN WON'T CLAIM UKRAINE: Donald Trump said in an interview Sunday that Russian President Vladimir Putin isn't going to go into Ukraine, even though the Russian military has intervened in the nation's affairs since 2014 *(The Hill).* "He's not going into Ukraine, OK, just so you understand. He's not gonna go into Ukraine, all right? You can mark it down. You can put it down," Trump said Sunday on ABC's *"This Week."* Host George Stephanopoulos pushed back, saying, "Well, he's already there, isn't he?" "OK, well, he's there in a certain way," Trump responded. "But I'm not there. You have [President] Obama there. And, frankly, that whole part of the world is a mess under Obama, with all the strength that you're talking about and all of the power of NATO and all of this."

TRUMP SAYS CLINTON CUT DEAL WITH BLOOMBERG: Donald Trump is slamming Michael Bloomberg's endorsement of Hillary Clinton, speculating the former New York mayor cut a deal with the former secretary of state to get a job in any new Clinton administration. "Personally, I think he made a deal with Hillary, where...he gets a job," the Republican presidential nominee said in an interview airing Sunday on ABC News' "*This Week."* Though not affiliated with either major political party, Bloomberg endorsed Clinton and spoke on the final night of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia. In his speech, the billionaire media mogul called Trump "a dangerous demagogue" and criticized his business record. "Trump says he wants to run the nation like he's run his business. God help us," Bloomberg said.

TRUMP SAYS ROMNEY LOST DUE TO TAX RETURNS: Donald Trump said on Sunday that Mitt Romney lost the presidential race in 2012 because of his tax returns (*The Hill*). "He waited 'til September to give 'em, just before the election. They made him look so bad. It was so unfair," Trump said of the GOP's 2012 presidential nominee on ABC's *"This Week."* "I actually think he didn't lose because of the 47 percent [comments]. I think he lost because of a couple of really minor items in a tax return, where he did nothing wrong. ... It is unfair." Trump, the GOP presidential nominee, reiterated that he will release his tax returns after the Internal Revenue Service completes an audit, even though the agency has said he can make them public while an audit is underway. Host George Stephanopoulos pushed back, saying past returns that aren't being audited could be released.

KAINE DEFENDS ABORTION RECORD: Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va.) defended his stance on abortion Sunday, saying that he has a record of defending abortion rights *(The Hill).* "My voting position on abortion hasn't really changed," Kaine said in an interview with CNN's "*State of the Union*." "I am a Catholic and I accept the church's teaching on this issue, but I do not believe the job of somebody in public life is to say 'I'm a Catholic so my job is to make our laws consistent with Catholic doctrine and make everybody follow it.' "

MOOK SAYS CLINTON COMPUTERS NOT HACKED: Hillary Clinton's campaign manager said on Sunday that the campaign's computers had not been breached by hackers (The Hill). "First of all, there's absolutely no evidence that the campaign has been breached," said Robby Mook in an interview with NBC's *"Meet the Press."* Mook said that hackers had gained access to a program that the campaign uses and shares with the Democratic National Committee. Donald Trump said last week that Russian hackers should release tens of thousands of Clinton's emails from her time as secretary of State. He later said he was being sarcastic, which Mook questioned on Sunday. "Trump only said that this was a joke after he

came under enormous pressure" for the statement, Mook said. "Espionage is never a laughing matter," Mook added. "This is a matter of national security now."

ASSANGE WON'T REVEAL SOURCES OR IMPLICATE RUSSIA: WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange on Sunday declined to name the source of the Democratic National Committee email leak amid speculation that Russian state actors were behind it (*The Hill*). "I do think it's an interesting question, of course, as to who our sources are," Assange said on NBC's *"Meet the Press."* "But as a source protection organization, that many sources from across the world of many different types rely on to protect their identity, their rights, to communicate the truth to the public. And that's all we're talking about here, communicating the truth." Assange said it was a "security matter for us as to who our sources are."

BIDEN MAY RUN AGAIN: Upon the inauguration of the next administration on Jan. 20, Vice President Joe Biden will, for the first time in 46 years, not serve in a public office. But don't expect him to disappear from public view. "I don't plan on saying goodbye," Biden said in an interview with ABC News' George Stephanopoulos. "My dad used to have an expression … 'It's a lucky person who gets up in the morning and puts both feet on the floor, knows what they're about to do, and thinks it still matters.' I still care deeply about so many things." The vice president told ABC News he will remain committed to advancing the issues he cares about: fighting cancer, advancing foreign policy, combating domestic violence and reforming the tax system.

General Assembly

McNAMARA BILL WILL TARGET POLICE THREATS: An Indiana lawmaker plans to introduce a bill that would make it a felony to threaten a specific law enforcement agency or other emergency personnel. Republican state Rep. Wendy McNamara of Evansville says she made her intentions known now instead of closer to next year's legislative session in response to recent shootings of Dallas and Louisiana police officers. The *Evansville Courier & Press* reports McNamara said Friday she "couldn't sit on the sidelines while our law enforcement officers were being threatened." If her proposal passes it would apply to all threats toward police. McNamara says Indiana's current intimidation statute covers only threats against individuals, not those made against a group or organization. She says her bill's main target is people who make threats online and on social media.

CHANGE IN STRAIGHT BALLOT VOTING: Voters casting straight-party ballots in this November's general election will have an added step not seen before, and some election officials are concerned the changes will present unnecessary challenges (Rickert, *News & Tribune).* In March, Indiana Public Law 21-2016 went into effect, after Indiana Senate Enrolled Act 61 passed this year's legislative session and was signed into law by Gov. Pence. The main crux of the bill states that straight-party tickets no longer count for partisan races in which more than one candidate can be chosen, specifically at-large races. Prior to the new law, voters could select their straight party choice in the beginning of the ballot, and this would in effect cast a vote for all candidates in that party without any extra steps, if no other candidates were chosen separately. In this election, they will have to manually select any at-large candidates for whom they wish to vote. Indiana Republican Sen. Greg Walker, who authored the bill with Republican Sen.

Randall Head, said the main goal was to take away unclear logic in Indiana code that caused complications in interpreting ballots where a voter marked straight party, but strayed from that in at-large sections. "In an attempt to make the vote true and accurate, we had to deal with the error in the logic as it was in the code," Walker said. "If someone votes a straight ticket, let's say they vote Democrat and then they mark a single Democrat county at-large candidate, did they intend to vote (only) for that one candidate, or are they trying to vote four times if there were four Democrats on the ballot?"

State

GOVERNOR: PENCE RETURNS TO INDY - Gov. Mike Pence, who has been on the campaign trail since being named as Donald Trump's running mate for the GOP presidential ticket, was back in Indianapolis Friday (*WTHR-TV).* Pence began Friday's ABATE ride with a tribute to a fallen officer in San Diego. "Another police officer has fallen in the line of duty. Let me express my sympathies and the assurance of the prayers of the people of Indiana," said Pence, who was on Monument Circle to kick off the Annual Governor's Motorcycle Ride. The event benefits the Indiana National Guard Relief Fund. "It would be just a few days ago here in our own capital city that an IMPD officer was injured in the line of duty. The truth of the matter is, this is a very challenging in the life of law enforcement in this country. So as your governor and as a neighbor and as a friend, would you join me in thanking all those who stand on the thin blue line of law enforcement and make sure they know we appreciate them?" He also spoke out his record helping Indiana veterans, saying Indiana had doubled the budget for Veterans Affairs over the last four years. He also said Indiana has the second-lowest unemployment rate for veterans in the country. "Today we make one more installment in a debt we can never fully repay," he said.

GOVERNOR: PENCE STILL RUNNING STATE - Q: Since Gov. Pence will now be working full time to become vice president, do we as Indiana taxpayers have to continue to pay his salary? I sure hope we don't, because I wasn't real thrilled about paying it when he was working as our governor. M.S., Ellettsville (*Bloomington Herald-Times*). A: Indiana Gov. Mike Pence may be in the national eye thanks to his selection as Donald Trump's vice presidential candidate, but that doesn't mean he's left the state for good. While his appearances might be rare, Pence did return to the state to attend a meeting of the American Legislative Exchange Council (better known as ALEC), a free-market policy group. After speaking there, Pence rode in the annual Governor's Motorcycle Ride, which raises money for the Indiana National Guard Relief Fund. "Gov. Pence is still running the state and is fully engaged with what's happening in Indiana," Kara Brooks, press secretary for the governor's office, wrote in an email. "In a meeting last week with his staff in the governor's office in Indianapolis, he made it very clear that serving the people of Indiana is priority No. 1." Brooks noted that today's technology allows Pence to serve in both roles across the nation and said the governor had met with his senior staff and cabinet twice in his first week as the vice presidential candidate. As part of Pence's dedication to state emergencies, Brooks wrote, the governor has directed his staff to clear his schedule if anything arises. Also, for those who are curious, Pence's salary can be found at www.in.gov/itp. Currently, Pence makes $111,077.46.

CRIME: STATE LEADS NATION IN PHARMACY ROBBERIES - Indiana hasn't been able to shed its designation as the No. 1 state for pharmacy robberies despite some work to protect the businesses (*Associated Press*). The Indianapolis Star reports that members of the Governor's Task Force on Drug

Enforcement met Tuesday to discuss the state's troubling statistics. Indiana Board of Pharmacy president Donna Wall said that Indiana had a total of 175 pharmacy robberies in 2015, with 132 of them in Marion County alone. There were more pharmacy robberies in Indiana last year than California, which has a population about six times larger. There have been 64 pharmacy robberies so far in 2016. Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Lt. Craig McCart says the department believes the fact that it has seen only 43 pharmacy robberies since January is a relative success.

DNR: ANOTHER BEAR SIGHTING IN SO. INDIANA - The black bear spotted in Indiana on July 18 has returned (*Associated Press*). The DNR posted on their Facebook page that the bear was spotted on the Clark and Scott county line. They posted a picture of the bear in a wooded area. Previously, the bear was spotted in Corydon, Ind. The bear likely swam across the Ohio River from Kentucky, which has a growing population of the species, according to DNR. Conservation officers will monitor it to determine if the animal should be trapped and relocated or left alone.



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ECONOMY: U.S. GDP STALLS AT 1.2% - You can now add the rates strategy team at Deutsche Bank AG to the growing list of Wall Street analysts who reckon the U.S. economy is probably ensnared in secular stagnation (*Bloomberg News*). In a research note published on Friday, Deutsche Bank strategists, led by Dominic Konstam, say the Federal Reserve risks a "big policy error" if it hikes interest rates in September as the latest GDP numbers mark an imminent labor market-driven slowdown for the U.S. economy. The world's largest economy expanded by just 1.2 percent in the second quarter while first-quarter expansion was revised down to 0.8 percent from an initial 1.1 percent estimate. The second-quarter rate of expansion was less than half the advance forecast by economists in a Bloomberg survey. "If the economy can only muster growth in the vicinity of 1 percent when the labor market is at full employment, one must take the secular stagnation thesis more seriously," the Deutsche Bank analysts write. "In other words, perhaps the 2.1 percent average growth rate of the present cycle has been an over-performance. If productivity continues to underwhelm, we will likely see downward revisions to potential growth, telling us after the fact that we have been closing the output gap faster than we thought."

ELECTIONS: COURT STRIKE DOWN VOTER ID LAWS IN NC, WI - A federal appeals court decisively struck down North Carolina's voter identification law on Friday, saying its provisions deliberately "target African-Americans with almost surgical precision" in an effort to depress black turnout at the polls

(New York Times). The sweeping 83-page decision by a panel of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit upended voting procedures in a battleground state about three months before Election Day. That ruling and a second wide-ranging decision on Friday, in Wisconsin, continued a string of recent court opinions against restrictive voting laws that critics say were created solely to keep minority and other traditionally Democratic voters away from the polls. The North Carolina ruling tossed out the state's requirement that voters present photo identification at the polls and restored voters' ability to register on Election Day, to register before reaching the 18-year-old voting age, and to cast early ballots, provisions the law had fully or partly eliminated. The court also held that the ballots of people who had mistakenly voted at the wrong polling stations should be deemed valid.

FLORIDA: ZIKA OUTBREAK IN MIAMI - U.S. health officials said Friday that four cases of Zika virus were transmitted locally by mosquitoes in Miami, the first evidence of the virus spreading that way in the continental U.S. (*Bloomberg*). Previous cases have been caused by travel to affected areas or sexual contact with an infected person, and the report from Florida suggests that outbreaks of the virus could become common in some parts of the country, rather than just being imported from abroad. "As we have anticipated, Zika is now here. Everything we've seen so far indicates to us that this is mosquito-borne transmission," U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Tom Frieden said Friday on a call with reporters. While the findings are concerning, and more cases could be found, health officials "don't expect widespread transmission in the continental U.S.," he said.

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CITIES: ELKHART ANNEXATION COST $500K - So does Elkhart stop growing in the wake of the heated legal tussle, which took more than two years to fix and likely factored in Dick Moore's loss to Tim Neese in the mayoral race last year? Probably not, though any growth may be incremental (Vandenack, *Elkhart Truth*). Here are a few points on the matter from local officials: 1. Annexing isn't cheap. As of July 7, the city had spent $534,808 in legal fees and other expenses in connection with 12 annexations launched in 2014, including the three that were the focus of the lawsuits. A portion of that related to the expenses in mapping areas to be annexed, determining how to expand city services to the areas and other administrative costs that accompany any such annexation. But more than half, $286,316, stemmed from legal fees in dealing with the three lawsuits, according to a press release from Mayor Tim Neese's office. 2. Annexing can create a significant new revenue stream. The projected annual property tax stream to the city from the 12 areas annexed, including the three zones reconfigured due to the lawsuits, will be an estimated $3.93 million.

CITIES: NEW OWNER FOR CAVEAT EMPTOR IN BLOOMINGTON: In March, Janis Starcs, former owner of Caveat Emptor decided to close the Bloomington bookstore. The secondhand bookstore had been a fixture in downtown Bloomington since 1971 (*Indiana Public Media*). "'My wife called and said, 'Did you know Caveat Emptor is closing?' I said, 'No I didn't, but I'm going down there immediately and talking to them about it.'," current owner Eric Brown says. According to Brown, within the hour, he had contacted Starcs to let him know that he wanted to buy the store. Starcs' operated the store for 45 years. Brown graduated from Indiana University, and as a student he frequented the bookstore. He says the first time he entered Caveat Emptor, "it was heaven." "I was surrounded by books," he says. "I love academic scholarly works and this caters to the more intelligencia crowd of university press and things like that."

CITIES: EX-PARK TUDOR COACH SENTENCED TO 14 YEARS - A former Park Tudor basketball coach who pleaded guilty to coercion and enticement was sentenced to 14 years in prison Friday afternoon (*WRTV*). Kyle Cox, 31, was arrested in January for allegedly having an improper relationship with a 15-year-old female student at Park Tudor. Court documents say Cox and the teen began talking and texting in August 2015, and that the communications turned sexual in October. Cox reportedly sent the 15-year-old pictures of his genitals and convinced her to send naked pictures and videos to him. He suddenly resigned from his position with Park Tudor in December 2015. "Mr. Cox held a position of trust and authority over our young victim," said U.S. Attorney Josh Minkler. "He gradually groomed her over time to trust him and then exploited her for his own sexual gratification. Protecting our youth from predators is a priority and a responsibility we hold in high regard. Schools should be places of safety for children where they can grow, learn, and make mistakes without falling prey to teachers or coaches who turn their innocence into illegal sexual opportunity. "

CITIES: ANDERSON HS BB COACH ARRESTED ON DUI - Phillip Washington, head boys basketball coach at Anderson High School, was arrested for drunk driving Saturday morning, according to Madison Co. jail records (*WRTV)*. He was charged with misdemeanor OWI and bonded out of jail. The assistant superintendent for Anderson Community Schools says Washington was immediately placed on administrative leave, which means he'll be suspended from teaching and coaching duties.

COUNTIES: FLOYD JAIL AUDIT FINDS NON-COMPLIANCE - An audit found that the Floyd County Sheriff's Department failed to comply with U.S. Department of Justice guidelines for handling particular funds, including a lack of documentation for more than $100,000 that it reportedly paid to informants. The funds in question are part of an equitable sharing program in which the DOJ and police agencies around the U.S. share revenue from assets taken during criminal investigations, The News and Tribune reported. The audit by the DOJ's Office of the Inspector General comes after the sheriff's department was flagged as high risk in November because a 2012 audit found a lack of internal controls in the managing of equitable sharing funds. An audit last fall looked at the period from Jan. 1 2012 to Sept. 30, 2015. It found that the sheriff's department received nearly $578,000 in equitable sharing funds and spent more than $890,000 during that time. "The objective of the (2012-2015) audit was to assess whether the FCSD properly accounted for equitable sharing funds and used such revenues for allowable purposes," the report said. "Our testing revealed that the FCSD failed to comply fully with DOJ guidelines for using equitable sharing funds."

COUNTIES: HAMILTON HAS ZIKA PLAN - The Hamilton County Health Department reviewed its Zika Action Plan this week. The meeting comes as the first locally transmitted cases are suspected to hit the U.S. (*Indiana Public Media*). Indiana has 16 reported cases of Zika, all of them travel related, but one of the mosquito species that can carry the disease has been found in Indiana. This promoted the Hamilton County Health Department to develop a Zika Response Plan at the beginning of the summer. Hamilton County Director of Environmental Health Jason LeMaster says the plan was crafted using CDC guidelines and varies from their existing plan to battle West Nile Virus. "This tends to be more of a container breading mosquito versus our West Nile mosquito," LeMaster says. "You tend to find that in stagnant water pools in larger areas, so that's where we had to change up our strategies."

COUNTIES: ELKHART HIV RATE RISES - Elkhart County and surrounding areas are seeing a rise in the number of HIV cases reported in 2016 (*Elkhart Truth*). According to AIDS Ministries/AIDS Assist of North Indiana, a ministry that has worked in the region for over 25 years helping individuals suffering with HIV/AIDS, 42 new HIV cases have been reported in Elkhart, LaPorte, Pulaski, Marshall, Kosciusko and St. Joseph counties. The rise in new cases concerns Rose Silas, a client services manager at AIDS Ministries. "We don't normally see that many new diagnoses come in," she said. "A lot of it has to do with younger kids having a lack of education on the subject."

COUNTIES: HOWARD VOTES DOWN WORK RELEASE CENTER - Less than a week after the Howard County Council voted down a funding measure to renovate the old jail into a work release facility, some local officials have continued to spar over the decision, while others have taken a wait and see approach (Myers,*Kokomo Tribune*). Butting heads both privately and publicly have been Howard County Commissioner Paul Wyman, who brought the renovation plan before the council last Tuesday, and council President Dick Miller, an advocate of constructing a new building for work release. The plan, which was developed over the course of roughly two years and unanimously approved by the Howard County Community Corrections Advisory Board, would have funded a $1 million renovation of the old jail on Berkley Road and kickstarted a work release program toward a January start date. In a controversial vote, the council denied by a 4-3 margin the $1 million allocation, instead choosing to put into action the planning of a new work release facility, an idea that has been ridiculed by Wyman and others in local government.

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CLINTON CITES 'MOMENT OF BEACONING'; ASSUMES REAGAN MANTLE: After three days of speeches focusing on trying to bring the party and electorate behind nominee Hillary Clinton, she took the stage for what some would consider an impossible task (Thomas Curry, *Howey Politics Indiana*). Not only did she have to attract the most stubborn of Bernie Sanders's supporters into her campaign, humanize and relate herself to the public, of which only 38% like her, Clinton also had to follow the moving speeches given throughout the week from senators, mayors, governors, first ladies and presidents. The delegation had been built up for an epic speech, or as Indiana delegates remarked on the bus to the Wells Fargo Center "we are fired up and ready to cry." And Clinton delivered, putting Republican nominee Donald Trump, saying, "He's taken the Republican Party a long way, from 'Morning in America' to 'Midnight in America,'" Clinton said. "He wants us to fear the future and fear each other. We are clear-eyed about what our country is up against. But we are not afraid. We will rise to the challenge, just as we always have." Clinton added, "He loses his cool at the slightest provocation," Clinton said. "When he's gotten a tough question from a reporter. When he's challenged in a debate. When he sees a protester at a rally. Imagine him in the Oval Office facing a real crisis. A man you can bait with a tweet is not a man we can trust with nuclear weapons." And she took on Trump notion that "I alone can fix it," saying, "Every generation of Americans has come together to make our country freer, fairer and stronger. None of us ever have or can do it alone. I know that at a time when so much seems to be pulling us apart, it can be hard to imagine how we'll ever pull together. But I'm here to tell you tonight: Progress is possible." Clinton acceptance speech hit on the themes that were front and center in Philadelphia; unity, optimism and bashing "that scary Donald Trump." Clinton gave praise to Sanders and his supporters saying, "I want to thank Bernie Sanders. Bernie, your campaign inspired millions of Americans, particularly the young people who threw their hearts and souls into our primary. You've put economic and social justice issues front and center, where they belong." The first major party female presidential nominee recognized her station history, saying, ""America is once again at a moment of reckoning. Powerful forces are threatening to pull us apart. Bonds of trust and respect are fraying. And just as with our founders, there are no guarantees: it truly is up to us."

FATHER OF SLAIN MUSLIM U.S. ARMY CAPTAIN REBUKES TRUMP: Donald Trump was speaking at an event in Iowa, complaining that America was not allowed to waterboard terrorists, when Khizr Khan and his wife walked up to the microphone at the Democratic convention in Philadelphia (*Washington Post*). Khan's son, Humayun, was a captain in the U.S. Army. When a vehicle packed with explosives approached his compound in Iraq in 2004, he instructed his men to seek cover as he ran toward it. The car exploded, killing Khan instantly. He was awarded the Bronze Star posthumously. In 2005, The Washington Post interviewed Khizr Khan. "They did not call him Captain Khan," he said of the men his son led. "They called him 'our captain.' " "We are honored to stand here as the parents of Capt. Humayun Khan," the elder Khan said at the Democratic convention, "and as patriotic American Muslims with undivided loyalty to our country." He spoke of his son's dreams of becoming a military lawyer and how Hillary Clinton had referred to his son as "the best of America." Then he focused his attention on Trump. "If it was up to Donald Trump, [Humayun] never would have been in America," Khan said. "Donald Trump consistently smears the character of Muslims. He disrespects other minorities, women, judges, even his own party leadership. He vows to build walls and ban us from this country. "Donald Trump," he said, "you are asking Americans to trust you with our future. Let me ask you: Have you even read the U.S. Constitution? I will gladly lend you my copy." He pulled a copy of the Constitution from his pocket. "In this document, look for the words 'liberty' and 'equal protection of law.'" "Have you ever been

to Arlington Cemetery?" Khan said. "Go look at the graves of the brave patriots who died defending America — you will see all faiths, genders, and ethnicities. You have sacrificed nothing. And no one."

HOLCOMB'S CHOICE FOR LG WILL FILE TODAY: Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb has made his lieutenant governor choice and that person will file today, campaign sources tell *Howey Politics Indiana*. But Holcomb's choice is not Jeffrey Martin of Greenwood who became the first Republican to file for the lieutenant governor nomination with a noon deadline looming today. "He is not Eric's pick," said Pete Seat, who is advising Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb's emerging gubernatorial campaign. "My crystal ball says another filing is not far away. I can tell you the person Eric has asked to be his running mate will file today." Speculation has centered on the three constitutional officers Secretary of State Connie Lawson, Treasurer Kelly Mitchell and Auditor Suzanne Crouch along with LaPorte Mayor Blair Milo, Greenwood Mayor Mark Myers and Ret. Maj. Gen. Erika Stuterman. The selection is expected around 9 a.m. today. State Sen. Erin Houchin told HPI this morning she will not run. "I am happy serving in the Senate and will always be willing to serve our state in whatever way I can be most helpful," she said.

TRUMP'S RUSSIA DEFENSE: 'I WAS JOKING': Donald Trump says many controversial things. And as the political world reacts accordingly, his defense of those comments is often liable to change (*Washington Post).*And like clockwork, such is the case with his comments calling on Russia to find Hillary Clinton's deleted emails. A day after making the comments and defending them, Trump has a novel explanation for all of it: I was joking! Here's his exchange with "Fox and Friends" from Thursday morning: BRIAN KILMEADE: Clinton campaign says this is a national security issue. Now, the idea that you'd have any American calling for a foreign power to commit espionage in the U.S. for the purpose of somehow changing an election, I think that we're now in a national security space. Your reaction? TRUMP: You have to be kidding. His client, his person, deleted 33,000 emails illegally. You look at that. And when I'm being sarcastic with something — KILMEADE: Were you being sarcastic? TRUMP: Of course, I'm being sarcastic. But you have 33,000 e-mails deleted, and the real problem is what was said in those emails from the Democratic National Committee. You take a look at what was said in those emails — it's disgraceful. It's disgraceful. They talk about religion, they talk about race, they talk about all sorts of things, including women, and what they said in those emails is a disgrace. Trump backer and former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani offered the same explanation later on CNN: "No. He was telling a joke. When he got off the plane, he tweeted out the emails should be sent to the FBI. He was joking around." Here's why this sarcasm explanation doesn't hold water: 1. Trump campaign officials never said he was joking on Wednesday. They mounted a robust defense, mind you, but they didn't say it was a joke. In a tweet after the comments exploded on social media, Trump sought to explain a little bit — apparently suggesting he simply meant that the emails should be turned over to the FBI "if Russia or any other country or person has" them. Again, no mention of joking around. NBC's Katy Tur, later in Wednesday's press conference, basically asked Trump twice if he was serious. In response, Trump indicated he had no qualms about, in Tur's words, "asking a foreign government — Russia, China, anybody — to interfere, to hack into the system of anybody's in this country."

PENCE JOINS IN THE 'SARCASM' DEFENSE: Indiana Gov. Mike Pence joined in on the "I was just joking" defense of Republican nominee Donald Trump on Thursday (*Politico*). "What's remarkable to me is once again the national media takes what was clearly a sarcastic comment made by Donald Trump after he and I since condemned any potential activity by Russia or any other foreign power," Pence told radio host Laura Ingraham on Donald Trump's call for Russians to hack Democratic and Clinton campaign emails, saying the comment was "laced with sarcasm." During his Florida press conference on

Wednesday, Trump also said he wanted to power to access private emails. "Honestly, I wish I had that power," Trump said. "I'd love to have that power." It is unclear whether those remarks were also laced with sarcasm.

PENCE SHIFTS ON FREE TRADE: Gov. Mike Pence – a man who has spent his entire political career advocating for free trade deals like NAFTA and the Trans-Pacific Partnership – now says he "questions their wisdom" (Fischer*, WRTV*). As the president of the free-market think tank the Indiana Policy Review Foundation and as a conservative radio host, Pence pushed aggressively for free trade. As a Congressman – as the Washington Post and numerous other outlets have pointed out – Pence voted in favor of every free trade deal that came before him, including the Central America Free Trade Agreement, the U.S.-Singapore Free Trade Agreement, and other free trade deals with Panama, Korea and Peru. In December 2001, Pence took to the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives to praise the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and its benefits to the state of Indiana. In 2013, Pence joined the governors of 13 other states in sending a letter to President Barack Obama urging progress on three trade deals: the Trans-Pacific Partnership; the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership; and the Trade in Services Agreement. Then Donald Trump – who has made criticism of free trade a cornerstone of his campaign (He frequently refers to NAFTA as "one of the worst economic deals ever made.") – picked Pence as his running mate.

TRUMP SAYS PUTIN 'A BETTER LEADER' THAN OBAMA: Donald J. Trump called President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia "a better leader" than President Obama, offering the praise in an interview with "Fox and Friends" on Thursday, just a day after saying he hoped Russian intelligence services had successfully hacked Hillary Clinton's email (*New York Times*). Asked about comments he had made Wednesday at a news conference in Florida, where he said, "Putin has much better leadership qualities than Obama," Mr. Trump reiterated his views in slightly starker terms. "I said he's a better leader than Obama," Mr. Trump said. "I said he's a better leader than Obama, because Obama's not a leader, so he's certainly doing a better job than Obama is, and that's all."

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: Hillary Clinton and Khizr Khan thoroughly rebuked Donald Trump on his "I alone can fix it" sentiment and the proposed Trump/Pence Muslim ban. In doing so, they took over the mantle of Reagan. And the Trump/Pence ticket precursor to last night's stirring events? Trump now says he was joking about his Russia hack comments, and Gov. Pence has joined in what appears to be a political version of a Beavis & Butthead defense. On top of that, Trump calls Putin a "better leader" than Obama. Think about that one for a moment. Putin murders journalists and jails dissidents. He has taken over Russian news media. Opposition parties are toothless in his Russia. He has become a multi-billionaire since taking the reins of power, hijacking his corporations and doling out the assets to his cronies. Putin has become one of the richest men on earth at the expense of his poor citizens. He invades countries, annexes territory and backs despots like the Syrian war criminal Assad. He is doing everything he can to take apart not only the European Union, but NATO. So this is, in Trump's mind, a better leader than an American president? Even Presidents James Buchanan and Millard Fillmore were better leaders than Vladimir Putin. - *Brian A. Howey*



Campaigns

MILLIONS FLOWING INTO SENATE RACE: Millions of dollars are already flooding into Indiana's Senate race between Evan Bayh and Congressman Todd Young (Heinz, *WRTV*). A national, non-partisan analysis shows the race has tilted Democrat, after it was one-considered Republican-favored. That change has led the Koch Brothers and the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee to get more involved with seven-figure ad buys. With control of the Senate at stake, Indiana has become a focus for Republicans and Democrats at the national level. IUPUI Associated Professor of Communication Studies Kristy Sheeler says Bayh's entry into the race factors into the tone. "It's a big name," she said. "He doesn't have to go through the early introductions to voters. Voters already have a sense of who he is." The Koch Brothers' super PAC is spending $1 million to attack Bayh. The Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee confirms it has also earmarked $1 million for ads against Young.

GOP AIMS AT GREGG OVER COAL: A new ad highlights the relationship between Democratic governor candidate John Gregg and presidential nominee Hillary Clinton (Kelly, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). Specifically, the Republican Governors Association ad says, "John Gregg chooses Hillary over Hoosiers every time" in reference to her comments promising to put a lot of coal miners and coal companies out of business. Gregg served as honorary campaign chairman for Clinton in Indiana in 2008. But he has distanced himself a bit this year -- not appearing at any of events or rallies -- and saying he would support whomever the Democratic Party nominates. "John Gregg is one of Hillary Clinton"s most dedicated supporters," said RGA Communications Director Jon Thompson. ""When Hillary vowed to put Indiana coal miners out of work and Indiana coal companies out of business, Gregg stayed silent, making it abundantly clear that he will fight for Hillary"s liberal policies, not Hoosier families."" Jeff Harris, spokesman for Gregg, said a simple internet search produces ample evidence of Gregg''s position on this issue, his support for coal miners, coal jobs and his disagreements with those in his own party. He has worked for two coal companies in Indiana in the past. Harris also made clear that Gregg supports Clinton. "While he doesn't agree with anyone 100 percent of the time, he can work with people of differing views," Harris said. "He'll be casting his ballot for the first female President of the United States."

GREGG ADVOCATES LGBT RIGHTS IN LAFAYETTE: Through a glass side door, gubernatorial Democratic candidate John Gregg stepped into Greyhouse Coffee & Supply Co. He took a right, approached the line and began to mingle with the crowd (Bangert, *Lafayette Journal & Courier*). On Wednesday, Gregg met with members of the farming associations and visited Purdue University before stopping by Greyhouse for an informal meet-and-greet with members of the public and media. Gregg has been campaigning for months now. In contrast, Republican candidate Eric Holcomb was officially nominated only Tuesday to replace outgoing Gov. Mike Pence. At a recent campaign stop at Poynter

Sheet Metal, Gregg said his focus is on economic matters and "not on divisive social issues." Republican insiders like Rick Martin presented Holcomb as a reconciliatory voice on social issues, recently telling the Indy Star that "Eric, having worked for both Daniels and Pence, can serve as a bridge to bring back people who may have been put off by the whole RFRA thing." But Gregg isn't buying it. "(Holcomb) thought the place the Pence-Holcomb administration had us on RFRA was the right place to be," Gregg said. "He reaffirmed that position of discrimination." Pete Seat, a spokesman for Holcomb, contested Gregg's assessment. "Eric believes there is no place for discrimination — at all," Seat wrote in an email. "He has zero tolerance for it. Our opponent knows that. But he can't help but play politics with everything these days." But Gregg's campaign seems determined to avoid getting bogged down in arguments over social issues. "I will veto any piece of legislation that deals with social issues because they're all divisive," Gregg said. "They don't put anybody to work, they don't help our per capita income, they don't grow high-wage paying jobs. They don't make a pre-kindergartener read better or help fix the roads."

DONNELLY VETS JOIN BAYH CAMPAIGN: Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Evan Bayh has hired two top campaign aides who helped Joe Donnelly win election to Indiana's other Senate seat in 2012 (Francisco, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). Paul Tencher is managing Bayh's campaign, and Benjamin Ray is communications director. Tencher and Ray had the same jobs for Democrat Donnelly when, as a member of the U.S. House, he defeated Republican state Treasurer Richard Mourdock four years ago to replace GOP Sen. Richard Lugar. Tencher, a Washington, D.C.-based public affairs consultant, also managed the 2014 campaign of Democrat Gary Peters, who was elected to a Senate seat from Michigan. Ray has been communications director for American Bridge 21st Century, which conducts opposition research to help Democratic candidates. He is a former press secretary for the Indiana Democratic Party and was Donnelly's press secretary in the early months of Donnelly's first year in the Senate.

HALE SAYS 'HIT REFRESH BUTTON': Christina Hale says it's "time to hit the refresh button." Hale, who is running on the Democratic ticket as gubernatorial nominee John Gregg's running mate, said the state needs to "dial off channel ideology" and deal with real issues, such as the fact that the state's per capita income has been declining since 1962 (Banta, *Bloomington Herald-Times*). A state representative from Indianapolis first elected to the Indiana House in 2012 to represent part of the north side of Indianapolis, Hale has passed 60 bills in her two terms, every single one of them with at least one Republican co-author or co-sponsor. She's someone who prides herself on working across the aisle and being ready to partner with anyone to get good things done and address real issues facing the state. "We don't believe in Republican or Democrat or Independent ideas," she said Thursday night after a panel on film and media tax credits. "We believe in good ideas and bad ideas."

GWYNN DROPS OUT OF 5TH CD RACE: After incumbent congresswoman Susan Brooks officially declared she would seek to return to the United States House of Representatives, Hamilton County Council Member Fred Glynn announced he would withdraw his name for consideration to replace her (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Citing the unique circumstances unfolding over the past few weeks, Glynn stressed the need for Party unity come November. "The past few weeks in Indiana have been very interesting to say the least. I never expected my Governor to get picked for Vice President nor did I think it would lead to my Congresswoman seeking to replace him on the ballot," Glynn said. "Out of respect for the incumbent, and for the sake of party unity going into November, I am withdrawing my name from consideration for contention at the caucus to select a Republican nominee for the 5th District" he added.



Democratic National Convention

LAWSON SAYS CLINTON WAS 'PRETTY REMARKABLE': State Rep. Linda C. Lawson (D-Hammond), who serves as Democratic Floor Leader, responded with a request for a statement on Hillary Clinton's speech last night at the Democratic National Convention (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Lawson was in attendance last night at Wells Fargo Center when Clinton captivated the audience with a powerful speech as she accepted the party's nomination to be candidate for President of the United States. "I think she was pretty remarkable," Lawson said. "She hit on everything I think is important to the American voter." After citing a variety of issues, including race, religion and trade, Lawson indicated that as a former police officer she was particularly pleased to hear Hillary provide support to the law enforcement community as well as the victims of recent police shootings and their families. Lawson noted that hroughout the week, the DNC had invited numerous "regular people" to appear on stage. Many had benefited personally from Clinton's activism while others had played a role in the many narratives playing out across the country. Going forward, Lawson said she hopes Democrats will be "real positive. Folks that attended were energized. I am really proud of the democrats right now. If we can just relay the message and all of us can stay energized we can do very well."

CHELSEA CLINTON INTRODUCES MOTHER: More than two decades after she was introduced to the world as the curly-haired, braces-wearing daughter of the 42nd president of the United States, a beaming Chelsea Clinton strode on stage in Philadelphia to pay tribute to her other parent, Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton (*Politico*). "It is such an honor to be here tonight," she said Thursday. "I'm here as a proud American, a proud Democrat, a proud mother and, tonight, in particular, a very, very proud daughter." Chelsea delivered a potent testimony of her mother, who became the first woman in U.S. history to accept the presidential nomination of a major political party. She cast Hillary as a selfless wife, mother and grandmother who would drop everything for her family and a woman who has a relentless passion to help those in need. "My mom can be about to walk on stage for a debate or a speech — it just doesn't matter," Chelsea said. "She'll drop everything for a few minutes of blowing kisses and reading 'Chugga-Chugga Choo-Choo' with her granddaughter."

REPUBLICAN MEDAL OF HONOR WINNER VOTING WITH DEMS: Florent Groberg is a self-described lifelong Republican, but he spoke Thursday evening at the Democratic National Convention (*WRTV*). Groberg, 33, is a former U.S. Army captain who was awarded the Medal of Honor for protecting fellow soldiers from a suicide bomber while serving in Afghanistan. He says he likes guns and a strong military. He also says his dad voted exclusively for Republicans, and he always thought he might do the

same -- until Donald Trump became the Republican presidential nominee. He sat down with DecodeDC before his primetime DNC speech to talk about why he plans to vote Democrat for his first time this November and the frustrations he feels with his generation — Millennials who don't understand that peace has to come from war.

SANDERS DELEGATE COMES AROUND TO CLINTON: Her voice hoarse from yelling at the Democratic National Convention and running on two hours' sleep, Gina Robinson Ungar wasn't ready on Thursday to get behind Hillary Clinton (Langhorne, *Evansville Courier & Press*). Ungar, a Bernie Sanders delegate from Warrick County, is still peeved by some of Clinton's statements and actions during the long nomination battle with Sanders. She still thinks the primary election system and the national Democratic apparatus was tilted against Sanders, who she supported fervently. And she thinks apologies are warranted. But Ungar, a 38-year-old small dairy farmer in Boonville, also is willing to keep an open mind about Clinton. Speaking from Philadelphia hours before Clinton was to give a keynote address accepting the Democratic presidential nomination, Ungar expressed hope that the party's divisions can yet be healed. "(Clinton) hasn't won me back in terms of getting all excited about voting for her," she said. "I will say, President Obama's speech about her and her history and how hard she really works and how organized she is and how she gets things done — you know, seemed pretty believable.

HOOSIER SANDERS BACKERS FIND REALITY: For Indiana's Bernie Sanders supporters, Thursday morning ended with a sense of sadness and jolt of reality (*Fox59*). "I have a sense of disappointment that he couldn't make it," Sue Spicer said, an Indiana delegate. "But I understand." Hoosier delegates were abuzz knowing Sanders was trying to stop by the delegation's morning breakfast. But scheduling conflicts prevailed as this chapter of the 2016 Democratic National Convention comes to a close. "They know we have nominated Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine," John Zody said, chairman of the Indiana Democratic Party. The four day convention has led to Thursday night's finale, Hillary Clinton, the first woman accepting a party's nomination for president. "I have been a political advocate most of my life," Cordelia Lewis-Burks said. "And the adrenaline I felt last night will be three-fold if not more tonight when she makes her speech and accepts the nomination."

Presidential 2016

TRUMP VOWS TO 'HIT' DEMOCRAT SPEAKERS: Donald Trump, after hearing speeches at the Democratic convention this week, said Thursday he wanted to "hit a number of those speakers so hard, their heads would spin" (*CNN*). "They'd never recover," he said. Trump often uses the term "hit" to mean verbally attack, rather than physical contact. The Republican nominee zoomed in on one speaker especially, though he didn't mention his name. "I was going to hit one guy in particular, a very little guy," Trump said to laughs at a campaign rally in Davenport, Iowa. "I was going to hit this guy so hard his head would spin, he wouldn't know what the hell happened." His campaign did not respond to a request asking to clarify who Trump was talking about.

REPORTER BARRED FROM PENCE CAMPAIGN EVENT: The Washington Post says one of its reporters was barred from entering a campaign rally for Republican vice presidential nominee Mike Pence

near Milwaukee (*Indiana Public Media*). The newspaper says Post reporter Jose DelReal was turned down for a credential before the rally and tried to enter through general admission. The Post reports DelReal was stopped by private security who said he couldn't enter with his laptop and cellphone. The Post says the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department verified DelReal had no phone after patting him down, but DelReal still was denied entry. Trump banned the Post from being credentialed for campaign events last month. Post executive editor Martin Baron says DelReal was subjected to "bullying treatment that no ordinary citizen has to endure." Pence spokesman Marc Lotter tells the Post the campaign is "looking into the alleged incident."

9% LEAD FOR CLINTON IN PENNSYLVANIA: As Hillary Clinton prepares to accept the Democratic nomination in Philadelphia tonight, a new poll finds her leading Donald Trump in Pennsylvania by 9 points (*CBS News*). The survey, from Suffolk University, finds Clinton at 50 percent and Trump at 41 percent among likely voters in the Keystone State. If third-party candidates were added in, Clinton leads Trump 46 percent to 37 percent, with Libertarian candidate Gary Johnson at 5 percent and Green Party candidate Jill Stein at just under 3 percent. Another recent poll in Pennsylvania, from NBC/Marist earlier in July, found Clinton leading Trump in a two-way matchup by a similar margin (45 percent to 36 percent).

FBI PROBES RUSSIANS IN DNC HACK: Russian government hackers have breached the computers of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, according to individuals familiar with the matter (*Washington Post).* The intrusion appeared to be carried out by the same Russian intelligence service that hacked the Democratic National Committee earlier this year, the individuals said. The FBI is investigating this breach as part of a broader probe into hacking of political organizations. The revelation, first reported by Reuters, comes on the same evening that Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton was making her acceptance speech at the party's national convention in Philadelphia. "It's definitely part of a much, much broader campaign that is yet to fully be publicly revealed," said one of the sources, a cybersecurity expert familiar with the matter. Hackers working for Russia's military intelligence service, the GRU, were traced to the DCCC intrusion, the sources said. Also known as APT 28 or Fancy Bear, they are the group the FBI believes took a cache of DNC emails. The bureau is trying to determine whether those emails are the ones that appeared on the website of the anti-secrecy group WikiLeaks on Friday, setting off a firestorm that roiled the party in the lead-up to the convention. The FBI also will try to determine whether APT 28 or an affiliated group passed those emails to WikiLeaks, law enforcement sources said. The concern is that Moscow may be attempting to meddle in the U.S. election, which would be an unprecedented and highly troubling turn of events.

INTELLIGENCE BRIEFINGS FOR BOTH TICKETS: Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton will receive their government intelligence briefing within days, even as each party argues the other's nominee is not worthy of receiving sensitive information, a US intelligence official familiar with the process confirmed to *CNN* Thursday. The briefings could be held at any time after Clinton accepts the nomination Thursday night but are mostly likely to begin as soon as next week once arrangements about timing and a secure government location are made. The Republican and Democratic vice presidential candidates, Mike Pence and Tim Kaine, will also receive briefings.

PENCE TOUTS CONSERVATIVE CREDENTIALS IN MICHIGAN: Over the course of 45 minutes before a crowd of a few hundred here, Mike Pence showed why Donald Trump tapped him to be his running mate: his ability to dish out hot helpings of red meat that appeal to conservative voters in a way Donald Trump can't (*Politico*). Pence promised big tax cuts, the rolling back of regulations, repeal of the Affordable Care Act, and, in a point he returned to time and again, a conservative Supreme Court. "For the sake of the rule of law, for the sake of the sanctity of life, for the sake of our Second Amendment, for the sake of all our other God-given liberties, we must ensure that the next president appointing justices to the Supreme Court is Donald Trump," Pence said. He promised that, with the election of Trump, "you will see Roe versus Wade consigned to the ash heap of history where it belongs."

HOOSIER DEMS HEAD TO PENCE OHIO EVENT: Before Mike Pence's event in Lima on Friday, Chillicothe Mayor Luke Feeney will be joined by Hoosiers AFL-CIO President Brett Voorhies and Indiana LGBT activist Kevin Warrenfor a conference call warning Ohioans of Pence's record in Indiana where he has refused to stand up for workers and has been holding Indiana's economy back (*Howey Politics Indiana*). They will contrast Mike Pence and Donald Trump's dangerous approach to the economy which will wreck havoc in communities across Ohio, Indiana, and the entire country, with Hillary Clinton's vision for an America that is stronger together and an economy that works for everyone, not just those at the top.

PENCE APPEARS ON O'REILLY:- Republican vice presidential nominee Mike Pence appeared Wednesday for the first time on the "The O'Reilly Factor" with conservative commentator Bill O'Reilly (Adams, *IndyStar)*. When O'Reilly asked him about his religious beliefs, Pence said "you bet" when O'Reilly asked him if he was an evangelical Christian. When O'Reilly also asked Pence what he thought about gay marriage, Pence said he "abhorred discrimination against anyone." But he also said the Supreme Court and other courts should stay out of the issue. "I'll always believe that marriage is between one man and one woman," he said. "My conviction on this matter, is that that's an issue that ought to be left up to the states." When asked about abortion and whether he would support a repeal of Roe vs. Wade: "I hope I live to see the day that we restore the sanctity of life back to the center of American law," Pence said. "I'm pro-life. I don't apologize for it. I truly believe that Roe vs. Wade was wrongly decided."

TRUMP SUPER PAC GOES SILENT: A super PAC that intended to spend millions on behalf of the Republican nominee has quietly gone dormant now that Donald Trump is leading the GO,P another sign that the Republican ticket is being deprived of the cash that it needs to compete (*CNN*). Future 45 was rolled out with much fanfare a year ago after raising hundreds of thousands of dollars from top Republican donors like Paul Singer and Ken Griffin. But it has ceased all its advertising after spending $730,000 on anti-Clinton advertising this winter. The super PAC also lost its chief fundraiser and representatives of donors say they have not heard from the organization in months. It suddenly stopped making expenditures in February. "Plan was always to be early, then assess. We're assessing," Brian O. Walsh, the group's president, said. He declined to respond to repeated follow-up questions about whether it was still active.

TRUMP CITES ROMNEY ON TAX RETURNS: Donald Trump has rarely had anything nice to say about Mitt Romney, but when it comes to tax returns, the Republican nominee treats his predecessor as a

cautionary tale (*Politico*). Trump has long refused to release his tax returns, saying that he is currently under audit. But asked Thursday night by Fox News's Greta Van Susteren if he would release older tax returns that are not under audit, Trump said the beating Romney took in 2012 over his own tax returns should serve as a warning. "I remember with Mitt Romney four years ago, everybody wanted his, and his is a peanut compared to mine. It's like a peanut. It's very small. Not nearly as big a document. I mean, mine, you saw the picture where it's two or three feet high," Trump said. "Now, they finally got it in September. He decided to give it. And they found a couple of little minor things. Little things that didn't mean anything," Trump continued. "He did nothing wrong. By the way, Mitt Romney did nothing wrong. But when they gave them, they found a couple of little sentences. If you remember Harry Reid lied about it. He told a dirty lie. And Mitt gave that and after he gave it, they found a little sentence and they made such a big deal. He might have lost the election over that."



Congress

ROKITA TO SPEAK AT ALEC THIS MORNING: U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita, Chairman of the House Education Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education will address state legislators at the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) during their annual meeting in Indianapolis. Chairman Rokita will speak about the recently-enacted Every Student Succeeds Act and the responsibilities now given to state and local education leaders. Chairman Rokita's address will begin around 8:15am ET.

State

GOVERNOR: PENCE IN INDIANAPOLIS TODAY - The following is Governor Mike Pence's public schedule for tomorrow, Friday, July 29, 2016: 9:30 a.m. EDT – Governor Pence to join American Bikers Aimed Toward Education (ABATE) Executive Director Jay Jackson and The Adjutant General of the Indiana National Guard Major General Courtney Carr to offer opening remarks at the Annual Governor's Motorcycle Ride to benefit the Indiana National Guard Relief Fund, Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument – 1 Monument Circle, Indianapolis, IN; 10:00 a.m. EDT – Governor Pence to lead motorcycle ride participants as they depart from Monument Circle, ride past the Statehouse, Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument – 1 Monument Circle, Indianapolis, IN; 1:00 p.m. EDT – Governor Pence to offer remarks at 43rd ALEC Annual Meeting, JW Marriott, Grand Ballroom - 10 S. West Street, Indianapolis, IN

GOVERNOR: SHIELD GLOBAL PARTNERS TO EXPAND - Shield Global Partners announced plans today to grow its headquarters in Evansville, where the company will expand to fulfill recently-awarded contracts with General Motors and Mercedes-Benz. As part of its growth, the company plans to create up to 135 new jobs over the next few years (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "With today's news from Shield Global Partners, it's clear that Indiana's pro-growth, low-regulation environment is helping businesses build and expand here in the Hoosier state," said Governor Mike Pence. "Across the state, Hoosier entrepreneurs and their teams are developing new technologies to help advance economic growth in Indiana. As we look ahead, Indiana is committed to supporting the growth of start-up and scale-up companies like Shield Global Partners by investing $1 billion over the next 10 years to help entrepreneurs find success and create more quality jobs across Indiana." The company will invest $4.15 million to lease and equip a 16,000-square-foot office on the third floor of Innovation Pointe, a high-tech business incubator in Evansville.

EDUCATION: MORE HOOSIERS COMPLETING COLLEGE - By nearly every measure, more Indiana students are graduating from college, according the 2016 College Completion Report released by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education today. Between 2012 and 2015, the number of students earning a bachelor's degree in four years improved by more than 5 percentage points—reaching 39.6 percent (*Howey Politics Indiana)*. Students earning associate degrees in two years increased by 4.4 percentage points over the same period, reaching 8.2 percent total. Extended-time (six-year) degree completion has also improved across campus types, reaching 66.5 percent at four-year and 29.3 percent at two-year colleges. "It's encouraging to see Indiana move the needle on college completion," Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers said. "These gains coincide with significant efforts at the state and campus level to boost student support and reduce the time it takes students to complete degrees. With this momentum, Indiana must not relent in advancing state policies and campus-level practices that help students plan for and navigate their degree programs successfully."

BUSINESS: RICKS TO BE NEW LILLY CEO - Eli Lilly Chairman and CEO John C. Lechleiter will retire in December after leading the drugmaker through a challenging period in which it lost U.S. patent protection for several top-selling products (Associated Press). The Indianapolis company says the president of its bio-medicines business, David A. Ricks, will replace Lechleiter as CEO in January and become board chairman next June. Lechleiter became CEO in 2008, nearly 30 years after joining the company as an organic chemist. The 62-year-old executive led the drugmaker as it lost patents protecting its all-time best seller, the anti-psychotic Zyprexa, and the antidepressant Cymbalta. Both of those drugs generated well over $4 billion in revenue annually before their patents expired.

LOTTERY: MEGA MILLION WINNER STEPS UP - Lottery officials in Indiana say someone has come forward with the winning ticket from a $536 million Mega Millions jackpot drawing earlier this month (*Associated Press*). The Hoosier Lottery said Thursday that it would hold a news conference Friday at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway about the jackpot. No information about the winner was released, and a lottery spokesman didn't immediately return a message seeking comment. The winning ticket for the July 8 drawing was sold at a Speedway gas station along Interstate 70 in Cambridge City, a town of about 2,000 residents 50 miles east of Indianapolis. The winner had 180 days from the drawing to claim the jackpot.

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MEDIA: ICY SILENCE INSIDE FOX NEWS - The Fox News skybox here turns into a hive of activity as the network's star anchors analyze the Democratic National Convention for millions of viewers (*New York Times*). When the cameras blink off, however, the banter has been replaced by something rarely heard in the television news business: silence. Megyn Kelly and her co-hosts, including Bret Baier and Brit Hume, have not been speaking during commercial breaks, according to two people with direct knowledge of the anchors' interactions, who described the on-set atmosphere at Fox News as icy. During ads, the hosts are often absorbed with their smartphones. Even as Fox News goes about broadcasting as usual, scoring its highest convention ratings in 20 years, interviews this week with network employees show an organization grappling with internal division after the abrupt exit of Roger Ailes, the once-omnipotent chairman at the center of a sexual harassment investigation. Nearly a dozen Fox News employees, who work in front of and behind the camera, were granted anonymity to speak candidly about highly sensitive matters inside a network where privacy is still prized.

FLORIDA: ZIKA ARRIVES IN FLORIDA - Florida health officials are checking on the latest case of Zika virus there — in someone who doesn't appear to have traveled to an affected zone and who doesn't appear to have been infected sexually by a traveler (*NBC News*). This may turn out to be the first instance of Zika spreading locally in the continental U.S. If so, it will fulfill predictions made by the head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the top infectious disease doctor at the National Institutes of Health, as well as countless experts in mosquito-borne disease.

CALIFORNIA: SAN DIEGO COP MURDERED - One police officer has died and another remains in surgery after being shot in a San Diego neighborhood, authorities said early Friday (*Associated Press*). The San Diego Police Department gave an update on the officers on its Twitter account, but offered no additional details. The shooting occurred late Thursday night. There was no immediate word on what touched off the violence, which occurred around 11 p.m. PDT in the southeastern part of town.

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CITIES: SOUTH BEND CONSIDERS FOOD TAX - Everybody likes the zoo. However, support for a proposal to implement a food and beverage tax to raise funds is far from unanimous (Dukes, *South Bend Tribune*). That was what members of the Mishawaka and South Bend common councils and the St. Joseph County Council learned from the input they received at a spirited public hearing Wednesday on what has become known as the "zoo tax." That title is a misnomer. Representatives of Potawatomi Zoo proposed that a food and beverage tax be implemented, and that some of the revenue be used help pay for some of the capital improvements in the zoo's 20-year, $37 million master plan, which also is relying on private donations. The councils have not determined how funds raised through a food and beverage tax would be used, nor have members decided whether they would ask the Indiana General Assembly to grant authority to impose such a tax, Ronald Banicki and Tim Scott, presidents of the Mishawaka and South Bend common councils, both said. The purpose of Wednesday's meeting — the second in a series of three such joint meetings by the councils — is to gauge public sentiment on the matter. Council members got an earful on both sides with tax opponents ranging from Jeff Rea of the St. Joseph County Chamber of Commerce and restaurant owners arguing that the food and beverage tax will overburden small businesses in an industry that already has small profit margins. "We are already one of the highest taxed counties in Indiana," Rea said. "The savings from the property tax caps won't come on for a few years so our concern is adding an additional tax burden to what we already have."

COUNTIES: FLOYD AGREEMENT ON HOSPITAL REVENUE - Figuring out how much to spend out of the first few payments of the Floyd Memorial Hospital sale caused some eventful discussion, but the Floyd County Commissioners and Floyd County Council made an agreement at Thursday's meeting (*News & Tribune*). For the first three years, the two bodies will spend $12 million on projects, which they've yet to identify, out of the initial $75 million payment. However, part of that deal is to close up the forecasted deficit in the county's 2016 budget. Upon the closure of the sale, scheduled for Sept. 30, the county will receive $75 million. All but $5 million will go into a community foundation that will be created after reviewing requests for proposals from different organizations. The rest will go toward projects including roads, infrastructure and others. The two bodies also agreed that out of that first $5 million, they'd shore up a maximum of $1.5 million to plug the deficit in the county council's budget. But Matt Oakley, council member, said he doesn't want the council to get in the habit of going to hospital money to bail out their shortfalls.

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Holcomb faces time, money gauntlet

GOP nominee must staff up, unbind the Pence funds and form a ticket

By BRIAN A. HOWEY

INDIANAPOLIS – If there was an understatement enunciated on Tuesday when Indiana's sensational political cycle reached another apex on a cascading range, it was newly minted Republican gubernatorial nominee Eric Holcomb saying, "This year, as many of you know, has taken many twists and turns and I am ready to take this next call and lead us to victory." He preceded that observation by saying, "We've got work to do and a short time to get there."





Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb reacts to his nomination Tuesday as U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks looks on. (HPI Photo by Brian A. Howey)

Just minutes after Holcomb won a second-ballot nomination by the Indiana Republican Central Committee, after leading 11-9-2 over U.S. Reps. Susan Brooks and Todd Rokita on the first ballot, Politico reported that a main stanchion for the Holcomb nomination, having access to Gov. Mike Pence's $7.4 million campaign fund, wasn't completely correct. And as Holcomb, Brooks and Rokita made their cases before the committee, this dilemma didn't come up,

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Pence's unique history

By BRIAN A. HOWEY

INDIANAPOLIS – Republican vice presidential nominee Mike Pence will occupy a unique perch in the pantheon of modern Indiana governors. Since the Indiana Constitution was changed to allow governors to serve two consecutive terms, Pence will be the elected "one-termer" in a group of seven to have served in the era. He could be only the second governor to move up the political food chain and into the federal executive branch, joining Doc Bowen who served as secretary of Health and Human Services, but that is a verdict to be determined in November.



Other governors in this era advanced in other arenas,





"Russia, if you're listening, I hope you're able to find the 30,000 emails that are missing. If Russia, China or any other country has those emails, I mean to be honest with you, I'd love to see them."

- Donald Trump

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with Mitch Daniels taking the presidency at Purdue University, Robert Orr becoming ambassador to Singapore, and Evan Bayh joining the U.S. Senate for two terms. Should there be a Vice President Pence, it would come 100 years after Gov. Thomas Marshall served in that office, 131 years after Gov. Thomas A. Hendricks was elected to the office, and 28 years after the last Hoosier, Dan Quayle, ascended. The difference between Pence, Hendricks and Marshall is that the two Democrats weren't forced by law to give up their gubernatorial nominations to seek the vice presidency.

He could have been the second sitting governor to lose a race, joining Gov. Joe Kernan, but that is a situation that will go unresolved in history. Pence led Democrat John Gregg in every independent poll taken during the 2016 cycle, but he was ominously lodged in the lower 40th percentile in most head-to-heads with Gregg, and his reelect stood at 36%.

Pence framed his reelection bid around economic development, citing the 147,000 private sector job additions since 2013, and a jobless rate that fell by more than 3% under his watch. He would often proclaim the most employed Hoosiers in the state's 200-year history. In 2015, he observed that more than $3 billion had been invested by Indiana businesses during that year alone, with the total figure during his term certainly north of $5 billion.

Pence would cite his "largest tax cut in Indiana history." The state's corporate income tax rate has been steadily decreasing, standing at 6.25% and destined to 4.9% by 2021, the year he would have exited had he won reelection in November. Pence expanded school choice, creating the nation's most robust voucher program, and invested $800 million in roads and bridges. He ended Common Core, the "first governor" to do so, and that was often seen as a key argument for a presidential bid.

So why was the Pence reelect under such duress? Gene Ulm, the Public Opinion Strategies pollster for WTHR/Howey Politics Indiana, said of Pence's 49-45% lead over Gregg in April (with a 44/40% approve/disapprove), "Indiana should be a slam dunk for Republicans. But you have an incumbent governor polling at 49 percent for all the reasons you know,



Gov. Mike Pence listens to Donald Trump's acceptance speech last Thursday in Cleveland. (HPI Photo by Randy Gentry)

against a Democratic nominee unknown to half the voters. This is an up or down vote on Pence. That's what's driving it."

The reasons "we all know" is that after conspicuously avoiding virtually any discussion of divisive social issues during his 2012 campaign with Gregg, Pence's evangelical allies led him into the HJR-3 constitutional marriage debate in 2014, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act in 2015, and the HEA1337 abortion law this year. Pence didn't initiate any of these controversies as governor, but he acquiesced on RFRA and HEA1337 with bad staff work and disastrous optics and criticism. The RFRA episode, and his dodgy defense of the law on ABC's "This Week" in late March 2015, for all intensive purposes ended any notion of his own presidential bid in 2016.

He also persistently locked horns with Democratic Supt. Glenda Ritz, angering the sprawling education networks that fueled her upset of Supt. Tony Bennett in 2012. That network was poised for reactivation this November.

Essentially, Pence became the most polarizing governor in modern Indiana history, which was ironic given his sunny, upbeat personality. All of his television age predecessors had emerged from the mainstream and centrist or business wings of their parties. There wasn't an ideologue or radical until Pence came along.

Donald Trump threw Pence a political lifeline. Even though his RFRA "fix" signing created problems on his political right, Pence's squeaky clean background and his general good standing with national social conservatives, as well as the Capitol Hill relationships he has with heavyweights like House Speaker Paul Ryan, made him an attractive vice presidential contender. His RNC speech last week was a resounding success, stroking all of those constituencies. Pence's reelection tribulations were mere footnotes in the national media and hardly disqualifying.

But Pence is now at a tipping point in his career. His relationship with Trump has been erratic from the start, with the presidential nominee vacillating on the Pence selection in the hours after Mike and Karen Pence boarded the flight to Teterboro. Long seen as a principled conservative, unlike Trump who has been all over the map on an array of issues, Pence is now changing his positions. Trump's Muslim ban, which Pence originally termed "offensive" and "unconstitutional" now has his imprimatur. After Trump's Wednesday night air kiss, after Pence's ringing acceptance speech, the presidential nominee followed up a night later by calling for LGBT rights. As governor, Pence blocked such civil rights expansions. He has remained mute on the issue thus far, but it almost certainly will come up in his Oct. 4 debate with Democrat Tim Kaine.

And then there was Trump's Wednesday remarks where he called on the Russians to find Hillary Clinton's 30,000 emails. He then said this: "Honestly, I wish I had that power. I'd love to have that power." That's a statement that would make a Watergate burglar blush.

Pence found himself rebuking his running mate, saying, "The FBI will get to the bottom of who is behind the hacking. If it is Russia and they are interfering in our elections, I can assure you both parties and the United States government will ensure there are serious consequences."

Chilling.

Part of Pence's success has been his discipline as a stay-on-message politician. Google "Mike Pence" and "crazy quotes" and all you find are talking points, a much different proposition than doing so with Trump, Ted Cruz or Chris Christie. It made Pence predictable. Most members of the Indiana Statehouse press corps can easily recite his points. A conversation with Pence came inside a form, with topic restrictions and time allotments much like the last presidentially ambitious governor (Evan Bayh). Governors without such ambition lead to much more interesting conversations on a wide range of topics.

As one Indiana Republican Central Committee member observed, the Pence vice presidential nomination is like "a baseball trade that was good for both teams."

So at this writing, it could be either Vice President Pence, or he could be poised for the dustbin of failed vice presidential nominees (i.e. William Miller, Geraldine Ferraro, Jack Kemp, Dan Quayle, Joe Lieberman) who never resonated as presidential candidates. Pence could get a Fox News show. He could challenge U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly in 2018. Or he could plot a 2020 presidential try, running at the risk of another celebrity candidate or perhaps Ivanka Trump. ❖

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informed and reliable sources tell HPI.

In Pence's two-week mad dash to the vice presidential nomination, the critical decision that wasn't made was moving those funds to either the Republican Governors Association, the Indiana Republican Party or a specific candidate. When Pence accepted the nomination on July 20, the money fell under new FEC guidelines. "Since Day One of his governorship to yesterday, this has all been about Mike Pence," one influential Republican told HPI. "There was not adequate time to research all the issues."

On Wednesday morning, Republican kingmaker Bob Grand told HPI, "It's all going to get worked out. It's not a problem and it's not going to be a problem. Eric Holcomb is going to have plenty of money to run this race. A fair amount of it will come from the Mike Pence campaign. The other piece is there's a lot of money being raised and people are really energized about the race."



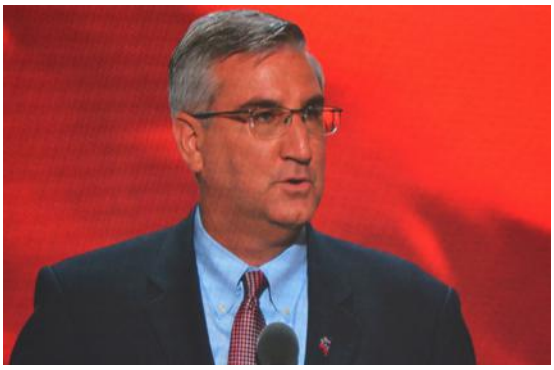
Lt. Gov. Holcomb visits with former Republican chairman Mike McDaniel in Cleveland last week. (HPI Photo by Brian A.

Holcomb said Wednesday at his first joint appearance with John Gregg, "I'll let Gov. Pence speak for every penny he decides to spend. I am concerned about raising the money I need. I am confident I can do that. We'll raise the millions it will take to get the message out over the next 100 days."

Holcomb ended up with the support of the financial tandem of Grand and Dan Dumezich. As Brooks gained

momentum late last week – something Grand says didn't happen – sources say that Grand helped orchestrate a series of endorsements that included Pence, Sen. Dan Coats and National Committeewoman Marsha Coats, National Committeeman John Hammond III, former chairman Jim Kittle and others who positioned Holcomb for the nomination. The Holcomb camp consistently claimed enough support for a first-ballot win, but ultimately couldn't get over the top during the first round. On the second ballot, sources believe that Dumezich switched his vote from Rokita to Holcomb, giving him additional mojo in the emerging Holcomb universe. Not forgotten was Brooks' primary victory in 2012 over Dumezich ally David McIntosh, who now heads Club For Growth.

The Pence money dilemma can be solved, one source told HPI, with a chunk of the RGA money returned to that organization, which can then be reallocated to Holcomb, or simply spent by the RGA. For an individual who donated $5,000, for instance, $2,700 can be spent by the campaign under FEC rules now that Pence is a federal candidate, and $3,300 could be returned to the donor, who could then donate it back to the Holcomb campaign.



Lt. Gov. Holcomb nominated Gov. Mike Pence for vice president at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland.

But in a 100-sprint that the campaign against John Gregg has become, having to jump through such hoops to gain access to funding has the potential to bog the machine down. And it comes as U.S. Senate nominee Todd Young is facing a similar mad dash-for-cash dilemma, having found himself going from a significant money edge over Baron Hill to trailing Evan Bayh by a nearly 10-to-1 margin. Bayh is currently redefining himself with heavy statewide TV buy and it is only a matter of time before he begins his assault against Young. Sources tell HPI that the GOP donor class, now under heavy duress, believes that out-of-state super PAC money will stabilize Young's finances, as a current $1 million super PAC ad buy demonstrates. But in a race that could decide control the U.S. Senate, Bayh also stands to bring in such funds. Young campaign manager Trevor Foughty believes a lot of money for both Holcomb and Young will flow in nationally. "These races will turn on a lot of factors, but not money. There will be plenty of help," he said.

Holcomb steps into a maelstrom

Holcomb won the 22-person committee vote with a combination of a "next man up" sentiment, longtime relationships with many of the committee members, and the Pence endorsement. Had Holcomb lost, it would have been an embarrassment for Pence in Trump world, where power is everything and weakness is akin to a four-letter word.

While Holcomb was elevated by Pence to LG, many committee members view him through the Mitch Daniels prism, where Holcomb was a deputy chief of staff, an enforcer, who then managed Daniels' 2008 reelect that churned through the Barack Obama phenomenon to forge a 58% landslide win. Holcomb would then take the helm of the Indiana GOP.

"I am ready to take Indiana to that next level," Holcomb said in the kind of parlance that Daniels used back in his "comeback" days. "We have accomplished so much in the last decade. I've had a front row seat and learned a lot. I've been at the table helping Gov. Mitch Daniels and Gov. Mike Pence. We cannot, cannot, and the reason I ran, is we cannot afford to allow the state to slip and go backwards into debt and delayed payments to schools."

"The only way we can continue Indiana's progress is by joining together which we have done this morning and this afternoon," Holcomb said as he was flanked by Brooks, Rokita and Chairman Jeff Cardwell, who had promised a "level playing field." While a united front was presented, it was a bruising process that played out in a scant 12 days in Cleveland and Indianapolis.

When the dust settled, Holcomb had $20,000 in his own campaign account and, according to John Gregg campaign sources, has statewide name ID in the 15% range. He faces the Democrat who has raised more than $10 million, including close to $1 million in the three weeks plus since the mid-year reporting deadline. The Democratic Governors Association just put $500,000 cash into the Gregg campaign, and there is another $2 million to $3 million in that pipeline, according to knowledgeable Gregg campaign sources.

Since Gregg began his TV ad campaign on May 5, he not only has defined himself, but his statewide name ID is now 61% and growing. Gregg campaign spokesman Jeff Harris said that the RGA ads aimed at Gregg "have had no impact on our polling. It was so over the top in tone."

Party unity and LGBT

Rokita and Brooks appeared unified, but tired, at the end of Tuesday's historic caucus. Both will rally around Holcomb. But there was a dissonance in some quarters.

"Let me just reiterate, I am going to support him," Rokita said. Brooks added, "I want to congratulate Lt. Gov. Holcomb on his selection by the state committee to be the Republican nominee for governor of Indiana and thank the committee for their time and consideration. He is a strong representative of our party and is committed to continuing the past 12 years of fiscal discipline, low taxes and conservative leadership of our state that has boosted our economy and brought good jobs for Hoosiers. Over the next 105 days, I will work hard to support Lt. Gov. Holcomb and to

ensure that we beat John Gregg in the fall."

But not everyone was on board. Former Angie's List CEO Bill Oesterle tweeted following the caucus: "Between the abortion bill, the (Sue) Ellspermann axing, and the Brooks passover, 2016 has been debilitating for GOP women. Makes me sick." He also pointed to the Lugar Series, which claims, "We are increasing the number of Republican women in elected and appointed government political positions at local, state and federal levels." It was something that Brooks spent significant time advocating at the Republican National Convention.

"I can't speak for Congresswoman Brooks. But if I were her, I would declare this a total farce," Oesterle tweeted.

Many Republicans view Oesterle as estranged from the GOP, though his credentials as Gov. Daniels' first campaign manager, his $150,000 donation to Mike Pence in the 2012 campaign and his push for LGBT civil rights expansion, resonate in the moderate, business wing of the party. That Pence polled only 59% among Republicans in the doughnut counties in the April WTHR/Howey Politics Indiana Poll was a glaring problem for Pence's reelect.

The LGBT civil rights expansion surfaced within minutes of Holcomb's selection. Asked where he stood on LGBT rights, he said, "We'll play it as it comes to my desk. We have a balance of protecting our religious liberties while not discriminating. That's how we'll approach the issue. We'll continue to move this state forward."

The issue resurfaced after Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump made a sharp departure from the party on the issue, with running mate Pence by his side. "As president, I will do everything in my power to protect LGBTQ citizens from the violence and oppression of a hateful foreign ideology," Trump said during his Republican National Convention acceptance speech, which was greeted with applause. Then he went off script: "And, I have to say, as a Republican, it is so nice to hear you cheering for what I just said."



Treasurer Kelly Mitchell, Auditor Suzanne Crouch and Secretary of State Connie Lawson could be on Holcomb's LG list.

Asked whether he would seek a "truce on social issues" with the Indiana General Assembly, that his boss, former Gov. Mitch Daniels had called for in 2010, Holcomb said, "The General Assembly will focus on what the General Assembly wants to focus on. I'm going to focus on economic development, community development and to make sure the state provides excellent service."

Holcomb was asked about the impact of Trump on the Indiana gubernatorial race and he called Trump "a strong asset. I consider a strong Trump/Pence ticket a strong asset."

Holcomb began his U.S. Senate campaign on March 26, 2015, just hours before Gov. Pence signed the disastrous Religious Freedom Restoration Act. In his campaign kickoff, Holcomb said, "This campaign will be about what we are for, not simply about what we are against. This campaign will seek to attract people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives and experiences. We will welcome and engage them."

Holcomb is straddling a line here, much like Pence. He can't alienate the party's evangelical wing, where his roots are. Holcomb came into the Daniels universe via U.S. Rep. John Hostettler. For Daniels, Holcomb was an early emissary to the evangelical and social conservative wing of the party. But Holcomb knows he needs independents and moderates to defeat Gregg. In an interview with HPI in Cleveland, Holcomb reiterated his support for Pence during the civil rights debate, but acknowledged that he joined the Pence administration without a litmus test, and said he had expanded perspectives in the tight Pence inner circle.

Selecting an LG

Holcomb now faces a critical lieutenant governor selection and he will certainly be looking at gender. Asked about forming a ticket, Holcomb said, "We have much work to do today. I've told the state committee I want to get their advice and counsel and we'll start doing that now."

Friday is the filing deadline for candidacy and the Central Committee will reconvene next Monday to formally select a running mate, though Holcomb will have significant input in that process. Holcomb said Wenesday, "I have received over the last 24 hours a lot of interest from folks inside the typical box to outside the box. I don't want to rule anything out at the moment. We'll know a lot more by the week's end. I do want someone who is willing to work every day to make this state better."

That list will almost certainly include Secretary of State Connie Lawson (who, sources tell HPI, was invited to be vetted for the Ellspermann opening last winter), Treasurer Kelly Mitchell, Auditor Suzanne Crouch, State Sen. Erin Houchin, as well as LaPorte Mayor Blair Milo, an early Holcomb backer who nominated him at the Indiana Republican Convention in June. Another source said that Holcomb has his eyes on retired Maj. Gen. Erika Stuterman of Lafayette and Greenwood Mayor Mark Myers.

Curt Smith of the Indiana Family Institute is known to be pushing U.S. Rep. Marlin Stutzman, who finished second to Todd Young in the U.S. Senate race. Others likely to make an original list would include former Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard, who would help the ticket in Indianapolis and the more moderate doughnut counties, and Attorney General Greg Zoeller. Portage Mayor James Snyder

is openly seeking the job, lobbying for it at the RNC in Cleveland.

Epilogue

Holcomb found a midsummer way station on one of the most stunning rises in Hoosier political history, winning a 12-day gubernatorial nomination sprint after Gov. Pence ascended to the vice presidential nomination. In the span of five months, Holcomb had evolved from a third-place U.S. Senate candidate to the party's gubernatorial standard bearer in the most unpredictable election cycle during the state's bicentennial year.

He is known as a happy warrior, with vivid relationships in all 92 counties. He is in a groove when it comes to his rhetorical skills, his talking points, his reasoned criticism of Gregg, and making a case for his candidacy. Holcomb said on Wednesday that he will "lean into it" with his eyes "on the windshield and not on the rear view mirror."

Holcomb faces a time and money crunch. He will inherit the remaining parts of the Pence campaign team who didn't depart for Trump Inc., and he faces a furious pace in filling in the gaps.



Lt. Gov. Holcomb greets Democrat John Gregg at their first joint appearance in Indianapolis on Wednesday. (WRTV Photo)

In Gregg, he faces a much more disciplined and funded candidate than the Democrat was in 2012. The Gregg 2.0 campaign comprises Hoosier operatives, instead of the DGA-placed team of outsiders in 2012. Longtime O'Bannonite Tom New has set the proper tone and oversight for this enterprise. Gregg's media via SKD Knickerbocker looks, sounds and resonates better than his folksy 2012 TV ads. And Gregg is working in tandem with Supt. Glenda Ritz, whereas four years ago there wasn't such synchronicity. That year, Ritz benefitted greatly from the sprawling and disaffected education network that is poised to reactive this fall.

Key telltales will be how the RGA responds next week, who Holcomb's LG pick is, who takes command staff positions, and whether the Pence war chest can be unlocked and put into use in a timely fashion. But given the sensational twists and turns, HPI is moving this race. **HPI Horse Race Status:** Leans Gregg. ❖



Obama passes baton before united party

By THOMAS CURRY and MARK CURRY

PHILADELPHIA – President Obama spoke of optimism and how he is ready to "pass the baton"onto nominee Hillary Clinton when he spoke to a "crazy united" Democratic National Convention. "We don't fear the future; we shape it, embrace it, as one people, stronger together than we are on our own. That's what Hillary Clinton understands – this fighter, this stateswoman, this mother and grandmother, this public servant, this patriot – that's the America she's fighting for."

Obama also took the opportunity to thank Bernie Sander's supporters, essentially extending an olive branch to the Sanders supporters who have not come around to Hillary yet. "We all need to be as vocal and as organized and as persistent as Bernie Sanders' supporters have been. We all need to get out and vote for Democrats up and down the ticket"

It came on the third night of the Democratic National Convention, Democrats rolled out their most star-studded speaking line up yet, creating a stark contrast to the Republican National Convention that saw many high ranking Republicans sit out; including the staple Bush family.

The first two nights saw moving speeches from runner up Sen. Bernie Sanders, First Lady Michelle Obama and former President Bill Clinton in an attempt to both unify the party and humanize Hillary Clinton after her ratings plummeted to 38% in the wake of the email scandal. Wednesday night saw more political big leaguers address the convention with a speakers list including President Barrack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, former New York City mayor Bloomberg, and Senate Minority leader Harry Reid.

Biden excited the crowd and delivered a passionate speech that perhaps had delegates wandering if Biden was the right man for the Presidential job he chose not to run for earlier in the year. Joining in on one of the major themes of the convention of attacking Republican nominee Donald Trump, Biden called out Trump's lack of foreign policy experience and questioned his knowledge on governing. "He has no clue about what makes America great. Actually, he has no clue period.....no major party nominee in the history of the nation has ever known less or been less prepared to deal with our national security."

Biden went on to endorse Hillary fully saying "Everybody knows she is smart. Everyone knows she is tough. But I know what she is passionate about. I know Hillary. Hillary understands. Hillary gets it. The 21st century is going to be the American century. Because we lead not only by the example of our power, but by the power of our example. That is the history of the journey of Americans. And God willing, Hillary Clinton will write the next chapter in that journey."

In contrast, VP nominee Tim Kaine didn't illicit the same response and energy from the crowd that the current VP did. However, it was still an effective speech by Kanie who gave a similar message to the introduction of himself he gave in Florida last week. The Virginia Senator talked about his life story and how he entered into public service, with his union worker father being an important role model to him and the impact of spending a year as a Jesuit missionary in Central America.

He also attempted to sell himself to the Sander's supporters who were unsatisfied with him being the VP pick. "We all should feel the Bern" Kaine proclaimed as the Wells Fargo Center broke out into Bernie! chants. It was when Kaine mocked Donald Trump's signature "believe me" slogan that the VP nominee show how he would fare in the traditional attack dog role given to VP's on the campaign trail. Mocking Trump's voice, Kaine jestered with the crowd on Trump not releasing his tax returns saying "Hey, Donald, what are you hiding? And yet, Donald still says, believe me. Believe me. Believe me? Believe me? I mean, here's the thing, most people when they run for president, they don't just say, believe me, they respect you enough to tell you how they will get things done." He went on further to ask "So here's the question, here's the question, do you really believe him?" and the audience responded with a resounding no.



Many in the Indiana Delegation saw Wednesday nights line up as great speakers who moved to unite the party. South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg told HPI that

"Obama made a compelling case for Hillary" and that "America is called to our highest values...those values make us unite as Democrats and the more we see of those values the less we will see of Donald Trump."

A significant portion of Bernie Sanders's Indiana delegation did not attend the convention Wednesday night, however Elizabeth Hyde, a Sanders delegate who was involved in his Indiana campaign, thought that the night's speakers would go a long way to satisfy Berners. Hyde particularly appreciated Kaine's "shout-out" to Bernie calling it a "very smart decision."



State Rep. Linda Lawson, (D-Hammond), House Democratic Floor Leader, joins in conversation with South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg while awaiting the start of Day 3 of the 2016 Democratic National Convention. (HPI Photos by Mark Curry)

It appears that while it may be slowly coming around during the week, party unity is achievable for the Democrats in Philadelphia after a rough week of party divide. The stage is set for Hillary Clinton to speak tonight to delegates in what is leading up to be a critical speech in boosting Hillary's chances come this fall.

Last night's all-star lineup at the Democratic National Convention may have succeeded in pulling the party together if the comments of Hoosier delegates are any indication. Or, as a Bernie delegate said at the end of the night, the Democratic Party "looks crazy united to me."

Indiana delegates react to speeches

"I supported Sen. Sanders because of his honesty and his devotion to work for the good of all people," said Tricia Gaustad, a Bernie delegate from Lawrenceville. "I knew after the California primary that Bernie would not win the nomination. So I was intellectually prepared for Clinton to win. But last night, after seeing Larry Sanders choke up and knowing how hard Bernie had worked for all of us, I just broke down. So many hearts like mine were broken. But the next day, we got up, got dressed and are prepared to move forward with his vision and the most Progressive Platform ever."

Sue Spicer of Indianapolis, firmly in the Sanders column, told Howey Politics Indiana before the night's proceedings that she believed national party leadership bungled an opportunity to move forward with reconciliation earlier in the convention. In part, she said, Bernie supporters were disappointed to find themselves outside the process after investing months of time and talent in a campaign they were convinced could win in November. Much of the division within the party might have been avoided if the convention schedule had provided time and incentive for Sanders' supporters to buy into the Clinton nomination and negotiate a perceived gap in values.

"Bernie Sanders gave an incredibly profound and gracious speech on Monday," explained Bernie delegate Elizabeth Hyde of Indianapolis. "We were touched by his words, and Bernie has done his part to mend fences. Party unity is an interesting concept. By definition, a party is a group of many people, with many strong opinions on many issues. Those in the movement begun by Bernie Sanders are a remarkable group of bold new leaders, and like any group of leaders, we are not easily led."

Many of the Vermont senator's supporters were unhappy when Hillary selected Kaine, a senator from Virginia who is not well known by most Democrats. Both Spicer and Hyde anticipated Kaine's convention speech could make or break party unity.

"To be more enthusiastic about Kaine I first need a better sense of who he is," Hyde said hours before the Virginia senator spoke. "Demographically, a middle-aged white man isn't very new or exciting - I had hoped a person of color would be the choice for vice president. Representation is important... Our energy and passion is a powerful force and I hope he'll acknowledge that and reach out to us."

Acknowledge and inspire he did. Several minutes into his speech, Kaine, himself the former mayor of Richmond, Va., elicited cheers of "Bernie!" when he said, "I work on the Budget Committee with our great Democratic leader of that committee, a spectacular senator who used to be a mayor, Vermont's Bernie Sanders. And, everybody, we all should feel the Bern and we all should not want to get burned by the other guy."

Geof Benson, a Hillary delegate who also serves on the Town Council of Beverly Shores, texted HPI during Kaine's speech. "He is winning over the crowd," Benson said. "His depth of service and interest for doing for all is impressive."

Rep. Cherrish Pryor (D-Indianapolis) lauded Kaine's speech and is looking forward to a debate between Kaine and the Republican vice presidential candidate, Indiana's native son Mike Pence. "We could not afford for [Pence] and Trump to make the mistakes at the federal level that [Pence] has made at the state level."

Sharon Krieg, a Bernie delegate from Columbus, said after the Kaine speech that she stands "95 percent" in agreement with the candidate. She predicted the majority of Sanders supporters will stand with Clinton, but added "there will be always be a few hardcore Berners... The best thing is I feel hopeful," Krieg said. "I feel proud. I feel excited. So much better than the scare tactics last week."

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Hoosier Republicans embrace a strongman

By BRIAN A. HOWEY

NASHVILLE, Ind. – In a conversation last autumn, Indiana Republican National Committeeman John Hammond III took measure of the growing Donald Trump phenomenon and produced this theory: Some Americans want a "strongman." A Yankee version of Vladimir Putin, who makes decisive decisions and takes dramatic action. As the Ukraine overthrew its Russian backed leaders, Putin initiated an insurgency and simply took the Crimea. No one could stop him.

On Thursday night in Cleveland, Trump confirmed Hammond's observation. In 76 rambling minutes, Trump fulfilled the desire by a shrinking white minority defined by a growing list of grievances, much of it situated in the Republican Party. Trump sees it as a Nixonian "silent majority," which in 1968 it was. But demographically, this voting bloc will soon be an American minority.

"The forgotten men and women of our country — people who work hard but no longer have a voice: I am your voice," Trump declared, his face reddening as glistening with sweat as he continued. "I will restore law and order."

"I have a message for all of you: The crime and violence that today afflicts our nation will soon come to an end. Beginning on January 20, 2017, safety will be restored," Trump said, setting up the most chilling line of the night.

"I alone can fix it."

Was Trump setting the stage for martial law? It sounded like it. Republicans on the convention floor embraced the notion, shouting "USA, USA" and "Build that wall!"



For Hammond, the growing Trump power was a dilemma, prompting him not long after we talked to declare Trump "unfit for the presidency." But like many American and Hoosier Republicans, coming from a state where 53% would vote for Trump in the Indiana primary which clinched the nomination, a final determination after much consternation and, finally, his own friend and governor elevated to the ticket, Hammond came around. He would support Trump, as did most of the Indiana delegation which, in its original form, was decidedly anti-Trump.

They now own what is emerging strongman rhetoric, appeal and potentially the actions that follow if Trump can steer through a narrow path and defeat Hillary Clinton. The consequences of such buy in are impossible to gauge in the first drafts of history.

An American president can do little all by himself. There's that pesky body called "Congress." There are laws. There's the Supreme Court, which has the capacity to render such declarations moot. Like many convention speeches, they are broad on themes and short on specifics. Usually there has been or quickly supplied white paper outlining goals. It's not always doable. In 1980, Ronald Reagan promised to cut taxes, rebuild the military and balance the budget. He accomplished two out of three. But the policy underpinnings were there for all to inspect. With Trump, Republicans have a leap of faith sentiment. Specifics? "We trust our leader knows. We trust our leader will furnish the details on Jan. 20, 2017."

Conservative Washington Post columnist Michael Gerson, a former aide to U.S. Sen. Dan Coats and U.S. Rep. Mark Souder, reacted, saying, "Our constitutional system was designed to make personal rule both impossible and unnecessary. The idea that political salvation might be found simply by replacing one leader at the top of government would have been regarded as perverse by the Founders. The United States has benefited from skilled leaders — a Lincoln or an FDR — at moments of genuine national crisis. But this is not such a time. And this is not such a leader."

So when Trump says, "Nobody knows the system better than me," adding, "which is why I alone can fix it," this is populist authoritarianism in the making. The irony, with Indiana Gov. Mike Pence firmly in the Trump wings, is that it is godless.

The Atlantic's Yoni Appelbaum observed, "He broke with two centuries of American political tradition, in which candidates for office — and above all, for the nation's highest office — acknowledge their fallibility and limitations, asking for the help of their fellow Americans, and of God, to accomplish what they cannot do on their own."

By Wednesday of this week, Trump stunned the political establishment, urging Russians to permeate an American presidential election. "Russia, if you're listening, I hope you're able to find the 30,000 emails that are missing," Trump said in reference to Hillary Clinton emails, which, in fact, are not missing. "I think you will probably be rewarded mightily by our press. They probably have them. I'd like to have them released. It gives me

no pause, if they have them, they have them. If Russia or China or any other country has those emails, I mean, to be honest with you, I'd love to see them." He added, Trump said, "Honestly, I wish I had that power. I'd love to have that power."

Spoken like a strongman!

These remarks come after Trump told the New York Times he wouldn't come to the rescue of a NATO nation if it was behind in its payments to the organization, which is music to Putin's ears. The same Putin who murders journalists, sows civil war and annexes terroritory.

Trump's dire assessments and grievances bring a sharp contrast to that other actor turned revolutionary populist, Ronald Reagan, who yearned for that "shining city on a hill, " brought us "morning in America" and tried to eradicate nuclear weapons. Trump on Thursday night gave us a dark foreboding moment before the clock strikes midnight and all hell breaks loose. ❖

Questions after RNC

By JACK COLWELL

SOUTH BEND – The Republican National Convention is over. Questions remain.

Q. Was the convention a success for Donald Trump?

A. There were ups and downs for Trump. No matter what the TV pundits say, the verdict that counts is being delivered this weekend in the polls of Americans showing whether Trump got a convention bounce in support and, if so, whether he has caught up in the presidential race.



Q. The most important event was Trump's acceptance speech. Did he hit a home run or strike out in seeking to convince voters that he is presidential, not a buffoon; a steady leader, not a loose cannon?

A. No home run. His speech lacked the cadence of stirring oratory and dragged on at times, no doubt losing viewers in many homes around the nation as he spoke for over an hour and a quarter. But he didn't strike out. Trump touched all the areas of fear and anger that won decisive support in the primaries. He didn't let down those primary supporters. Nor did he go off script with some controversial insult. Let's say he hit a double, getting halfway there. Now he needs to move to third base and home in the debates and campaigning in order to score the winning run.

Q. How did Indiana Gov. Mike Pence do in his speech accepting the nomination for vice president?

A. Great. Pence spoke clearly and confidently about conservative principles. Unlike many other speakers, including Trump at times, he wasn't shouting a message to noisy delegates in the hall but instead speaking plainly and directly to millions of Americans watching on TV in their homes. He called Clinton "the secretary of status quo," more appropriate than vile insults of numerous other speakers. Pence sounded what should have been the theme, the focus of the convention: "It's change versus status quo."

Q. What was the convention focus?

A. Hatred of Hillary. Knowing that Trump was regarded in a negative way by nearly two-thirds of Americans – three percent viewing him unfavorably in a recent Gallup poll – Republican convention speakers focused on increasing the also-high negative view of Clinton. Speaker after speaker didn't try to promote Trump but rather to sell that "she's worse." Some attacks were so negative that they brought loud chants of "Lock her up!"

Q. Should they have skipped the negative?

A. No. They could have stressed substance over snarky in drawing contrasts. But negative works. Just ask John Kerry. His strategists instructed speakers at the 2004 Democratic National Convention to avoid attacking President George W. Bush and Republicans and to stick to a positive theme. Kerry got no bounce in the polls from the convention. He actually dropped in the Gallup poll. And then speakers at the Republican National Convention ripped into Kerry, who sank to defeat.

Q. Why did Sen. Ted Cruz refuse to endorse Trump after Cruz was given time for a major speech?

A. In addition to the fact that Cruz despises Trump for attacks on his wife and father and on himself in the "Lyin' Ted" mantra, Cruz chose to bet his political future on the belief that Trump will lose big in the presidential election. If Trump is trounced, Cruz will be there in an I-told-you-so position to seek to unify conservatives behind him as the 2020 Republican presidential nominee. If Trump wins or comes darn close, Cruz loses his bet.

Q. Why did the Trump strategists let Cruz speak when knowing he wasn't going to endorse?

A. They knew he would get a hostile response and helped to orchestrate the loud booing. The response helped to unite delegates behind Trump. Even some Cruz supporters in the Texas delegation were angry that Cruz didn't endorse the nominee.

Q. What could Trump have done to be better?

A. Maybe take speech lessons from daughter Ivanka. ❖

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Notes from Cleveland

By CRAIG DUNN

CLEVELAND – I confess that I wasn't really looking forward to attending the Republican National Convention in Cleveland. It had the potential to range all the way from nauseating to dangerous, based on the hype leading up to the event. Advance news reporting by the major media outlets predicted deep divisions in the convention between Trump supporters and anti-Trump forces, deadly terrorist attacks, paralyzing traffic jams caused by civil disobedience and a list of speakers that excited no one.



Once again, the big media got it wrong, totally wrong. The Republican National Convention was an outstanding success. It was full of drama, full of excitement and a good showing for Team Trump. As to the location, I don't want to hear another person refer to Cleveland as the "Mistake on the Lake." Cleveland rocked, literally and figuratively. Cleveland is a great city with big city attractions and some of the friendliest people in the nation.

Of course, the big worry going into the RNC was the question of public safety. We were told there would be thousands of protesters wreaking havoc on Cleveland and the convention. The reality was that Cleveland was possibly the safest city in the United States last week, as thousands of imported law enforcement officers and a shortage of serious protesters made for a great environment. A delegate almost had to go out looking for protesters to see any. Score a big win for public safety.

The RNC kicked off its festivities on Sunday evening with a gigantic rock-n-roll and food festival on the Cleveland lakefront. Fifty food vendors, multiple beer gardens and three live entertainment stages kept delegates stuffed, hydrated and rocking the night away. The evening concluded with a gigantic fireworks display that left everyone oohing and ahhing. I've been to a lot of big events in cities trying to put their best foot forward. Cleveland ranks near the top in staging one heck of a party.

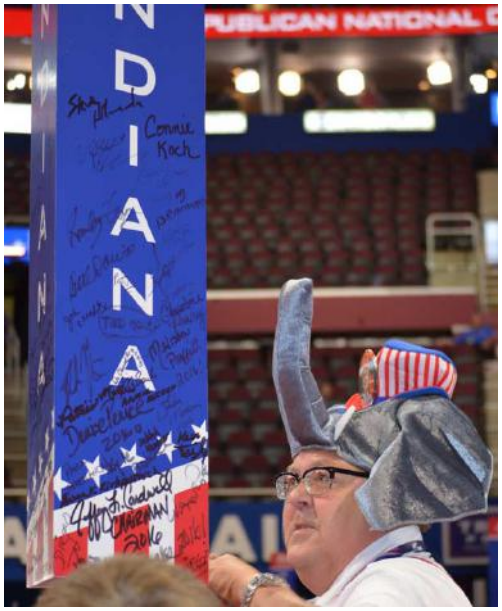
Monday, Donald Trump and the Republican Party dodged a big ole bullet when the Rules Committee made no changes regarding freeing delegates to vote their conscience, to allow delegates to dump Trump. First in the Rules Committee and then later beating back a petition effort, proponents of "Dump Trump" were decidedly thumped by a big plurality in the committee and then by some apparent good old-fashioned arm twisting.

The majority of delegates in nine states signed a petition to force a roll call vote on the issue. However, miraculously, delegates in three states changed their minds and the strategy fell two states shy of success. Score a big win for the Trump Team. The effort to allow a conscience vote smelled an awful lot like the handiwork of the Ted Cruz forces.

Amazingly, Trump and RNC Chairman Reince Priebus allowed Cruz to address the convention on Wednesday. Cruz spoke for about 15 minutes to a respectful audience. As it became obvious that he was wrapping up his speech, it dawned on the delegates that Cruz had no intention of endorsing Donald Trump. As the delegates grew restless, a murmur and then a low booing began from both ends of the convention hall. The booing rose, with Cruz making a snide comment to the New York delegation. Then the convention burst out in yelling, more booing and taunting of Cruz. He was literally booed off the stage. I'd like to thank Ted Cruz for doing what Donald Trump could never do, uniting the Republican Party.

What about Ted Cruz's future in presidential politics? I may be wrong, but he came across as a spoiled, petulant little crybaby who is a colossal sore loser. But hey, that's just my opinion. Unfortunately for Sen. Cruz, I heard a lot of former Cruz delegates express their disgust for his actions.

What about the bizarre world of Ohio Gov. John Kasich? This one hurts me personally because I endorsed Kasich, donated money to his campaign, and took a bunch of arrows for expressing my support. Kasich totally sat out the RNC in Cleveland in a demonstration of bad form and worse hospitality. After all, even the Democratic mayor of Cleveland welcomed the convention. Gov. Kasich worked hard to entice the Republicans to Cleveland and then didn't show up to his own party.



Sullivan County Chairman Bill Springer with the Indiana stanchion, which will end up in the Smithsonian Institution.

Making matters worse, he staged a big party at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, making invitees feel that it was going to be a somewhat intimate affair and then leaving hundreds of supporters sweltering outside waiting to be allowed in by the Cleveland fire marshal. I hope John Kasich enjoys being governor. He won't be going any further.

A rising star in the Republican Party emerged from the convention. Delegates were extremely impressed

with Arkansas Sen. Tom Cotton. He gave a dynamic speech and positioned himself well for a future presidential run.

Speaking of rising stars! Either as reality television stars or future political powers, Ivanka, Eric and Donald Trump Jr. established themselves as extremely impressive progeny with bright futures. With well-known names and a billion dollars, you have to think there will be a Gov. Trump or Sen. Trump in the not-so-distant future.

Two speakers at the convention surprised the delegates with their renewed energy and effective speeches. Rudy Giuliani showed personality and potent punch in his speech that left delegates wondering where was that Rudy in 2012. In the same category, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker delivered a popular message that belied his disappointing 2016 campaign. The delegates also appreciated Walker's willingness to bury the hatchet and rally to the Trump cause.

Some of my most enjoyable moments came in taxi rides to the Quicken Arena. Hani, a Turkish American Lyft driver, told me that his sister and brother had been fired from their jobs as teachers as a result of the Turkish attempted coup. His brother has even been detained. Their offense? They are secular Turks; Islamic, but not Islamic enough for President Erdogan. Hani fears for the safety of his family and the future of his homeland. He blames President Obama for a weak response to Erdogan's excesses. He plans to vote for Donald Trump.

My other enlightening taxi ride came with Uber driver David, a native Clevelander who has seen his income drop significantly as the business environment in Cleveland deteriorated over the last 20 years. He blames the loss of the manufacturing industry in Cleveland on NAFTA and Bill Clinton. He believes that Donald Trump will bring jobs back to the United States. He's voting for Trump.

On Wednesday afternoon, I spoke to the Foreign Press Corps as a guest of the United States Department of State. My job was to explain the role of a delegate to the national convention and field questions. Of course, when they heard that I was from Indiana, all they wanted to talk about was Mike Pence and Donald Trump. I found one question in particular to be of interest. I was asked if I thought Donald Trump would be transformative for the Republican Party. I answered no. I said that I believed that he was a one-off candidate and would not dramatically alter our party.

I now think that I may have been wrong.

Donald Trump asked Peter Thiel, the openly gay founder of PayPal to address the convention. Thiel stated that with all of the problems facing our country we should be focusing on what is important and not on who uses which bathroom. The delegates jumped to their feet and exploded with applause. Later, Trump promised to protect the LGBTQ community from acts of violence. Perhaps, the words of Thiel and Trump and their popular reception can put this divisive issue behind the Republican Party permanently. I sure hope so.

Mike Pence, Indiana governor and Trump vice-presidential candidate, faced a staggering task in closing the proceedings on Wednesday evening. The prospect of a relentless Thursday media spin being about a terribly divided Republican Party was destroyed by a Reaganesque speech that enlightened, informed, excited and motivated the assembled delegates. An evening that began with the question of "Mike Pence, who dat?" ended with the Republican Party thinking that Donald Trump had pretty good judgment when he tapped Pence for the job.



Gov. Mike Pence and First Lady Karen Pence await Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump Thursday in Cleveland. (HPI Photo by Randy Gentry)

The Indiana delegation aggressively chanted "Mike, Mike, Mike" at the beginning of his speech. By the end of governor Pence's speech, the cheers of the Indiana delegation were drowned out by chants of "We like Mike. We like Mike," emanating from all corners of the convention hall. Pence's speech further served to unite the party by bringing the skeptical evangelicals together with skeptical Trump supporters who hungered for red meat. The governor delivered for both. To Gov. Pence I say, "Job well done." And on this point I must agree with the Democrats, "Pence Must Go" – only "to the White House!"

Despite the faux drama beaten to death by the media, it was a pretty good week for Donald J. Trump. I never thought I would say this, but I think I could get used to seeing him in the Oval Office. ❖

The Indiana Democrat retreads

By MARK SOUDER

FORT WAYNE – The Democrats have given us deja vu all over again, to quote Yogi Berra in this time warp. Clinton. Bayh. Gregg. Even the Russians are back.

This year Indiana and national Democrat Party have chosen to offer voters a full slate of retread tires. Hillary Clinton, defeated by Barack Obama eight years ago, has re-emerged. She was impatiently tapping the table, chair and floor waiting for the Obama interlude to end so we could bring back the glorious days of the Clinton Era.



At least Hillary offers the historic chance for America to establish that failure is not because you are a woman or a man. Failure in governing is not because one is white, black or brown. She has already proven that women can use unfair methods to get nominated. Now Hillary wants the opportunity that liberal ideas are the problem, not gender or race.

But this is an undeniable fact. No one should underestimate the inspiration she is far beyond just grown women. The fact is that little girls across this nation feel differently about their potentials this week. That isn't just Democrat hyperbole.

In Indiana, the Democrat retreads offer no such breakthroughs. They are just old tires. Bayh has launched his campaign with an attack ad on Todd Young's supposed desire to destroy Social Security. The ad copy is virtually identical to what Jill Long ran against me in 1994, which was over two decades ago.

In 2010 Bayh wrote in the New York Times about why he quit and decided to store his money: "In a time of national peril, with our problems compounding, we must remember that more united us as Americans than divides us."

My personal relations with Sen. Bayh were not frequent, but when they occurred, they were always pleasant. This new axe-wielding Bayh, hauling out some of the nastiest divisive ads from the retread closet are purposely designed to falsely scare senior citizens. They sound like a more desperate, angry man. Like Bayh's earlier complaints about the influence of money in politics, while his wife was earning big bucks working for companies that lobbied, the Bayh image does necessarily match his actions.

There is also an increasingly distressing trend in both political parties (and not only in Indiana) for people of great wealth like Bayh to live in other places, then ask residents of an area to choose them as a representative, even though they don't eat, shop, go to church or know much about the people they desire to "represent." What is the point of our system if the legislators don't even have to begin as someone who lives among us?

Even with my personal humiliation of resigning, we chose to live in Fort Wayne. It was and is not easy living among friends and people supported you, after you let them down. But this is our home. I fought for them in Congress because I was, and am, one of them. What in the world has happened to this old-fashioned concept?

We might as well just pick out a couple of Washington, D.C., residents we like best, and hire them as our senators and congressmen. Actually that is precisely what Evan Bayh is asking us to do.

And then there's Forrest Gregg. I realize that his name is John, but every time I hear his name I think of Forrest Gregg, the Hall-of-Fame lineman for the legendary Green Bay Packers. Forrest Gregg always looked old even when he was young. He was surrounded by glamorous Paul Hornung, fan favorites like Bart Starr, Jim Taylor, Boyd Dowler, Ray Nitschke, Herb Adderley, Jim Ringo, Willie Davis and many more. Not to mention coach Vince Lombardi. And then there was old reliable Forrest Gregg, not inspiring anybody, but always there as a solid dependable blocker doing his duty so flashier stars could become famous.

Sorry about the reminiscing. There's just something about our Gregg, and all the Democrats running for that matter, that brings back the 1960s.

As for my party, retreads would not be the word to describe our candidates.The new Republican nominee for governor, Eric Holcomb, is nearly the polar opposite of Evan Bayh's weaknesses. While Bayh has lived most of his



life in Washington, Eric seems to have eaten at nearly every diner in the state, shot basketball hoops in most small towns, and circulates around the state like he's in running for head of the tourism department.

No one has accused Holcomb of stockpiling money or being too focused on raking in the big bucks. He has worked the details inside the governor's office, and worked the state for Sen. Dan Coats. He is, as Coats stated,

among best-prepared candidates in Indiana history to be an actual governor. What he doesn't bring is experience as a candidate or premier fundraising skills.

If the Republicans don't select a female to be the lieutenant gubernatorial candidate, one would have to consider whether or not they are serious about winning this race. There are numerous very qualified female options who could add needed credibility as opposed to adding a retread male to the ticket.

Congressman Todd Young offers the perfect stark contrast to Evan Bayh. He is anchored in Indiana. A graduate of Indiana public schools and the Naval Academy, he has an MBA from the University of Chicago and a law degree from Indiana University. He is a seriously qualified candidate. There is a reason he was a leader in naval operations.

While the Democrats are offering retreads, the Republicans are offering experience in the next generation of top talent, including Curtis Hill for attorney general. They also are people who live here, fight for Hoosiers, and aren't just treating us as people whose votes are for sale. Whatever the problems are with Trump, our Indiana slate is one to be proud of. Selecting a forward-looking female for lieutenant governor can seal the extraordinary contrast to the tired path chosen by the Indiana Democrats. ❖

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Trump gets a post convention poll bounce

By KYLE KONDIK and GEOFFREY SKELLEY

PHILADELPHIA – After Donald Trump picked Mike Pence to be his running mate two weeks ago – that feels like two months ago, right? – we suggested that Trump could end up taking at least a temporary lead because of the convention bounce that presidential candidates typically get after their conventions.

It appears that Trump has in fact gotten a bounce, at least in some polls. The most dramatic change so far came in the CNN/ORC poll, which shifted all the way from a seven-point Hillary Clinton lead to a three-point Trump edge. On the other hand, the NBC News/SurveyMonkey poll didn't change at all (it showed a 46%-45% Clinton lead both before and after the convention), and there were some other contradictory signs. Nonetheless, Trump's numbers generally improved, as is common after a convention. Based on the median of five polls surveyed in the period after the GOP convention that have been released so far, Trump has experienced a three-point bounce relative to his median the week before Republicans gathered in Cleveland. That's clearly a small sample, but put it all together and Trump has taken a small, one-point lead in the RealClearPolitics average, while Clinton has an equally small one-point lead in the HuffPost Pollster average (that average is less sensitive to short-term changes). Our advice would be to wait before drawing conclusions: Clinton still has an opportunity to get a bounce from her convention, and we also may have some more polls later in the week to further measure the size of Trump's bounce.

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Election 2016	Clinton	Trump	Spread
RCP Poll Average	44.6	45.7	Trump +1.1
Favorability Ratings	-17.2	-21.1	Clinton +3.9
Betting Odds	68.0	32.0	
Electoral College	**Clinton**	**Trump**	**Spread**
RCP Electoral Map	202	164	Clinton +38
No Toss Up States	322	216	
Battlegrounds	**Clinton**	**Trump**	**Spread**
Pennsylvania	45.5	42.3	Clinton +3.2
Michigan	41.0	35.8	Clinton +5.2
Ohio	42.6	41.8	Clinton +0.8
Florida	43.5	43.8	Trump +0.3
Iowa	41.3	40.8	Clinton +0.5
Wisconsin	44.3	38.7	Clinton +5.6
New Hampshire	43.0	39.3	Clinton +3.7

For the time being, we're sticking with our current Electoral College ratings, which show Clinton with 347 electoral votes safe, likely, and leaning to her, with 191 safe/likely/leaning Trump. We agree that if the election were held today, it would almost certainly be closer than that -- and that Trump could very well win. But the election isn't being held today -- it's actually still about 100 days away. Our ratings are a forecast for November, not a reflection of the day-to-day state of play, and we still see Clinton with an edge.

If the dust settles from the conventions the next few weeks and the numbers are still what they are today, then we very well may have to reassess. We've long suggested that a generic Republican may have been favored to win this election, but that Trump wasn't a generic Republican. But maybe we're wrong about that, and that the same factors that would boost a generic Republican, like a desire for change after eight years of Democratic rule, are enough to get Trump over the finish line, too. Sean Trende, friend of the Crystal Ball and astute RealClearPolitics analyst, has been urging caution over regarding Clinton as a big favorite, and his latest column is well worth reading in that regard.

Trump, in spite of everything, is hanging tough, and it seems like the vast majority of Republicans have embraced him as their own.

If the millions upon millions of largely unanswered campaign dollars that the Clinton campaign and its allies are pouring into the swing states are having an effect, it's hard to say there is an obvious one. Perhaps the Trump strategy of holding his more limited resources back for later in the campaign is a wise one. In fact, there is scant evidence that early ad spending makes a lasting impression, although the Obama and Romney 2012 campaigns would disagree; those professionals believe Obama's early ad blitz against Romney helped negatively define the Republican. But it may be that the early Clinton campaign ads are not making much of a difference.

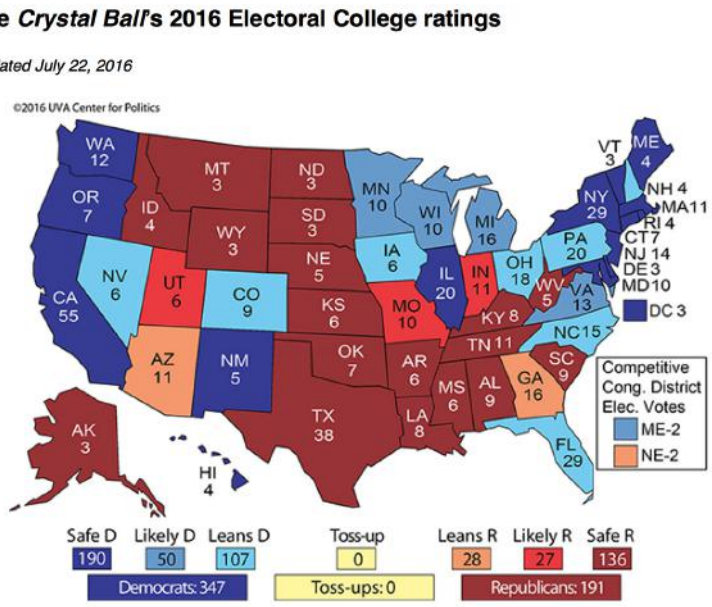
Meanwhile, there are two days left to go at the Democratic National Convention. On Tuesday evening, Clinton became the first woman to be officially nominated by a major party for president. The stand-out event of the roll call vote was surely Bernie Sanders asking the convention to nominate Clinton by acclamation following the vote counting for every delegation. Sanders' move was obviously a well-choreographed attempt to improve party unity, a key goal of the convention. But will it work? Thus far, polling has been a bit mixed on where Sanders voters lie. Pew found that 90% of "consistent" Sanders backers plan to back Clinton, which suggests there will be relative unity among Democratic and Democratic-leaning identifiers. But as for Sanders voters overall, the jury is still out to some degree, and there were some limited protests inside and outside the convention on Tuesday night.

Just like at the Republican confab, there are clearly some delegates and attendees here who have little use for Clinton, who is now the nominee. One Sanders die-hard told us she prefers four years of Trump to eight years of Clinton (as if either outcome would be guaranteed in 2020). But we also think the number of true #Never-Hillary Democrats is small, just like the number of true

#NeverTrump Republicans is also small. Conventions are supposed to be a positive public relations show for the party that spur party unity, and the pageant isn't just for the TV viewers, it's also for the delegates in the hall, a kind of shock therapy that wears down the resistance of the holdouts.

Despite some rocky moments, the GOP convention probably helped the Republicans achieve a greater level of unity. The same is probably true of the Democratic convention. Just think about it, on the first day of both the RNC and DNC, there was some very public dissent on both convention floors. But by the time of the nominating votes themselves, there were few major waves at either convention. Even Ted Cruz's non-endorsement of Trump on the third night probably hurt Cruz more than it hurt Trump. And it does not seem like Clinton will have to suffer through a Cruz-esque speech tonight or Thursday. There's the potential for further dissent at the DNC but day two was better for the party on that front than day one.

Clinton's own speech looms large over the remainder of the proceedings. She clearly has a lot of work to do to improve her very weak favorability ratings. A little contrition for her email antics might be wise. Whenever the Trump campaign does go on the air, they will have some potent ads to cut on the issue, and whatever Clinton has done to try to defuse it has so far been clearly inadequate. ❖





Progressives can easily embrace Sen. Kaine

By SHAW FRIEDMAN

LaPORTE – Sorry, Fox News. That dog won't hunt. In the hours after Hillary Clinton announced her choice of Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Virginia) as her vice-presidential pick, certain voices on the right clucked that there might be resistance from factions within the Democratic Party to the supposedly "safe" choice of Tim Kaine vs. what some viewed as more "inspiring" picks like Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) or Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio).



Fact is, once again, the talking heads at Fox have not done their homework. As former head of the Indiana Progressives PAC, I'm in a pretty good position to spot a "progressive" when I see one, and I have to say, as one who has followed Tim Kaine's career, this is a guy whose progressive values were formed early and mainly through his religious upbringing as a Catholic in the Jesuit social justice tradition.

Look at the decision he made while at Harvard Law School to eschew the traditional resume-building track of a high profile judicial clerkship or an internship at one of the white shoe law firms on Wall Street. Instead, Tim Kaine made the decision to "step away from the treadmill" to "decide on my path in life" and he actually took a year off to join Jesuit missionaries in Honduras, an experience that clearly had a lasting impact on him. There, he worked with young men facing grinding poverty as he helped run a technical school set up by the Jesuits. At the school, he trained young Hondurans in various crafts who were hungry for hope and opportunity, and he had a chance while there to make a difference.

This is a guy whose "progressive" values were formed early and his decision to move to Richmond, Virginia, and settle in an integrated neighborhood and take up housing discrimination law were also very formitive and influential on his world view. Again, rather than seek out a position at one of the old-line Virginia law firms that were swooping up Ivy League law school graduates at the time, he represented not only death row inmates, but he took on representation of victims of housing discrimination. The team he worked with actually won a $100 million jury verdict in a red-lining case against Nationwide Insurance. While the verdict was overturned on appeal, his team was able to negotiate a $17.5 million settlement, bringing much needed relief to victims of housing discrimination.

Not only does Tim Kaine talk the talk, he's walked the walk. As governor of a state that is practically home to the National Rifle Association, he took on the nation's gun lobby, pushing for common sense restrictions on gun purchases such as signing an executive order after the tragedy at Virginia Tech that would keep guns out of the hands of the mentally ill. In the U.S. Senate, he's supported increased background checks.

Though personally pro-life by virtue of his Catholicism, he's been a forceful and articulate advocate for the rights of women to make that difficult choice in tandem with their physicians and he wins plaudits from Planned Parenthood. Also, unlike our governor, who for much of his career has parroted the absurd line pushed by the tobacco industry that cigarettes do not kill, Tim Kaine had the difficult task in the heart of a tobacco-growing state to sign a statewide smoking ban in restaurants. And while we are at it comparing Tim Kaine to Mike Pence, unlike our governor who inexplicably turned down an $80 million federal grant that would have provided universal pre-K to young Hoosiers, Tim Kaine brought universal pre-K to the Old Dominion State.

When I was called by one of my strongly progressive friends in Indianapolis after Hillary made her choice and who seemed disappointed with the choice of Tim Kaine, I quickly reassured my friend that this progressive is very comfortable with the notion of Kaine. Sure, he's not anti-TPP as most Democratic progressives are, but I'm willing to cut him a break on an issue or two when I see a worldview and a civil, decent and compassionate approach to politics that someone like Tim Kaine has practiced during his entire time in elective office. I frankly think it was an inspired choice and am most comforted by the fact that Tim Kaine as a practicing Jesuit has notions of social justice that are deeply imbedded in him.

Having had the opportunity to attend Notre Dame Law School as I did in the early 1980's, I came to understand and appreciate the commitment that Jesuits have to making a huge difference in the lives of people they encounter. I suspect that year spent in the poorest neighborhoods of Honduras had a deep and abiding impact on the man who could be our next vice president. It's clear from his choices made while in law school and afterward when he went into law practice that Tim Kaine felt a need to put his religious values to work in his profession.

Having picked this Spanish-speaking Christian missionary was not only the politically savvy thing for Hillary Clinton to have done, but it's also the right thing to have done. We progressives ought to be tickled pink with this choice. ❖

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Controversy follows Palmateer to Philly

By RICH JAMES

MERRILLVILLE – There doesn't seem to be an end to the saga of Randy Palmateer and a March drunken-driving arrest. So widespread is the story that it extends this week to the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

Palmateer is the business manager of the 25,000-member Northwestern Indiana Building and Construction Trades Council. The March arrest was the second in five years. And, as was the case with the first one, this one was reduced to reckless driving, as are many drunken driving charges in Lake County.



It wasn't terribly surprising that Palmeteer had his March drunken-driving arrest reduced to reckless driving even though it was his second in five years. The Building and Construction Trades Council can be a powerful force in statewide and local elections. To anger the organization's leader isn't a wise political move.

The Palmateer case prompted The Times of Northwest Indiana to investigate how drunken-driving cases are handled in Lake County. When it was learned that the majority of drunken-driving charges were reduced to reckless driving, The Times turned the issue into a crusade. As a result, Lake County Prosecutor Bernard Carter has told his deputies that future drunken-driving charges no longer will be reduced to reckless driving.

The case also has played a major role in shaping the Indiana delegation to the DNC. Palmateer ran for national delegate at the state convention in June. John Buncich, Lake County sheriff and county chairman, wasn't named an automatic delegate as has been the case with party leaders in the past. Because of Palmateer's arrest record, Buncich declined to run against him. Palmateer ran, but lost.

But Palmateer was on the convention floor Tuesday with the rest of the Indiana delegation. It seems one of the delegates didn't show and the Indiana delegates picked Palmateer. Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr. said the Indiana delegation did so because it wanted more labor representation. "I think it is a shame and disgrace to our delegation there," Buncich said on learning of Palmateer's appointment.

Palmateer suffered a good bit of embarrassment, but in the end he came out a winner, as he had his drunken-driving charge reduced and he became a delegate to the DNC. ❖

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Who benefits from Regional Cities?

By MORTON MARCUS

INDIANAPOLIS – Indiana loves fat. No, don't put down that pork tenderloin, but we do love fat documents.

Here's the evidence: Three regions were awarded $126 million in matching funds for economic development projects. Seven regions submitted applications. Central Indiana's plan was a skinny 26 pages; no money. The West-Central plan was beefed up to 88 pages; no money. East Central bulked up to 134 pages; no money. Northwest Indiana offered a hefty 178 pages; still no money.



The winners of $82 million each: Northeast waddled in with 194 pages, Southwest presented a portly 224 pages, but the North Central region topped them all with a sumo-style 371 pages.

Now remember these grants are to be matched by other money well in excess of the state portion. Hence, we may never see any of the proposed projects funded. Plus each project must have the approval of regional boards and the Indiana Economic Development Council, which may have new priorities under a new governor. There are many different ideas about regions. Currently, America and Indiana are focused on major cities surrounded by dependent urban nodes with the intervening areas filled in by urban sprawl and agriculture.

Some futurists insist low cost communications, the connectivity of the internet, will shape how we live and work in the coming decades. Elkhart and Ethiopia, Princeton and the Philippines, Crothersville and China could be paired in production – if all have high-speed, highly reliable internet service.

Recent data from the U.S. Census Bureau indicate 84% of 2.5 million Hoosier households have computers, which sounds good, but ranks 38th among the 50 states. In addition, one of every seven Indiana households with a computer does not have internet access. In sum, over 700,000 Indiana households are not connected to the world.

What does the regional cities program do for the connectivity of our students, our workers, our businesses? Communications alone are necessary, but not sufficient to move Indiana forward. ❖

Matt Tully, IndyStar: Eric Holcomb has worked closely over the past dozen years with Indiana's two most recent governors. Now, as he seeks to follow those men into the state's highest office, one question looms arguably above all others. Is Eric Holcomb more Mitch Daniels, or more Mike Pence? The answer to that question could help determine the outcome of the November election for governor. And while Holcomb will surely never answer it — it's far too politically charged — he would be wise to send clear signals that his leadership style, political focus and policy heart are more in line with his former boss Mitch Daniels than his current boss Mike Pence. Much of Indiana doesn't know Holcomb, a longtime Republican staffer and operative who has served as lieutenant governor for only a few months, and who has no legislative voting record to scrutinize. But they do know his two most prominent bosses. One, Mitch Daniels, is remembered as a big-ideas conservative leader who kept his focus on the issues most important to Indiana and who made transformational changes to the operation of state government. The other, Mike Pence, has offered four years of lightweight policies and weak leadership while being distracted by damaging and divisive social-issue crusades. Mitch or Mike — which one has more influenced Eric Holcomb? The answer is critical, for the state and for the Republican Party. Both Indiana and the GOP could use a protégé of Daniels. Neither needs another four years of Pence. Holcomb has an opportunity to define himself. Two Republicans who have worked closely with Holcomb insisted to me that he is more like Daniels than Pence, more pragmatic than ideological, and more focused on issues such as the state's fiscal and economic situation than on social debates. We will see if that is true. ❖



Tim Etheridge, Evansville Courier & Press: Say what you will about Mike Pence, but Indiana's governor always has seemed a man of principle. When he abetted and encouraged the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, a bad idea that harmed our state and its reputation, he stood behind his beliefs that Christians could be facing discrimination. When he signed into law one of the most restrictive abortion bills in America, one that was opposed by Republican women legislators, he said that it would "ensure the dignified final treatment of the unborn and prohibits abortions that are based only on the unborn child's sex, race, color, national origin, ancestry or disability, including Down syndrome." So Pence appears to be what he consistently professes to be, "A Christian, a conservative and a Republican, in that order." Then Donald J. Trump came calling, and Pence has, more and more, appeared to be first a politician. When Trump first said that America's borders should be closed to all Muslims, Pence correctly tweeted that "Calls to ban Muslims from entering the U.S. are offensive and unconstitutional. The U.S. cannot discriminate on the basis of religion." After being named Trump's running mate, he backed down on that. When Trump bashed U.S. District Judge Gonzalo Curiel, who was presiding over class-action lawsuits against Trump University, calling him a "hater" and saying he is biased because "he's a Mexican," Pence came to the Indiana-born judge's defense. "I don't think it's ever appropriate to question the partiality of the judge based on their ethnic background." He's not saying that now. As you can tell, I haven't agreed with all of Pence's stances. But I gave him credit for standing up for his beliefs. Now, unfortunately, he appears en route to becoming Chris Christie redux, a once-strong leader kowtowing to a more forceful politician, no doubt destined for some sort of humiliation. Pence has lost his focus as a Christian, a conservative and a Republican, in that order. ❖

Stephen Hayes, Weekly Standard: Yes, Donald Trump is crazy. And, yes, the Republican party owns his insanity. Fewer than 12 hours after Republicans rallied in support of his nomination for the presidency, Trump once again implied that Rafael Cruz, Ted Cruz's father, was involved in the JFK assassination. At a press availability during an event to thank campaign volunteers Friday morning, Trump revived suggestions that the elder Cruz was an associate of Lee Harvey Oswald, Kennedy's assassin, and that they two were together months before the assassination. Both Cruz and his father have vehemently—and repeatedly—denied any suggestion that the man in the photograph is the elder Cruz or that he was an associate of Oswald, contrary to Trump's claim. That hasn't stopped Trump's innuendo. This isn't the behavior of a rational, stable individual. It should embarrass those who have endorsed him and disgrace those who have attempted to normalize him. ❖

Timothy Lee, Vox: Everyone is talking about Donald Trump's call for the Russian government to release emails it may have stolen from Hillary Clinton's private email server. But that wasn't the most chilling thing Trump said in his rambling answer to a question about who hacked the email server of the Democratic National Committee. "Honestly, I wish I had that power," Trump responded. "I'd love to have that power." The thing is, if Trump gets elected president, he probably will have the power to hack into the private communications of his political opponents. And that's terrifying. Thanks to whistleblower Ed Snowden, we know that the National Security Agency has one of the most sophisticated offensive hacking programs in the world. The NSA has a team of researchers who look for security vulnerabilities in popular technology products, and it also sometimes buys information about security vulnerabilities from outside hackers. That means the NSA is often able to break into computer systems that would repel less sophisticated hackers. ❖

Pollster Conway predicts hidden Trump voters

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INDIANAPOLIS — A Donald Trump adviser predicts a record turnout for the celebrity real estate developer, saying he has tapped deep pools of resentment and angst, and some of his supporters are too embarrassed to admit it. "There are a lot of hidden Trump voters - people who find it's not socially desirable to admit to be voting for Donald Trump," Kellyanne Conway, a pollster, told a meeting of the American Legislative Exchange Council on Wednesday. Conway was joined at the gathering of conservative state lawmakers by another Trump surrogate, economic adviser Steve Moore, who said his supporters are more likely to watch professional wresting than Fox News. "I don't love Donald Trump, but I love his voters," said Moore. The group expected to hear from Trump's running mate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, but he backed out of a scheduled keynote speech to stay on the campaign trail. Pence is now slated to speak to the group Friday. Conway, who also has polled for Pence, is credited with helping coax Trump into picking the Indiana governor as a vice president, calling him a "window to party unity" after a fractious GOP primary fight.



Trump Russian remarks draw ire

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump's call on Russia to hack Hillary Clinton's emails has shocked, flabbergasted and appalled lawmakers and national security experts across the political spectrum, with one saying it was "tantamount to treason" (Politico). Few would argue Wednesday that what the Republican presidential nominee said will directly cause Russia to conduct more cyber-espionage against the U.S. than it already is doing. But several described Trump's statements as dangerous for America's global standing. Some echoed the Clinton campaign in calling the comments a threat to national security. "It's just one more example of the reckless and dangerous comments that Donald Trump makes that compromises American foreign policy objectives," said Sen. Ben Cardin of Maryland, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Leon Panetta, a former CIA director, told CNN's Christiane Amanpour that Trump's comments were "beyond the pale" because he was "in fact asking the Russians to engage in American politics." An aide to House Speaker Paul Ryan, the Wisconsin Republican who has endorsed Trump, added, meanwhile, that "Russia is a global menace led by a devious thug" and that it should stay out of the U.S. election. "The United States should not tolerate Russian meddling in November's election," said House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Ed Royce (R-Calif.). "Period."

Carson addresses DNC on Pence

PHILADELPHIA — U.S. Rep. Andre Carson took the stage at the Democratic National Convention on Wednesday to say the country cannot let the "terrible judgment" of Donald Trump and his running mate, Gov. Mike Pence, affect civil rights (Schneider, IndyStar). "I'm from Indiana," said Carson, an Indianapolis Democrat. "I have seen Mike Pence's terrible judgment up close. Pence has fought against same-sex couples having equal rights."

Obama library site chosen

CHICAGO — President Barack Obama's presidential library will be built in a park along the shores of Lake Michigan and a short walk from the university where Obama taught constitutional law on Chicago's South Side, a personal familiar with the selection process told The Associated Press on Wednesday. The Barack Obama Foundation decided to build the library at Jackson Park near the University of Chicago, according to a person briefed on the selection.

Secret Service code for Pence

WASHINGTON — According to multiple sources, Mike Pence's Secret Service code name is "Hoosier." Which, factually accurate, if not overly creative. His running mate's code name, appropriately enough, is "Mogul."

HIV crisis could have been avoided

MUNCIE — Not only was the nationally publicized HIV crisis in rural Indiana last year preventable, but other U.S. communities are at high risk for nearly identical outbreaks, according to a recently released study from the prestigious New England Journal of Medicine (Slabaugh, Muncei Star Press). The study also reveals contradictions between what Indiana public health officials think is best for the state and the policies currently in place. In conclusion, the study found that Scott County's public health crisis -- which left 181 people in Southeastern Indiana HIV positive -- was caused by a "close network" of residents injecting opioid Opana and sharing needles. It suggests that Indiana and other largely rural states should focus on prevention measures such as more HIV testing, identifying networks of intravenous drug users, increasing access to treatment, considering syringe-exchange programs and education. "A lot of things could have been done differently with our resources and capacity," Carrie Lawrence with the Indiana University School of Public Health Rural Center for HIV/STD Prevention said Wednesday.

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HOLCOMB WINS GOP GUBERNATORIAL CAUCUS: Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb found a mid-summer way station on one of the most stunning rises in Hoosier political history, winning a 12-day gubernatorial nomination sprint after Gov. Mike Pence had ascended to the vice presidential nomination. (*Howey Politics Indiana*). In the span of five months, Holcomb had evolved from a third-place U.S. Senate candidate to the party's gubernatorial standard bearer in the most unpredictable election cycle during the state's bicentennial year. He now faces a race with Democrat John Gregg beginning with $20,000 in cash and name ID below 20% which he must overcome to have a chance in what will be a 100-day campaign. "We've got work to do and a short time to get there," Holcomb said after defeating U.S. Reps. Susan Brooks and Todd Rokita and State Sen. Jim Tomes in a 22-vote Indiana Republican Central Committee caucus Tuesday. "Let me just say how honored and gratified I am at this expression of support." "This campaign officially kicks into high gear," said Holcomb, who lost a state representative race in 2000 before becoming Gov Mitch Daniels deputy chief of staff in 2005. "This year, as many of you know, has taken many twists and turns and I am ready to take this next call and lead us to victory. I am ready to take Indiana to that next level. We have accomplished so much in the last decade. I've had a front row seat and learned a lot. I've been at the table helping Gov. Mitch Daniels and Gov. Mike Pence. We cannot, cannot and the reason I ran is we cannot afford to allow the state to slip and go backwards into debt and delayed payments to schools. The only way we can continue Indiana's progress is by joining together which we have done this morning and this afternoon." Indiana Republican Chairman Jeff Cardwell refused to list the number of ballots or vote totals, but Holcomb emerged after almost three hours, indicating their were multiple ballots. Sources citing caucus sources tweeted that the first ballot ended with Holcomb at 11, Brooks at nine and Rokita at 2 votes. There was no sourcing on presumed second ballot vote totals. Gov. Pence reacted, saying, "We are thrilled that our friend Eric Holcomb won the Republican nomination for Governor of Indiana. Eric is a man of great integrity who loves the people of our state. He has a servant's heart. Importantly, Eric played a tremendous role in helping both Mitch and me turn the state around after Speaker John Gregg's policies put Hoosiers in such a poor position. The contrast could not be more clear: Hoosiers will choose between a veteran who has always answered the call to serve or a career politician turned lobbyist who has a legacy of tax increases, debt, and insider deals."

HOLCOMB MAY NOT HAVE ACCESS TO PENCE FUNDS: Federal Election Commission rules restricting how federal candidates use state campaign accounts have come into play since Gov. Mike Pence joined Trump's ticket, and legal experts say it is unlikely that Holcomb will be able to directly use all or even most of the money in Pence's gubernatorial account (*Politico)*. Federal campaign finance laws impose limits on political giving by federal candidates and officeholders, and FEC opinions from 2003 and 2007 made clear to two state-turned-federal candidates that they could make unlimited campaign contributions from their old state accounts, even though it was usually permitted under state law. The bulk of the $7.4 million in campaign cash that Pence had in the bank at the end of last month would not be available to Holcomb in his run for governor, said Larry Noble, a former general counsel to the Federal Election Commission (Cook, *IndyStar*). "Someone running for federal office cannot use contributions from their state account that would exceed the federal contribution limit," he explained. Noble, who now works for the non-partisan Campaign Legal Center, said Pence could give the restricted campaign money to charity or return it to donors. Marc Lotter, a spokesman for Pence's vice presidential campaign, did not dispute Noble's analysis, which is based to two FEC advisory opinions from 2003 and 2007. "Our lawyers are looking into all the relevant statutes that may apply in this situation, and the governor has always said he

will adhere to the letter of the law," Lotter said. "One thing I can guarantee you is that Eric Holcomb will have all the resources he needs to become the next governor of Indiana," Lotter added (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "There are a number of avenues and ways we can be supportive." "In Mike Pence's rush to escape Indiana, he failed to take action to comply with FEC rules," said Jared Leopold, Communications Director at the DGA. "Now, most of Pence's $7 million is frozen. Indiana Republicans might want to pick their nominee behind closed doors, but they still need to comply with federal campaign finance law." Pence failed to transfer the funds prior to becoming a federal candidate, a transition that occurred last week when he was officially nominated in Cleveland. Federal candidates cannot transfer non-federal money from their state accounts, according to Federal Elections Commission (FEC) precedent from a 2007 case involving former Illinois Rep. Aaron Schock. The FEC ruled in that case that Schock could not transfer non-federally permissible state funds to other candidates. Jim Bopp, a Republican attorney from Indiana who has litigated campaign finance issues before the U.S. Supreme Court, said he was looking into the issue. "It is a complicated question," he said.

BROOKS, ROKITA NOT INTERESTED IN LG: Neither Brooks or Rokita said they are interested in running on a ticket with Holcomb, with both saying they will seek to return to their nominations in the 5th and 4th CDs that both resigned on July 15. Both said they fully support the Holcomb nomination (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "Let me just reiterate, I am going to support him," Rokita said. Asked about forming a ticket, Holcomb said, "We have much work to do today. I've told the state committee I want to get their advice and counsel and we'll start doing that now." Brooks said, "I want to congratulate Lieutenant Governor Holcomb on his selection by the State Committee to be the Republican nominee for Governor of Indiana and thank the Committee for their time and consideration. He is a strong representative of our party and is committed to continuing the past 12 years of fiscal discipline, low taxes and conservative leadership of our state that has boosted our economy and brought good jobs for Hoosiers. Over the next 105 days, I will work hard to support Lieutenant Governor Holcomb and to ensure that we beat John Gregg in the fall."

POTENTIAL LG CANDIDATES: Who might Eric Holcomb be looking for in a lieutenant governor candidate? With Democrat John Gregg elevating State Rep. Christina Hale to the ticket and Gov. Mike Pence's problems with female voters, names likely to surface include Treasurer Kelly Mitchell, Auditor Suzanne Crouch, State Sen. Erin Houchin, as well as LaPorte Mayor Blair Milo, an early Holcomb backer (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Mitchell and Milo both expand the state geographically to northern Indiana. Curt Smith of the Indiana Family Institute is known to be pushing U.S. Rep. Marlin Stutzman, who finished second to Todd Young in the U.S. Senate race. Former Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard would help the ticket in Indianapolis and the more moderate doughnut counties where the Pence/Holcomb ticket was drawing only 59% of GOP support in an April WTHR/Howey Politics Indiana Poll. Another names is out-going Attorney General Greg Zoeller, who like Houchin lost a 9th CD race. Portage Mayor James Snyder is openly seeking the job, lobbying for it at the RNC in Cleveland.

GREGG COMMITTED TO LGBT RIGHTS; HOLCOMB WANTS 'BALANCE': Democrat John Gregg reiterated his call for LGBT civil rights expansion while campaigning in Greenwood Tuesday *(Howey Politics Indiana).* "We have to give full civil rights protections to members of the LGBT community. We said that from before we announced and when we announced," Gregg said. "And I think it is critical if we are going to grow those high wage, high growth jobs, if we are going to keep and attract new millennials to the state of Indiana, that's absolutely necessary." Republican nominee Eric Holcomb was asked where he stood on LGBT rights and said, "We'll play it as it comes to my desk. We have a balance of protecting

our religious liberties while not discriminating. That's how we'll approach the issue. We'll continue to move this state forward." The issue resurfaced after Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump made a sharp departure for the party on the issue. "As president, I will do everything in my power to protect LGBTQ citizens from the violence and oppression of a hateful foreign ideology," Trump said during his Republican National Convention acceptance speech which was greeted with applause. Then he went off script: "And, I have to say, as a Republican, it is so nice to hear you cheering for what I just said." Asked whether he would seek a "truce on social issues" with the Indiana General Assembly that his boss, former Gov. Mitch Daniels had called for in 2010, Holcomb said, "The General Assembly will focus on what the General Assembly wants to focus on. I'm going to focus on economic development, community development and to make sure the state provides excellent service." Holcomb was asked about the impact on Trump on the Indiana gubernatorial race and he called Trump "a strong asset. I consider a strong Trump/Pence ticket a strong asset."

DEMOCRATS NOMINATE HILLARY CLINTON ON HISTORIC NIGHT: The Democratic Party nominated Hillary Clinton as its candidate for president Tuesday, a historic event that set the stage for a brutal three-month race for the White House against populist billionaire Republican Donald Trump (Bacon & Wolf, *USA Today*). Clinton, when she formally accepts on Thursday, will become the first woman to claim the presidential nomination of a major political party. She did so by surviving a grueling, 15-month struggle against Sen. Bernie Sanders, whose devoted army of followers equaled Clinton backers in their raucous roars Tuesday in the energized Wells Fargo Center. But this night belongs to Clinton, a 68-year-old Chicago native whose resumè includes stints as first lady, U.S. senator and secretary of state. South Dakota's tally in the alphabetical roll call of states pushed her over the top. Clinton won more than 2,800 delegates, well above the 2,383 required to win nomination and making the roll call a formality.

BILL CLINTON INSPIRES DEMOCRATS WITH TALE OF 'REAL' HILLARY: On the night delegates to the Democratic National Convention nominated for the first time ever a woman to be U.S. president, former President Bill Clinton thrilled those crowded into Wells Fargo Center with a colorful tale of what he came to describe as his life with "the real" Hillary Clinton (Mark Curry, *Howey Politics Indiana*). "In the spring of 1971 I met a girl," he began, and delegates and others listened and often broke into cheers as the nation's 42nd president made the case that his wife of four decades should become the 45th president. As one observer noted, if Bill Clinton continues to give speeches like that, the Republicans are going to have to hope another scandal pops up to keep him off the campaign circuit. The speech excited the crowd to the extent that even renowned actress Meryl Streep discovered Bill was a tough act to follow. President Clinton noted many of Hillary's achievements, from her activism in college and law school to her work with children in Arkansas and later as that state's First Lady. "She is the best darn change maker I've ever met in life," he said, bringing the crowd to a roar, adding Hillary "always wants to move the ball forward." He described her work as U.S. senator from New York - noting the seat once belonged to Robert Kennedy - especially in the days following 9-11 and her subsequent work on the Armed Services Committee. He also highlighted Hillary's experience as President Obama's Secretary of State, touching on her work to establish sanctions on Iran and the shuttle diplomacy required to maintain peace in the Middle East. The former president underscored Hillary's support for equal rights among genders with the quote, "women's rights are human rights and human rights are women's rights." Bill noted that approval of the United States abroad was 20 percent higher when she resigned as secretary. "How does this square with the things that you heard at the Republican convention, what's the difference between what I told you and what they said," Bill then asked. "How do you square it? You can't. One is real and the other is made up. You just have to decide which is which my fellow Americans. The real one has done more positive change-making before she was 30 than many public officials do in a lifetime in office." Claiming her opponents have created a two-dimensional "cartoon" of Hillary, Bill urged voters to elect his wife as president come this November. "There are clear achievable, affordable, responses to our

challenges," he said. "But we wont get to them if America makes the wrong choices in this election." "In the greatest country on Earth we have always been about tomorrow," he concluded, telling those in attendance that if the nation elects Hillary, "your children and grandchildren will thank you."

TRUMP LOVES PENCE: Indiana Gov. Mike Pence may have been chosen to be Donald Trump's running mate because he had the fewest skeletons in his closet, the Republican presidential nominee suggested on Monday (*Washington Examiner*). "Did I do a good job with Mike Pence?" Trump asked voters at a town hall with Pence in Roanoke, Va. "Him and his family, what a high quality person. "You know you have to vet people, right? And we vetted Mike and he came back and these are killers ..." Trump explained. "They came back with many pages on certain people ... Many many pages. [But] with Mike, they came back with like nothing. "He's like the most perfect human being, this guy," Trump said, gesturing toward Pence who stood to the side of the stage. "I said, 'Mike, did you ever do anything wrong in your whole life?' He said, 'No, I don't think so.' He's the best guy. Where is he? This is great. I love this guy. I love him," the billionaire added, seemingly fawning over his running mate. Trump also said he'd "like to write a book" about the other men and women he'd considered for the bottom of the Republican presidential ticket and what their vetting paperwork revealed. Before choosing Pence, Trump announced that he had narrowed his short list down to the Indiana governor, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie. Sources close to the campaign had viewed both men as potential liabilities, Christie because of the George Washington Bridge closure scandal and Gingrich because of his rhetorical flair and two divorces.

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: First, congrats to Eric Holcomb for securing the Republican gubernatorial nomination on Tuesday. His story is one of a fascinating rise through an array of unprecedented events. Having said that, he now \ appears to be facing the ultimate curve ball as we learn that he won't have access to most of Gov. Pence's $7.5 million war chest. If this is confirmed, it is a blunder on an epic scale. We'll have much more analysis on Holcomb, the governor's race and the war chest stories in Thursday's weekly edition*. - Brian A. Howey*



Campaigns

BROOKS WILL SEEK RENOMINATION IN 5TH CD: Now that the Republican Party State Central Committee has selected Eric Holcomb to replace Mike Pence as the gubernatorial candidate, Susan Brooks will seek a third term in the U.S. House (de la Bastide, *Anderson Herald-Bulletin*). Brooks

withdrew from the 5th District race on July 16 to seek the party's nomination for governor when Pence was named by presidential candidate Donald Trump to be his running mate. The 22-member Indiana Republican Party State Central Committee selected Holcomb over Brooks, Rep. Todd Rokita and state Sen. Jim Tomes. Brooks will now seek to be reinstated to the party's nomination in the 5th District. Russ Willis, chairman of the Madison County Republican Party, said Tuesday there will be a caucus of the precinct committeemen in the 5th District, which includes all of Madison County, to select a candidate. "I believe she will be the nominee," Willis said. "She has served us well in Congress and has key committee assignments." He said Brooks has a campaign already in place and it makes no sense to appoint a new candidate just three months before the election. Willis said he heard from eight potential candidates to replace Brooks as the 5th District nominee. "Several people said they won't run in the caucus against her and several said they would," he said.

ROKITA FACES COMPETITION FOR 4TH CD GOP NOD: After an unsuccessful attempt at the Indiana governor's race, U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita (R-IN) will return home to seek the GOP nomination for the 4th District (Ervin, *Lafayette Journal & Courier*). Rokita had withdrawn from the congressional race to pursue Gov. Mike Pence's job, for which the Indiana Republican Central Committee on Tuesday nominated Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb. Now, Rokita must re-secure his place on the ballot. The Tippecanoe County Republican Party expects Rokita's potential successors will back off from trying to claim the nomination. Rokita's primary challenger, Kevin Grant, said he has registered with the state of Indiana and the Indiana GOP to compete with Rokita in the district caucus. It will be his third attempt to unseat Rokita, who took 69.3 percent of the vote this year against Grant, an army veteran and financial consultant at Allegiance Wealth Management Group in Lafayette. Grant also ran against Rokita in the 2014 primary. "I am disappointed in the direction that our country is headed. Todd Rokita has lost touch with the common folk in our district," Grant wrote via Facebook. "I am running because I want a better place for my son and his children to live."

KOCH AD MONEY AGAINST BAYH COMING: Freedom Partners Action Fund, a super-PAC that spearheads the conservative donor network helmed by billionaire industrialists Charles and David Koch, will release a $1 million TV and digital ad buy needling the former Democratic senator's vote in 2008 and for taking a job when he left office with a bank that profited from bailout funds (*The Hill*). The ad goes on to tout Bayh's Republican opponent, Rep. Todd Young, arguing that he'll put Indiana "ahead of special interests." It's the first ad buy in the Hoosier State for the super-PAC, which will start running on Wednesday and will last for about two weeks. Bayh's campaign manager, Paul Tencher, pushed back on the ad in a statement. "Congressman Young and the Koch Brothers have called Social Secuity a 'Ponzi scheme' and the 'ultimate pyramid scheme,'" Tencher said. "Their plans would put more than 800,000 Hoosier seniors at risk by ripping away their earned retirement benefits so that Wall Street can make millions. "There is only one candidate in this race that has stood up for seniors and middle class Hoosiers and that is Evan Bayh."

GREGG, INDEMS REACT TO HOLCOMB SELECTION: Democratic nominee John Gregg, reacted, saying, "I want to congratulate Eric Holcomb on this latest political appointment. While there may be a new name on the ballot, the issues remain the same. For too many Hoosier families, wages aren't keeping up and the good paying jobs we are losing aren't being replaced. Eric Holcomb wholeheartedly embraced the failed approach that embarrassed our state, cost us jobs and has left the middle class behind. My economic plan sets our state on a new path forward, one that puts jobs and the middle class first." Indiana Democratic Chairman John Zody said, "Eric Holcomb has sought three different public

office positions in just one year, and each campaign has carried the same out-of-touch, ideological agenda that has set both middle-class Hoosiers and Indiana's economy back. This includes RFRA, one of the most restrictive women's health laws in the nation, and a state economy that has our workers' incomes falling behind the rest of the country. Eric Holcomb is just another out-of-touch ideologue who will hurt the middle class and undermine Hoosier values."

COATS REACTS TO HOLCOMB NOMINATION: "Indiana is blessed to have many outstanding leaders who are willing to answer the call to public service. It is a unique time in our state's history, and I want to thank all four candidates who put their names forward to serve as our next Governor. Each of these leaders is talented, hard-working and committed to improving the lives of all Hoosiers. I congratulate Eric Holcomb on his selection and believe that he is the best person to serve as the 51st Indiana Governor. Eric will use his wealth of experience and deep love of our state to continue the progress Indiana has made over the last decade. I congratulate Eric and Janet on this high honor and look forward to his leadership in years to come." - U.S. Sen. Dan Coats, congratulating his former state director on winning the gubernatorial nomination."

BOSMA REACTS: Speaker of the House Brian Bosma was complimentary to each of the top candidates who ran to succeed Governor Mike Pence. "Congressman Todd Rokita and Congresswoman Susan Brooks are strong and capable leaders who I know will continue to work toward the shared goals of the Republican Party." Bosma added, "I especially want to congratulate my friend Eric Holcomb on his nomination today. Eric is an outstanding candidate for our party and will be an effective leader as our state's next governor. I look forward to working with Eric toward a GOP victory in November. Together, we will be strong advocates for conservative values and work hard to deliver the results Hoosier families and businesses deserve."

LONG REACTS: Indiana Senate President Pro Tem David Long (R-Fort Wayne) made the following statement today regarding Eric Holcomb's selection to be the Republican candidate for governor in the November election: "Congratulations to Eric Holcomb on his selection to be our party's candidate for governor in November. Indiana has made tremendous strides in recent years, and I'm confident Eric is the right person to continue building on our track record of success. He is a talented, experienced and thoughtful leader who truly has a heart to serve his fellow Hoosiers. I look forward to supporting him in his election campaign this fall, and working with him as our next governor."

CARDWELL REACTS: Indiana Republican Chairman Jeff Cardwell made the following statement after the vote: "Today, 22 voting members of our state committee came together and made a historic vote to fill a gubernatorial ballot vacancy, something that has not happened in recent history. This caucus was conducted under the traditional caucus rules of the Indiana Republican Party- all voting members voted by secret ballot, all votes were counted in the presence of watchers. All four candidates were allowed two minutes for an introduction by someone of their choosing, three minutes for a speech and 10 minutes for questions with the Indiana Republican State Committee. We are very proud of Governor Mike Pence, who has been nominated as our party's Vice Presidential nominee. We are blessed to have such a deep bench of talent to pull from, and I want to thank all of our candidates for expressing interest. After the proceedings, I am proud to announce that Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb will be running as the Republican

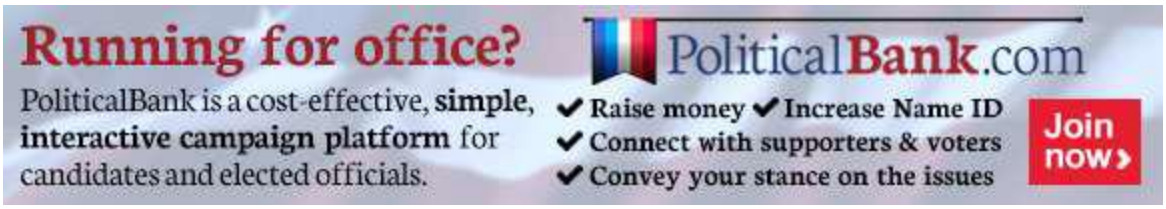
Candidate for Governor of Indiana. Today, we stand united and give our full support to Eric as we race towards victory in November."

RGA REACTS: The Republican Governors Association released the following statement regarding the Indiana Republican Party's selection of Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb as the new Indiana GOP gubernatorial nominee: "As a Navy veteran, lifelong Hoosier and dedicated leader, Eric Holcomb understands what issues are most important to Indiana families and will lead the state forward as governor," said RGA Chair Governor Susana Martinez. "Eric will build upon Governor Mike Pence's successful legacy of sound fiscal management, job creation and economic success, and continue to make Indiana a state that works. The Republican Governors Association is proud to support Eric Holcomb to be the next governor of Indiana."

RLGA REACTS: the Republican Lieutenant Governors Association (RLGA) congratulates Indiana Lieutenant Governor Eric Holcomb on securing the Republican nomination for Indiana governor. Lt. Governor Holcomb entered the race following the announcement that Indiana Governor Mike Pence would be the Republican nominee for vice president. RLGA Chairman and Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch issued the following statement on today's news: "On behalf of the RLGA, a caucus that represents 32 out of 45 lieutenant governors nationwide, I am thrilled to congratulate one of our own, Indiana Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb, on securing the Republican nomination to be the Hoosier State's next governor. His years of service to his nation as a U.S. Navy veteran, to his state as lieutenant governor and former aide to Governor Daniels and Senator Coats and to his party as a former state chair prove he has the experience and dedication needed to keep Indiana moving in the right direction. Indiana's record of economic growth in recent years is a testament to the policies implemented by the state's strong conservative leadership, and we look forward to Lt. Governor Holcomb continuing this trend when he becomes Indiana's next governor."

AFL-CIO REACTS: Brett Voorhies, president of the Indiana AFL-CIO, said that choosing Holcomb to run in the gubernatorial race against democrat John Gregg is like putting a puppet in Pence's place: "Eric Holcomb will ride on the coattails of Mike Pence if he is elected as our next governor. The people of Indiana do not want another four years of a Mike Pence puppet show, tugging on the strings of hardworking Hoosiers. Mike Pence's hand-picked successor Eric Holcomb would continue to support anti-labor policies such as right to work, repeal of Common Construction Wage, and advance Pence's privatization agenda. The people of Indiana deserve more than an ideologue running our state – we need a leader willing to fight for working families."

GREGG TO SPEAK AT AG SUMMIT, MONTGOMERY J-J DINNER: An advisory from the Gregg/Hale for Governor campaign stated Democratic governor candidate John Gregg will speak at the Indiana Ag Policy Summit this morning, while in the evening he will attend the Montgomery County Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner at the Stone Creek Lodge (Howey Politics Indiana).



Democratic National Convention

CLINTON CRACKS THE GLASS CEILING: Democrats on Tuesday made Hillary Clinton the first woman to head a major party ticket -- and during an emotional night, her family and supporters asked voters to give her a second look (*CNN*). At the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, just three miles from Independence Hall where the nation was born, a sense of history is palpable -- as is Clinton's willingness to finally enjoy it. "What an incredible honor that you have given me, and I can't believe we just put the biggest crack in that glass ceiling yet," Clinton said via satellite after a video montage showed the faces of all 44 male presidents before shattering like glass to reveal Clinton waiting to address the convention from New York."This is really your victory. This is really your night," Clinton told the cheering crowd. "And if there are any little girls out there who stayed up late to watch, let me just say I may become the first woman President. But one of you is next."

PRYOR REACTS TO CLINTON SPEECH: Indiana State Rep. Cherrish Pryor (D-Indianapolis), attending as a delegate for Hillary Clinton, summed up the mood for many Democrats (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "I think we had a great night. People shared their personal stories of Hillary and her compassion for people," she told HPI. "Bill laid out a great roadmap for the determination she will give to being President based on her past work ethics. It is so clear that this country and the world will be better under her leadership... hands down."

MAYOR HENRY SURE SANDERS FOLLOWERS WILL COME AROUND: Fort Wayne Mayor Thomas Henry told *Howey Politics Indiana* yesterday that he believes Sen. Bernie Sanders "was doing all he could to circle his wagons around Hillary. Truthfully, I can't remember a more powerful set of words presented by a non-nominee. Emotions were high, tears were present by many, but I believe his words will eventually take hold. His followers will come around. I'm sure of it!"

OBAMA, BIDEN, KAINE TO SPEAK TONIGHT: Tonight, look for the return of the most powerful Democrats in the party, including President Obama, Vice President Biden, and her own vice presidential pick, Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine. Also the former New York mayor, billionaire Michael Bloomberg, who is expected to officially endorse Hillary Clinton tonight.



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PENCE HELPS TRUMP WITH CAPITOL HILL GOP: When Rep. Jeb Hensarling endorsed fellow Texan Ted Cruz for president this spring, he took a shot for good measure at Cruz's main rival: "Based on Donald Trump's track record, I have serious questions about his commitment to the conservative cause" (*Washington Post*). But when Cruz delivered his prime-time snub of Trump at the Republican National Convention last week, Hensarling was not rooting him on. He was watching the scene unfold in horror — from the comforts of Trump's swank VIP box in Quicken Loans Arena. The conversion was not isolated, and it did not occur in a vacuum. Spurred by VP pick Mike Pence, a former congressman with close ties to many lawmakers, the Trump campaign in recent weeks has stepped up its courtship of wary Capitol Hill Republicans. And the efforts appear to be bearing fruit. The charm offensive comes after months in which Trump has repeatedly antogonized elected Republicans in Washington, and is aimed at rewarding surrogates who made the case for him on Capitol Hill while extending an olive branch to those once against him. The campaign is also working to enlist Republicans who've kept an arm's length from the former reality TV star, but are inclined to join the fold.

TRUMP, PENCE CONFLICT ON ECONOMY: Donald Trump looks at the economy and sees a "crippled" America, a nation ravaged by incompetent leaders who've betrayed the working class — specially in the rust belt, ground zero for the loss of manufacturing jobs (*Washington Post*). But one of those rust belt governors, Indiana's Mike Pence, has spent years touting his state's economy, noting a drop in unemployment, an increase in factory jobs and a growing workforce. They can't both be right, and now that they're sharing a presidential ticket and looking to communicate a coherent economic message, Trump and Pence are going to have to reconcile the contradiction. It's a difficult needle to thread, because if Trump wants to claim that Indiana is a Pence-inspired bright spot in an Obama-blighted nation, he'll have to explain Indiana's economic climate is strikingly similar to the rest of the U.S. Indeed, much of what Pence — and more recently Trump — tout about Indiana's economic strength is supported by economic data, but those same sources point to similar positive trends nationwide. And Trump was not always so high on the Hoosier State's prospects, particularly when he was campaigning there during the GOP primary. "Few states in America have seen income declines more than Indiana. Now, one of the reasons, is because our jobs are being gone. Indiana has lost one in five manufacturing jobs since China joined the World Trade Organization," Trump said during an April 20 rally in Indianapolis ahead of the state's nominating contest in early may.

TRUMP AND THE INDIANA STORY: Through May 2016, Indiana had enjoyed a 9.1 percent increase in private sector jobs since January, 2009 – a solid gain, but less than the 9.3 percent gained nationally, according to data from the Congressional Joint Economic Committee (Politico). On that front, Indiana did outperform most of its Rust Belt neighbors, with the exception of Michigan, which has seen a 12.7

percent increase in private sector jobs. But lengthening the timeline to December 2007, before the Great Recession, tells a slightly different story. Over that period Indiana has seen just a 3.2 percent increase in private sector employment – well below the 5 percent increase nationally. The Trump-Pence ticket message reconciliation depends primarily on a point of near universal agreement among Republicans: the bulk of the blame rests with President Barack Obama. Trump and Pence argue that Indiana's strides have been made despite the Obama administration's policies, and it is an argument Indiana Republicans are quick to echo. "I think we're doing very, very well in Indiana. I think we're a model for states across the country," Patricia Miller, a long-time state senator, said from the convention floor in Cleveland. But, she added, "it would be doing much, much better" if not for Obama's policies. "What we've accomplished was done in spite of the policies of the last 8 years. Just think what we can do when state and federal policies are aligned," said Eric Koch, a state representative from south central Indiana. He called the state's economy "the envy of the nation." For Trump and Pence, the potential economic messaging woes don't end there. A signature issue for Trump is trade, and he has railed against the North American Free Trade Agreement with vigor, blasting those behind it as incompetent. Opposition to the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership is, along with the border wall, among his most specific policy proposals. Pence expressed support for TPP has recently as 2014, and was a vocal cheerleader for NAFTA's success.

STEIN SEEKS BERNIE VOTERS: Over profanities about the Democratic Party on Tuesday, a chant rang out across a downtown plaza: "Jill, not Hill!" And then, from behind a 30-foot bronze sculpture that goes by the title "Government of the People," the woman herself emerged: Jill Stein, the presumptive presidential nominee of the Green Party and the final frontier for loyalists of Bernie Sanders who refuse to vote for Hillary Clinton (*Washington Post*). Her index finger pressed to her thumb, Stein prosecuted the case against both major political parties, saying it was impossible to have a revolutionary movement within a "counterrevolutionary party." She accused Clinton, who later in the day became the Democratic presidential nominee, of "backstabbing" Sanders — and she beckoned to his angry supporters with a promise of salvation: "My campaign is here." Stein, 66, a physician-turned-political activist, is trying to seize on Democratic divisions that flared as the convention began, to lure liberals who feel abandoned now that Sanders has officially lost, leaving them without a preferred candidate. On the streets of Philadelphia this week, Stein has been, in effect, shadowing the Sanders backers, creating a buzz among some here that she offers a credible alternative for those who want to vote but can't stand the thought of siding with Clinton or Republican Donald Trump.

ASSANGE SAYS MORE WIKILEAKS MATERIAL COMING: Wikileaks founder Julian Assange said Tuesday his whistleblowing website might release "a lot more material" relevant to the US electoral campaign. Assange was speaking in a *CNN* interview following the release of nearly 20,000 emails stolen from the Democratic National Committee by suspected Russian hackers. However, Assange refused to confirm or deny a Russian origin for the mass email leak, saying Wikileaks tries to create ambiguity to protect all its sources. "Perhaps one day the source or sources will step forward and that might be an interesting moment some people may have egg on their faces. But to exclude certain actors is to make it easier to find out who our sources are," Assange told CNN.

TRUMP HIRES COO: The Trump campaign announced that it is continuing to expand its team and has brought on Jeff DeWit as the Chief Operating Officer (*Howey Politics Indiana*). In this role, Jeff will focus on the operational aspects of the campaign including budgetary and logistical matters. He will create operational efficiencies as the campaign moves into the general election phase. Mr. DeWit has served in several political capacities in the state of Arizona, most recently serving as the State treasurer. Previously,

he served as both a precinct and state committeeman, and was also selected to serve on the Arizona GOP redistricting committee. In 2015, Mr. DeWit was announced as the Arizona state chairman for Mr. Trump's presidential campaign.

Congress

BUCSHON LAUDS MENTAL HEALTH LAW: Honored by Hamilton Center Inc. on Tuesday for his co-sponsorship of the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act, U.S. Rep. Larry Bucshon told a story about how mental health affected someone he knew years ago, even before he became a heart surgeon and a congressman. "She was a friend," he told a room full of Hamilton Center employees and guests. "Her mother had a history of schizophrenia (Hughes, *Terre Haute Tribune-Star*). She subsequently got married and had a couple children. Then in her mid to late 20s, she ended up on the street with schizophrenia herself. Her husband divorced her ... and a lot of us tried to do some things to help her." Bucshon, who grew up in Kincaid, Ill., thought her mother's condition could have been recognized sooner and used to predict his friend's schizophrenia before it developed. "That's a barrier to [mental health] care, a lack of understanding," he pointed out. The Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act, described by Hamilton Center as "a comprehensive overhaul of the nation's mental health treatment system," passed the U.S. House of Representatives by a 422-2 vote July 6. Bucshon, R-Newburgh, hopes the act (labeled H.R. 2646) will get through the Senate in the next few months so it can be signed by President Obama before the end of 2016. "I'm really excited about that," Bucshon told a room full of Hamilton Center employees and guests. "That is going to happen."

DONNELLY ANNOUNCES GRANT TO REPLACE BRIDGE IN ANDERSON: U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly announced Madison County and the City of Anderson have been awarded a $13.5 million federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Grant (TIGER) from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) (*Howey Politics Indiana*). A news release noted Donnelly sent a letter to U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx in April in support of the grant application, and he also called Secretary Foxx in May to discuss the critical impact of this project on the area. This highly competitive award will help fund the replacement of the Eisenhower Bridge. The bridge serves as the eastern gateway to downtown Anderson and is a critical component of the economic infrastructure of Madison County. In addition to Donnelly's letter of support and call to Secretary Foxx, Donnelly met with Mayor Tom Broderick and other leaders from the City of Anderson to discuss the bridge replacement project.

BROOKS STATEMENT ON 8TH STREET BRIDGE TIGER GRANT: Madison Country received a grant to rebuild the 8th Street Bridge in Anderson, and Rep. Susan Brooks (R-IN) released the following statement (*Howey Politics Indiana*): "The 8th Street Bridge in Anderson is the most heavily travelled bridge in Madison County, and is in desperate need of repairs. Having heard about the project's importance to the community and having seen the need for immediate repairs, I was proud to advocate for the advancement of this project to the Secretary of Transportation. I'm very pleased that they have finally received the necessary and full funding to make these long-needed repairs and restore this key business and transportation link to full service. The community and leadership of Anderson have been tireless advocates for this project, and today, their hard work is being rewarded."



State

ABORTION: NUMBERS DROP FOR SIXTH STRAIGHT YEAR - The number of abortions in Indiana decreased in 2015, the latest data point in a six-year decline (Fentem, *Indiana Public Media*). Last year, nearly 8,000 abortions were performed in Indiana, a 2 percent drop from the year before, according to annual data from the Indiana State Department of Health. Abortion rates have declined in the state since 2009. That roughly lines up with national data showing fewer people undergoing the procedure since 2010. But Indiana Right to Life President Mike Fichter said, in Indiana, the state's political climate has a lot to do with the trend. "Abortion, frankly, is increasingly falling out of favor as an answer to unplanned pregnancy," he said. "And I think that has a lot to do with our better understanding of the humanity of the unborn child and also much better access to positive alternatives to abortion." Elizabeth Nash studies the issue for the Guttmacher Institute, which is dedicated to advancing reproductive rights for women. As with Fichter, she said Indiana's political climate is partially to blame for the decrease in abortions, pointing out in the past six years, the General Assembly has enacted 29 new abortion amendments to pre-existing legislation. Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky officials said increased use of long-term contraceptives (such as IUDs) among younger people could be to thank, but add without data on the state's number of pregnancies, any conclusions would be premature.

REGIONAL CITIES: NORTH CENTRAL VOTES ON PROJECTS - The regional development authority administering the $42 million grant that north-central Indiana received through the state's Regional Cities Initiative is close to naming the first set of projects that will receive a portion of that money (*South Bend Tribune*). Regional Cities of Northern Indiana's five-person board met for five hours on Monday afternoon at INOVA Federal Credit Union's headquarters in Elkhart. The board gave each project still under consideration an A, B or C grade and will meet again Aug. 2 to decide which ones get sent on the Indiana Economic Development Corp. for final funding approval. The original application for the region of St. Joseph, Elkhart and Marshall counties consisted of 39 projects, and 24 of those are still under consideration. Some of the original projects were eliminated from the list because they don't meet the IEDC's criteria, while other projects have proceeded without the Regional Cities funding or been combined with other projects on the list. On Monday, the board gave 15 of the projects an A grade. Those A-rated projects are collectively asking for almost $50 million in Regional Cities money, so the board won't be able to finance every one of them. Among the top projects is a 160,000-square-foot aquatic center designed to attract large swimming events to downtown Elkhart. That project's backers are asking for $11 million in Regional Cities money. Other projects at the top of the list include the renovation of former Studebaker buildings at the south end of downtown South Bend, construction an apartment-and-retail development in downtown Mishawaka called the Mill at Ironworks Plaza and the "South Bend Blue Ways" that would involve upgrading public spaces and recreational paths along the St. Joseph River.

AGRICULTURE: MAJOR FARM CROPS LOOK GOOD DESPITE RAIN - Though heavy rains delayed planting until the eleventh hour this year, Indiana corn and soybean crops are doing well (*Shelbyville News).* A newly-released report from the United States Department of Agriculture says 75 percent of Indiana's corn crop and 74 percent of the state's soybean crop are in good to excellent condition statewide. Of the three regions in the state - north, central and south - the central region, which includes Shelby County, had the highest percentages of top-rated corn and soybean crops. The report states that 81 percent of the corn and 79 percent of the soybeans in the central region are in good to excellent shape.

MEDIA: FOX28 MOVES TO WSBT - There's a change coming to the local television lineup (Hernandez,*Elkhart Truth*). Beginning Monday, WSJV-TV Fox 28 will operate from under the same roof as WSBT-TV Channel 22. But don't worry, NFL fans. You can still see your Bears games on Fox and your Colts games on CBS. Sinclair Broadcast Group, the parent company of WSBT, is taking over the Fox network affiliation from parent company, Quincy Media, following an agreement between the two companies. Quincy Media, a family-owned media company based in Quincy, Ill., has operated Fox 28 on C.R. 7 in Elkhart for more than 40 years. Ralph Oakley, president and chief executive officer of Quincy Media, said the agreement between the two organizations is just a business decision, though he wouldn't elaborate on why the decision was made. "We've served the Michiana region for 40 years and are very proud of our service to the community," he said.

Nation

WHITE HOUSE: OBAMA SUGGESTS RUSSIANS IN DNC HACK - President Obama on Tuesday waded into the controversy over the leak of Democratic National Committee emails, saying the hack of party records was characteristic of Russian government behavior and suggesting a potential motive for that country to meddle in the U.S. presidential election (*Washington Post*). "What we do know is that the Russians hack our systems, not just government systems but private systems," Obama told NBC. "What the motives were in terms of the leaks, all that — I can't say directly. What I do know is that Donald Trump has repeatedly expressed admiration for Vladimir Putin." Obama's comments align with those made Sunday by Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton's campaign manager, Robby Mook, who said the Russian government was behind last week's release of DNC documents on the website WikiLeaks as a way to help Trump. Trump campaign officials have called the allegations "absurd" and a distraction from the embarrassing content of the emails, which showed top DNC officials supporting Clinton despite public pronouncements of neutrality in Clinton's primary battle against Sen. Bernie Sanders (Vt.). Trump has praised Putin in the past as a "strong leader." He told the New York Times last week that he would not necessarily defend certain NATO allies from potential Russian aggression.

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Local

CITIES: PASTOR MICHAEL JONES DIES - Pastor Michael Jones of Progressive Baptist Church passed away Tuesday morning (*WISH-TV*). 1310 AM The Light confirmed Jones passing in a Facebook post this afternoon. In March, Jones filled the former time slot of of the late Amos Brown III, from 1-3 p.m., during the week. Jones hosted the show called Community Connection. In addition to anchoring the show, Jones was the pastor of Progressive Baptist Church. The Harvard University graduate received his degree economics in 1986, and he would go on to receive his Masters of Divinity from the Christian Theological Seminary. Jones is the son of the late Sam Jones, a civil rights leader, who was the former President of the Indianapolis Urban League.

CITIES: EVANSVILLE COUNCIL OKs LAND BANK - Evansville's land bank to battle blight is moving forward after the City Council approved its creation Monday (Evans, *Evansville Courier & Press*). The Evansville Land Bank Corp. will take over blighted, vacant properties and lots that weren't sold at Vanderburgh County's annual tax sale and "bank" them. Most of the properties will be demolished. The idea is to find a development partner to take over the land to build new housing and get the properties back on the tax rolls. The program could lead to hundreds of demolitions of vacant and blighted structures every year for the next four years. The City Council passed the ordinance unanimously.

CITIES: FORT WAYNE CONSIDERS RIVER FRONT TIF DISTRICT - Fort Wayne City Council will consider removing three of the city's Tax Increment Financing districts and creating another at the emerging downtown riverfront (*WANE-TV).* The Fort Wayne Redevelopment Commission said Tuesday it will ask City Council to rescind three of the city's Economic Development Areas, and create one that would support infrastructure development near the riverfront and The Landing projects. The three areas to be rescinded include the Washington Center Coldwater Road district, the Moeller Meyer Road district and the Baker Street district. The proposals will be introduced to City Council Tuesday. "Tax Increment Financing is an important tool needed for infrastructure projects that support redevelopment and help increase assessed value throughout our city," said Nancy Townsend, executive director of the Fort Wayne Redevelopment Commission. "The Redevelopment Commission is demonstrating responsible management of TIF districts by regularly evaluating them and recommending rescission when appropriate."

CITIES: ELKHART WANTS TENT CITY CLEARED - Some homeless people could have just two weeks to move off Elkhart city property (Powell, *WSBT-TV).* City hall says they're ready to develop an area known right now as "tent city." Dozens of residents who live there say, the land is their last option. "This

is where I live at, this is my home," 61-year-old Lucas says. He's been here for 90 days. "I had a downfall in life.I lost my job and this is where I landed." A tree for a closet, a tent for shelter and decorations in the dust make up his home. The city wants him and dozens of other neighbors in Elkhart's tent city move off city property in the coming weeks. City officials say they want to clear the 16 acres near the old railroad roundhouse in the next two weeks. "I am trying to find jobs for the people to let them then perhaps have some paychecks so then they can perhaps put a down payment on a house or an apartment," Elkhart mayor Tim Neese (R) says. The mayor says the city has hired at least four residents. He's also worried about safety and crime in the heavily-wooded camp hidden from public streets. Mayor Neese says he's visited the campground five times, and is planning another trip this week. "I want their input," he says "It's not a neighborhood as we know it, but it is their area where they reside."

CITIES: EDIT FUNDS FOR KOKOMO TRAIN DEPOT REMODEL - The Kokomo Common Council approved a resolution Monday to utilize the city's economic development income tax for continued remodeling at the train depot (Myers, *Kokomo Tribune)*. The city will spend no more than $99,900 in EDIT fund revenues to facilitate the arrival of Tin Man Brewing Company and the construction of a pocket park near the intersection of North Buckeye Street and West Jefferson Street. "This is a nice fit for that neighborhood and to do that we want to finish up the train depot, and this money will come and actually help fund finishing part of that," said council member Tom Miklik, who sponsored the resolution. The city's Economic Development Commission will now process the expenditure to the Community Development Corporation, which, as the official owner of the depot, will spend the money on final renovation pieces, according to Deputy Mayor David Tharp. Such renovations will include placing windows in the structure's sliding doors, a communal lobby area meant to create a barrier to the depot's upstairs community room and more, noted Tharp.

CITIES: LATIN KINGS ROUNDED UP AND ARRESTED IN REGION - They operate with the efficiency and structure of a large corporation, with orders flowing down from the top, an employee handbook of rules to follow and a disciplinary system for those who violate the organization's standards *(Chicago Tribune*). But the real business of the Almighty Latin Kings is violence, federal authorities say. In announcing sweeping federal indictments against some of the street gang's top regional leaders Tuesday, prosecutors alleged the gang employs brutal means to protect its turf, including beatings, murder, arson and even the attempted murder of a suburban cop who was suspected of working for the FBI. The charges, which name more than four dozen alleged gang members in Indiana and the Chicago area, also detail how the Latin Kings organization enforces discipline within its own ranks and retaliates against rivals and former members to prevent cooperation with law enforcement. "Gang violence, gun violence, senseless violence, the type of violence that plagues our communities, our neighborhoods, in Chicago and beyond," U.S. Attorney Zachary Fardon told reporters at a news conference at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse. "The scope is breathtaking."

CITIES: 400 GEESE ROUNDED UP AND KILLED IN MISHAWAKA PARK - Canada geese and their poop have caused such a headache in the city's parks that staff have chased them with bottle rockets and golf carts (Dits, South Bend Tribune). Staff even moved a fake coyote around Eberhart-Petro Golf Course, but the geese would get used to it after a couple of days. "Nothing seemed to have the desired effect," Mayor Dave Wood said, noting that geese rank as the most common complaint he gets from residents.m So, in the past month, the city took a lethal step. It hired a contractor to remove and kill geese from the golf course and from Beutter, Merrifield and Crawford parks. More than 400 Canada geese were rounded up and exterminated according to state and federal guidelines, then buried, said

Dawn Wiggins, office manager and partial owner of Critter Control of Northcentral Indiana. Mishawaka will end up paying at least $10,000, given Critter Control's charge of $25 per bird, Wiggins said. Wood said residents have complained about geese attacking them and their kids in the parks and about geese causing traffic hazards by crossing the road. But perhaps the greatest concern is about the health risk from the copious amounts of goose poop that litter paved walkways and grassy areas where kids play, including, Wood pointed out, in areas near the large new splash fountain at Central Park.

COUNTIES: HOWARD NIXES WORK RELEASE PROPOSAL - In a contentious meeting that pitted two of Howard County's top elected officials against each other, the Howard County Council voted down a measure Tuesday that would have funded a $1 million renovation of the old jail on Berkley Road and kickstarted a work release program toward a Jan. 1 start date (Myers, *Kokomo Tribune*). Instead, the council voted to put into action the planning of a new work release facility, a proposal that doesn't have the backing of the Howard County commissioners and can't be completed unilaterally by the council. With the council's vote to deny the commissioners, who were represented by Paul Wyman, their plan to renovate the old jail, Howard County appears to have halted for the foreseeable future any possibility of a work release program. And with Wyman's promise that the commissioners will not back the construction of a new facility, Sheriff Steve Rogers, who has promoted the idea of a work release program, and jail personnel are stuck finding a new solution to a jail population that has climbed above 400 inmates.

COUNTIES: PORTER QUESTIONS ROLE IN AMBULANCE BUSINESS - The question of whether county government should seek an ambulance provider other than Porter Regional Hospital was broadened Tuesday night to whether county government should stay in the ambulance business at all (Luke, *NWI Times*). The Porter County Council agreed to turn to the Porter County Board of Commissioners for the answer to that question in time to come up with a financial plan during the upcoming budget planning sessions for 2017. Porter County Auditor Vicki Urbanik has said the contract renewal with Porter Regional Hospital is for four years beginning Jan. 1, at a price of $750,000 for each of the years at a total cost of $3 million. The current five-year contract had a price of $650,000 for years 2012 and 2013 and $750,000 for years 2014, 2015 and 2016 for a total cost of $3.55 million, she said.

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AN EPIC, UNPRECEDENTED GUBERNATORIAL CAUCUS TODAY: Sometime mid-day Tuesday, a new reality will take shape for Indiana Republicans in their quest to control the governor's office for 16 consecutive years. Either Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb, U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks and U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita will emerge with a gubernatorial nomination won after a rapid 12-day campaign that played out in Cleveland before shifting back home late last week (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The 22 member Indiana Republican Central Committee will convene at 10 a.m. to, for the first time in the state's 200-year history, select its gubernatorial nominee after Gov. Mike Pence resigned his nomination on July 15 so he could run for vice president. Most caucuses to fill ballot nominations for positions ranging from General Assembly and congressional vacancies have been open to the public and press, but it is unclear whether that will be the case on Tuesday. Four candidates, including State Sen. Jim Tomes, will have two-minute introductions by an advocate before the committee. Each of the four candidates will make a three-minute presentations, followed by 10 minutes of question and answer from the committee members. The committee will then conduct a secret ballot. If none of the candidates have the majority 12 votes, the last place finisher will drop off prior to a second ballot. A nominee will emerge no later than a third ballot. "This will be the most important, consequential non-electoral vote in state history," said 4th CD and Howard County Chairman Craig Dunn. The winner will face Democrat John Gregg. It will be the first time in the 160 years that the Indiana Republican Party has been nominating gubernatorial candidates that it will go through this caucus process. In the GOP's second election in 1860, the party nominated Henry Lane as governor and Oliver P. Morton as lieutenant governor, but Lane immediately resigned after taking office, Morton was elevated to governor, and he subsequently nominated Lane to a U.S. Senate seat. In this case, Pence and Holcomb were nominated on May 3, less than three months after Pence selected Holcomb to replace Lt. Gov. Sue Ellspermann, who later was named president of Ivy Tech. "We are confident we have the votes to win tomorrow," said Pete Seat of the Holcomb campaign. **HPI Horse Race:** Tossup.

HOW THE GOP CENTRAL COMMITTEE MIGHT VOTE: But a number of other GOP sources *HPI* has talked with on Monday believe the caucus remains fluid and subject to change. Multiple observers have been speculating on how the 22 person committee might vote, with sources telling *HPI* that Holcomb stands to win anywhere from 15 to eight votes on the first ballot. Two credible sources speaking on background gamed out a first ballot tally at nine for Brooks, eight for Holcomb, two for Rokita and two undecideds. But Seat cautioned, "I would add that there are some members of the committee, as I'm sure you know, who just aren't comfortable talking out loud about who they are supporting." There has been speculation that Sen. Tomes declared his far-fetched candidacy to allow one of the candidates - perhaps Holcomb - to get a head count if he hasn't secured enough votes on a first ballot. Another credible source told HPI that if the balloting wasn't secret, Holcomb would easily prevail. "Who wants to piss off the next governor for the next four years?" the source said. Multiple sources speaking on background say many committee members have gone beyond friendships and concentrated on electability.

PENCE'S SOCIAL ISSUES LOOM OVER CAUCUS: The choice of a new Republican candidate for governor could come down to a decision between a candidate who religious conservatives hope will carry on Gov. Mike Pence's legacy on social issues and an opportunity to put a Republican woman at the top of the ticket for the first time in state history (Cook, *IndyStar)*. Neither Holcomb nor Brooks is talking much

about social issues or gender in public. And most central committee members agree that both candidates would do a good job building on the fiscal and economic policies of the state's two previous GOP governors. But when it comes to social issues, distinctions are beginning to emerge. Religious conservatives view Holcomb as more likely than his closest rival to approve additional abortion restrictions and to support religious objections to civil rights protections for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. Pence took a strong stand on those issues, even in the face of fierce criticism. For some, Pence's endorsement of Holcomb on Friday was an effort to tip the scales of the race in favor of a man who would ensure those hard-fought victories won't be eroded. "He's untested, but he's said to me he supports the governor's position and doesn't want to see religious freedom eroded," said Micah Clark of the American Family Association of Indiana. "I wouldn't be surprised if he was just as conservative as Mike Pence on a lot of these issues — he's certainly said that's the case." Brooks, on the other hand, is viewed as more moderate on social issues and would be the first woman to become governor in Indiana if she gets the party's nod and beats Democrat John Gregg in November. In public, Holcomb has stopped short of staking out clear positions on social issues. Earlier this year, when Pence said he would put a premium on religious freedom over an effort to enact a statewide ban on discrimination against gay Hoosiers, Holcomb said he agreed with the governor's position. More recently, he has largely avoided specifics. Brooks, on the other hand, said she believes in the importance of religious freedom but also wants to address concerns about discrimination. "I do believe in religious freedom. That's what our country is founded on. It's a constitutional right. I also believe we should not discriminate against any individual in our country, but most importantly in the Hoosier state," she said. "I actually believe I could be a very strong voice to ensure that the LGBT community enjoys the same protections that all people of our state enjoy. I would certainly want to commit to sitting down with our legislators and trying to make sure our laws do not discriminate."

PENCE REMAINS ENGAGED WITH STATE, MEETS WITH STAFF: Despite his Republican vice presidential nomination, Gov. Mike Pence remains engaged with his staff and the affairs of Indiana his staff tells *Howey Politics Indiana*. Deputy chief of staff Matt Lloyd said on Monday, "Before the Governor left for the Republican National Convention, he made it very clear to his senior team that serving the people of Indiana is priority number one. As is the case wherever and whenever he travels, whether it be for official business or the campaign, the governor is still the governor." Lloyd emphasized that modern communication modes allow the governor to keep abreast with the state. "With today's technology, Gov. Pence can be in touch at a moment's notice anywhere in the state, country or world. Gov. Pence receives regular briefings from his senior staff and since he accepted Mr. Trump's invitation to join the ticket a little more than a week ago, he has already met with senior staff twice as well as his cabinet. Throughout his first term, Gov. Pence put a high priority on emergencies and that hasn't changed--the staff is fully equipped to handle such situations and the Governor directed his staff to clear his campaign schedule in the event such an emergency occurs."

GREGG 'USED TO CLEANING UP MESSES': As Indiana Republicans prepared to name a new candidate for governor, Democrat John Gregg visited Terre Haute Monday evening for a fundraiser and took time to talk about the issues, the campaign without Mike Pence and the possible impact of Evan Bayh's run for U.S. Senate (Loughlin, *Terre Haute Tribune-Star*). Gregg says his goal in running for governor is to serve Hoosiers, unite people and chart a vision for Indiana. Asked what it means for his campaign, now that Pence is out and a new Republican candidate about to be named, Gregg responded, "I live on the farm; I'm used to cleaning up messes. I don't know who I'm going to run against, but there are two things that haven't changed — I'm still John Gregg, and I'm still interested in serving as governor of the state of Indiana." He described Republicans now seeking the gubernatorial nomination as "opportunists — the seat's open and they just want to jump in. I have a lot of passion to serve the citizens of Indiana as governor. I don't view that office as a stepping stone," he said while standing in

front of a southern Vigo County residence just prior to a private fundraiser. Even with a new Republican candidate in the race, the issues remain the same, Gregg said. ”We still have a mess to clean up from Gov. Pence’s focus on what he did with the LGBT community and RFRA,” he said. “I think if we’re going to attract and keep millennials here” and grow the economy, “we’ve got to be a very open and welcoming state.” Commenting on whether he believes Evan Bayh’s run for U.S. Senate could boost his campaign, the Sandborn resident said, “That’s a huge help —another favorite son of the Wabash Valley. I’m honored to be on the ticket with Evan Bayh. I think Evan being on the ticket helps us immensely. I’m ecstatic about it.”

INDIANA ENDS YEAR WITH $50M SURPLUS: Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb joined State Auditor Suzanne Crouch today to discuss the state’s fiscal condition following the close of Fiscal Year 2016 (*Howey Politics Indiana*). They released the state’s 2016 Closeout Report, which highlights Indiana’s accomplishments in the last year and demonstrates Indiana’s sound fiscal health (Howey Politics Indiana). The report shows that the state ended FY 2016 with a structural surplus of $50.6 million, despite revenues that were below forecast, primarily because of low gas prices. Reserves are at the highest amount ever in Indiana, at more than $2.24 billion. This was achieved in spite of the fact that Indiana’s total revenue growth in FY 2016 is $111.3 million below the most recent, downward revised forecast and $78.5 million below actual revenue collected in FY 2015. “Hoosiers should be encouraged that Indiana’s financial record remains strong and their tax dollars are being used wisely,” said Gov. Mike Pence. “Hoosiers deserve to know their hard-earned dollars are being spent in a responsible manner,” said Holcomb. “In Indiana, every tax dollar is spent with serious consideration and respect for the individuals who earned those dollars. By keeping prudent reserves and identifying areas of potential growth, we can continue to make Indiana a fiscal leader.”

SANDERS UNITES BEHIND CLINTON: With Democrats behind in the national polls for the first time, with another email scandal looming and with protesters dominating the headlines, the world's eyes were on Sen. Bernie Sanders Monday night as he attempted to unify the now divided party behind nominee Hillary Clinton (Thomas Curry, *Howey Politics Indiana*). Sanders held true due to his message in the keynote address, with his signature citation of his individual donation numbers as well as warning about the increasing income inequality gap. “This election is about ending the grotesque level of income and wealth inequality that we currently experience, the worst it has been since 1928. It is not moral, not acceptable and not sustainable that the top one-tenth of one percent now own almost as much wealth as the bottom 90 percent, or that the top 1 percent in recent years has earned 85 percent of all new income. That is unacceptable. That must change.” said Sanders. "Any objective observer will conclude that, based on her ideas and her leadership, Hillary Clinton must become the next president of the United States. If you don't believe this election is important, if you think you can sit it out, take a moment to think about the Supreme Court justices that Donald Trump would nominate and what that would mean to civil liberties, equal rights and the future of our country.“ There was also plenty of Trump bashing, with Sander's calling him “dangerous” and someone that must “never be elected.” Taking shots at Trump, Sanders said that “We need leadership which brings our people together and makes us stronger – not leadership which insults Latinos, Muslims, women, African-Americans and veterans – and divides us up.” Indiana House Minority Leader Scott Pelath told HPI afterward that “Sanders has always been about his message and his supporters love it. The speech really did a good job of trying to bring us together, of course that will take time.” Many in the Indiana Delegation were satisfied with the speech and seemed upbeat about where the party is heading. Peter Hanscom, a pledged at large delegate for Clinton from Indianapolis said that the speech “showed the difference between these two candidates was not large. It was important to let Senator Sanders speak tonight.” On whether or not he thought the speech did enough to unify the party Hanscom said that “Senator Sanders, President Obama and the rest of the speakers here this week will go a long way to do that.”

MICHELLE OBAMA ELECTRIFIES DNC: First lady Michelle Obama stepped into the presidential election Monday with a forceful, impassioned defense of Hillary Clinton, casting her as the only candidate who can be trusted as a role model for the nation's children. She took numerous swipes at Republican Donald Trump, all without mentioning his name (*Associated Press*). "This election and every election is about who will have the power to shape our children for the next four or eight years of their lives," Mrs. Obama said on the opening night of the Democratic convention. "There is only one person I trust with that responsibility, only one person I believe is truly qualified to be president of the United States, and that is Hillary Clinton." The first lady was among a high-wattage lineup of speakers taking the stage, all but wiping away earlier tumult that had exposed deep tensions between Clinton supporters and those loyal to her primary opponent Bernie Sanders. While Mrs. Obama has often avoided overt politics during her nearly eight years in the White House, her frustration with Trump's rise was evident. She warned that the White House couldn't be in the hands of someone with "a thin skin or a tendency to lash out" or someone who tells voters the country can be great again. "This right now, is the greatest country on earth," she said.

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: The notion that the Russians and President Putin are behind the DNC email hack is troubling and unacceptable. The notion that any foreign government would make such an overt attempt to influence an American presidential election is vulgar. Putin is no benign actor. He murders journalists, seeds civil war in Ukraine, has annexed Crimea, and seeks to destabilize NATO. - *Brian A. Howey*



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CONTENDERS MAKE FINAL PITCH TO COMMITTEE: The three main candidates have sought to influence the committee members in a variety of ways (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Both Rokita and Brooks released polls by Public Opinion Strategies and Tarrance Group showing them within the margin of error in a race against Gregg. But multiple sources believe the two polls are more a function of name ID than a realistic head-to-heads against Gregg. None of the candidates have statewide name ID above the 30 percentile. Sources say Rokita has spent $60,000 to line up a gubernatorial campaign, he slipped slick fliers under the doors of committee members and RNC delegates while in Cleveland, and sent another by overnight delivery this morning. Holcomb has the endorsements of Gov. Pence, U.S. Sen. Dan Coats, National Committeewoman Marsha Coats, Senate President David Long, National Committeeman John Hammond III and former GOP chairs Jim Kittle and Gordon Durnil, along with a number of mayors,

county party chairs and legislators. Brooks was endorsed by New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, who vowed the Republican Governors Association funding would support the eventual nominee.

HOLCOMB CLARIFIES REMARK: The Indiana Republican Central Committee will decide Tuesday who will replace Gov. Mike Pence on the ballot in November (Heinz, WRTV). Four Republicans are vying for the spot: Rep. Susan Brooks, Rep. Todd Rokita, Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb and State Sen. Jim Tomes. And according to a member of the committee, who asked not to be identified, the race is down to a toss-up between Brooks, the early frontrunner, and Holcomb, who received a huge boost on Friday thanks to an endorsement from Pence himself. Holcomb further tried to cement himself as Pence's replacement with an email to committee members detailing an "unequivocal endorsement" and commitment from Pence. "Gov. Pence has made it crystal clear that he will assist me in maintaining control of the governor's office," Holcomb said in the email. Holcomb later clarified that he didn't intend to suggest that other Republicans wouldn't get support from Pence if they were the nominee. "I am speaking for myself, that I have had discussions with the governor and I look forward to his support," Holcomb said. "And that translates into financial support and other campaign resources and his campaign that I was part of before he was tapped [to be Donald Trump's VP]."

GOP WOMEN COMMENT ON HOLCOMB, BROOKS: To many of her supporters, Gov. Pence's endorsement of Eric Holcomb threatens to undermine the party's best chance to attract the support of women — especially those put off by Pence's hard-line conservative stances (*IndyStar*). "I know there are many, many women livid about it," said Judy Singleton, a former consultant to the Republican National Committee on women's issues and a founder of the Lugar Series, a leadership training program for Republican women. "I am not happy at all that Governor Mike Pence endorsed Eric. I think it was a completely unfair move," she said. "For the governor to keep himself out of hot water, he should not have involved himself in this race because it looks from the outside like he was effectively trying to block Susan, who was moving ahead in the competition." "I think there's going to be a great deal of frustration with Republican women if we miss this opportunity," said Jewell Debonis, former secretary of the Indiana Republican Party. "And I think it's high time we choose a woman with a strong track record of winning elections — which Eric doesn't have, by the way." Holcomb's supporters, however, say gender shouldn't play a role in the decision — something about which Brooks' supporters say they agree. "I don't believe that anyone's support of any specific candidate has to be directly tied to the candidate's gender," said Blair Milo, the Republican mayor of LaPorte. "(Holcomb) has a strong understanding of the nuances of our very diverse state. He has traveled extensively to build a vast network of loyal supporters." She said Holcomb has earned the support of many women across the state because he helped them get elected and solve problems as lieutenant governor, Indiana Republican Party chairman and former top aide to Gov. Mitch Daniels. Pete Seat, a consultant to Holcomb's campaign, said, "A lot of the women who are currently serving have been assisted by Eric over the years. He has gotten them resources, helped them raise money; he has helped them get elected and re-elected."

BRAINARD WON'T SEEK 5TH CD: Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard announced Monday he has no plans to leave Carmel any time soon, saying he will not seek candidacy in the District 5 congressional race (*IndyStar*). Brainard was in the spotlight as a potential replacement for Rep. Susan Brooks after she dropped her candidacy for the House of Representatives to run for governor. Brooks announced her candidacy after Gov. Mike Pence was named as Donald Trump's vice presidential running mate in his bid for the White House. In a statement, the Republican mayor said he considered running at the encouragement of friends and colleagues, but that he was "deeply humbled" to receive calls and

messages from Carmel residents asking him not to leave the city after serving six terms as mayor. "It has been very rewarding to guide the transformation of this once sleepy town into a world-class city, one with a wonderful sense of community where people from all over the world are welcomed, one that provides us with the creativity to feed our souls and one that has the potential for even more," Brainard said in a news release.

YOUNG VISITS FORT WAYNE TO HIGHLIGHT OBAMACARE EFFECTS: A news release from the campaign of Republican Todd Young for U.S. Senate stated the candidate visited the Fort Wayne location of the Penguin Point restaurant to highlight the negative effects Obamacare has had on American small business (*Howey Politics Indiana)*. U.S. Rep. Young made the trip specifically focused on his legislation - the Save American Workers Act, introduced in a bipartisan manner with U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly (D-IN) as a lead sponsor in the Senate - that would restore the 40-hour work week after the law defined full time as only 30 hours. "This legislation is a common-sense fix that protects America's hourly wageworkers from the disastrous effects of Obamacare," Young stated. As a result of the 30-hour definition, between 2 and 3 million American hourly wageworkers have seen, or remain at risk for, a decrease in hours and wage of up to 25%. The Save American Workers Act would repeal the 30-hour definition of full-time work and replace it with the traditional 40-hour definition.

YOUNG CAMP HITS BAYH ON OBAMACARE VOTE: The U.S. Senate campaign of Todd Young released the following statement in response to what a news release described as new attack ads that began airing on behalf of Evan Bayh (*Howey Politics Indiana)*: "Before Evan Bayh cashed in as a Washington superlobbyist, he cast the deciding vote for Obamacare, a law that cut Medicare by over $700 billion, and voted for higher taxes on seniors' Social Security benefits," stated Trevor Foughty, Young's campaign manager. "Todd Young, on the other hand has fought to clean up the the Bayh-Obama mess and voted to preserve programs like Medicare and Social Security. Hoosiers want to change Washington and they won't be swayed by attacks from Harry Reid and Chuck Schumer who want to protect the rigged system that made Evan Bayh so rich."

YOUNG URGES U.S. TO MEET ISIS CHALLENGE 'HEAD ON': The ISIS "brand of terror does not have to be the 'new normal,'" stated U.S. Rep. Todd Young (R-IN), who is running for the U.S. Senate seat soon to be vacated by retiring Sen. Dan Coats (R-IN). In an article that appeared in the July 23 edition of the *News & Tribune*, Young stated "We must never accept an ideology that threatens the very foundations of our values, that slaughters children in the streets, and seeks to terrorize us. Instead, we must resolve to meet this challenge head on... As I called for in House Resolution 814, the United States should join with our friends in the NATO alliance and invoke Article V of the North Atlantic Treaty. It would allow military leaders to develop a concerted and unrelenting campaign to defeat ISIS, with the United States taking a leadership seat the table. Our enemy is a ruthless and determined one. ISIS is not going to stop conducting, directing, and inspiring these outrages if we do not take specific action to stop them. We must accept the burden of leadership and unite the civilized world against this terrorist plague."

ALL ABOUT PROGRESS, GREGG TELLS TERRE HAUTE CROWD: Democratic Candidate John Gregg made a stop in Terre Haute Monday night to continue his governor campaign and fundraising efforts (Blackburn,*WTHI-TV*). That's where he told us nothing will change on his side as far as the race following

Pence's departure. "I live on a farm, I'm used to cleaning up messes," he said, "and I don't know who I'm running against, but there's two things that haven't changed. I'm still John Gregg and I'm still interested in serving as Governor of the state of Indiana." Gregg made it clear that the Governor's race was never about running against Pence. "It was always about people and not politics," he said, "It was always about progress and not ideology." Focusing on jobs, education, infrastructure, Gregg says these are all concerns not just within the Wabash Valley, but throughout Indiana.

GREGG MARCHES IN ELKHART COUNTY PARADE: After attending a church service Sunday morning at Agape Missionary Baptist Church in Elkhart's South Central neighborhood, John Gregg met and marched with Elkhart County Democrats in the fair's annual parade (Huber*, Indiana Public Media*). Gregg has high confidence in his campaign, especially, as he noted, because he's currently the only name on November's ballot. "I'm the one name that hasn't changed. I'm the only candidate who started running for governor and is still running for governor, and right now am the only candidate for governor," Gregg says. The Indiana GOP is expected to nominate Governor Pence's replacement today. The Democratic candidate says his experience leading successful businesses will only help should he win in November.

GREGG IN GREENWOOD, HALE TO VISIT PUTNAM FAIR TODAY: A news release from the campaign of Gregg/Hale for Governor stated Democratic candidate for governor John Gregg will visit Poynter Sheet Metal in Greenwood to tour the facility and speak with employees. His running mate, Christina Hale will stop-by the Putnam County Fair in Greencastle to walk the fairgrounds and visit with voters.

Democratic National Convention

CLINTON POISED TO BREAK ULTIMATE GLASS CEILING: As Hillary Clinton prepares to break the penultimate glass ceiling, the U.S. is about to witness a significant moment and, in some ways, start catching up to the rest of the world, political experts said Monday (Banta, *Bloomington Herald-Times*). Democrats are about to make Clinton, who declared eight years ago that she had put "18 million cracks" in the glass ceiling, the first female presidential nominee from a major party through a roll call vote from the convention in Philadelphia. "For us, this feels like a major development," said Diana O'Brien, an assistant professor of political science at Indiana University who has done extensive research on women and politics and representation. "It would be exceptional for the U.S. to be female-led." Many other countries, from Germany to Israel to Sri Lanka to Chile to Pakistan, have had female heads of government, but Clinton's nomination is a first for a major political party in the U.S. O'Brien said that's due to factors that "stack the deck" against women, who are less likely to come to power in presidential systems.

PRESIDENT CLINTON TO SPEAK TONIGHT: Former President Bill Clinton will make history Tuesday night when he makes the case for his wife, Hillary, after her official nomination (*CBS News*). For years, the spouses of future presidents have played vital roles at both the Republican and Democratic National Conventions, but with a former first lady running for the highest office and the potential for a first gentleman in the White House, the political process reaches uncharted territory. A spokesman for Bill

Clinton said the former president was busy at work Monday working on his speech - which he is writing himself - at his hotel in Philadelphia. Mr. Clinton is speaking two days ahead of his wife, in what marks a major role reversal for the former first couple, reports CBS News correspondent Julianna Goldman.

ROLL CALL TO BEGIN AT 4: Starting late Tuesday afternoon, at about 4 p.m. ET, the roll call for the states will begin -- this is the process of formalizing Hillary Clinton's status as the Democratic nominee. There are a couple of ways this could play out (*CBS News*). In 2008, when the roll call got to New York, Clinton made a motion to halt the voting and nominate then-Sen. Obama by acclamation, thus stopping the vote and formalizing Mr. Obama's nomination. No muss, no fuss. The Associated Press has said Sanders has said he wants a full roll call to show all the delegates he won. If Clinton were to be nominated by acclamation, that could lead to yet more jeering and booing.

ZODY COMMENTS ON WASSERMAN-SCHULTZ: Indiana Democratic Party Chairman John Zody said the emails amounted to behavior that was "completely inappropriate." After the leaked emails became public, DNC Chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, a congresswoman from Florida, announced Sunday she would leave the post at the end of the week *(IndyStar*). "I think Congresswoman Wasserman Schultz made the decision she thought was best for the party," Zody told IndyStar. "Our job this week is to nominate the next president of the United States, which is Hillary Clinton, and the party infrastructure stuff will work itself out."

INDIANA DELEGATION KEEPS AN EYE ON HOME: Democratic leaders called on party members to unite as the Democratic National Convention kicked off Monday (Schneider, *IndyStar).* Indiana party leaders latched on to that message, with a Hoosier twist. With deep rifts remaining between supporters of Hillary Clinton and her primary opponent, Bernie Sanders, the heads of the Indiana delegation worked to shift focus away from controversy at the top of the ticket — and back to races at home. Vi Simpson, a former state lawmaker, said she wants Indiana delegates to leave with this message: "There's much more at stake in Indiana right now," Simpson said. "Regardless of what you're doing with the presidential race, and whether you support Bernie or Hillary or whether you're not going to vote in the presidential, it's really important that Democrats are unified for John Gregg, for Evan Bayh and for the rest of the ticket all the way down."

WARREN BLASTS TRUMP: Sen. Elizabeth Warren accused Donald Trump alternately of being a late-night huckster and a race-war instigator on Monday night at the Democratic National Convention — and Trump responded with some words of his own (*Politico*). The Massachusetts Democrat engaged in a live version of her Twitter-needling of Trump's character and manhood before a raucous audience at the Wells Fargo Center. "What kind of a man acts like this?" Warren said. "What kind of a mans cheats students, cheats investors, cheats workers." She continued, "I'll tell you what kind of a man. A man who must never be president of the United States. Never." Warren warned of a "really ugly underside" to Trump's campaign. "Donald Trump's America," Warren said, is "an America of fear and hate. An America where we all break apart. Whites against Blacks and Latinos. Christians against Muslims and Jews. Straight against gay. Everyone against immigrants."

SILVERMAN ASSAILS SANDERS SUPPORTERS: Comedian Sarah Silverman was booed and shouted down by Bernie Sanders supporters after telling holdouts for the Vermont senator that they were "being ridiculous" (*Politico*). Silverman, herself a Sanders supporter during the primary, incurred a wave of boos upon saying, "Hillary heard the passion of the people." She continued, "I am proud to be a part of Bernie's movement. And part of that movement is to make sure Hillary Clinton is our next president of the United States." As the crowd began to chant, Silverman was joined on stage again by Minnesota Sen. Al Franken and joked, "Bernie or Bust people, you're being ridiculous," drawing loud jeers and "BERNIE!" chants.

FBI TO PROBE DNC EMAIL HACK: The FBI said Monday it is investigating how thousands of Democratic National Committee emails were hacked, a breach that Hillary Clinton's campaign maintains was committed by Russia to benefit Donald Trump (*Associated Press*). A statement from the FBI confirmed that it is "investigating a cyber intrusion involving the DNC," adding that "a compromise of this nature is something we take very seriously." Wikileaks posted emails Friday that suggested the DNC was favoring Clinton over her rival Sen. Bernie Sanders during the primary season. Clinton's campaign pointed to a massive hacking of DNC computers in June that cybersecurity firms linked to the Russian government. Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta added fuel to the debate Monday, saying there was "a kind of bromance going on" between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Trump. The Clinton campaign says Russia favors Trump's views, especially on NATO. Trump on Monday dismissed as a "joke" claims by Hillary Clinton's campaign that Russia is trying to help Trump by leaking thousands of emails from the Democratic National Committee. "The new joke in town is that Russia leaked the disastrous DNC emails, which should have never been written (stupid), because Putin likes me," Trump wrote as part of a series of Tweets. "Hillary was involved in the email scandal because she is the only one with judgement (sic) so bad that such a thing could have happened."

CBS POLL HAS TRUMP, CLINTON TIED: Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton are effectively tied after the Republican National Convention and the selection of Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine as the Democratic vice presidential candidate, according to the results of a new CBS News national poll out Monday (*Politico*). Among all registered voters, Trump holds a 44 percent to 43 percent advantage over Clinton, including voters who lean toward a particular candidate. In a three-way matchup with Libertarian nominee Gary Johnson, Trump leads 40 percent to 39 percent, with Johnson earning 12 percent. Those results come on the same day as a CNN/ORC poll that showed Trump with a three-point edge over Clinton in a head-to-head matchup. The Republican National Convention improved views of Trump, with 50 percent of voters who watched the proceedings saying their opinion of Trump improved, but majorities still said he does not have the proper temperament to be president and is not prepared.

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NBC POLL SHOWS NO BOUNCE FOR TRUMP/PENCE: Donald Trump received no significant bounce following the Republican National Convention, according to the latest *NBC News*/*SurveyMonkey Weekly Election Tracking* Poll. Hillary Clinton still leads Trump by a single point: 46 percent to 45 percent. These numbers are unchanged from last week (NBC News). The Trump-Mike Pence ticket saw a modest boost in favorability among Republicans. Independents — the true persuadable voters — were less than enthusiastic about what they saw or heard about the GOP convention, according to the weekly tracking poll, conducted online from July 18 through July 24 among 12,931 adults who say they are registered to vote.

PENCE FIRST SOLO CAMPAIGN STOP IN WISCONSIN WEDNESDAY: Donald Trump's running mate Mike Pence is expected to make his first solo campaign stop as the Republican vice presidential nominee in southeast Wisconsin on Wednesday night (*Associated Press*). A Republican with knowledge of the campaign's plans told The Associated Press on Monday that the Indiana governor plans a campaign stop in the Waukesha area, a Republican stronghold in the state. Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker is a close political ally and friend of Pence. Trump lost Wisconsin's primary in April by 13 points. Trump must do well among Republicans in southeast Wisconsin, where the anti-Trump movement was strong, in order to carry the state in November.

PENCE COULD BAIL ON KOCH BROS, ALEC EVENTS: Mike Pence had agreed to appear at a gathering this weekend of major donors in Colorado organized by the Koch brothers, but the GOP vice presidential nominee is reevaluating his commitment, three people familiar with the situation tell *POLITICO*. These sources stressed that the possibility of the Indiana governor bailing on the Koch brothers is not a reflection of his feelings about the billionaire industrialists with whom he has a long relationship, but rather a reflection of a schedule that suddenly became packed with campaign events when he agreed to join Donald Trump's presidential ticket this month. "Everything is being reworked," said a Trump-Pence campaign official. The Kochs "aren't being singled out," the official said, adding that Pence also may have to back out of commitments made to other influential groups backed by major donors, including the American Legislative Exchange Council's annual meeting this week in Indianapolis and a Republican Governors Association gathering next month in Aspen, Colorado.

SPECULATION ON PUTIN BACKING TRUMP: As Donald J. Trump prepared to take his beauty pageant to Moscow in 2013, he relished the participation of one man above all: President Vladimir V. Putin. "Do you think Putin will be going to The Miss Universe Pageant in November in Moscow — if so, will he become my new best friend?" he wrote on Twitter (*New York Times*). Mr. Putin did not attend — in fact, Mr. Trump has yet to meet him, by all accounts — but his admiration for the Russian leader, shared by some of his campaign advisers, is clear. It stems from an affinity for brash, swaggering politics and business dealings in Russia that has overturned decades of Republican orthodoxy about Russia and its leader as an aggressive authoritarian whose values are inimical to those of the United States. Hillary Clinton, by contrast, has a far more contentious history with Mr. Putin, despite the "reset" President Obama's administration pursued with Russia during her tenure as secretary of state. In 2011, Mr. Putin accused her of instigating the huge protests that erupted after parliamentary elections marred by fraud. Now the question has emerged in the United States election campaign whether Mr. Putin has opted — directly or covertly — to throw Russia's support behind Mr. Trump. The conclusion by cybersecurity experts that Russian intelligence agencies breached the Democratic National Committee and released

thousands of emails on the eve of the party's convention prompted accusations from Democrats and some Republicans that Mr. Trump was a kind of "Siberian candidate," bolstered from abroad to undermine the nation. "Given Donald Trump's well-known admiration for Putin and his belittling of NATO, the Russians have both the means and the motive to engage in a hack of the D.N.C. and the dump of its emails prior to the Democratic convention," Rep. Adam Schiff of California, a Democrat who is the ranking member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, said in a statement on Monday.

TRUMP INSULTS SANDERS: Donald Trump tried again Monday night to capitalize on the discord at the opening day of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, making a direct appeal to Bernie Sanders supporters (*Politico*). In classic Trump form, however, he did it by insulting Sanders, the Vermont socialist who defined his progressive agenda and presidential campaign as part of a "political revolution" only to finally endorse Hillary Clinton earlier this month. Pointing out another fly in the progressives' punch bowl this week, Trump claimed Clinton's choice of Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine, a pro-life moderate, was a slap in the face to Sanders and his supporters. "Crazy Bernie's gone crazy right now, he doesn't know what to do," Trump said at a rally the county fairgrounds in Winston-Salem, N.C.. "He's losing his legacy because he's just sort of giving up. He's all in for Hillary now."

TRUMP REACTS TO WARREN: "Warren complains about Wall Street influence while endorsing the candidate who is bought-and-paid for by Wall Street. Bill and Hillary use Wall Street like a personal ATM, giving speeches and doing favors for cash. The income inequality in America today is the product of the Hillary Clinton corporate agenda on trade and immigration. Clinton is a radical corporatist, and Donald Trump is the one and only the only candidate taking on the special interests in government. Just follow the money flowing into the Clinton bank account -- and the money flowing against the people's champion, Mr. Trump. By the way -- if we'd built that wall Warren calls 'stupid' years ago, wonderful Americans like Jamiel Shaw, Police Sgt. Brandon Mendoza, Dominic Durden, Josh Wilkerson, Sara Root, and so many others would be alive today. Thousands would never have been victimized by cartels, traffickers and smugglers. Millions of young minority workers would have jobs. Why aren't these voiceless victims worthy of Warren's concern?" - Stephen Miller, Senior Policy Advisor

SANDERS DELEGATES ANGERED: Anger and frustration reigned on the first day of the Democratic National Convention on Monday as a divided party grappled with the fallout from an email leak that showed its officials trying to ease Hillary Clinton's path to the presidency and undermine Senator Bernie Sanders, her rival for the nomination (*New York Times*). Democrats were supposed to be forging a unified front this week to take on Donald J. Trump, the Republican nominee. But instead, more than 1,000 supporters of Mr. Sanders took to the scalding streets of Philadelphia to vent their frustration, with some adopting a Republican rallying cry about Mrs. Clinton: "Lock her up!" Others jeered Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz of Florida, the departing party chairwoman, as she gave a speech to Florida delegates. They even booed Mr. Sanders himself as he encouraged them to back Mrs. Clinton. The convention was called to order Monday afternoon, and nearly every mention of Mrs. Clinton brought a smattering of cheers and boos. But so far, it did not match the more organized floor fight that greeted the opening of the Republican convention last week. Perhaps none were as divided, or as loud, as the California delegation. Some members waved "Nay!" signs and booed, while those seated on either side cheered, waving Hillary buttons and chanting, "Hill-a-ry!"

GORE ENDORSES CLINTON: Former Vice President Al Gore endorsed Hillary Clinton on Monday, the opening day of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia (*CNN*). Gore, who served as President Bill Clinton's No. 2, said in a series of tweets that while he was not at the convention, he does indeed support her. "Given her qualifications and experience -- and given the significant challenges facing our nation and the world, including, especially, the global climate crisis, I encourage everyone else to do the same," he tweeted.

538 SHOWS TRUMP LEADING: Political analyst Nate Silver's latest forecast has Republican nominee Donald Trump with a 15 percentage point-greater chance of beating presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton if the election were held today, according to *FiveThirtyEight*. Silver's "now-cast," updated with fresh surveys on Monday, shows Trump's current likelihood of winning at 57.5 percent, compared with Clinton's 42.5 percent. In the 11 battleground states, Colorado, Virginia and Michigan would go to Clinton, while Florida, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Iowa would go to Trump. The breakdown shifts a bit between the Electoral College and the popular vote. Silver's model currently predicts the popular vote going 45.4 percent to Trump vs. 45.1 percent to Clinton, but the Electoral College giving Trump a wider margin of victory, 285 votes and Clinton 252.6. The model predicts that Libertarian candidate Gary Johnson will garner just 0.4 Electoral College votes despite winning 8.2 percent of the popular vote. Clinton still leads in 538's polls-plus model, Silver notes, as it accounts for any post-convention bounces that are likely to fade. "It's not Trump's convention bounce per se that should worry Dems. That's pretty normal. It's how it became so close to begin with," Silver tweeted. "Trump trailed by around 3 points in our forecasts a week ago. Typical convention bounce is 4 points. So you end up at Trump +1 or so. Don't think people are really grasping how plausible it is that Trump could become president. It's a close election right now," he warned last week.

PENCE CAMPAIGN SCHEDULE: Wednesday, July 27th, Flight: Scranton, PA to Waukesha, WI**, Event: Governor Mike Pence Rally in Waukesha, WI*, Flight: Waukesha, WI to Grand Rapids, MI**. Rest Over Night: Grand Rapids, MI. Thursday, July 28th: Event: Governor Mike Pence Town Hall in Grand Rapids, MI*; Flight: Grand Rapids, MI to Oakland, MI**; Event: Governor Mike Pence Rally in Oakland, MI*



Congress

CORN GROWERS HONOR DONNELLY: National Corn Growers Association President Chip Bowling presented the NCGA President's Award to U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly (D-IN) (*Indiana AgriNews*). This award

is given annually to a leader who has worked to advance issues important to corn farmers and agriculture. "Senator Donnelly is a true advocate for farmers in Indiana and throughout the country," Bowling said. "He is one of ethanol's biggest champions in Congress. He understands the importance of ethanol and the Renewable Fuel Standard, which has made America more energy independent, strengthened the rural economy and given consumers more choices, lower prices and cleaner air. He has consistently defended the RFS and has spearheaded meetings with the administration in support of this policy."

BROOKS STATEMENT ON SHOOTING OF IMPD OFFICER: Rep. Susan W. Brooks (R-IN) released the following statement after one Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department officer was shot and other officer was injured in the line of duty (*Howey Politics Indiana*): "Our law enforcement officers risk their lives each and every day to keep us safe. Tonight, I wish the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Officers injured a speedy recovery and send them, their families and their fellow officers my heartfelt thanks for their dedication and service to the people of Indianapolis."

MESSER BILL REQUIRES FEDS STRATEGY TO PROTECT SCHOOLS: U.S. Rep. Luke Messer (R-IN) recently introduced H.R. 5867, the National Strategy for School Security Act of 2016 (*Howey Politics Indiana*). A news release states the bill would require the Departments of Homeland Security and Education to create a national strategy to help schools protect themselves against acts of terrorism and other emergencies. Sadly, schools across our country have become a soft target for disturbed individuals seeking to attack vulnerable populations. And, with the growing influence and reach of terrorist organizations like ISIS, our elementary and secondary schools are increasingly susceptible to terrorist threats, the release stated, adding, the federal government has yet to put forth a standardized security strategy to help protect schools against these horrific acts. In fact, according to a recent Government Accountability Office (GAO) report, collaboration between federal agencies to prevent and mitigate attacks on American schools has been wholly inadequate. The report recommended a higher level of interagency cooperation on school emergency preparedness to help schools prepare for and mitigate disasters, including natural disasters, school shootings, and acts of terrorism. Messer's bill is an attempt to address these concerns.

General Assembly

BOSMA COMMENTS ON YEAR END FISCAL REPORT: House Speaker Brian Bosma reacted to the year-end 2015-16 financial report: "Today's positive fiscal report is a clear indicator of our state's continued strong, prudent fiscal management as we continue to hold a structurally balanced budget and healthy reserves under Republican leadership. At a time when many states, like Illinois, are facing budget shortfalls and crushing liabilities, we have kept taxes low for Hoosiers and job creators while making record investments in education and roads. Our strong fiscal discipline, AAA credit rating and our state's record reserves will allow us to develop a comprehensive and sustainable long-term road funding solution next session."

HERSHMAN COMMENTS ON FISCAL YEAR: State Sen. Brandt Hershman (R-Buck Creek) made the following statement today following the Indiana Auditor of State's Fiscal Year 2016 closeout report: "Today, Auditor of State Suzanne Crouch reported that Indiana's fiscal health is among the strongest in the nation. "We have cut taxes for hardworking Hoosiers, made major investments in our schools and roads, all while maintaining a healthy reserve balance of more than $2.2 billion to protect taxpayers in the event of economic downturn, as most of the money is reserved for vital areas like health care and education. Gov. Mike Pence and conservative leaders in the General Assembly have worked hard to ensure that taxpayer dollars are wisely invested and protected, which is highlighted by this report. Indiana's fiscal health, along with the numerous announcements of companies investing in and bringing additional jobs to Indiana, proves that leadership matters. This principled leadership, focused on fiscal responsibility, is the key to our success and what makes Indiana a state that works."

KENLEY COMMENTS ON FISCAL YEAR: State Sen. Luke Kenley (R-Noblesville) made the following statement today following the Indiana Auditor of State's Fiscal Year 2016 closeout report (*Howey Politics Indiana*): "Today Auditor Crouch announced Indiana closed Fiscal Year 2016 with our reserve fund at $2.2 billion — its highest level ever — and a budget surplus of more than $50 million. Because of our state's strong fiscal management, Indiana roads and bridges will receive $428 million in additional funding, Hoosier families kept $300 million more of their hard-earned money through tax cuts, and we increased funding for K-12 education by $474 million. Along with these positive closing numbers, Indiana has maintained a AAA credit rating and continues to attract new jobs. These accomplishments are a direct result of our careful financial discipline and are a large part of what continues to make Indiana the fiscal envy of the nation."



State

GOVERNOR: PENCE REACTS TO PD OFFICER SHOOTING - Gov. Mike Pence issued the following statement regarding the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department officer who was shot tonight in the line of duty: "Once again violence has found a member of our law enforcement community, this time in Indianapolis. I thank God that the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department officer who was shot is in stable condition. He will remain in our prayers. Tonight's incident is yet another reminder of the risks our law enforcement officers face every day and how important it is that we stand with those who stand on the thin blue line."

GOVERNOR: RESIDENCE SECURITY INCREASE - Gov. Mike Pence's office confirms that the appearance of greater security that people who live around the governor's mansion have been reporting is real. A spokesperson for the governor tells *WISH-TV* that security has been beefed up since Pence became Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump's running mate. Michael Naghdi lives just across the street from the mansion. He says Secret Service agents stopped by his family's home a few days ago. They told him to expect to see more law enforcement patrols in the area. Workers also have moved concrete barriers into place near the mansion.

GOVERNOR: PENCE ANNOUNCES 15 PIKE COUNTY JOBS - Pike Lumber Company, a manufacturer and distributor of kiln dried lumber, announced plans today to expand its operations here, doubling production and creating up to 15 new jobs by 2020 (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "With more than 107,000 Hoosiers employed in the agriculture industry, it is evident that agribusinesses play a key role in Indiana's economy," said Governor Mike Pence. "Pike Lumber's expansion is another indicator that the state's pro-growth, low-cost and low-tax business environment is one that works for a variety of industries and creates ample job opportunities for hardworking Hoosiers in every corner of the state." Pike Lumber Company will invest $3.4 million to construct and equip a 27,200-square-foot addition to its Milan-based manufacturing facility at 785 Carr St. The facility, which will expand the company's operations in Milan to cover 34,880 square feet, will allow Pike Lumber to double its lumber production to eight million board feet annually, increasing its supply to manufacturing customers.

GOVERNOR: HOLCOMB TO FILL IN FOR 'RIDE WITH GOVERNOR' - The 2016 Ride With the Governor will take place as scheduled on Friday July 29th. This is an exciting time for our state, and our nation, as Governor Mike Pence accepts the nomination for Vice President of the United States of America (*Howey Politics Indiana*). We are pleased to announce that Lieutenant Governor Eric Holcomb will be representing the Governor to welcome riders and get the event underway. The Adjutant General of the Indiana National Guard, Major General Courtney Carr, will lead the ride in Governor Pence's absence. We will also be joined by Kent Abernathy, the Commissioner of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles and other dignitaries. In honor of The Hoosier State's bicentennial, the ride will be a scenic tour from Capitol to Capitol. We will begin in Indianapolis on Monument Circle, with the Statehouse in the background, and end at the Old State Capitol Building in Corydon, our state's first Capitol. Along the way, we will stop in Seymour for lunch provided by our friends at Walmart, now in their third year as a sponsor.

STATEHOUSE: IURC NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES INTERVIEWS - The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission Nominating Committee announced the names of 10 people who will be interviewed to serve as a commissioner at the Indiana Regulatory Commission, according to a news release from the governor's office. (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The candidates to be interviewed are: Laura Arnold, Keith Beall, Jeb Bardon, Sarah Freeman, Jeff Golc, Tim Jeffers, David Johnston, Mayra Jones, Shawn Kelly and Christopher Starkey. Ronald Turpin has withdrawn his application, the release stated. The Nominating Committee is evaluating candidates to fill one current vacancy on the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission created by the appointment of Commissioner Carolene Mays-Medley to be the Executive Director of the White River State Park Development Commission. The Committee will present Gov. Mike Pence with a list of three qualified candidates from which he will select one to serve the remainder of Mays-Medley's term, set to expire Dec. 31, 2017. Members of the Nominating Committee are Committee Chair Allen Paul, Eric Scroggins, John Blevins, Larry Buell, Win Moses, Michael Evans, and Michael Mullett.

HEALTH: INDIANA LAGS IN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - A recent Ball State University study shows the state of Indiana doesn't have enough mental health care providers for its high mental illness rate (Filchak,*Anderson Herald-Bulletin*). By reviewing several databases, the Ball State team found about 250,000 Indiana residents suffer from severe mental illness. The study also found there is only one mental health provider for every 750 Hoosiers. Ball State's Office of Institutional Diversity and Northeast Indiana Area Health Education Center worked on the study together. The NEI-AHEC was looking "at professional development of existing workforce to deal with health challenges in the state of Indiana," according to a Ball State press release. Madison County's rate is even worse. There is an estimated one mental health provider for every 990 Madison County residents, according to County Health Rankings, a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation program. Cathy Whaley, lead author and director of NEI-AHEC, said people with mental illness struggle more with full-time employment than the general population. "Employment is tied with access to care and having resources such as health insurance," she said. "The mentally ill are at a higher risk of a number of other problems due to socio-economic disadvantage." The study shows that 7.74 percent of adults in Indiana reported having an episode of major depression last year, while 6.63 percent of the United States population said the same.

Nation

WHITE HOUSE: OBAMA DISCUSSES RACIAL PROFILING - Over the last few years cell phone cameras and increased use of police body cameras have captured many police shootings of unarmed Black Americans, making racial tensions in this country a major talking point during the 2016 presidential election (*CBS News*). President Barack Obama sat down with John Dickerson at the White House for an interview that aired on Sunday's broadcast of Face the Nation. Dickerson asked the president about a passage from one of his books where he described his experience of not being watched while visiting Africa as a young man. "There aren't a lot of African American males who haven't at some point in their lives been subject to additional scrutiny or suspicion because of their race." Obama said and added, "That's just a common experience that many of us share." The president, however, remained optimistic saying "But I will tell you that it's a lot better now than it was."

PENTAGON: AS ISIS FADES, IRAQ FACES NEW INSURGENCY - The Islamic State's latest suicide attack in Baghdad, which killed nearly 330 people, foreshadows a long and bloody insurgency, according to American diplomats and commanders, as the group reverts to its guerrilla roots because its territory is shrinking in Iraq and Syria (*New York Times*). Already, officials say, many Islamic State fighters who lost battles in Falluja and Ramadi have blended back into the largely Sunni civilian populations there, and are biding their time to conduct future terrorist attacks. And with few signs that the beleaguered Iraqi prime minister, Haider al-Abadi, can effectively forge an inclusive partnership with Sunnis, many senior American officials warn that a military victory in the last urban stronghold of Mosul, which they hope will be achieved by the end of the year, will not be sufficient to stave off a lethal insurgency. "To defeat an insurgency, Iraq would need to move forward on its political and economic reform agenda," Lt. Gen. Sean B. MacFarland, the top American commander in Iraq, said in an email.



Local

CITIES: ANDERSON TO SPEND $5.4M ON PAVING - The city of Anderson has up to $5.4 million available for paving streets this year and an aggressive plan for the year has been announced (*Anderson Herald-Bulletin*). Mayor Thomas Broderick Jr. on Friday released an extensive list of streets the city hopes to have paved this year, which includes paving projects on 24 streets by the end of October. In addition to the paving projects announced last week, the city will be accepting bids for contract paving at the Anderson Board of Public Works meeting on Aug. 2.

CITIES: EVANSVILLE TO USE PUBLIC FUNDS TO TEAR DOWN BURNED BUILDINGS - Two buildings destroyed by a massive fire last month in downtown Evansville will soon come down (Bartlett, *WFIE-TV*). The city council gave the green light Monday night to demolish those buildings but it will be the public picking up the bill. Officials say it's the building owner's responsibility to pay for those structures to be torn down, but the owner of one of those buildings doesn't have insurance. So, city officials said the process of getting the owners to tear down those buildings would take some time. Since an emergency raze order has been issued, the city is now stepping in. There was a problem with that, though. There's not enough money in the building commissioner's budget to pay for the demolition. That delayed the process, but Monday night the city council voted to take $300,000 of public money from the riverboat fund to pay for tearing those buildings down. It's money city officials said they will do everything possible to get back.

CITIES: TINY HOME VILLAGE FOR MUNCIE'S HOMELESS - Indiana's first tiny home village for the homeless was trucked to Muncie on Monday (Slabaugh, *Muncie Star Press*). "It's going to let us reach a population that no one has been able to serve yet," said Susie Kemp, director of the non-profit Bridges Community Services. "That will be a population of people somehow disenfranchised by standardized housing, and we are helping them get back in the swing of things." The six Amish-built homes, each providing 96 square feet of living space, are for Bridges clients like Brandon May, 31, who told The Star Press, "I can't sleep around a lot of people." The homes include front porches and were built in Indiana. "I like spending money locally," Kemp said. The structures were purchased for $2,614 apiece from Scott Quirk, owner of Barn Lot dealerships in Muncie, Richmond, New Castle and other cities. He is a dealer for Built-Rite Express, which sells portable buildings made by Amish shops.

CITIES: GARY AWARDS $860K AIRPORT CONTRACT - The governing board for the Gary/Chicago International Airport awarded a contract to pay more than $860,000 to an Ypsilanti, Mich.-based company to prepare a new master plan for the airport (Tejeda, *Post-Tribune*). The airport authority on

Monday voted 5-0, with board member Alesia Pritchett absent, to approve a contract with Jacobsen/Daniels Associates LLC - a firm that also has offices in Chicago and works with airports across the nation on assorted aviation issues. Jacobsen/Daniels will be paid $869,000 for their work, which is expected to take at least a year or more to complete depending on how long it takes the Federal Aviation Administration to complete its own review of the process.

COUNTIES: HOWARD PROSECUTOR OPPOSES SYRINGE EXCHANGE - In the mind of Howard County Prosecutor Mark McCann, syringe exchange programs (SEP) do only one thing – promote the use of illicit drugs (Myers, *Kokomo Tribune*). It's a point made by McCann in a March letter to Howard County assistant attorney Alan Wilson and in a recent interview with the Tribune following the announcement earlier this month that the county health department is preparing for the potential adoption of an SEP. In effect, a local SEP would provide hypodermic needles, harm reduction kits for clean injection and other health-based items to drug users. The goal of an SEP is to minimize the transfer of HIV and Hepatitis C, and to put drug users in contact with health care, social welfare services, mental health treatment and more. But McCann believes such developments are either unlikely or would further endanger local drug users by giving them easier access to drug paraphernalia. In an effort to contextualize a needle exchange, McCann compared a mobile SEP unit to "the old ice cream truck that is driving around the neighborhood, and we are sitting here handing out needles like this is just a service."

COUNTIES: BARTHOLOMEW TO OPEN 10 ADDITIONAL POLL PADS - Bartholomew County election officials are bracing for what could be a record turnout for the Nov. 8 general election, but they are optimistic there will be few, if any, voters stuck in long lines (Webber*, Columbus Republic*). Under a proposal unanimously approved by the Bartholomew County Commissioners, 10 additional poll pads will be leased for a year at a cost of $5,000. This will enable 13 of the 18 voting centers in the county to have three check-in stations, Bartholomew County Clerk Jay Phelps said. "We felt like this was the last piece to be sure we have everything under control for the November election," Phelps said. During and after the primary, no complaints were received about long waits, Phelps said. Since voting centers require far fewer volunteers than the former precinct voting system, Lentz said both the Republican and Democratic parties had no trouble recruiting a sufficient number of poll workers.

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HOLCOMB LETTER SUGGESTS PENCE FUNDING FOR HIS CANDIDACY: Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb sent a letter to the 22 voting members of the Indiana Republican Central Committee, saying that Gov. Mike Pence's endorsement is an "unambiguous demonstration of confidence" and suggested that he alone would have access to Pence's $7 million war chest (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Holcomb added, "I know from speaking directly with him that his support is not symbolic, but rather it is a commitment to the financial backing, staffing, and resources available through the Mike Pence for Indiana Campaign Committee. That is something no other candidate in this race can boast, and Gov. Pence has made it crystal clear that he will assist me in maintaining control of the Governor's office." Former Republican chairman Alan Hubbard told the Associated Press, "I'm annoyed that Eric and his people would suggest that Mike is not going to support 100 percent who the committee chooses. If Mike does not use that money to support the party's nominee, his major donors will go crazy." "The idea that his network, financial or otherwise, would pack up if someone other than Eric Holcomb were selected seems very inconsistent with the governor's own words," Brooks spokeswoman Dollyne Sherman said. The Pence reelection campaign had posted $7 million cash on hand at its mid-year report earlier this month. The vice presidential nominee could not convert that money directly to the Donald J. Trump presidential campaign, which has had fundraising issues until it posted a robust $51 million in June, still far behind presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton and her affiliated super PACs. Indiana Republican sources have told HPI that Pence could conceivably turn his funding over to a Trump affiliated super PAC, but a number of senior Indiana GOP officials and officeholders have told HPI that Pence will do whatever he can to keep the governors office in party hands regardless of whether the nominee is Holcomb, Rep. Brooks or U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita. State Sen. Jim Tomes is also in the race but has virtually no chance of winning. Multiple sources have told HPI that Pence's war chest will go to the nominee chosen on Tuesday morning. Calls, texts and emails have not been returned by the Pence campaign, and Pence's gubernatorial office is referring questions to the campaign that no longer appears to exist. Holcomb also told committee members, "The support of the Republican Governors Association will also be critical to our efforts, and my relationships with their leadership are, again, ones I have cultivated over the last 12 years. Building that support was a significant part of my role as advisor to Gov. Mitch Daniels, and I intend to leverage those friendships in my efforts to keep Democrats out of the Statehouse." Holcomb added, "I'm pleased to have two former RGA Executive Directors, Phil Cox and Phil Musser, on my National campaign Steering Committee along with Henry Barbour (MS), Alison McIntosh (TX), and Lisa Wagner (IL). I would also like to announce the following members of my Indiana Steering Committee: Bob Grand, Jim Kittle, Fred Klipsch, Marty Obst, Anne Hathaway, Marsha Coats, and John Hammond." Obst headed the Pence reelection campaign and has now joined the Trump/Pence campaign. As for Tuesday's vote, Holcomb spokesman Pete Seat told HPI on Sunday evening, "We are confident we have the votes to win on Tuesday. And we are equally confident that the numbers put out by the others are incorrect."

CHRISTIE SAYS RGA WILL BACK BROOKS FINANCIALLY: New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie said in a letter to Indiana Republican Central Committee members that the Republican Governors Association will financially support any nominee it choses on Tuesday (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "I have known Susan Brooks for the last fifteen years and served with her as a United States Attorney in the aftermath of 9/11, and as someone who has been in her shoes preparing to run for governor, I know how important it is to have friends from all over the country ready to help," Christie said in the letter obtained by HPI. "What I wanted to tell you is that, as a past chairman of the Republican Governors Association, I'm prepared to

help Susan become the next Governor of Indiana. In my tenure at the RGA, I helped raise over $140 million to help elect Republican governors across the country. It's absolutely vital for you to know that, in my experience as a leader in the RGA over the last seven years, we do not take positions in elections like you are having on Tuesday. The RGA will wholeheartedly support the nominee you select. Period. And I have committed to Susan that I will work with her and my national network to raise what she needs to win. You have a tough choice, and you're staring at a really tough set of races in Indiana. The return of Evan Bayh and the volatility of the governor's race both make your choice all the more important. The top of the ticket matters, and while it's clear that Donald Trump will carry Indiana handily, electing a Republican governor AND U. S. Senator will go hand-in-hand. To win this race, you will need the strongest possible candidate. Susan has a demonstrated record of winning tough elections."

TARRANCE POLL GAUGES 3 MAIN GOV CONTENDERS: A Tarrance Group Poll conducted on behalf of U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks reveals that while Donald Trump has a big lead in Indiana, voters are divided on which party they would prefer hold the governor's office (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The Republican has a marginal 2-point edge, 43% to 41%, over the Democrat. Three potential Republican nominees, Susan Brooks, Eric Holcomb, and Todd Rokita, have similar name awareness among voters. All three potential nominees, however, are down on the initial ballot versus John Gregg, when tested in a three-way race that includes the libertarian. ? Susan Brooks is 5-points back from Gregg, 36% to 41%. ? Todd Rokita is also 5-points down to Gregg, 36% to 41%. ? Eric Holcomb is down 8-points, registering 34% on the ballot, with Gregg at 42%. Over the final two days of the Republican convention, Indiana voters are giving Donald Trump and Mike Pence a 14-point lead over Hillary Clinton and her running mate, 50% to 36%. Fully 40% say they are definitely voting for Trump, while just 28% were definitely for Clinton. Trump leads Clinton by fully 25-points among men, and is in fact up 6-points with women.

ROKITA SAYS RGA WILL SUPPORT NOMINEE: U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita said in a Sunday email, "It is clear Gov. Pence, the Indiana Republican Party and national GOP groups will be firmly behind our nominee (*Howey Politics Indiana*). From staff to data to financial resources, Governor Pence has said the Republican nominee will have his full support." In a recent letter to our State Central Committee, Pence wrote, "This decision is yours alone, and I will respect that decision and support the nominee you deem fit to serve." Rokita said, "Throughout this wild campaign sprint I have forthrightly presented facts and data which show how my candidacy is the best opportunity to ensure we defeat John Gregg and keep Indiana moving forward. Facts. Data. Not spin. And unlike other candidates, I have focused on why and how I will win this race, not how others will not."

PENCE, COATS, LONG ENDORSE HOLCOMB: On Friday, with reports from HPI and the IndyStar saying that U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks was picking up support and with none of the three major campaigns saying they have the 12 votes needed for the nomination, Holcomb trotted out endorsements from Pence, U.S. Sen. Dan Coats, National Committeewoman Marsha Coats, and Senate President Pro Tempore David Long (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "As I prayerfully considered the group offering themselves to succeed me, I concluded that I made my choice several months ago," Pence wrote. "When selecting my lieutenant governor in March, the primary factor was who would be able to best serve the State of Indiana in the event I could no longer perform my duties as governor. As I concluded before, there is no better individual to lead our state than Eric Holcomb." Pence continued, "When I asked Eric to take on this vitally important constitutional role, once again he answered the call. I've known Eric Holcomb for more than 20 years, and I believe he is one of the best prepared individuals in recent memory to take on the job of Governor. His range of service to our state and our nation makes him uniquely qualified to fill

this role." Sen. and Mrs. Coats said, "We are excited to support Eric Holcomb and know he will make a great Governor." Long added, "I'm announcing my support for Eric Holcomb to be our party's candidate for governor in November. Fortunately, Indiana Republicans have a deep bench of qualified candidates, including all of the individuals who have put their name forward for consideration. While I admire all of the candidates, I believe Eric is the right person to continue leading our state into the future.

BROOKS, ROKITA REACT TO ENDORSEMENTS: U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks reacted to the Pence endorsement, saying, "I appreciate that the Governor is in a tough position knowing how close he and Eric Holcomb have become. I have known the governor for over 30 years and I know him to be very loyal" (Howey Politics Indiana). "But this endorsement doesn't change my focus. It is clear the 22 State Committee members take their responsibility for making this historic decision very seriously, and I appreciate Governor Pence's acknowledgement that the decision lies alone with them and that he will support the nominee they choose. I am confident I am the strongest candidate to beat John Gregg in the Fall, and I will continue my efforts to demonstrate that to the committee." U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita reacted to the Pence endorsement of Holcomb, saying, "I entered the race for Governor because Indiana Republicans need to nominate the candidate best able to compete in November as proven by electoral success, fundraising strength, grassroots support and a record of achievement to build a campaign around. That is still the case. I have spent a lot of time with the vast majority of the committee members. They take their responsibility seriously and truly want to nominate the candidate best suited to defeat John Gregg with Election Day less than four months away." Rokita added, "This is still a wide open race. Media reports that one candidate or the other has this race locked up are simply not true."

DEMOCRATS NOMINATE BAYH: The Indiana Democratic state committee selected former U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh on Friday evening to be the party's candidate for the Senate seat he gave up six years ago (*Associated Press*). The committee met in private to elect Bayh over his only challenger, little-known perennial candidate Bob Kern of Indianapolis. The results of the vote were not released. Bayh made a surprise return to Indiana politics last week after a recruitment push by national Democrats and former U.S. Rep. Baron Hill's decision to withdraw as the Democratic nominee for the seat held by Republican Sen. Dan Coats, who's retiring. "I'm ready to get to work on winning this campaign, but more importantly, getting to work for Hoosiers," Bayh said a statement.

HEAT WAVE GREETS HOOSIER DELEGATION IN PHILLY: An excessive heat warning is in effect for the Philadelphia area this week, coinciding with the potential brawl brewing at the 2016 Democratic National Convention through Thursday at Wells Fargo Center (Thomas Curry, *HPI*). The crew from *Howey Politics Indiana* - all two of us - arrived late on Sunday morning and joined the mass of media types gathered outside the credentialing offices. As we left we were entertained by a man who had traveled from Miami Beach to don a Hillary mask and flash a sign that read "Trump vs. Tramp'. Many of the delegates passing by were less than pleased, with one or two openly voicing their disgust, and thereby making the man behind the mask visibly grateful for the opportunity to respond. By the end of the day we learned that the Democratic National Committee was taking job applications for Party Chair with the resignation of Florida Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, all having something to do with some emails, we are told. And we heard the news that the party's presidential nominee, Hillary Clinton, who had recently weathered her own email crisis, had won the endorsement of Michael Bloomberg. In the meantime we witnessed a vibrant democracy in action, complete with protestors that were chanting and waving colorful signs, many of them witty, like the walking 50-foot spliff with lettering that read "Deschedule Cannabis Now." A diverse group of mostly Bernie supporters, thousands perhaps, had

gathered near City Hall to tout their candidate and numerous other causes, often at the expense of Hillary. Today's agenda includes meeting up with the Indiana delegation in anticipation of speeches by Michelle Obama and Bernie Sanders. We invite Hoosiers in Philadelphia attending the convention, or related protests, to contact HPI at howeyinphilly@gmail.com.

CLINTON NAMES KAINE TO TICKET: Hillary Clinton rolled out Tim Kaine as her running mate at a campaign rally in Florida on Saturday — and the Virginia senator went on to give a smooth, upbeat performance that energized supporters and wowed a press corps primed to expect someone a little more boring *(Politico*). Clinton first announced Kaine's addition to the ticket in a text message to supporters Friday evening but formally — and strategically — introduced him Saturday at a rally in Miami at Florida International University. "I have to say that Sen. Tim Kaine is everything Donald Trump and Mike Pence are not," Clinton began. "He is qualified to step into this job and lead on Day One, and he is a progressive who likes to get things done." Clinton's veep rollout, unlike Trump's a week ago, comes before key demographics in a swing state. FIU, one of two major universities in the city, has a 60 percent Hispanic student population. The Clinton-Kaine campaign appearance is their second in as many weeks. Kaine, a former governor and Democratic National Committee chair, first joined Clinton on the trail last Thursday in what was viewed as his veep audition. "At every stage of Tim's career, the people who know him best have voted to give him a promotion. And that's because he fights for the people he represents and he delivers real results," Clinton said. "I can't wait for all of you to get to know him the way that I have." "I just can't think of anybody better to have by my side, on the campaign trail, in the White House," she added. "Together, we are going to take on the challenges that are hurting Americans."

CNN POLL SHOWS BIG BOUNCE FOR TRUMP: The bounce is back. Donald Trump comes out of his convention ahead of Hillary Clinton in the race for the White House, topping her 44% to 39% in a four-way matchup including Gary Johnson (9%) and Jill Stein (3%) and by three points in a two-way head-to-head, 48% to 45% (*CNN*). That latter finding represents a 6-point convention bounce for Trump, which are traditionally measured in two-way matchups. There hasn't been a significant post-convention bounce in CNN's polling since 2000. That year Al Gore and George W. Bush both boosted their numbers by an identical 8 points post-convention before ultimately battling all the way to the Supreme Court. The new findings mark Trump's best showing in a CNN/ORC Poll against Clinton since September 2015. Trump's new edge rests largely on increased support among independents, 43% of whom said that Trump's convention in Cleveland left them more likely to back him, while 41% were dissuaded. Pre-convention, independents split 34% Clinton to 31% Trump, with sizable numbers behind Johnson (22%) and Stein (10%). Now, 46% say they back Trump, 28% Clinton, 15% Johnson and 4% Stein.

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: Who will be the next Republican gubernatorial nominee? Eric Holcomb's campaign is the only one saying he has the 12 votes in hand, but none of the campaigns have produced a hard count of committee members and names. As the Indiana media entity which has dominated this story, our best guess this morning is that Holcomb still has the inside track given the heavyweight endorsements he received on Friday. But the fact that he rolled out the heavy guns tells us that Rep. Brooks has real support, as well as the way the Holcomb camp tried to bat down the notion that Brooks had some momentum when Hoosier Republicans left Cleveland to return home. Reading any caucus is a perilous exercise and the next 26 hours will be critical and we still list this race as a "tossup" as we do without empirical data backing up our forecasts. - *Brian A. Howey*

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KRISHER, DAVIS UNDECIDED IN GOP GOV RACE: "Everybody is watching everybody," said Barbara Krisher, a delegate and member of the state committee, while at the convention. "The candidates are talking to people as well as their surrogates. If you are all sitting together in an area, people are peeling off to have talks in the background. It is very odd" (Kelly, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). She said in a normal situation, all the communication would be happening by phone or in private homes around the state. She serves on the state committee as the 3rd District chairwoman. "I know there is head counting going on but it's very fluid," Krisher said. "I don't know who I'm going to vote for yet." The 3rd District vice chairman is Bill Davis, of Fort Wayne – a former state representative who holds one of the coveted 22 votes. "I think that we need to look at a candidate who can be competitive in the race this fall. It's going to take campaign funds to do that," he said. "And it has to be someone who can keep the momentum going from (former Gov. Mitch) Daniels and Pence." Davis said there are three good candidates – and more could still file in the next few days. "The process is a little unique," he said. "I have not made my decision. It's kind of exciting."

BARBKNECHT UNDECIDED: Nick Barbknecht is one of the 2nd District officers. He's spoken with each of the candidates – Lieutenant Governor Eric Holcomb, U-S Representatives Susan Brooks and Todd Rokita, and State Senator Jim Tomes (Smith, *Indiana Public Media*). Barbknecht is still undecided but says electability will weigh heavily on his decision. "Three months away from early voting, it's very high," Barbknecht says. "But I would argue that name ID and money and politics should never be our first priority." Barbknecht says he's looking for the person who best articulates the GOP's vision for the state. But he notes he purposefully hasn't done a head count of the committee to get a sense of who's leading. "For every person who tells me that Eric Holcomb has the vast majority of votes, there's another person who tells me, 'Well, Susan just locked it up.'"

HOLCOMB ANNOUNCES ENDORSEMENTS: The gubernatorial campaign of Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb released another list of endorsements and testimonials from community, political and grassroots leaders representing communities in every corner of Indiana (*Howey Politics Indiana*). This comes after the release of State and National Finance Steering Committees and the endorsements of Governor Mike Pence, Senator Dan Coats and Senator David Long. "I am honored to stand alongside these outstanding Hoosiers from across Indiana, just as I have stood alongside them as an advisor to Governor Mitch Daniels and Senator Dan Coats, State Chairman of the Indiana Republican Party and now our state's Lt.

Governor," said Lt. Governor Holcomb. "We have done a lot of great things together and as Governor I know we will continue Indiana's progress and take our state to the next level." Endorsements include: State Sen. Jon Ford, State Rep. Christopher Judy, Mishawaka Mayor Dave Wood, Hancock County Chairman Janice Silvey, Jennings County Chair David Turner, Decatur County Chair Larry Meyer, Jefferson County Vice Chair Mindy McGee, Jefferson County Chair Lisa Seng Shadday, Pike County Chair Mark Flint, Delaware County Will Statom, Shelby County Chair J.R. Showers, Gibson County Prosecutor Rob Krieg, former congressman Mike Sodren, former state chairman Gordon Durnil, former state vice chair Sandi Huddleston, Hendricks County Chair Mike O'Brien, Jeffersonville Mayor Mike Moore, Elkhart County Council President John Letherman.

BAYH/YOUNG RACE COULD BREAK MONEY RECORDS: The battle for Indiana's open U.S. Senate seat could become the most expensive general election race in the state's history, political observers say—but only if Republican Todd Young proves he can compete with Democrat Evan Bayh (Weidenbener & Gabovitch, *IBJ*). At last report—in mid-April—Young had just $1.1 million cash on hand. He said in a statement earlier this month that he's raised more than $1.34 million since the last filing. Stu Rothenberg, founding editor and publisher of the Rothenberg & Gonzales Political Report, said super PACs and other outside groups could easily help Young overcome that funding deficit. But, he said, "Young's going to have to show that it is a race," in order to bring in big money. "Things get more and more expensive every year because of Citizens United," said Dan Parker, an Indiana strategist and adviser to the Bayh campaign. "We have to be prepared for whatever. Your opponent in this particular case isn't even who you're running against—it's the super PACs. They can land in a race at a moment's notice." Bill Oesterle, the former Angie's List CEO who ran Mitch Daniels' first campaign for governor, said he's confident Young, 43, will raise the money he needs to compete and attract outside groups to the race. "He's young, he's articulate, he can raise money, he's a veteran," Oesterle said. "And Evan Bayh has never had an opponent like this. Everyone has sort of rolled out of the way for Bayh. He's never had a serious race and this will be a serious race."

STRAIGHT TICKET VOTING CHANGES: A new Indiana law will make it a little more difficult to vote straight-party ticket for some races during general elections (*Evansville Courier & Press*). Under the new law, when a voter casts a straight-party ticket, the voter is picking all candidates in that party, except for offices where there is more than one seat available. So voters will have to individually cast votes for any at-large positions for township advisory board, county council or city council. Indiana is one of nine states that has straight-ticket voting. States are slowly moving away from straight-ticket voting, with West Virginia the latest to abolish it last year. Bill co-author Randy Head said in the past, sometimes people cast straight-ticket votes for another party with at-large races, especially on paper ballots. "So those ballots have to be thrown out because we can't tell the intent of the voter is," Head said.

Presidential 2016

TRUMP CAMPAIGN SAYS RUSSIANS NOT BEHIND HACK: A top Donald Trump campaign adviser dismissed allegations from Hillary Clinton's campaign that Russian hackers were behind the DNC email leak, charging it shows how "desperate" the campaign is heading into the Democratic National Convention (*NBC News*). "They're pretty desperate pretty quickly," Trump Campaign Chairman Paul Manafort said at a press conference in Philadelphia on Sunday. "It's a far reach, obviously. To lead their

convention with that tells me they really are trying to move away from what the issues are in this campaign."

TRUMP EXPANDS ON MUSLIM BAN: Donald Trump says that recent changes to his proposed ban on foreigners entering the U.S. from countries "compromised by terrorism" is an expansion of his Muslim ban (*Politico*). "I actually don't think it's a rollback. In fact, you could say it's an expansion," Trump said on NBC's "*Meet the Press,"* in an interview that was to air Sunday morning. Trump has changed his rhetoric from an initial temporary ban on all Muslims from entering the U.S. to one that focused on countries compromised by terrorism, which was how he phrased it in his speech accepting the Republican presidential nomination Thursday in Cleveland. "I'm looking now at territory," he said Sunday. "People were so upset when I used the word Muslim. Oh, you can't use the word Muslim. Remember this. And I'm OK with that, because I'm talking territory instead of Muslim." NBC's Chuck Todd tried to nail down the GOP nominee on specifics, such as whether such a ban would apply to countries, like Germany and France, that have suffered terrorist attacks. Trump said he wants "extreme vetting."

KKK TAKES AIM AT GAYS, IMMIGRANTS IN INDIANA CITIES: Dozens of area neighborhoods woke up to a disturbing discovery in their front yards Sunday morning (*WTHR-TV*). It was a message directed at their children but the source is infamous for its hateful message. When Fishers homeowner Ross Olsby found a plastic bag filled with rocks and the page long message, it didn't take long for him to start gathering them from his neighbors yards, "Dozens of them, there are tons of them they put them all in little bags." Inside the bags, a single page rant asking "What will you tell your children?" The rambling message lashes out at illegal immigrants, homosexuality and minority groups for America's problems and at the bottom tells people to join the Ku Klux Klan. "I was shocked that it would happen here," said Olsby. "But it also snapped us out of our complacency that even though it's 2016 you would think that this stuff went away 80 years ago." As word spread on social media, neighbors went out to their front yards to find bags up and down the block. Fishers police say the bags were found in Fishers, Noblesville and Hendricks County. Debra Costello also lives in the Fishers neighborhood. "It's disgusting. It's revolting that people would take the time to put it in print."

TRUMP TAKES LEAD IN SWING STATES: Support for Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump ticked up across battleground states following the Republican National Convention last week, according to the new *CBS News Battleground Tracker Poll (The Hill).* Trump now has 42 percent support across the 11 battleground states surveyed — up from the 40 percent he had last week before the convention. Presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton has 41 percent support, unchanged from last week's poll. According to the poll, 55 percent of Republicans said Trump's message at the convention made them feel hopeful, and about 40 percent said it made them feel enthusiastic. Among independents, 32 percent said it made them feel hopeful, and 25 percent said it made them feel enthusiastic. Still, another 32 percent of independents said they felt scared.

CLINTON, KAINE STUMP IN MIAMI: Hillary Clinton debuted her running mate, Senator Tim Kaine of Virginia, to boisterous and bilingual cheers here on Saturday, calling him a "progressive who likes to get things done" even as some liberal Democrats began making clear that they were disappointed with her choice (*New York Times).* "I have to say, Senator Tim Kaine is everything that Donald Trump and Mike Pence are not," Mrs. Clinton said, drawing a quick contrast with the Republican ticket as she introduced

her own No. 2 to the nation. Appearing comfortable in his new role as Mrs. Clinton's top cheerleader and weapon against Mr. Trump, Mr. Kaine bounded up to the microphone, then slipped easily between English and Spanish as he animated the mostly Latino audience by mixing political talk with homey reflections on his life. "Fe, familia y trabajo," he told the crowd of more than 5,000 people at Florida International University, explaining that faith, family and work defined his life.

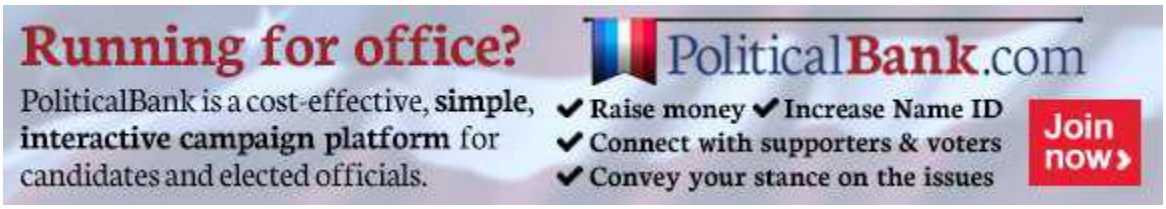
TRUMP CALLS KAINE 'DISREPECTFUL' OF SANDERS: Donald Trump early Sunday said Hillary Clinton's selection of Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va.) as a running mate on the Democratic presidential ticket is "VERY disrespectful to Bernie Sanders and all of his supporters" (*The Hill*). The Republican presidential nominees also tweeted that it looks like the Vermont senator's supporters will "fight," adding that if they don't, "there [sic] blood, sweat and tears was [sic] a total waist [sic] of time." He later deleted that tweet and posted corrected text. Clinton, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, announced her selection on Friday night. She appeared with Kaine at a rally in Miami on Saturday. The Virginia senator is widely viewed as a "safe" pick, but the choice garnered criticism from Sanders for not being progressive enough. The Democratic Rules Committee on Saturday voted overwhelmingly to reduce the influence of superdelegates in the 2020 presidential election after a deal was reached between Clinton and Sanders supporters.

MANAFORT STATEMENT ON WASSERMAN-SCHULTZ: Trump campaign manger Paul Manafort released this statement late Sunday afternoon: "Debbie Wasserman Schultz resigned over her failure to secure the DNC's email servers and the rigged system she set up with the Clinton campaign. Now Hillary Clinton should follow Wasserman Schultz's lead and drop out over her failure to safeguard top secret, classified information both on her unauthorized home server and while traveling abroad. Wasserman Schultz's emails only put the Democratic Party at risk, but Hillary Clinton's emails put all of America at risk." (*Howey Politics Indiana*)

PENCE COMPLICATES TRUMP UNION PUSH: Indiana Gov. Mike Pence is a free-trade supporter who has opposed lifting the minimum wage. Neither of those positions is going to help the GOP ticket with labor unions; AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka called Pence the "second worst" vice presidential pick in history *(The Hill).*Labor leaders like Trumka are backing presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, but Trump believes he can win over rank-and-file union members who are turned off by the Democrat. But that outreach will be complicated by the selection of Pence, labor officials say. "Shame on him," said labor attorney Stuart Salles, who has represented hundreds of unions. "Trump is trying to appeal to union workers, but how can he in good conscience try to help them with Pence on the ticket?" Salles asked. "Pence has opposed labor on every single issue that has come up, whether it's helping unions organize, increasing the minimum wage, anything that has to do with unions, he's been against." Trump has made no secret about his interest in courting the union vote. After the AFL-CIO last month endorsed Clinton, Trump promised to "fight harder for American workers than anyone ever has." "I believe their members will be voting for me in much larger numbers than for [Clinton]," Trump added.

BLOOMBERG TO ENDORSE CLINTON: Michael R. Bloomberg, who bypassed his own run for the presidency this election cycle, will endorse Hillary Clinton in a prime-time address at the Democratic convention and make the case for Mrs. Clinton as the best choice for moderate voters in 2016, an adviser to Mr. Bloomberg said (*New York Times)*. The news is an unexpected move from Mr. Bloomberg, who

has not been a member of the Democratic Party since 2000; was elected the mayor of New York City as a Republican; and later became an independent. But it reflects Mr. Bloomberg's increasing dismay about the rise of Donald J. Trump and a determination to see that the Republican nominee is defeated. Mrs. Clinton is seeking to reach out to middle-of-the-road swing voters and even moderate Republicans uneasy about Mr. Trump. Polls show that significant numbers of Republicans remain wary of Mr. Trump, and question his fitness for the presidency.



Democratic National Convention

BRAZILE TO REPLACE DNC CHAIR WASSERMAN-SCHULTZ: The embattled chair of the Democratic National Committee, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, announced she would resign at the end of her party's convention this week, a victim of her toxic relationship with peers and a trove of embarrassing internal emails (*Politico)*. "Going forward, the best way for me to accomplish those goals [of winning the presidency for Hillary Clinton] is to step down as Party Chair at the end of this convention," the Florida congresswoman said Sunday in a written statement. "As Party Chair, this week I will open and close the Convention and I will address our delegates about the stakes involved in this election not only for Democrats, but for all Americans." Donna Brazile, a Democratic Party stalwart and longtime Clinton family friend and political ally, has been called on to run the DNC through the election. Brazile, who briefly served as chair in 2011, is a CNN contributor, and must withdraw from that contract to take the reins of the DNC. And she's still subject to a party vote this week in Philadelphia.

RUSSIANS MAY BE BEHIND DNC EMAIL HACK: A top official with Hillary Clinton's campaign on Sunday accused the Russian government of orchestrating the release of damaging Democratic Party records in order to help the campaign of Republican Donald Trump — and some cyber security experts in the U.S. and overseas agree (*Washington Post)*. The extraordinary charge came as some national security officials have been growing increasingly concerned about possible efforts by Russia to meddle in the election, according to several individuals familiar with the situation. Late last week, hours before the records were released by the website Wikileaks, the White House convened a high-level security meeting to discuss reports that Russia had hacked into systems at the Democratic National Committee. Although other experts remain skeptical of a Russian role, the hacking incident has caused alarm within the Clinton campaign and also in the national security arena. Officials from various intelligence and defense agencies, including the National Security Council, the Department of Defense, the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security, attended the White House meeting Thursday, on the eve of the email release. If the accusation is true, it would be the first time the Russians have actively tried to influence an election in this manner, analysts said.

NYT REPORTS RUSSIANS BEHIND EMAIL HACK: An unusual question is capturing the attention of cyberspecialists, Russia experts and Democratic Party leaders in Philadelphia: Is Vladimir V. Putin trying to meddle in the American presidential election? Until Friday, that charge, with its eerie suggestion of a Kremlin conspiracy to aid Donald J. Trump, has been only whispered (*New York Times)*. But the release on Friday of some 20,000 stolen emails from the Democratic National Committee's computer servers, many of them embarrassing to Democratic leaders, has intensified discussion of the role of Russian intelligence agencies in disrupting the 2016 campaign. The emails, released first by a supposed hacker and later by WikiLeaks, exposed the degree to which the Democratic apparatus favored Hillary Clinton over her primary rival, Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont, and triggered the resignation of Debbie Wasserman Schultz, the party chairwoman, on the eve of the convention's first day. Proving the source of a cyberattack is notoriously difficult. But researchers have concluded that the national committee was breached by two Russian intelligence agencies, which were the same attackers behind previous Russian cyberoperations at the White House, the State Department and the Joint Chiefs of Staff last year. And metadata from the released emails suggests that the documents passed through Russian computers.

DNC TRIED TO UNDERMINE SANDERS EMAIL SHOW: Thousands of leaked emails have sealed the fate of Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz's uneven five-plus-year tenure as DNC chair (*Washington Post).*Wasserman Schultz's resignation announcement Sunday afternoon comes as a bad situation just keeps getting worse -- and appears as though it might continue to do so. That's because WikiLeaks has so far released nearly 20,000 emails, new details are still being discovered, and there is still the prospect of additional, damaging emails coming to light. Many of the most damaging emails suggest the committee was actively trying to undermine Bernie Sanders's presidential campaign. Basically all of these examples came late in the primary -- after Hillary Clinton was clearly headed for victory -- but they belie the national party committee's stated neutrality in the race even at that late stage.

SUPER DELEGATE ROLE TO CHANGE: The role of superdelegates could be significantly reduced in future Democratic presidential primaries under a compromise deal struck at the Democratic National Convention rules committee Saturday (*Associated Press*). Efforts by Bernie Sanders supporters to pass amendments eliminating or limiting the power of superdelegates failed to win approval at the committee meeting in Philadelphia. But campaigns for Sanders and Hillary Clinton worked out an agreement to create a "unity commission" to revise the nominating process, including changing superdelegate rules, which won near-unanimous support. The 21-member commission will study a number of issues, including how to improve access to caucuses and how to broaden the party's appeal. For superdelegates, the commission's recommendation is that Congress members, governors and other elected officials should remain as unpledged delegates, but that other delegates would be bound proportionally to the primary results of their state. Sanders campaign manager Jeff Weaver endorsed the plan, saying it would "result in the reduction of superdelegates as we know them by two-thirds." The Clinton campaign also expressed support for the commission.

BOERSTE EXPECTS SMOOTH CONVENTION: Indiana delegates to the Democratic National Convention say not to expect the same kind of drama Republicans saw at their convention, but tensions could flare up between supporters of Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders at this week's gathering (Schneider*, IndyStar*). Symbolic of that tension is Dean Boerste's inbox. As a superdelegate supporting Clinton, Boerste is continuing to receive emails from Sanders supporters trying to get him to change his

mind — even after Sanders' endorsement of Clinton. One woman told him she would vote for Republican Donald Trump if he didn't support Sanders. "She caught me off guard," said Boerste, of Evansville. He wrote her back: "you do what you have to do." Ahead of the convention that kicks off Monday in Philadelphia, he's remaining optimistic that the Democrat convention will go smoothly. Democrats are coming together, said Annette Gross, a delegate from Carmel who supports Clinton. "One good thing Bernie has done is kind of push Hillary a little more to the left," Gross said, "and it seems like she's picking up on some of his ideas."

REP. AUSTIN EXPECTS UNIFIED PARTY: For the third time, state Rep. Terri Austin, D-Anderson, will be attending a national convention of the Democratic Party (de la Bastide, *Anderson Herald-Bulletin*). But she thinks this one will be a lot different than her first. Austin, who represents the 36th District in the Indiana House, will be attending the convention in Philadelphia as a delegate for presumptive presidential nominee Hillary Clinton, who would become the first woman nominee from a major party. The event, which kicks off Monday, will likely focus on party unity, Austin said. Her first national convention was in 1980 in New York City when she was 25, though she wasn't a delegate. In that convention, incumbent President Jimmy Carter turned back a challenge by Sen. Ted Kennedy. Carter lost that fall to Republican Ronald Reagan. "It was a contentious convention," Austin said. "There was an effort to unbind the delegates on the part of Ted Kennedy. I still have my button that reads 'Keep it Open.'"



Sunday Talk

CLINTON 'SADDENED' BY 'LOCK HER UP' CHANT: Hillary Clinton may not have heard the "lock her up" chants that rang through the halls of the Republican National Convention last week, but she was saddened to know that it had taken place *(Politico*). Asked by *60 Minutes'* host Scott Pelley in an interview that aired on CBS on Sunday night, Clinton was asked if she felt threatened by the chant that quickly caught on as an unofficial slogan of the Republicans' convention in Cleveland. "No, I felt sad," she said. "I don't know what their convention was about, other than criticizing me. I seem to be the only unifying theme that they had."

OBAMA SAYS TRUMP HELPS ISIL: President Barack Obama charged Sunday that divisive rhetoric from Donald Trump on Muslims and terrorism is "ultimately helping do ISIL's work" (*Politico*). "If we start engaging in the kinds of proposals that we've heard from Mr. Trump or some of his surrogates like Mr. [Newt] Gingrich, where we start suggesting that we would apply religious tests to who could come in

here, that we are screening Muslim Americans differently than we would others, then we are betraying that very thing that makes America exceptional," Obama said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

CLINTON WON'T CALL TRUMP NAMES: Presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton and her running mate Sen. Tim Kaine of Virginia tell Scott Pelley they will not engage in the type of insults hurled at Clinton from rival Donald Trump (*CBS News*). They addressed the "Crooked Hillary" epithet Trump often uses and spoke with Pelley about a host of other issues in their first joint interview conducted yesterday in Miami. The following transcript is an excerpt from the interview: SCOTT PELLEY: He calls you Crooked Hillary. HILLARY CLINTON: Hmm. SCOTT PELLEY: What do you call him? HILLARY CLINTON: I don't call him anything. And I'm not going to engage in that kind of insult fest that he seems to thrive on. So whatever he says about me, he's perfectly free to use up his own air time and his own space to do. I'm going to talk about what he's done, how he has hurt people in business time after time after time. The small businesses, the contractors, the workmen and women who he refused to pay after they rendered services. The total disregard that he has shown toward large groups of people in our country. His vicious language against immigrants. His insulting a distinguished federal judge of Mexican heritage. His mocking a person with a disability. His really inflammatory language about Muslims, about American Muslims, about Muslims all over the world. His demeaning comments about women.

TRUMP CITES 'OPTIMISTIC' MESSAGE: Donald Trump says that his speech at the Republican National Convention Thursday night offered an optimistic message because "we're going to solve the problems." The GOP nominee pushed back against critics who called Trump's vision of a crumbling America too pessimistic, telling NBC's Chuck Todd in an interview on *Meet The Press* that he intended to portray only a choice between himself and Hillary Clinton. Asked about his statement that "I alone can fix it" — a sentiment blasted by critics as a flirtation with totalitarianism — Trump said his ability to solve America's problems is a binary contrast with the Democratic nominee. "I am running against Hillary. It's not like I'm running against the rest of the world. I know people that are very, very capable that could do a very good job, but they could never get elected," he said.

TRUMP EYES MUSLIN BAN 'EXPANSION': Donald Trump says that recent changes to his proposed ban on foreigners entering the U.S. from countries "compromised by terrorism" is an expansion of his Muslim ban (*Politico*). "I actually don't think it's a rollback. In fact, you could say it's an expansion," Trump said on NBC's "*Meet the Press,"* in an interview that was to air Sunday morning. Trump has changed his rhetoric from an initial temporary ban on all Muslims from entering the U.S. to one that focused on countries compromised by terrorism, which was how he phrased it in his speech accepting the Republican presidential nomination Thursday in Cleveland. "I'm looking now at territory," he said Sunday. "People were so upset when I used the word Muslim. Oh, you can't use the word Muslim. Remember this. And I'm OK with that, because I'm talking territory instead of Muslim."

TRUMP THREATENS TO PULL OUT OF WTO: Donald Trump on Sunday threatened to pull the United States out of the World Trade Organization (WTO) if his plan to tax imports of U.S. companies that move their operations abroad is foiled (*The Hill*). The Republican presidential nominee called the international trade body a "disaster" and ratcheted up his anti-trade criticism in calling for the punishment of U.S. firms that move overseas. He also doubled down on his push to either renegotiate or withdraw the United States from all of their global agreements, including the North American Free Trade Agreement and the

12-nation Trans-Pacific Partnership. "There will be a tax to be paid," Trump told Chuck Todd in an interview on NBC's "Meet the Press." Trump has vowed to impose tariffs — in the range of 15 percent to 35 percent — on companies like Indiana-based Carrier, which is moving its operations to Mexico. "If they're going to fire all their people, move their plant to Mexico, build air conditioners, and think they're going to sell those air conditioners to the United States, there's going to be a tax," he said.

MOOK IMPLICATES RUSSIANS IN EMAIL LEAKS: Hillary Clinton's campaign manager on Sunday questioned whether Russia is behind the leaked emails that show Democratic Party officials privately planned how to undermine the presidential campaign of Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) (*The Hill*). "What's disturbing about this entire situation is that experts are telling us that Russian state actors broke into the DNC, took all those emails and are now leaking them out through these websites," Robby Mook said on ABC's "This Week," referring to the Democratic National Committee. "It's troubling that some experts are telling us this was done by the Russians for the purpose of helping Donald Trump." Mook also criticized an email that appears to show DNC Chief Financial Officer Brad Marshall questioning Sanders's religion. "Nobody in politics should be attacked for their religion, ever," Mook said, noting that Marshall apologized for the email.

SANDERS CALLS FOR DNC CHAIR TO RESIGN - Bernie Sanders Sunday called on Democratic National Committee (DNC) Chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz to resign following email leaks from within the party that showed officials tried to undermine his presidential campaign (*The Hill*). She "should not be chair of the DNC, and I think these emails reiterate that reason why she should not be chair," the Vermont senator said on ABC's "This Week." "I think she should resign, period, and I think we need a new chair that's going to lead us in a new direction." Emails leaked by WikiLeaks Friday showed DNC officials privately planned how to undermine Sanders's presidential campaign. In one May 21 email, DNC press secretary Mark Paustenbach wrote to communications director Luis Miranda about planting a narrative to the media that Sanders's "campaign was a mess."

SANDERS WOULD HAVE PREFERRED WARREN AS VEEP: Bernie Sanders may have already endorsed presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton, but the Vermont senator is more reluctant to give her running mate the stamp of approval -- and said Sunday he would have preferred seeing Elizabeth Warren on the ticket (*Fox News*). While Sanders served with Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine in the Senate, he said Sunday he would have preferred to see his Senate colleague from Massachusetts up there with Clinton. "Tim is a very, very smart guy. He's a very nice guy," Sanders said on NBC's "*Meet The Press.*""His political views are not my political views. He is more conservative than I am." He said: "Would I have preferred to see somebody like an Elizabeth Warren selected by Secretary Clinton? Yes, I would have."

MANAFORT SAYS WIKILEAKS PROVES RIGGED SYSTEM: Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump's campaign chairman said Sunday that the Democratic National Committee's (DNC) leaked emails show the party favored presumptive presidential nominee Hillary Clinton from the start. "What's in those emails show it was clearly a rigged system," Paul Manafort said on ABC's "*This Week.*"

SANDERS SAYS HE'S NOT AN ATHIEST: Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) on Sunday called leaked Democratic National Committee (DNC) emails "outrageous" (*The Hill).* "First of all, I am not an atheist," Sanders said on CNN's "State of the Union." The emails showed top party officials tried to undermine Sanders's presidential campaign. In one, an official suggests sending a surrogate to ask an unnamed candidate whether that candidate believed in God. DNC Chief Financial Officer Brad Marshall's email does not name the Vermont senator, but it talks about a man of "Jewish heritage" Marshall believes to be an atheist. "I mean, it is an outrage and sad that you would have people in important positions in the DNC trying to undermine my campaign," Sanders said on Sunday. "It goes without saying the function of the DNC is to represent all of the candidates, to be fair and even-minded."

Congress

ROKITA HELPS SCHOOLS WITH FEDERAL ERROR: Last week, the US Department of Education granted permission for the Indiana Department of Education to grant waivers regarding the expenditure of Title 1 funds. Due to data errors caused by Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz and the Indiana Department of Education, some schools, including charter schools, received increases at the end of the school year when the correct data was inserted into the funding formula (*Howey Politics Indiana*). However, due to federal law, schools didn't have time to strategically spend the funds before spending deadlines. This ruling from the US Department of Education comes at the request of U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita (IN-04) and Congressman Luke Messer (IN-06) who co-authored a letter last month to Department of Education Secretary King. If granted a waiver, schools in Indiana could carry over Title 1 funds granted in 2015 to the 2016-2017 school year. Title 1 funds support our nation's most disadvantaged children. "Hoosier children, especially those most in need, should not be penalized because of accounting errors made by Superintendent Glenda Ritz and other bureaucrats within the Indiana Department of Education. This ruling will ensure that the Title 1 money, allocated by Congress, makes it to schools and classrooms to support the educations needs of the most vulnerable Hoosier students," said Rokita.



State

GOVERNOR: PENCE ON TICKET THREATENS MAN'S PARDON - Gov. Mike Pence's spot on Donald Trump's presidential ticket may jeopardize a wrongfully convicted man's pardon request in Indiana (*Associated Press*). More than two years ago, the Indiana Parole Board recommended Pence pardon Keith Cooper, now 49, for an armed robbery 20 years ago, the *Chicago Tribune* reported. The Republican

governor hasn't acted in the case. Legal experts say if Cooper is successful, his pardon would be the first from an Indiana governor based on innocence. Cooper was sentenced to 40 years in prison for a 1996 robbery in Elkhart that left a teen with a gunshot wound in the stomach. He was released from prison after the Indiana Court of Appeals overturned his co-defendant's conviction in 2005. After advances in DNA testing and a nationwide offender database excluded him as the perpetrator and identified another suspect in the case, original trial prosecutor, Michael A. Christofeno, urged Pence to support the pardon.

IMS: GEORGE RETURNS TO HELM OF HULMAN & CO. - IndyCar founder Tony George has been renamed the chairman of the board of Hulman & Co., the family that owns Indianapolis Motor Speedway (*IBJ*). George was forced out of that out of that job by his mother and sisters in 2009. Though the company made no announcement about the move, George was introduced with the title before instructing the Brickyard 400 drivers to start their engines for Sunday's race. A track spokesman confirmed the family had reinstated George to his previous post during a recent board meeting. George was in charge of the historic speedway from 1990-2009 and rejoined the company's board of directors in early 2013.

EDUCATION: IU'S DIGITALIZATON PROJECT FACES DEADLINE - Laurie Antolovic was worried about finishing Indiana University's massive digitization initiative on time (Reschke, *Bloomington Herald-Times*). The Media Digitization and Preservation Initiative that Antolovic directs calls for saving 280,000 of IU's most significant audio and video recordings by converting them from analog to digital format in time for the university's bicentennial celebration in 2020. Reaching that goal requires finding not only devices to play back things such as legendary composer Hoagy Carmichael's 1949 concert at the IU Auditorium, which is recorded onto a 16-inch lacquer disc, but also phonographs for field recordings of tribal music from the 1890s. Early estimates showed the process would take 15 years, Antolovic said. With more than 100,000 recordings already converted after only a year, it looks like the project will be finished ahead of schedule, thanks in part to Memnon Archiving Services.

DNR: 3 SHOT AT FORT HARRISON SP - Indiana Conservation Officers are investigating a shooting that happened in Lawrence at Fort Harrison State Park Saturday night (Fox59). Officials confirm three people were shot at a party at a rental cottage inside the park. Conservation officers estimate 150 people were at the party. Two victims were taken by ambulance to area hospitals, while the third was transported by car. All three victims are listed in stable condition. Identities of the victims are being withheld as the investigation continues. The call came out shortly after 11:00 p.m. when officers with Lawrence Police Department were dispatched to the 500-block of Wood Road on reports of shots fired.

Nation

FLORIDA: 2 KILLED, 17 WOUNDED IN NIGHTCLUB SHOOTING - A shooting at a Florida nightclub early Monday morning killed two people and wounded as many as 17, police said. The attack apparently occurred at a teen party, billed as a "Swimsuit Glow Party," at Club Blu in Fort Myers, according to local media (*Fox News*). Police detained three people and said the area around the club had been deemed safe, police Capt. Jim Mulligan said in a statement. Four people remained hospitalized with serious

injuries, local station WINK-TV reported. One of the victims was 12 years old, Cherly Garn, a spokeswoman for Lee Memorial Health System, told WINK.



World

GERMANY: REJECTED SYRIAN REFUGEE BLOWS SELF UP - A rejected Syrian asylum seeker blew himself up near the entrance of a Bavarian music festival late Sunday, killing himself and wounding 12 others in the latest attack to rock Europe (*Washington Post*). The incident sparked late night mayhem in Ansbach, a southern German town of 40,000 that hosts a U.S. military base. Authorities quickly evacuated 2,500 people from the rock festival. The assailant, a 27-year-old Syrian whose request for asylum had been rejected, detonated an explosive device in his backpack around 10:10 p.m. after he was refused entry to the festival.

Local

CITIES: END NEAR FOR ELKHART ANNEXATION SUIT - The end is in sight to the last of three lawsuits filed in 2014 by property owners fighting annexation into Elkhart (Vandenack, *Elkhart Truth*). A tentative settlement in the case, which was reached after mediation last week, calls for the removal of 144 parcels of land from the area to be annexed off C.R. 6 north of the city limits, west of Osolo Road. The Elkhart City Council will take up the matter in a special meeting next Tuesday. If approved, the area to be annexed would be reduced by about a quarter, from 311.8 acres to 229.5 acres. "We're going to carve out the residential areas and leave in as much of the commercial areas, developed and undeveloped, just like we did with the other two," Elkhart City Council President Brian Thomas said Friday.

CITIES: UNION VEEP KILLED IN BOAT CRASH - A retired Hammond firefighter and the vice president of Teamsters Local 731 were killed early Saturday after their boat crashed into the Lake Michigan break wall in East Chicago, officials said (*Post-Tribune*). Richard Wade, 68, of 1235 E. Summer St., Hammond, and Timothy Dunlap, 62, of 1924 Lynwood St., Lynwood, Ill., sustained blunt force trauma injuries and died at the scene, the Lake County coroner's office said. Wade was a retired firefighter and co-owner of State Auto Body. Dunlap was a union vice president and president of Southland Friends of Labor, which includes members from various labor unions.

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GOP GOV RACE HEADS BACK TO INDIANA; UNITY TICKET FLOATED: Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb wouldn't reveal any hard count when it comes to next Tuesday's gubernatorial caucus, but he told *Howey Politics Indiana* on Thursday afternoon that he is "confident" that he will find the 12 votes necessary to win the Republican gubernatorial nomination. Sources close to Holcomb, who was seen huddling with Indiana Republican Chairman Jeff Cardwell Thursday afternoon, tell HPI that Cardwell has assured him he will not enter the race. Indiana Central Committee members, who will make the decision at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Indianapolis, can't wait to leave Cleveland, where 16 of the 22 members attending the RNC met with Holcomb, U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita and U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks. Another candidate, State Sen. Jim Tomes, was not in Cleveland. He is seen as having virtually no chance. As one committee member told HPI, it became increasingly tough for a member to talk to one of the candidates without someone assuming it implied support. Rokita dropped another campaign flier this morning outlining his plans, noting that he wrote legislation repealing No Child Left Behind and a transportation bill that will bring $5 billion to Indiana. He has some powerful advocates such as Dan Dumezich, who told HPI Thursday morning that Rokita has won two statewide elections and has served in the 4th CD that moved after the 2011 redistricting. However, Dumezich did not endorse Rokita. There was also increasing talk of a unity ticket emerging. Said one informed and reliable source, "I increasingly believe two of the candidates will join hands and make a ticket. This will also assist state committee members. A compromise ticket is a likely next step." Such a ticket would most likely involve Holcomb and Brooks. Multiple highly informed and reliable sources tell HPI they are certain that Gov. Mike Pence will move his $7 million war chest to the new nominee. Influential GOP financier Bob Grand traveled to Cleveland on Thursday and was present at the Shorby Club where Pence briefly appeared to thank the delegation to work on a financial transfer. Holcomb is still seen as having an inside track, though no one, not even him, is ready to say anyone has the nomination locked up. His nomination speech of Pence on Tuesday night at the RNC carried some political heft and as one influential Republican told HPI, the fact that Pence choose him as LG carries the implication that he believes Holcomb is ready to govern. This is a developing story and will be updated throughout the weekend at www.howeypolitics.com

TRUMP PAINTS DIRE PORTRAIT OF A TERRORIZED NATION: Donald Trump painted a dire portrait of a lawless, terrorized nation as he accepted the Republican presidential nomination here Thursday night, delivering a sweeping indictment of a feckless political and corporate class that he argued was thrusting the United States into a perilous decline (Rucker & Fahrenthold, *Washington Post*). Declaring that he alone has the leadership strength to secure the homeland and rejuvenate the economy, the billionaire real estate mogul offered himself as a "law and order" candidate and made a direct appeal to blue-collar Americans who have felt left behind in the 21st century. "The forgotten men and women of our country — people who work hard but no longer have a voice: I am your voice," Trump said in a long address to fired-up delegates on the closing night of the Republican National Convention. Rather than pivoting to the political middle with an uplifting address, Trump punctuated the turbulent four-day convention with a heavy speech with simple declarations. And he focused intensively on the alleged dangers posed by immigrants and refugees, showing that on the biggest stage of his campaign he would not shy away from rhetoric that many minority voters find repulsive. Trump spoke with so much gusto it sounded much of the time as though he were screaming, and by the end his face was notably red and glistening with sweat. The address lasted an extraordinary 76 minutes, with balloons falling in Quicken Loans Arena and fireworks shooting over Lake Erie nearly an hour after scheduled. The tone of his prepared text was hard-edged — at times severe — and echoed the dark themes of Richard Nixon's 1968

campaign. Trump is betting that general-election voters feel so beleaguered that they will heed his call for radical change. Trump described the country as beset by illegal immigrants, some of them killers. The crowd chanted back at him, "Send them home," and "Build the wall." And Trump decried an increase in homicides in some cities. "I have a message to every last person threatening the peace on our streets and the safety of our police: When I take the oath of office next year, I will restore law and order to our country. Believe me. Believe me," he said. In virtually every policy realm, Trump vowed to put the country's interests before any other — redirecting Washington's gaze inward in an age of globalization. "I have joined the political arena so that the powerful can no longer beat up on people that cannot defend themselves," he said.

A DARK CONTRAST TO IVANKA'S SUNNY INTRO: Donald Trump's relentlessly gloomy tone was a jarring contrast to the sunny introduction by his daughter Ivanka Trump, who portrayed him as a generous, magnanimous business executive who would be "the people's champion" and "a fighter" who delivers results (*Washington Post*). She said her father has been an advocate for women in his company and would do the same as president, saying that he supports equal pay for equal work and would change labor laws to help make quality child care affordable — all priorities of presumed Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton.

TRUMP VOWS TO PROTECT 'LGBTQ CITIZENS': Another moment illustrated the swift evolution of some Republicans on social issues (*Washington Post*). Billionaire entrepreneur Peter Thiel said, "I am proud to be gay. I am proud to be a Republican. But most of all, I am proud to be an American" — the first to make such a declaration at a GOP convention. Thousands of delegates rose to their feet and cheered. When Trump later referred to the recent massacre at a gay nightclub in Orlando and said he would "protect our LGBTQ citizens," the crowd applauded loudly. Taking it in, Trump said, "As a Republican, I have to say, it is so nice to hear you cheering." One of the loudest crowd responses came when Trump introduced his new running mate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, who has strong support among evangelicals and other conservatives. Pence opposed any expansion of LGBT civil rights while governor of Indiana (*Howey Politics Indiana*). In a remarkable departure from past GOP conventions, Trump made no mention of God, religion or his faith. And although he thanked the evangelical community for supporting him, he sounded a rare note of self-deprecation, saying, "I'm not sure I really deserve it."

PENCE ON WHY HE COMPARES TRUMP TO REAGAN: *WTHR's* Kevin Rader has been reporting from the Republican National Convention all week. On Thursday, he had a chance to sit down with vice presidential nominee and Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, one day after Pence gave what was arguably the most important speech of his career. Kevin Rader: "I'm curious because you were a history major, were you not?" Mike Pence: "I am." KR: "And I was a history major. So when I watched you walk out there last night, I thought, 'what's the difference between an interest in history and making history?" MP: "It was just very humbling, very humbling for me and my family to find ourselves in a position where I could walk to a podium and stand before the nation and accept my party's nomination for vice president of the United States. I was filled with emotion. Still am. To be able to look out to see my wonderful family, to see my mom, to think of my dad. It was a profound honor. The greatest sense I have of all of it was we were humbled." KR: "You compared him to [President Ronald] Reagan. Tell me why." MP: "What I saw in Reagan and what I see in Trump is a man who hears and understands and loves the American people. Reagan was exactly that kind of leader. He grew up in the heartland. He just moved to California. But he was someone who understood everyday Americans like no other president in my lifetime. In the time that I've had to spend with Donald Trump, not on the campaign trail and not in public settings, but with him

and his family, I sense a man whose family has lived the American dream and a man who really understands people from the loading docks to the boardrooms and who's inspired by the American people and confident of their boundless capacity like no one since Reagan." KR: "You're two very different people. You've lived a humble life - and a good life, obviously, but two very different people. You disagree on some issues - foreign policy, Planned Parenthood. How do you make that work?" MP: "I think we agree on all the most important things. We both agree that we've seen American standing in the world decline in the last seven and a half years. We both agree we gotta rebuild the military and stand with our allies and stop apologizing to our enemies. We both agree that we've got to bring change to Washington, DC, break up the status quo, put our fiscal house in order and unleash the full potential of the American economy through tax relief and regulatory reform. And we both agree that the role the Supreme Court plays in the life of this nation is of such a magnitude that we must ensure that the next president will appoint common-sense conservatives to the Supreme Court for all of those reasons, I'm enthusiastic about the opportunity - among other ideas as well - to campaign shoulder to shoulder with Donald Trump and I believe he's gonna make a great president of the United States."

INDIANA DELEGATES UNITE BEHIND TRUMP: Indiana's delegates came into the Republican National Convention publicly united behind Donald Trump, and are leaving it the same way (Berman, *WIBC*). The Republican nominee closed the four-day convention in Cleveland with pledges to deliver solutions to problems politicians have been unable to fix, from government waste to immigration to ISIS. But Howard County Republican Chairman Craig Dunn says what was notable was the delivery, Trump still led the crowd in angry denunciations of Hillary Clinton and offered his trademark bravado in assuring delegates he'd succeed where past presidents have failed, but gone were the boasting about poll numbers, the hopscotching tangents, and the over-the-top attacks which have characterized Trump campaign rallies. Dunn says it was the more presidential version of Trump he'd been waiting to see. U.S. Senator Dan Coats and Indianapoils City-County Councillor Aaron Freeman supported Florida Senator Marco Rubio in the primaries, but both say they can't stomach the thought of a Clinton presidency. Freeman says Trump found the right message in his address, casting himself as an agent of change who would reverse the policies of the Obama administration. Bedford Representative Eric Koch steered clear of commenting on Trump's candidacy, but says the speech was "stylistically tight." He's more enthusiastic about the addition of Governor Mike Pence as Trump's running mate.

TRUMP RIPS NATO AS REPUBLICANS SQUIRM: Donald Trump's latest broadside against NATO, the military alliance that has long served as a pillar of Western unity, has further aggravated the disunity in the Republican Party as he prepares to accept its nomination for president (*Politico*). In an interview with The New York Times, Trump said the United States shouldn't automatically come to the defense of fellow NATO members if they are attacked unless those countries have paid their bills to the alliance. That approach flies in the face of one of NATO's bedrock principles, Article 5, which requires NATO states to come to the aid of a fellow member under assault. The comments drew scorn not only from American allies but also from several top Republicans, undermining the party's efforts to project unity during its national convention this week in Cleveland. They were published less than a day before Trump is due to deliver a major speech at the convention, and they further fueled the perception that Trump is a lackey for Russian President Vladimir Putin. "I disagree with that," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, who was in Cleveland, said of Trump's comments. "NATO is the most important military alliance in world history. I want to reassure our NATO allies that if any of them get attacked, we'll be there to defend them." Republican Rep. Adam Kinzinger of Illinois, speaking during a POLITICO panel event at the convention, said Trump's remarks made it harder for him to vote for the real estate mogul come November. "You have allies right now, I mean I have friends that, you know, serve in parliament in places like Estonia, that every day worry about the Russians deciding that this is the time to re-annex and

take them back," said Kinzinger, a former Air Force pilot. "And comments like this are not only ill-informed, they're dangerous."

ALL EYES ON KAINE AS CLINTON VEEP: Democrats close to Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign signaled strongly Thursday that she would choose Senator Tim Kaine of Virginia as her running mate, rounding out the ticket with a popular politician from a battleground state (*New York Times*). Both former President Bill Clinton and the White House have expressed their support for Mr. Kaine, but aides cautioned that Mrs. Clinton had not yet made a final decision and that other candidates were still under consideration. Mrs. Clinton is widely expected to announce her choice in an email to supporters while on a campaign swing in Florida on Friday afternoon, an attempt to regain momentum the day after her Republican opponent, Donald J. Trump, accepted his party's nomination in Cleveland. With Mr. Kaine emerging as a clear favorite, one group already expressed disappointment at the prospect of the former governor of Virginia joining the ticket: liberals. Two others under consideration, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Labor Secretary Thomas E. Perez, also supported the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: After watching Donald Trump's speech last night, which was heavy in tone and virtually devoid of any specifics, even broader specifics appropriate for a convention speech, he promised to end crime and terrorism on "Day One." He said, "I alone can fix it." Is he talking about martial law? The speech was the antithesis of Ronald Reagan's optimistic "Morning In America." Trump is preparing to take America on to an isolationist, nativist, authoritarian path, though there is no doubt this message resonates with a portion of the shrinking white electorate. Americans will be either inspired by the tough language, or unnerved in what will be one of the most polarizing campaigns in history. Last fall, GOP National Committeeman John Hammond III told HPI that some Americans were seeking a "strongman." The saw and heard one last night, though to what degree remains to be seen. - *Brian A. Howey*



Republican National Convention

TRUMP CONTROLS PENCE POLITICAL FUTURE: Much of Mike Pence's political future is now out of his control (Groppe, *Gannett News Service*). Will he become the next vice president of the United States? Or will he end up the answer to the trivia question "Who was Donald Trump's running mate?" Just how little control Pence has was reinforced time and again in the few days since Trump chose Indiana's governor for the GOP ticket. Pence appeared to be an afterthought Saturday at Trump's formal announcement of his pick. He was a prop for Trump's return by helicopter to the GOP convention

Wednesday, standing on a lawn to welcome Trump. And Pence's vice presidential nomination acceptance speech was overshadowed Wednesday night by Texas Sen. Ted Cruz's refusal to explicitly endorse Trump. Cruz's speech went long, knocking part of Pence's speech out of prime time. "Not being able to execute your VP nominee speaking at the right time is an epic failure of planning," tweeted Dan Pfeiffer, a former Obama adviser. Pence did win high marks for his address. "The problem for Mike Pence is, he's kind of the tail on the elephant," said Stuart Rothenberg, editor and publisher of the nonpartisan The Rothenberg & Gonzales Political Report. "The race is still Trump versus Clinton."

COATS REBUKES CRUZ: Sen. Dan Coats issued a blistering rebuke Thursday of fellow Sen. Ted Cruz, who set off an unprecedented uproar at the Republican National Convention last night with his refusal to endorse Donald Trump (Cook*, IndyStar*). "I think what people saw last night is what we have seen in the Senate. No matter how conservative you are, you never can meet Ted's standard," Coats told IndyStar. "He only thinks of himself, he doesn't think about party. He's a wrecking ball." But Coats, who is finishing his final term as Indiana's senior senator, was only warming up. "He's the most self-centered, narcissistic, pathological liar I've ever seen — and you can quote me on that," he said.

TRUMP AIMS AT SHRINKING 'SILENT MAJORITY': There were no echoes of Ronald Reagan's "Morning in America," George H.W. Bush's "kinder and gentler nation" or even George W. Bush's compassionate conservatism in Donald Trump's speech accepting the Republican presidential nomination here Thursday night. Instead, in both theme and target audience, Trump offered a powerful echo of Richard Nixon almost 50 years ago (Balz, *Washington Post*). Trump's speech proved once again that he would continue to throw out the traditional campaign rulebook that might dictate softer language and broader appeals. Instead, he offered his grim portrait of the country and a law-and-order message in the hope of summoning an army of disaffected and forgotten voters large enough to topple the political status quo in November. Throughout this election year, it has been evident that the forces of change are in control, which puts Trump's Democratic rival Hillary Clinton at an obvious disadvantage. But with questions about his temperament and readiness to be president, Trump has but one way to win, and that was on display Thursday night. In Nixon's time, it was a call for the "Silent Majority" to rise up and take back the country. Trump spoke to the "forgotten men and women" who he said no longer have a voice in a rigged political system run by "censors" and "cynics." His target audience remains white, mostly working-class, Americans bruised by economic change and worried about cultural changes. But the coalitions that elected both Nixon and Reagan — that silent majority of 1968 or the Reagan Democrats of 1980 — have been diluted by demographic change. Trump's gamble is that he can still find and mobilize enough of them to prove his critics wrong again.

A BLISTERING ATTACK ON CLINTON: He was blistering about Hillary Clinton, his Democratic opponent, and her tenure as secretary of state, arguing that her diplomatic strategy in Syria, Iraq, Egypt, Libya and other countries had led to civil unrest and political chaos and rendered her unfit to be president (*New York Times*). "America is far less safe — and the world is far less stable — than when Obama made the decision to put Hillary Clinton in charge of America's foreign policy," Mr. Trump said Mr. Trump said Americans had "lived through one international humiliation after another" under President Obama: the Navy sailors "being forced to their knees" by Iranian captors in January; the destruction of the American consulate in Benghazi, Libya; and Mr. Obama's decision not to defend his "red line" on Syria. Mrs. Clinton shared the blame, too, he added. "This is the legacy of Hillary Clinton: death, destruction, terrorism, and weakness," Mr. Trump said.

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CLINTON CALLS TRUMP 'TEMPERAMENTALLY UNFIT': Trump blamed Clinton directly for the past decade and a half of foreign operations that have wrought turmoil in the Middle East and cast the former secretary of state as a favor-trading, self-enriching agent of overseas powers. "This is the legacy of Hillary Clinton: death, destruction, terrorism and weakness," he said. "But Hillary Clinton's legacy does not have to be America's legacy." As Trump attacked Clinton, the attendees chanted, "Lock her up!" as they had for previous speakers. At one point, Trump tried to shush his supporters. He gestured "no" with his hands and declared that together they should beat her at the polls in November. Clinton's campaign chairman, John Podesta, said in a statement: "Tonight, Donald Trump painted a dark picture of an America in decline. And his answer — more fear, more division, more anger, more hate — was yet another reminder that he is temperamentally unfit and totally unqualified to be President of the United States."

WARREN CALLS TRUMP 'TWO BIT DICTATOR': Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren excoriated Donald Trump for his Thursday night acceptance speech for the Republican nomination, while blasting the GOP's four-day gathering as "the nastiest, most divisive convention that we've seen in half a century" (*Politico*). The Democratic senator, appearing on CBS' "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert," suggested that Bernie Sanders supporters would defy Trump's call to join them to defeat a rigged system. "What Donald Trump says is there's a problem out there and what you have to understand is that it's all about each other," Warren said. "What you need to be afraid of is every other American. I've got to tell you, that speech tonight, he sounded like some two-bit dictator of some country that you couldn't find on a map."

BOOKER APPEARS IN CLEVELAND: Cory Booker's final audition for vice president proved one thing to any Democrats worried about a milquetoast running mate: there's still a non-boring option available *(Politico).* The showy New Jersey senator made an unplanned appearance in Cleveland on the final day of the Republican National Convention, where he told reporters at a news conference that he was impelled off of his couch to speak out because of the hateful rhetoric he has heard over the past three nights. He also effectively laid out a positive pitch for Clinton, the part of the equation where the former Secretary of State has recently had less luck breaking through. "These chants of lock someone up, take away their liberty, throw them in prisons — that's why we had a revolution in this country," an emotional and outraged Booker told about 25 reporters and eight cameras who gathered to press him on veepstakes. But with just 24 hours to go before Clinton is expected to announce her pick, Booker's target

in his final tryout may have been an audience of one. "I was not intending to be here," he said. "I was not coming to Cleveland. I had to be here."

POLL SHOWS OHIO TIE: A poll conducted over the first three nights of Republicans' national party convention here shows Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump deadlocked in the race for Ohio's 18 electoral votes (*Politico*). The survey, from Suffolk University, shows the candidates tied with 44 percent each, with 11 percent of likely voters undecided. It's the latest in a series of public surveys this month to show a tied race: Polls from Quinnipiac University and NBC News/Wall Street Journal/Marist also showed the candidates running evenly. Clinton does have a small lead, 42 percent to 38 percent, in a follow-up question in the Suffolk poll that includes Libertarian Party nominee Gary Johnson and Green Party nominee Jill Stein.

Campaigns

DEMOCRATS WILL NOMINATE BAYH TODAY: Indiana Democratic Party leaders are poised to confirm former U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh as the party's new U.S. Senate candidate after his surprise decision to seek a political comeback (*Associated Press*). The Democratic state committee is set to vote during a private meeting Friday evening on selecting Bayh to replace former U.S. Rep. Baron Hill as the nominee for the seat now held by Republican Sen. Dan Coats, who is retiring. Little-known perennial candidate Bob Kern of Indianapolis is the only other candidate seeking the Democratic bid.

BAYH HITS CAMPAIGN TRAIL IN NORTHERN INDIANA: Democratic U.S. senate candidate Evan Bayh hit the campaign trail Thursday, visiting General Sheet Metal Works in South Bend as well as businesses in Fort Wayne and Hammond (Allen, *South Bend Tribune*). He's scheduled to make stops in Evansville and Terre Haute today. While speaking to reporters, the 60-year-old Bayh stressed the moderate image that helped him win two terms as Indiana's governor and two terms representing the state in the U.S. Senate. He said Americans are angry at Washington's dysfunction. People want representatives in government who will work together on practical solutions, regardless of party affiliation. "I think a lot of what you see going on at the national level is a primal scream at Washington, saying, 'Enough already. You've got to change your ways. Business as usual isn't good enough anymore.' That's a sentiment I share," he said. "Business as usual isn't good enough anymore. One of the reasons I'm running is to try to change that." Bayh told the Indianapolis Star last week that he isn't a lobbyist. His role at the firm has been to provide clients with advice, not lobby the government. On Thursday, when asked why he didn't go into teaching or work for a foundation like he had talked about in 2010, Bayh responded that he was a finalist to be named NCAA president — a job he would have taken because it involves athletics and academics and is based in Indianapolis. Colleges and universities in other states also reached out to him, "but I didn't want to leave Indiana," he said. Republicans have countered that Bayh is the type of Washington insider that has made Americans cynical about government. Republicans have highlighted that since Bayh left the Senate, he has worked as a partner in the Washington office of McGuireWoods, a large law firm, and served on several corporate boards of directors.



Congress

YOUNG BILL PROPOSES OVERSIGHT OF TERROR TASK FORCE: U.S. Reps. Todd Young (R-IN), John Delaney (D-MD), and Joe Heck (R-NV) are working to place reporting requirements on President Obama's Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Task Force through the Countering Violent Extremism Task Force Oversight Act (H.R. 5911) (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The Washington Post described the CVE Task Force as "the centerpiece of the administration's revised plan" to counter radicalization, according to a news release posted to Young's website, which stated the CVE Task Force currently lacks any oversight mechanism that would allow stakeholders to assess ongoing efforts to combat violent extremism in the United States. "The ability of foreign terrorist organizations to radicalize citizens within our national borders is a security weakness we must address," Young stated. "No matter your political affiliation, we all have a vested interest in making certain this counter-terror task force has more to it than just a hard-hitting title. Oversight is one of our key responsibilities as members of Congress, and even more vital, is our responsibility to keep the people who sent us here safe in the communities where they live, raise families, and work. This legislation allows us to assess whether current efforts to counter violent extremism are in fact working, or, if a different approach is needed to prevent future attacks."

General Assembly

KENLEY STATEMENT ON ROADS TASK FORCE: State Sen. Luke Kenley (R-Noblesville) made the following statement regarding the inaugural meeting of the Funding Indiana's Roads for a Stronger, Safer Tomorrow (FIRSST) Task Force (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The FIRSST Task Force was established during the 2016 legislative session in order to plan for Indiana's long-term road-funding needs. The Task Force is charged with developing a long-term road-funding proposal for Indiana, which shall be submitted to the General Assembly before Jan. 1, 2017: "Today the FIRSST Task Force took steps toward finding a long-term, sustainable road-funding plan for Indiana. Task Force members heard testimony on the status of road funding from a national level, the funding mechanisms Indiana has had and currently has in place, and an update on the status of state roads and bridges. In 2017, the General Assembly will craft the state's next two-year budget. The meetings that the FIRSST Task Force conducts this summer and fall will ultimately culminate in a preliminary plan for the General Assembly to consider as budget discussions get underway. Funding Indiana's roads is a priority for lawmakers, and it is important that we have all of the information we need to make fiscally responsible decisions as we determine the best path forward on this issue."



State

DNR: BLACK BEARS TO BE COMMON IN SOUTHERN INDIANA - Indiana wildlife experts say black bear sightings likely will become more common in southern Indiana (*Associated Press*). Urban wildlife biologist Falyn Owens of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources told a news conference Thursday that an expanding population is driving black bears northward into Indiana. A bear was spotted Monday in and around Corydon, about 20 miles west of Louisville, Kentucky. That bear was last seen in nearby Washington County. She says people who encounter bears should never feed them. Owens says black bears are shy, but when they learn to associate humans with food, they can become aggressive. The Department of Natural Resources is asking people that spot a black bear to take a photo of it and report it to the agency.

ECONOMY: ANTHEM SAYS FED LAWSUIT 'MISGUIDED' - The proposed $54 billion merger of Indianapolis-based Anthem Inc. and Cigna Corp. has hit a roadblock (McGowan, *Inside Indiana Business*). The U.S. Department of Justice has filed a civil antitrust lawsuit to block the move. It also wants to halt the merger of two other "Big Five" health insurance providers, Aetna Inc. and Humana Inc. In a statement, Anthem calls the action "an unfortunate and misguided step backwards for access to affordable healthcare for America." The insurance provider adds the DOJ decision is based on "a flawed analysis and misunderstanding of the dynamic, competitive and highly regulated healthcare landscape and is inconsistent with the way that the DOJ has reviewed past healthcare transactions." During a news conference yesterday morning, U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch said the mergers would have a major negative impact on consumers, "drastically restricting" competition. "If the mergers take place, the competition among insurers that have pushed them to provide lower premiums and higher-quality care would be eliminated. The mergers may increase the profits of Aetna and Anthem, but at the expense of consumers across America."

ECONOMY: $150M DEVELOPMENT COMING TO JEFFERSONVILLE - A Louisville-based real estate firm is hoping to capitalize on the future opening of the East End Bridge by developing a 70-acre commercial area that'll be accessible from the Interstate 265 and Indiana 62 interchange in Jeffersonville (Gross, *Louisville Courier-Journal*). Brandon Denton, a partner of Denton Floyd Real Estate Group, said the estimated $150-million investment called Bridgepointe Commons will consist of retail, restaurants, hospitality, a medical facility and an assisted living center. Renderings also show a bank, a movie theater, four hotels, a convenience store and a mid-box store. It will take up about 70 acres south of Indiana 62 and will be located at one of the first exits off the new bridge. "The location is truly ideal. And so is the timing," Denton said in an email Thursday.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD: 6 CLINICS TO CLOSE OR MERGE - In the next five months, six Planned Parenthood clinics in Indiana will close or merge, bringing the number of clinics in the state from 23 to 17 (Ambrose, *Lafayette Journal & Courier*). And although the Lafayette clinic remains untouched, the restructuring raises questions about the impetus for the closures and the future of the clinics. Ali Slocum, communications director for Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky, said the decision to close the branches wasn't a political one and it should not cast a shadow over the future operations of other clinics. "This was not a political move. We are operating as a responsible nonprofit," Slocum said. The reorganization is a result of a decreased demand for Planned Parenthood services. A number of factors contributed to a slow down in traffic for some clinics in Indiana, and the consolidation of services is an effort to eliminate redundancies and conserve resources. Since the American College of OB-GYN recommended Pap tests on a three-year basis instead of annually, the number of patients coming in for Pap tests dropped precipitously. Additionally, as access to emergency contraceptives and long-term contraceptives - like IUDs - increased, patients have less need of annual appointments prescribing birth control. None of the closing clinics provide abortion services, but Slocum said that was not a major factor in the decision.

HOUSING: SALES RISE IN SOUTHEAST INDIANA - Despite a lower number of new listings, southeast Indiana realtors have closed more sales in the first half of 2016 than the same time last year (Thayer, *Eagle Country Online*). Home sales in the five-county region - Dearborn, Franklin, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland counties - experienced a 5.9 percent increase in the first half of 2016, according to the Indiana Association of Realtors' latest Real Estate Markets Report released Thursday. There were 506 single family homes, condominiums, and townhouses sold over the past six months compared to 478 in the first six months of 2015. Most of those sales occurred in Dearborn County. A total of 277 homes were sold within the county for a 10.8 percent increase. The average median price for each sale was $135,000, an 8.0 percent increase from last year.

HOUSING: HUD AWARDS $1.3M TO 16 HOUSING AUTHORITIES - The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded a total of more than $1.3 million to 16 local housing authorities in Indiana (*Associated Press*). The money will go toward helping families living in public housing and those participating in a housing choice voucher program to further their education, find good jobs, and attain self-sufficiency. The Indianapolis Housing Authority is receiving nearly $282,000 in the grants announced this week, while housing authorities in Evansville, New Albany, Fort Wayne and Terre Haute will receive grants of $100,000 or more. Smaller grants are going to housing authorities in Vincennes, Kokomo, Hammond, Gary, South Bend, Michigan City, Bloomington, Elkhart, Marion, Columbus and Peru. The grants allow public housing agencies to work with social service agencies, community colleges, businesses and other partners to help the affected residents gain job skills.

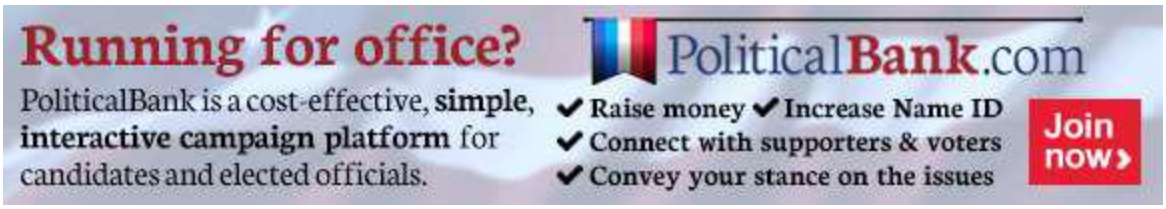
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WHITE HOUSE: OBAMA TO RECEIVE MEXICAN PRESIDENT TODAY - President Barack Obama has invited one of Donald Trump's fiercest global critics for talks a day after the businessman formally accepts the Republican presidential nomination (*CNN)*. Obama will be receiving Mexican President Enrique Peña

Nieto in the Oval Office on Friday for talks on trade, climate change and countering drug trafficking. Though the GOP candidate isn't officially on the agenda, the traditional post-meeting press conference will provide a forum where both leaders will likely unleash their thoughts on the newly anointed nominee.

ECONOMY: GM 2Q PROFIT MORE THAN DOUBLES - General Motors' second-quarter profit more than doubled to a post-bankruptcy record $2.87 billion on a strong performance in the U.S., where the company saw sales fall after it cut low-profit sales to rental car companies (Krisher, *Associated Press*). It raised its earnings guidance for the year. Its shares rose almost 3 percent on morning trading. The company earned a record $3.6 billion pretax profit in North America, made $500 million on its joint venture in China and even eked out a $137 million profit in Europe, its first five years. But it lost money in South America due to economic woes and profits were nearly halved in international operations due to struggles in the Middle East. Yet GM sees the good times continuing in the U.S., its main profit center, even though sales fell 4.4 percent during the first half of the year and its market share dropped a full percentage point to 16.6 percent, the lowest level since at least 1980.

NORTH CAROLINA: NBA PULLS ALL-STAR GAME - The National Basketball Association is pulling the 2017 All-Star Game from Charlotte, North Carolina, after the state passed a law banning anti-discrimination protections for LGBT people and did not move to moderate or repeal it, the league announced Thursday*(Politico).* "Since March, when North Carolina enacted HB2 and the issue of legal protections for the LGBT community in Charlotte became prominent, the NBA and the Charlotte Hornets have been working diligently to foster constructive dialogue and try to effect positive change," the NBA said in a statement, making reference to the controversial law. "We have been guided in these discussions by the long-standing core values of our league. These include not only diversity, inclusion, fairness and respect for others but also the willingness to listen and consider opposing points of view."



Local

CITIES: MICHIGAN CITY NOT HAPPY WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS - Political commentator Chris Matthews will be invited back to Michigan City for a second look after giving his TV network viewers visions of a declining place with little left except empty storefronts (Maddux, *NWI Times*). "I've calmed down a bit since then," said Michigan City Councilwoman Candice Silvas, who described herself as angry after hearing what she said was a bad rap from the popular host of MSNBC's "Hardball." Matthews was talking about a speech Indiana Gov. Mike Pence gave Saturday after becoming the running mate of Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump and the job gains in the state claimed by Pence. A

skeptical Matthews said, "And he was talking about his own state of Indiana. If you go to places like Michigan City down at the bottom of Michigan, Lake Michigan there, you see cities with nothing left, but maybe a Blockbuster that's probably gone now. Maybe a diner is still there. They've been hollowed out." His viewpoint could have been drawn by a visit Matthews made to Michigan City in 2001 as a guest speaker. There is some truth to his description of the city from when he was here, but apparently he hasn't returned to see the noticeable changes particularly with the once deserted downtown well on its way to coming back, officials said. "I don't put much stock on what he says because it's all nonsense. We're way, way better than what he's saying. We've made so many accomplishments in the past five or 10 years," said Councilman Tim Bietry, a former president of the Michigan City Area Chamber of Commerce.

CITIES: SPECIAL PROSECUTOR FOR MUNCIE PD SHOOTING - An out-of-county prosecutor will determine whether a Muncie police officer was justified in fatally shooting a local man (*Muncie Star Press*). Storm Allen Smith, 26, of the 1700 block of West 15th Street, was shot to death during a struggle with a city officer on the evening of April 15. Smith was pronounced dead at the scene, near railroad tracks south of East Jackson Street and west of the Muncie Bypass. Indiana State Police and the city police department have completed their investigation of the shooting, forwarding reports to Delaware County Prosecutor Jeffrey Arnold. However, in court documents filed Thursday, Arnold disqualified himself from handling the case, noting that two members of his staff were related to Smith and attended the Muncie man's funeral. Arnold said he is also personal friends with another member of Smith's family. The prosecutor wrote that those relationships could "create the appearance of impropriety" if his staff handled the case. "The officer as well as Storm Smith's family deserve to have an independent and neutral prosecuting attorney review this case," he added.

CITIES: NEWBURGH POLICE CHIEF SUSPENDED - The Newburgh Police Commission voted to suspend Newburgh Police Chief Brett Sprinkle for five days at its public meeting Wednesday (Hall, *Evansville Courier & Press*). But mum's the word with Newburgh officials. No one will say why Sprinkle was suspended. The Courier & Press left a message with Sprinkle, but it was not immediately returned Thursday morning. Newburgh Police Commission President Tonya McGuire said she can't comment on an "ongoing investigation." "He was suspended for five days... to allow us to complete an investigation," she said. Sprinkle will be suspended for five days without pay, Newburgh Town Council President Leanna Hughes said. Hughes, as well as Town Council members McGuire and Bill Kavanaugh, serve on the Newburgh Police Commission. The police commission met in executive session Wednesday, an hour before the public meeting for the commission which was when Sprinkle was suspended, for "discussion of personnel issues." The Newburgh Police Department's administrative assistant said the department has no comment. Calls to town hall weren't immediately returned.

CITIES: MAYOR HAMILTON WRITES NYT OP-ED ON GUNS - Bloomington Mayor John Hamilton penned an op-ed for the *New York Times* this week, to voice his frustration about guns, sharing two stories about encountering guns in unexpected places in his Midwest city (*Indiana Public Media*). In the piece, Hamilton describes seeing weapons carried openly at the local public pool and during the Fourth of July parade: "Residents of this city, with a population of more than 80,000, worry about their role. How exactly are they supposed to tell a "good guy" with a gun from a "bad guy" with a gun? How about that fellow walking around the pool with a weapon? How are parents, looking up from slathering sunscreen on their kids, to make the necessary judgment? They don't want to be in that position. They're certainly not trained to be in that position. I worry that some day it could be my turn to stand in front of television

cameras for a few days promising we'll get through, and come together to heal. My duty is to act now, before another terrible act of violence is carried out." Mayor Hamilton says he will continue to put pressure on state legislators to return local authority to regulate guns, lamenting a decision five years ago that prohibited cities from enforcing local regulation of firearms. "I worry that tomorrow, or next month, or some day, my city may lose the awful violence lottery that seems to strike with terrible frequency," Hamilton writes.

CITIES: EVANSVILLE AIRPORT ADDS JET BRIDGE - The Evansville Regional Airport says growing passenger demand has caused the need for another jet bridge (McGowan, *Inside Indiana Business*). Officials including Mayor Lloyd Winnecke dedicated the new addition Thursday afternoon. EVV says the bridge, which cost around $1.5 million, will be used for passengers on United's nonstop flights to Chicago. It will allow United and Delta to secure their own gate positions. The O'Hare International Airport flights were first announced in 2015. At the time, Winnecke said the estimated economic impact of the service would be $12 million. In addition to United, carriers at the airport include Allegiant, American and Delta. Officials say the new bridge will position the airport for future growth. EVV now has five jet bridges, which can be adjusted to accommodate the Boeing 737 and other large commercial aircraft.

CITIES: BATESVILLE MAY BAN SMOKING IN PARKS - Mayor Mike Bettice asked Batesville City Council members if they were interested in having a further discussion on a possible smoking ban in the city's parks (Raver, *Batesville Herald-Tribune*). He said an ordinance was presented in 2014, but it did not come up for a vote. Parks commissioner Chris Bradford said he wanted the group to reconsider. He proposed having a smoking area in Liberty Park south of the pavilion, but banning it in the rest of this and the other parks. President Kevin Chaffee recalled, "I was one that didn't support the (2014) ordinance. I thought it was a solution looking for a problem... I walk through Liberty Park every day and very seldom do I see someone smoking... There's a lot of difference between being in a building and being outdoors with secondhand smoke." The mayor remarked, "I hate to be the naysayer, but I see bigger things in this city for the police department to work with than smoking at the park."

CITIES: FORT WAYNE TAPS FIRM TO DESIGN ARENA - The Allen County-Fort Wayne Capital Improvement Board has approved a committee's recommendation to contract with an architectural and engineering firm for a proposed downtown arena and event center (Brown, *Inside Indiana Business*). The bid from Denver-based Sink Combs Dethlefs, worth $283,000, remains subject to final negotiation. The CIB says the firm will develop programming, design and cost estimates for the arena. The work is expected to be complete by December, at which point, the CIB will determine whether to continue with development of the project. In March, a committee unanimously recommended the arena project, citing studies that showed a new arena would have no significant impact on current venues within the city. Previous estimates for a 5,000-seat arena came in as high as $63 million.

CITIES: ELKHART COUNCIL REVERSES TAX BREAK FINDINGS - The Elkhart City Council has reversed three preliminary findings deeming three firms noncompliant with terms of the tax breaks they received for expansion plans (Vandenack*, Elkhart Truth*). The council had initially decided last month that Genesis Products Inc., Dometic Corp. and Zeeland Lumber Operations didn't fully comply with terms of tax abatements granted by the city, putting their tax breaks at risk. But those initial determinations

stemmed in part from confusion over some of the details in the paperwork the firms filed as part of the routine annual review of their tax breaks. On receiving clarification and additional information from company officials, the council voted unanimously this week to deem all three in compliance with the abatements. The council determined a fourth company, Kiel NA, remains noncompliant with terms of the tax break it received, meaning the company's abatement will be terminated. Company officials acknowledged they wouldn't meet initial investment targets spelled out when they received the tax break and asked that the abatement be lifted, according to Councilman Dave Henke.

CITIES: W. LAFAYETTE HIRES NEW DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR - After a nationwide search, West Lafayette has a new director of development (Thieke, *WLFI-TV)*. Erik Carlson, an Ohio native, will take the place left vacant by former director Chandler Poole. Poole stepped down at the end of April to move closer to family. Carlson began his career in journalism and has worked for the Kentucky's lieutenant governor. While in Kentucky, Carlson was involved in development with the city of Lexington. Before taking the position, he worked for a development business in Indianapolis. West Lafayette Mayor John Dennis said Carlson's experience will bring a fresh look to the cooperative spirit of the city. Carlson will begin his position as development director on Aug. 1.

CITIES: IVY TECH TO REMAIN IN CONNERSVILLE - Ivy Tech formally announced its commitment to its Connersville location (*WQLK)*. A partnership has been formed between Ivy Tech, the Fayette County Economic Development Group, and WorkOne to establish a Workforce Development Center at the Connersville location. The new agreement begins at the first of next month. Some had feared Ivy Tech would leave Connersville when IU East chose not to renew its lease there.

COUNTIES: INCREASING POPULATION AT HOWARD JAIL - Howard County Sheriff Steve Rogers has for two years been awaiting the effects of Indiana House Enrolled Act 1006, a piece of legislation meant to ease the burden for the Indiana Department of Correction by shifting low-level and nonviolent offenders to county jails (Myers, Kokomo Tribune). Now, those results are readily apparent, as jail officials have seen a population increase of nearly 100 inmates from this time last year, roughly 40 of whom are a direct result of the sentencing reform. With an average of 394 inmates in June, the jail reached its highest monthly average since it started recording figures in mid-2007. Prior to 2016, the jail only once reached 400 inmates on a daily count. In the last two months, that has happened 10 times, according to jail records. The consequences of such growth are numerous, including increased responsibilities for corrections officers - individual officers are sometimes solely responsible for overseeing 80 to 90 people at a time - and increased operational costs for things like meals and medical treatment. Classification techniques meant to keep prisoners safe by housing them with similar offenders are also being taxed as bed and housing space becomes harder to find.

COUNTIES: 50% INCREASE SOUGHT FOR ST. JOSEPH JUVENILE CENTER - If Thursday's St. Joseph County budget session is any indication, meeting the growing needs of troubled youths next year will be one of the toughest tasks facing county leaders in coming weeks (Parrott, South Bend Tribune). Probate Judge Jim Fox is requesting a 50 percent increase in money for the Juvenile Justice Center next year, at a time when council members and commissioners have asked General Fund-financed departments to cut their budgets by 3 percent, as the county braces for state-mandated property tax cuts that will take full effect in three years. Fox said the roof leaks badly when it rains and the 20-year-old

building's boiler and chiller need replaced, projects for which he seeks about $1.7 million. The judge wants to give detention officers $5,000 raises, costing a total of $145,000, because he said the JJC is losing so many of them to the county jail and other agencies that pay more.

COUNTIES: DAVIESS APPLYING FOR CROSSROADS GRANT - Daviess County will be applying for a Community Crossroads Grant to pay for $2 million in road improvements (*WBIW*). The Washington Times Herald reports that the 50/50 match grant from the Indiana Department of Transportation would be used on County Road 650-East from US 50 North to 1000-North and on 550-North from 900-East to 1200-East. County Highway Superintendent Phil Cornelius told the newspaper those roads have taken a beating as heavy truck traffic was re-routed to them due to the construction project on 900-East. The local $1 million match will come from the 1.6 million which the county highway department received when the state returned funds through the county's Local Option Income Tax. Cornelius said the grant money and local match will free up other monies to be used elsewhere in the county on road maintenance.

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ROKITA RELEASES POLLING DATA: U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita released Public Opinion Strategies polling data that shows that in a head-to-head with Democrat John Gregg, he has a 45-43% lead (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Rokita starts with 71% name identification in the Indianapolis media market, on par with John Gregg (74%). after voters heard information about both Rokita's and John Gregg's background, issue priorities and accomplishments; we re-asked ballot preferences. Todd jumps to a stronger double-digit lead over Gregg, 54%-41%.

PENCE MAKES HIS CASE IN ACCEPTING NOMINATION: Indiana Gov. Mike Pence made an emphatic endorsement of Donald Trump's bid for the presidency during his Republican National Convention acceptance speech Wednesday night. So moved was the nominee that Trump appeared on stage after Pence concluded and came close to kissing him on the cheek (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "Donald Trump gets it," Pence said in his half hour speech in prime time. "He's a doer in a game usually reserved for talkers. He doesn't tip toe around a thousand new rules of political correctness. He's his own man, distinctly American, and where else would he find a following in the land of the free and home of the brave?" Coming just minutes after the man he endorsed for president, U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz who was booed off the stage for his lack of a Trump endorsement, Pence filled the bill after three days of turmoil as the GOP fitfully tries to coalesce around its renegade nominee. Pence commenced his speech that echoed, sometimes word for word, his introductory press conference with Trump in New York City last Saturday. "I'm a Christian, a conservative and a Republican in that order," Pence said in a phrase well known to Hoosier Republicans. "I thought I'd be spending this evening in the great state of Indiana." He introduced his mother, Nancy, and wife Karen, with the adoring convention crowd chanting their names. He told delegates, "I grew up on the front row of the American dream," citing his childhood growing up in Columbus with cornfields in the backyard, the son of an immigrant gas station owner who served in the Korean War. He noted his first political heroes were Democrats, including President John F. Kennedy and Rev. Martin Luther King Kr. It was the voice of President Reagan, Pence said, that pried him from "the other party." In this speech, he didn't compare Trump to Reagan, whose signature political phrase was the "11th Commandment" of "thou shall not speak ill of a fellow Republican." In the 2016 campaign, Trump had repeatedly trashed his GOP primary opponents, including "Lyin' Ted Cruz. Pence observed, "The party in power is helpless figuring out our nominee. So does the media. They keep thinking they've done him in and they wake up in the morning and he's still running. He's tough, he perseveres and never turns his back on the men and women who makes this country grow." He contrasted the GOP with presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, who he said, "invented Obamacare" and stands for "more taxes, more regulation and more government." He said that the former secretary of state seeks a new title, that of "secretary of status quo." He talked of his term as Indiana governor, saying of his homes tate, "We prove every day that we build an economy based on balanced budgets, good roads and health care. Conservative principles work every time you put them into practice." He added of his roots, "Now if you know anything about Hoosiers, when we suit up, we love to win."

PENCE LIKELY TO GIVE WAR CHEST TO NEW NOMINEE: Another element coming into focus in the July 26 Republican gubernatorial caucus is Gov. Mike Pence's $7 million campaign war chest (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Informed and reliable GOP sources tell HPI that Pence is likely to transfer those funds to the new nominee, though the Pence campaign or gubernatorial office isn't responding to questions on

that and other matters. The Pence office is referring questions to the campaign, but a good part of the Pence campaign has been absorbed in the Trump President Inc. in what one influential GOP source described as "chaotic." The Pence campaign has essentially gone dark. U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks told HPI on Wednesday, "I would anticipate that's what Gov. Pence would do. He cares very much about winning in November. He's committed that whoever comes through this process is well funded. He's going to want to make sure he's leaving the party and nominee in a good place. I have not have a conversation with him directly about it but I have had conversations with the RGA."

SPECIAL HPI CLEVELAND WEEKLY EDITION COMING MIDDAY - Around midday Howey Politics Indiana will issue a special edition of the HPI Weekly, focusing on the historical events in Cleveland during this week's Republican National Convention.

CRUZ GETS BOOED OFF STAGE AFTER NO ENDORSEMENT: Ted Cruz mentioned Donald Trump's name just once during his Republican convention speech - and it wasn't even an endorsement (*CBS News*). "I want to congratulate Donald Trump on winning the nomination last night," the Texas senator said, addressing the Cleveland gathering on its third evening. "And like each of you, I want to see the principles that our party believes prevail in November." And then Cruz, whose primary battle with Trump turned increasingly bitter when the billionaire businessman attacked Cruz's wife and his father, pivoted to this: "Conventions are times of excitement. But given the events of the last few weeks, I hope you'll allow me a moment to talk to you about what's really at stake." The Texas senator went on to mention the horrific shootings of police officers in Dallas, and the other recent incidents of violence across the United States. We deserve leaders who stand for principle," continued Cruz, who agreed to a convention speaking role after a private meeting with Trump in Washington, D.C. earlier this month. "Unite us all behind shared values. Cast aside anger for love. That is the standard we should expect, from everybody." But despite what sounded like appeal for unification, Cruz never once urged Republicans to rally behind their nominee. Instead, Cruz - repeatedly nicknamed "Lyin' Ted" by Trump during the primary race - uttered the clarion call for the convention's anti-Trump "Free the Delegates" movement, prompting Americans to "vote your conscience." "To those listening, please, don't stay home in November," he said. "Stand, and speak, and vote your conscience, vote for candidates up and down the ticket who you trust to defend our freedom and to be faithful to the Constitution. It's love of freedom that has allowed millions to achieve their dreams." When delegates from New York loudly urged Cruz from the convention floor to "say it" - referring to endorsing Trump - the Texas senator only responded: "I appreciate the enthusiasm of the New York delegation." Cruz then exited to loud booing from the crowd.

BROOKS MAKING PITCH BASED ON RESUME: She has worked with the mayor of Indianapolis on crime issues, led an 80-man U.S. district attorney office just after Sept. 11, run a small business and worked at Ivy Tech on workforce development and education issues. She's a mom, raised $4.3 million in the last five years and she's won every election with at least 58% of the vote. That is the pitch that U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks is making to the 22 members of the Indiana Republican Central Committee this week in Ohio for the open Republican gubernatorial nomination (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Should she convince 12 of those voters next Tuesday, Brooks would become the first female GOP nominee with a real shot at breaking the ultimate glass ceiling on Nov. 8. And, she believes, her nomination would cause Democrat John Gregg to have to completely retool his campaign message. When interviewed Wednesday afternoon, Brooks was losing her voice. "I've visited with 11 of the 16 who are here so far," the Carmel Republican said. She faces Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb, U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita and State Sen. Jim Tomes for the nomination. Republican Chairman Jeff Cardwell is also being encouraged to jump in, but as of

Wednesday he told HPI that is main focus right now is to ensure the process has a "level playing field" for all candidates. Like Holcomb and Rokita, Brooks finds the committee members seriously approaching the equation of selecting a nominee on behalf of the 800,000 Hoosier Republicans who nominated Pence in May. "They are asking fabulous questions," said Brooks, who knows about half the members. She has been meeting with them at the hotel here and at Quicken Loans Arena. "I've been very impressed with all of the meetings that I've been able to have thus far with the caliber of seriousness they are taking this responsibility. They are digging deep. They are asking good questions. I am trying to find out what's important to them and their parts of the state."

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: Sen. Ted Cruz began his speech in good form, but once it became clear he wasn't going to endorse Donald Trump, he was booed off the stage in a development that could have over shadowed Gov. Mike Pence's acceptance speech. But when the governor delivered his address, he delivered. The delegates responded to Pence in emphatic fashion, an excellent entry to the national stage. - *Brian A. Howey*



Republican National Convention

PENCE GREETS TRUMP CHOPPER: GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump made a dramatic return to the Republican National Convention by helicopter Wednesday, landing on a lawn near Lake Erie with his running mate there to greet him (Groppe, *IndyStar*). "Come here, Mike," Trump said to vice presidential nominee Mike Pence after the soundtrack to "Air Force One" stopped playing and they'd walked from the helicopter emblazoned with the Trump name to a bank of television cameras.. "The last time, I got accused of speaking a little long, so this time I'm going to speak a lot shorter." Unlike Trump's rambling introductory speech of Pence Saturday, he offered just a few words about the man who will be making the case for Trump on stage at the convention tonight. Trump said the Indiana governor had become a friend of his and would make an "unbelievable vice president."

WALKER SAYS 'AMERICA DESERVES BETTER': Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker told Republicans on Wednesday night that Hillary Clinton cannot become president because "America deserves better," a line he repeated again and again with help from the audience (*Washington Post*). And the better option is Donald Trump, Walker said, even though he has fought for months to derail Trump's campaign. "The well-connected in Washington are lining up behind Hillary Clinton, because she is one of them. They want more of the same," Walker said. "Donald Trump is standing with the American people."

TRUMP JET STRAFES CRUZ RALLY: Ted Cruz can't escape the shadow of Donald Trump - or his plane. At a rally on the Cleveland waterfront, as Cruz spoke gingerly to fellow Republicans about "our nominee" and the uncertain future under his former rival, Trump's plane flew in the clear skies behind him (*CNN*). "That was pretty well orchestrated" Cruz said as the Trump-emblazoned aircraft buzzed through the air and the crowd booed. Turning to his campaign manager, Jeff Roe, Cruz said, "Jeff, did you email them to fly the plane right when I said that?"

TRUMP WON'T FIRE STAFFER OVER SPEECH: Donald Trump's campaign for days refused to admit that Melania Trump's primetime convention speech contained passages lifted from Michelle Obama's 2008 address - then suddenly released a statement Wednesday admitting that it was (*Politico*). Trump Organization staff writer Meredith McIver, in a statement taking responsibility for the plagiarism incident, said she had "offered my resignation to Mr. Trump and the Trump family, but they rejected it." Trump, she said, "told me that people make innocent mistakes and that we learn and grow from these experiences."

5 PROTESTERS ARRESTED: Several protesters were arrested outside the Republican National Convention Wednesday afternoon after two officers were assaulted at a flag burning demonstration (*WTHR-TV).*Firefighters were first called to the scene to put out the fire just two blocks away from Quicken Loans Arena where delegates are meeting for the RNC. Police say when they ordered everyone to disperse, the protesters refused, locked arms and some started pushing back at officers. Two officers were assaulted, according to Cleveland PD's Twitter feed, but both only had minor injuries and are expected to be okay. Officers used pepper spray on people in the nearby crowd, according to the Associated Press. The area was declared a crime scene and everyone - protesters, media and onlookers alike - were ordered to leave. A mounted police unit and officers wearing riot helmets were called in to help with crowd management. At least five protesters were taken into custody, a CPD spokesperson reported on Twitter Wednesday afternoon.



Presidential 2016

PENCE ALLIES FRET ABOUT UNION WITH TRUMP: Indiana Gov. Mike Pence looked on from the ground below as Donald Trump's helicopter circled dramatically over Cleveland on Wednesday afternoon, waiting for the GOP presidential nominee's official arrival at the Republican National Convention. When

the chopper landed - the theme of "Air Force One" blaring on loudspeakers - the Indiana governor led a procession to greet the real estate mogul (*Washington Post*). "We're going to win Ohio, right? Come here, Mike," Trump said into a microphone moments later, offering brief remarks to reporters and a rope-line of supporters. He signaled for Pence to shake his hand; Pence obliged heartily, finally looking comfortable. The made-for-TV spectacle marks the start of a delicate dance for Pence, whose prime-time address Wednesday evening will be under thorough scrutiny by his longtime supporters and recent critics. They will be looking for clues about how far Pence will go in supporting Trump's unorthodox and largely isolationist policy agenda. That question has stirred anxieties among longtime Pence allies and friends, who were surprised to hear his name rise to the top of Trump's short list and shocked that Pence ultimately accepted the position. On foreign and domestic affairs, Mike Pence is a starkly different shade of red than Trump: a man who has endorsed a robust American presence abroad and has been guided by his religious convictions at home. Kevin Madden, a veteran GOP strategist and former adviser to 2012 GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney, said during a recent interview that vice-presidential candidates always have to juggle their own policy convictions against the agenda put forward by the top of the ticket. But the unruffled Pence, whose long career in public life has rested on his staunch conservative principles, is distinctly dissimilar to the celebrity real estate mogul, who is known for his brash and bombastic style. "I think that this arranged marriage is going to force him into a bit of a two-step with his core policy principles," Madden said. "It's certainly something that he will have to wrestle with, more so than probably any other V.P. candidate that we've seen."

KAREN PENCE IS KEY ADVISOR TO GOVERNOR: On his first day in the governor's office, in January 2013, Mike Pence showed off the new red phone he had installed on his desk (LoBianco, *CNN*). It was, he touted, a direct line from Karen Pence to him, and remains probably the best symbol of her power and influence in his life. Despite the high-profile trappings, Karen Pence's role as his most senior adviser, his most trusted aide and equal, is rarely seen. More often, people notice her advocacy for art and even her - now suspended - small side business selling towel charms. The Pence campaign did not make Karen Pence available for an interview this week as it stormed into town ahead of his Wednesday speech to accept the Republican Party's nomination for vice president. But Mike Pence hinted at her integral role in his Tuesday speech to the American Conservative Union. "I'm joined today by the highest ranking official in the state of Indiana, the future second lady of the United States, Karen Pence," he said to applause. Donald Trump hinted, in an interview with CBS' "60 Minutes" how influential Karen Pence is, saying that she was on the phone with him when he called Trump to say he was interested in joining the ticket. Those who know the Pences best say that Karen Pence was seamlessly involved in the management of the state. The four years of the Pence administration in Indiana - a package of tax cuts, expansion of Medicaid, conservative education reforms and more - have all had Karen Pence's influence at varying levels. "It was pretty customary for Mike to get kind of down to the end and say, 'I'm gonna sleep on it, pray about it and speak to Karen,'" said one ally, who described her integral role in shaping policy. The Pence ally spoke on condition of anonymity because few people talk openly about her role. Mike McDaniel a veteran Indiana Republican and former state party chairman, called Karen Pence the base upon which Mike Pence has built his life. "I think their marriage is the whole strength upon everything he does," McDaniel said. "I think she's very important to him. I think he uses her for a sounding board for just about everything."

DIGITAL ANALYTICS SHOW PENCE DOMINATING ONLINE: In an online political shift, Gov. Mike Pence has been leading the digital discussion since the big announcement that he'd be Donald Trump's running mate (Steeb, *Statehouse File*). "The conversation went from around Donald Trump - which is what we had seen from over a year - to Gov. Pence," Michael Venet, an account executive for a media analytics company, said. "And he just dominated the conversation on both sides - from the Donald Trump environment itself, but also from the Hillary perspective and Hillary fans." Venet works for Zignal Labs, an

organization that monitors online media for businesses. Zignal Labs has been gathering and analyzing digital reactions, such as social media posts, news reports and other forms of online engagement, since the 2016 presidential campaign began last year. According to Venet, Gov. Mike Pence garnered the most media reactions for three days - from the official vice presidential announcement on Friday until Monday when accusations of plagiarism in Melania Trump's speech took over as the discussion online. In Indiana, Venet said online engagement surged on the day of the official announcement as Hoosiers followed the unfolding developments.

CLINTON SPENDS $23M IN JUNE: The main super PAC supporting Hillary Clinton dove into general-election mode last month, spending almost as much in June as in the three preceding months combined (*Politico*). Priorities USA Action spent $23.7 million in June, mostly on ads savaging Donald Trump, according to its latest Federal Election Commission report released on Wednesday. The group also raised another $11.9 million, topping $100 million for the cycle so far and ending the month with $40.2 million cash on hand.

McCONNELL SAYS TRUMP WON'T LOSE SENATE SEATS: If the Republican Party loses its majority in the Senate, it won't be because Donald Trump is the presidential nominee, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell predicted Wednesday (*Politico*). "Donald Trump won the nomination the old fashioned way. He got more votes than anybody else. And I don't think we're gonna lose a single Senate seat because of Donald Trump," the Kentucky Republican told NBC News' Kelly O'Donnell. "We have a lot of incumbents up so we're very much on defense this cycle. But that was true no matter who the nominee was going to be. Each of them are very capable, very well-funded and, in my view, are gonna win." As far as how he feels about working with Trump, McConnell said he has gotten the sense that the GOP nominee is "convinced it'll be a conservative administration."

HILLARY EMAIL NOTES PENCE FORMER PRAISE FOR HER: An email from the Hillary for America campaign noted past support she has received from the Republican candidate for vice president, Mike Pence (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "As Mike Pence takes the stage tonight at the Republican National Convention, we thought it would be helpful to give a refresher on the praise he has showered on Hillary Clinton in the past," the email reads in part. The text highlights five direct quotes from Pence on matters pertaining to women in politics, her support for national defense as senator, her work on Libya, her support for the ouster of Gadhafi and her diplomatic efforts on China issues.

CLINTON CAMP: PENCE 'MOST EXTREME VP PICK IN GENERATION' - "Mike Pence is infamous across the country for his anti-LGBT and anti-immigrant legislation, his outrageous intrusions into women's health, and his support of Trump's ban on Muslims," reads an email distributed yesterday evening by Hillary for America (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "But that's just the beginning of his divisive and extreme record. In Indiana, as congressman and then as governor, Pence repeatedly refused to put political partisanship aside and do what was best for the people he represented, even when they needed him. From Pence's strong opposition to the auto rescue that saved hundreds of thousands of jobs, to his refusal to raise the minimum wage, to his inexplicable rejection of up to $80 million in federal funding for educating preschoolers, to his vote to voucherize Medicare and his push towards privatization of Social Security, it's clear that Pence is the most extreme VP pick in a generation. Americans deserve better."

PLOUFFE SAYS HIL CAN WIN WITHOUT FLA, OHIO OR VA: Hillary Clinton can fall short of victory in three major swing states and still beat Donald Trump in November, according to former 2008 Obama campaign manager David Plouffe (Gass, *Politico*). "Hillary Clinton can lose Florida, Ohio and Virginia, and I think she'll win all three, and still be president," Plouffe remarked during a Bloomberg Politics event Wednesday in Cleveland during the Republican National Convention. While acknowledging that Clinton has an "enthusiasm" issue, Plouffe predicted that the presumptive nominee's poll numbers will improve after next week's Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia. The election will not be close, Plouffe said, because although the Clinton campaign's voter models are not as sophisticated as Obama's, they are miles ahead of the Trump campaign in that respect. "The truth is the Clinton campaign knows almost with certainty who is going to vote in this election" and how they will do so, Plouffe added.

PROTESTORS ARRESTED AT DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION HQ: Six protesters from a pro-Bernie Sanders group were arrested in a sit-in Wednesday in Philadelphia, in what could be an early hint of what's to come once the Democratic Party's convention begins next week, a spokesman for the activists said (Spinelli,*Politico*). The afternoon protest took place at the Center City headquarters of the Democratic National Convention's host committee, which the activists condemned for refusing to release the convention's financial records. The protesters were arrested for disorderly conduct and failure to disperse, but were released shortly afterward and issued civil fines, Reclaim Philadelphia spokesman Alex Nagle said. The sit-in specifically targeted the host committee's refusal to release the list of convention donors, a decision also criticized by Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney and the Pennsylvania Office of Open Records. The committee has said it will release the list 60 days after the convention is over, even though donors' names had been available well before the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia in 2000, The Philadelphia Inquirer reported.

LIBERTARIAN JOHNSON IN TALKS WITH JEB: Libertarian presidential candidate Gary Johnson alluded on Wednesday to conversations he's had with former Republican presidential candidate Jeb Bush about a possible endorsement (Kelly, *Politico*). "I can't say that we haven't had conversations, but no push on the conversations," Johnson, who is in Cleveland observing the Republican National Convention, said on CNN. When asked who initiated the talks, he said "not me," but he declined to elaborate, adding, "I want to protect the innocent here." "You don't go from being Republican-elected, you don't go from being the Republican nominee to say, 'Hey, I'm supporting Gary Johnson,'" Johnson said. "You go to say, 'Hey, I'm going to look at his campaign.'" He expressed hope that potential Republican supporters see "a lot of common ground" in the pair's platforms, specifically in their support of small government.



Campaigns

HOLCOMB ANNOUNCES GOV ENDROSEMENTS: The gubernatorial campaign of Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb has announced the endorsements from these Republicans (*Howey Politics Indiana*): Sen. Greg Walker, Rep. John Price, Greenwood Mayor Mark Myers, Columbia City Mayor Ryan McDaniel, Rep. Woody Burton, Franklin Mayor Joe McGuiness, Zionsville Councilwoman Susana Suarez, Madison Councilman Troy Morgan, Crawford County Chairwoman Whitney Timberlake, and Tony Culver, Former Steuben County Republican chair.

GREGG CONTINUES TO CAMPAIGN WITHOUT OPPONENT: Now that Gov. Mike Pence is officially a vice presidential candidate, Democratic gubernatorial candidate John Gregg is waiting to find out his new opponent. It isn't stopping him from campaigning (*WTHR-TV*). From the start, John Gregg was trailing Gov. Pence in money and name recognition. He's taking advantage of the opportunity to campaign against nobody. On Wednesday, he was introducing himself to voters at the Johnson County Fair. It appeared as if Gregg didn't need the introduction. People know who he is. Gregg is pitching his message of better-paying jobs, better roads and bridges, better schools and better ways of combating Indiana's growing drug problem in a county that is overwhelmingly Republican. "I've always been about taking the best ideas from Democrats and Republicans and independents. There's a lot of great people here in Johnson County," Gregg said. "We were never running against Mike Pence. We were running on ideas to get to serve the state of Indiana."

GLYNN TO SEEK BROOKS' 5TH CD SEAT: A Hamilton County Council member has become the first elected official to announce plans to seek U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks' congressional seat (Briggs, *IndyStar*). But that interest could be contingent on whether Brooks is selected as the Republican nominee for governor. First-term Councilman Fred Glynn said Wednesday he intends to run for Brooks' seat in the 5th District. Glynn said he would focus on shrinking government and giving more control to municipalities. "My priorities would be to get the federal government out of local issues," he said. "Local leaders are able to be more innovative and get things done for our citizens." Brooks withdrew from her congressional race as part of an effort to replace Gov. Mike Pence, who left the governor's race to become GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump's running mate. The Indiana Republican Party has scheduled a caucus Tuesday to select the nominee. Brooks, though, wants to get back on the ballot for her congressional race if she's unsuccessful in her bid for governor. Precinct committee members in the 5th District will choose a Republican candidate after that question is settled.

YOUNG CAMP SLAMS BAYH FOR KEEPING DAY JOBS: The campaign for Republican Todd Young for U.S. Senate issued an email yesterday morning with the subject line "Will Evan Say Bye To 'Supperlobbyist' Gig?" (*Howey Politics Indiana*) The email reads "7 days in and Evan Bayh hasn't quit his influence-peddling day jobs in D.C. Q: HOOSIER REPORTER: Have you taken leaves of absence from your current jobs? (In addition to being a partner at McGuireWoods, Bayh is a senior adviser in the New York private equity firm Apollo Global Management, serves on the board of directors for several companies, serves on the advisory board for the CIA and has been a contributor to *Fox News*.) A: BAYH: 'We're going to juggle that as we go forward and figure that out in the days ahead.' (*Indianapolis Star*, 7/13/16)"

MULTIPLE BALLOT CHANGES COSTING SHELBY TAXPAYERS: Musical candidates on this year's election ballot are creating extra work for Shelby County employees and an additional expense for county taxpayers (Walker, *Shelbyville News*). With a little more than three months to go before the Nov. 8 general election, Indiana Republican Gov. Mike Pence has canceled his re-election bid to run for vice president alongside Donald Trump, leaving the state GOP scrambling to find a replacement. Recently appointed Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb, and U.S. Reps. Susan Brooks and Todd Rokita, all Republicans, have withdrawn from their re-election efforts to run for the now-open governor's office against Democrat John Gregg. And, after winning the May primary, former U.S. Rep. Baron Hill, a Democrat, pulled out of his bid for the U.S. Senate. Former Indiana governor and senator Evan Bayh quickly announced he's running in Hill's place. Shelby County Clerk Vicki Franklin, who oversees elections, told the County Council Tuesday evening, with all the last minute changes to the Indiana ballot, she and Election Deputy Jeff Sponsel need some help. "I'm asking for $5,000 for a temporary election deputy," she said. The temp would work for 14 weeks, up to election day in November, Franklin said. Council members unanimously approved the additional appropriation to cover the cost of the extra staff member.



General Assembly

RURAL HEALTH ASSOC. HONORS REP. HEATON: The Indiana Rural Health Association recently named State Rep. Bob Heaton (R-Terre Haute) Legislator of the Year for his work to improve the health of Hoosiers in rural settings (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Heaton was presented the Advocacy Award at IRHA's 19th Annual Conference in French Lick, according to a news release posted to the website of the Indiana House Republican Caucus. The Advocacy Award recognizes an outstanding individual who provided support for the cause of improving rural health. Heaton said he suffered a farming accident as a child, which almost cost him his left arm. This accident exposed him early on to the challenges faced by rural practitioners. Heaton supported legislation and amendments to bills to benefit rural health-care providers, including a new law helping to remove undue burdens on physician assistants' ability to practice in Indiana.

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DEVELOPMENT: CRANE TARGETS DEFENSE SECTOR TRAINING - Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center is partnering with a new regional organization to boost education and training efforts (Ober, *Inside Indiana Business*). The collaboration is with Regional Opportunities Inc., which was formed to help identify skills and qualifications needed in southwest central Indiana. ROI is being funded by part of the $42 million grant awarded to the region earlier this year from Lilly Endowment Inc. ROI will gather information on the needs of the region's defense sector, and combine it with similar data collected from life sciences and manufacturing employers. It will use the information to help develop K-12 and post-secondary programming to prepare students for future jobs in the region. NSWC Crane Director of Engagement Brian Blackwell says he is excited about the partnership, saying it gives an opportunity "for us to work together to better define and communicate our skillset needs in the future and collaborate on the development of programs to better equip the local work force to meet our needs."

EDUCATION: PURDUE STUDENTS WIN TRIP TO DNC - A group of Technology Leadership and Innovation graduate students from Purdue Polytechnic Institute are heading to the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia after winning a data competition from software company SAP (Brown, *Inside Indiana Business*). The SAP Project Dream Election 2015 competition saw teams use the company's software to uncover insights from election data that could be used to draw better voter turnout, according to Purdue. Purdue's team, the "Dynamite Data Diggers," analyzed the data to determine the most important issues for young and underrepresented voters in swing states. "Big data is a huge challenge right now. There is so much data available, especially through social media, and top-performing organizations are using data mining techniques to turn raw data points into actionable insights," said team member Kirti Chintalapudi. "Using social media platforms for civic engagement is extremely powerful. We were amazed at how much interest we garnered to get people to vote in the competition. We could use that same approach to get the younger population to vote."

ECONOMY: PORT OF INDIANA-BURNS HARBOR BUSY IN JUNE - The Port of Indiana-Burns Harbor just had its second best June on record after handling 303,000 tons of freight, including shipments of huge cranes from Europe (Pete, *NWI Times*). The deepwater port on Lake Michigan has handled 1.1 million tons of cargo so far this year through the end of June, which is slightly behind last year and the record year in 2014, spokesman Rich Allen said. However, the year-to-date volume is 14 percent ahead of the previous five-year average. Stevedores at the port have been unloading a lot of coal, steel, limestone, fertilizer, oils and recycled rubber. Last month, they handled a lot of large project cargo, including container cranes bound for intermodal yards in the Midwest.

AGRICULTURE: FARM LOAN FUNDS DEPLETED, CONGRESS STEPS IN - Indiana's Farm Service Agency has officially run out of loan money for everyday farm operating costs (Ropeik, *Indiana Public Media*). The FSA predicted it would run out of loan money by this month. That was after low commodity prices and wet weather in 2015 made it tough for some farmers to pay their operating costs, or pay back their banks - and more banks, in turn, asked the FSA to help with the debt. Indiana spent its FSA allocation earlier this year and was pulling from a national pool to cover farmer and bank requests. It had paid out around $170 million when that national pool ran out. That left a few requests in the queue for next fiscal year, which starts in September - but Indiana loan specialist Ann Eggleston says most were

already taken care of before the crop was in the ground. Those ownership loans help pay for new farmland, or back up banks giving out their own real estate loans. Congress recently okayed the use of $500 million in USDA funds to cover those requests in Indiana and other states. Eggleston says they don't know yet if they'll run out of money again before fall.

STATEHOUSE: HOOSIERS LOST $30K TO IRS SCAM - Tax season is over, but scammers impersonating the Internal Revenue Service or other government agencies continue to target consumers (*South Bend Tribune*). In the past seven months, the Indiana attorney general's office has received nearly 3,000 complaints from consumers reporting IRS impersonation scams. In total, Hoosiers have lost more than $30,000 to IRS impersonation scams this year. Scammers call your home or mobile phones demanding immediate payment of past-due taxes. They might use fear tactics, threatening arrest, lawsuit or loss of home if you do not comply. They might also ask that you send pre-paid cards or iTunes cards to pay off your debt. The real IRS does none of these things. It will contact consumers first through official correspondence by mail and will never ask for credit, debit or pre-paid card information over the phone.

Nation

RACE RELATIONS: COP BIAS IS REAL, STUDY SHOWS - If you're black or Hispanic in America, your chances of police using non-lethal force against you are significantly higher than that of whites (Rivers, *USA Today*). And, not surprisingly, more than half (61%) of black Americans feel pessimistic about race relations, according to studies published by the National Bureau of Economic Research and the Pew Research Center respectively. In addition, while only half of whites (compared with 84% of blacks) say police treat African Americans less fairly, Pew found that 40% of white Americans support the Black Lives Matter movement. Support among white Democrats jumps by more than 20 points to 64%. The study published by the National Bureau of Economic Research was conducted by Harvard economics professor Roland G. Fryer Jr. and also stated, based on ProPublica research, that 44% of those shot by police in the USA are white. The greater the level of force (think Tasers and guns vs. batons), the less racial bias seemed to be a factor in police actions, according to Fryer's report.

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CITIES: QUESTIONS ABOUT KEMPTON BOARD MEMBER - A Kempton citizen claimed Kempton Town Board member Ron Hammack's position on the board is not lawful during a meeting Tuesday night because he is not a resident of Kempton (Neuenschwander, *Kokomo Tribune*). Jim Snider, a Kempton resident, asked Hammack to step down from his position at the meeting, citing Indiana Code 3-8-1-29 that states a town or city board member must live in the township of the city they represent. Snider went on to quote Indiana Code 3-5-2-42.5, which defines a residence as "where a person has the person's true, fixed and permanent home and principal establishment; and to which the person has, whenever absent, the intention of returning." Snider said Hammack does not meet either of those qualifications, calling him a resident of Tipton. Hammack was appointed to the position by Brett Curnutt, the Tipton County Republican Party chairman, several months ago to fill a vacant position on the three-person

board. Curnutt, who was not present at the meeting, said Hammack's driver's license listed Kempton as his town of residence when he was selected from among four candidates. According to Town Board president Alice Book, the board was told by an attorney the residence listed on the license would be enough for Hammack to be an official board member.

CITIES: FT. WAYNE OFFICER SUED FOR SHOOTING TEEN IN BACK - The mother of a teenage boy shot and seriously injured by police last month is suing the Fort Wayne police officer who pulled the trigger that led to a bullet being lodged in his back (Wiehe, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). Gina Dodson filed the lawsuit in federal court on behalf of her 17-year-old son, only identified in documents as J.D., against Officer Robert Hollo on Wednesday. According to the suit, Hollo used excessive force on a teen who committed no crime. What's not in dispute is that Hollo shot the teen on the afternoon of June 21 after a spate of shootings involving several teenagers - two of whom died - plagued the city. According to police in the immediate aftermath of the shooting, Hollo was on surveillance duty in the area of 2800 block of Smith Street investigating the shootings when he shot J.D. Police officials publicly said Hollo thought J.D. was armed and while a weapon was not found on the teenager, one was found inside a vehicle which pulled up to the area immediately after the shooting. Hollo is currently on administrative leave while the shooting is investigated. According to police, findings of that investigation have been forwarded to the Allen County Prosecutor's Office.

CITIES: AUDIT FINDS LAX ACCOUNTING AT UNION SCHOOLS - A recent State Board of Accounts audit revealed some lax record keeping at Union Schools in Modoc over the past three years (Fitteds, *Muncie Star Press*). Auditors found "incomplete" financial records in nine different areas, most notably for enrollment counts, salaries, and annual financial report and textbook rental fees. According to the report, Union Schools reported four too many students in September 2012 and 2013, and one extra student in February 2015. This is significant because the state's school funding model is based on enrollment. The discrepancy will cost the district about $12,000, said current superintendent Allen Hayne. In these situations, the Indiana Department of Education adjusts a district's future funding to correct the mistake, said department spokesperson Samantha Hart. Hayne said the problem was how the district counted students. Instead of having teachers sign off on a roster, the administration just went from classroom to classroom. Teachers signed the rosters during the 15-16 year, he said. Hayne pointed out that the small district has had three business managers within a year. Most recently his daughter, Taylor Hayne, resigned from the position in February. Since then the board has hired Carol Weaver, long-time district cafeteria manager and treasurer for the town of Losantville.

CITIES: SOUTH BEND SEWER PROJECT COULD TOP $1B - The city has entered a new phase in its effort to better control the rapidly growing cost of a massive, nearly $1 billion sewer project, the debt from which could bury many low-income residents (Blasko, *South Bend Tribune*). The Board of Public Works has agreed to pay four firms a combined $465,000 to further refine three possible design alternatives for the federally mandated project, which is expected to result in a doubling of monthly sewer rates over the next 14 years. Each of the three alternatives promises to reduce the cost of the project, which has risen dramatically in recent years because of inflation and an increasingly competitive construction market, by hundreds of millions of dollars. Consistent with the Clean Water Act, the current project is the result of a 2012 consent decree between the city, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Justice. The decree calls for specific improvements to the city's sewer system over 20 years to reduce the flow of raw sewage into the St. Joseph River. Notably, it requires the city to separate many of its combined sewers, which have a tendency to overflow into the river during periods of

heavy rain or snow melt, and construct a series of massive, underground storage pipes and holding tanks. As sewer rates continue to increase, up nearly 150 percent over the past 10 years, some question whether the project will ever be affordable, even to middle-income residents.

CITIES: TERRE HAUTE SEEKS TO PROMOTE DOWNTOWN - Concerned Terre Haute residents, city leaders and business owners met Wednesday night to discuss a common interest: the viability and future of downtown (Frances, *Terre Haute Tribune-Star*). Downtown Terre Haute Inc. - a nonprofit organization that works to promote downtown Terre Haute - hosted its first town hall meeting. During the hour-long event, participants not only asked questions about the organization and about downtown activities but also exchanged ideas on how to make the community better. DTH executive director Barbie Fox said that because the organization works for the community, it is important for its leaders to hear input from the public. The event began with a brief explanation from Fox about the ways in which DTH serves the community. These efforts include organizing events, supporting businesses financially and developing partnerships, she said. This presentation was followed by a panel discussion. The panelists were Fox; Mayor Duke Bennett; Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce President David Haynes; Terre Haute City Council President Todd Nation; Jill Curry of the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs ;and Lisa Johnson of the Terre Haute Economic Development Corp. DTH board president Marc Evans was the moderator.

CITIES: UNITY THEME OF FT. WAYNE MAYOR INITIATIVE - Unity was the prevailing theme in Mayor Tom Henry's office Wednesday as he announced a new initiative called Fort Wayne United (Gong, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). Joined by members of Fort Wayne's law enforcement and criminal justice community as well as members of the clergy, health and education communities, Henry said the program will focus on enhancing opportunities for black men and boys living in Fort Wayne. Iric Headley, director of Fort Wayne United, praised Henry for supporting the program and said residents will see the program in action in a matter of days, not months or years. There are also plans to reach out to the city's other ethnic communities, such as Fort Wayne's Burmese community, Headley said. The program plans to focus on health, violence prevention, education and employment, with an emphasis on family, Headley said, adding that recent violence across the country has given communities a sense of division and hopelessness.

CITIES: HAGERSTOWN TO STUDY AG ZONING CODE - The town will not impose a moratorium on building permits in response to plans for nearby egg farms (Hansen, *New Castle Courier-Times*). Instead, the Hagerstown Plan Commission will study what should be allowed for agricultural uses around the town. Town council has asked the plan commission to study agricultural zoning within the two miles outside of the town. During discussion, council members noted that there are residential areas inside that two-mile fringe, but that it is zoned for agriculture. Concern by some residents over plans for egg farms prompted the town's action. July 5, the town council discussed putting a temporary hold on issuing building permits for livestock farms while the plan commission studied issues related to livestock farms. Town attorney Adam Forrest said such a moratorium would be very hard to put in place because it would affect all buildings, not just those intended for livestock. He suggested having the plan commission study the current zoning code and possibly recommend changes to it. Plan commission chair Brian Longbons, who also sits on the town council, said the plan commission would begin its study of ag zoning at once. The study may take a few months, he said.

CITIES: LAWRENCE VOTES DOWN RAISES FOR EMTS - A plan that would have given Lawrence EMTs an immediate raise was turned down Wednesday night during a city council meeting (Houser, *Fox59*). Members voted 6-3 against what would have been an immediate $2 raise. Lawrence Fire Chief Dino Batalis said the proposal would have sustained EMTs at least through the end of the year. In the last two weeks, three EMTs have left the Lawrence squad to go to better paying cities. Right now, Lawrence EMTs make $16/hour. Indianapolis EMTs start at $19/hour. Wayne Township EMT's start at a salary of $20. Batalis said he understands why members of Lawrence need to leave for better paying jobs. Batalis and other city council members are concerned the problem of retention requires an immediate solution. Since the proposal failed, there's concern even more EMTs could leave. Many of the city council members who voted against the proposal said they feel a more permanent solution is necessary. They came up with a proposal that would give EMTs a $4 raise starting in 2017.

CITIES: COUNCIL TO DISCUSS TERRE HAUTE FOOD TRUCKS - The Terre Haute City Council will discuss a new ordinance that would allow mobile food vendors, or food trucks at tonight's meeting (Loughlin, *Terre Haute Tribune-Star*). The ordinance would provide a legal mechanism and regulations for someone to operate a food truck in Terre Haute, Todd Nation, city council president, said recently. The new ordinance was prompted in large part because of three Indiana State University students, DeSean Prentice, Devyn Mikell and Jess Harris, who want to operate a mobile food truck they plan to call "Twisted Fry." In doing their research, the three ISU students became aware the city doesn't have a permitting system for food trucks and brought it to the council's attention. The new, proposed 11-page ordinance for mobile food vendors is detailed and heavily based on Bloomington's. To secure a city license, they must meet certain prerequisites, including having permits required by the Vigo County Health Department.

CITIES: BRIDGE TOLL CENTER OPENS IN JEFFERSONVILLE - Officials with RiverLink, which is contracted to handle tolling for the Ohio River bridges, announced that drivers can open accounts for paying their tolls through the electronic tolling system starting today, the same day that they will open two customer service centers (Schneider, *Louisville Courier-Journal*). Because there are no toll booths, coin machines and no stopping to pay tolls, drivers will need to set up a prepaid account to get a transponder. Initial toll rates range from $2 to $12, the lowest being for drivers using transponders. The centers are located in Louisville and Jeffersonville. "We still have several months before the start of tolling," said Clint Murphy, director of tolling oversight with the Indiana Department of Transportation. "Setting up a prepaid account is an important first step we know many drivers are ready to take. We want to make the process as easy as possible, and make sure drivers have the information they need to pay the lowest rates."

CITIES: HOPE SEEKS LIMITS ON EVENTS IN TOWN SQUARE - Officials in the town of Hope want to more closely supervise what activities are allowed on the Hope Town Square - at least without the prior approval of the Town Council (*WCSI*). The town council gave its first approval to a measure this week that would require the council's authorization before users of the square could engage in some activities at events. Among the limitations, the town would require people to seek approval for the use of alcoholic beverages, fires, climbing walls or bounce houses., trampolines, petting zoos and pony rides, fireworks and archery. Council members asked the town attorney to add firearms to the list before the ordinance returns for consideration of second and final approval next month.

CITIES: W. LAFAYETTE REPLACING DEAD ASH TREES - The city of West Lafayette will be removing 108 dead ash trees (Thieke, *WLFI-TV*). The trees were planted in the 1980s, but died due to an infestation of emerald ash borers. Due to safety reasons, the city will spend about $22,000 to remove the infected trees. Another $31,000 will go toward planting 112 new trees of several different species. The work should be complete by the fall. The mulch from the removed trees will be used in parks throughout the city.

COUNTIES: TENSIONS HIGH IN CARROLL COUNCIL RACE - When Tom Gray stood for election as auditor of Carroll County in a special caucus, he claimed his commitment to Republican Party values qualified him for the position (Ambrose, *Lafayette Journal & Courier*). "I was elected because of my Republican status in this community," Gray said. Now, that loyalty is being challenged by Steve Pearson, a member of the Carroll County Council and the Republican Party. Pearson is running for commissioner in the upcoming election, and until recently, he was unopposed. Jack Cohee, however, recently entered the race, running as an Independent against Pearson. Pearson alleges Gray approached Cohee to run against him. In July, Pearson filed a complaint against Gray and his sister, Melinda Rossetter, with the Carroll County Republican Party, claiming that it goes against the central tenet of belonging to Republicanism to support a candidate from another party. Rossetter is running for a seat on the Carroll County Council. Tensions between the auditor and county council have historically run high. The position has had a high turnover rate the past three years, and the most recent auditor to vacate the post cited such conflicts with the council. Vicky Snipes, the auditor who preceded Gray, said the micromanaging and open animosity from the council prompted her departure.

COUNTIES: PORTER COURTHOUSE CLOSED AFTER BREAK-IN - While the Porter County Courthouse has surveillance cameras, Sheriff David Reynolds said the facility does not have an alarm system (Lavalley,*Post-Tribune*). He and other county officials said that would likely change in light of a break-in late Tuesday or early Wednesday by a Michigan man who allegedly did extensive damage throughout the building after he broke into the facility. Police said Kristopher Newcomb, 26, of Battle Creek, used a memorial landscaping brick to break a window on the main floor and then the south side of the building. A Porter County probation officer arriving at the county courthouse early for work Wednesday found Newcomb sleeping outside the probation office and called police at 5:45 a.m. He was still sleeping when police arrived. Police said Newcomb reportedly vandalized much of the interior of the building by breaking windows, office equipment, vending machines, and pulling out obsolete wires for an air conditioning system. Police will use the surveillance video to determine when Newcomb reportedly broke the window and got into the building, Reynolds said. Going forward, the county will look at installing an alarm system.

COUNTIES: ALLEN TEA GROUP LOOKS TO SCHOOL CANDIDATES - They came to talk about how to encourage more conservatives to run for seats on Allen County public school districts' boards (Kilbane, *Fort Wayne News-Sentinel*). Instead, they learned they need to take their calls for change to the Indiana statehouse and the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. About 20 people attended the Allen County Taxed Enough Already group's meeting Wednesday night. Public schools teach the majority of children in Indiana, so, whether people have children in public school or not, they should be concerned about public schools, Geoffrey Wladecki, the Taxed Enough Already group's president, said in opening remarks. Speakers included Jon Olinger, who has been active in local Republican party politics and who served on the Fort Wayne Community Schools board 1996-2008, and Glenna Jehl, who also has been active in Republican party politics and who is the current District 2 representative on the FWCS board.

Olinger and Jehl both made clear that a school board's major role is setting policy and letting the superintendent and staff implement the policy and handle the details. Olinger spoke mainly about candidacy requirements and election strategy.

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HOLCOMB NOMINATES PENCE FOR VICE PRESIDENT: Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb stepped into the national limelight Tuesday night when he nominated Gov. Mike Pence for vice president (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "Tonight I have the privilege to nominate a man I have known for decades and a man America is just getting to know. In Indiana some know Mike Pence as congressman. Others know him as governor. But back home most know him as Mike," said Holcomb, who is also running to replace Pence in an Indiana Republican Central Committee caucus next Tuesday. "I serve as Mike's lieutenant governor. He and Karen are two of my dearest friends. Together we stand side by side in a state that has shown the world conservative leadership. We balance budgets while cutting taxes every single year, while at the same time, making record investments in public education and increasing our children's test scores. In Indiana, under Mike Pence, more Hoosiers are working now than any time in our 200-year history. In Indiana, Mike Pence doesn't just cut red tape, he eliminates it. That is one reason why Indiana is recognized as having the best business climate in the Midwest and fifth best business climate in America. It is exactly that type of leadership that America is lacking. This is the type of leadership American will send this fall in Donald Trump and Mike Pence. These two leaders are not just prepared to win, they are prepared to govern. Mike likes to say Indiana is a state that works and tonight America is calling on him to expand that success and make America work again." Holcomb then said, "Mr. chairman, on behalf of the great state of Indiana, I proudly nominate a great man of integrity, a conservative and husband and father and one of my best friends. I nominate the great governor of Indiana, Mike Pence, as the 2016 candidate for vice president of the United States of America." U.S. Sen. Dan Coats then moved that Pence be nominated by acclamation, which he was.

PENCE LAUDS TRUMP BEFORE ACU: Gov. Mike Pence made the case for Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump before the American Conservative Union in Cleveland on Tuesday (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "Trust me when I say this, when we come together as a party and a people, when we elect strong majorities in the House and Senate and elect this good man as the 45th president of the United States, I know in my heart of hearts we will make America great again, at home and abroad," Pence said. "He's a builder. He's a fighter. He's a father, and he's a patriot. I have to tell you, having had some time to spend with this man and his family, I know that Donald Trump will be a great president of the United States of America because his heart beats with the heart of the American people." It echoed recent speeches Pence made in Westfield last week and again on Saturday when Trump unveiled him as the veep nominee. "To be around our nominee, as I had the privilege to be, not only the campaign trail, but out among his associates, people that he's employed for years, and among his family. I have a sense of this man. I have a sense of his heart. I have a sense of his hands-on style of leadership, and for all the world, he reminds me of Ronald Reagan." "It made a huge statement for Gov. Pence to stand shoulder to shoulder with conservatives at ACU's forum," said ACU Chairman Matt Schlapp. "We are thrilled to have Gov. Pence on the ticket." Pence gives his primetime acceptance address tonight.

HOLCOMB CITES 12-YEAR TRACK RECORD WITH CENTRAL COMMITTEE: The perceived front runner in Indiana's unprecedented gubernatorial race, Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb, believes the relationships he's forged over the past 12 years with the 22 Republican Central Committee members gives him an edge over a field that is still gathering, with a showdown set for 10 a.m. July 26 (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "I know them. We've worked on issues together. We're not meeting for the first time," said Holcomb,

who will gain precious national exposure when he nominates Gov. Mike Pence for vice president tonight at the Indiana Republican National Convention. "We have a reference about something we've gone through with most of them. I've admired what they've done for years and years, and what they've accomplished." Holcomb pointed to his eight years in the Daniels administration and then his service as state GOP chairman under both Daniels and Gov. Mike Pence, followed by a stint as U.S. Sen. Dan Coats' state director. "This is a team effort that I've worked with them in different capacities," Holcomb said of the Central Committee in an interview here Tuesday. "I've worked with them during the Daniels administration. I've worked with them when I was state chairman, when I was traveling the state on behalf of Sen. Coats. I've worked with them as lieutenant governor on their communities on an official basis. So we're you're in a community and you're working on housing or agriculture, tourism, it's a whole different area of relationships and one I enjoy very much. I have the 'I Love Indiana job.' Promote this state and call it work. I don't think anyone would be surprised by my goals and take this state to even greater heights." Holcomb wouldn't reveal a hard count with the committee. But 7th CD Vice Chair Jennifer Ping told HPI that "more than half the committee is undecided." For her, the key questions are which nominee can raise money and which one would be the most electable in a 100-day sprint race against Democrat John Gregg. "Our responsibility is to win elections," Ping said.

CARDWELL PONDERS GUBERNATORIAL ENTRY: Republican Chairman Jeff Cardwell is still pondering entry into the gubernatorial race, telling *Howey Politics Indiana* mid-day Tuesday that "there's a ton of people who want me to get in. It's humbling. I've got to decide soon." If Cardwell enters, he would be the fifth Republican, joining Lt. Gov. Holcomb, U.S. Reps. Todd Rokita and Susan Brooks, and State Sen. Jim Tomes of Wadesville.

TRUMP CAPTURES THE GOP NOMINATION: Donald Trump was formally nominated for the presidency by Republican delegates here on Tuesday night, a landmark moment in American political history that capped the business mogul's surprising conquest of the GOP (*Washington Post*). Trump formally reached the threshold of 1,237 delegates at 7:12 p.m. Eastern time, with votes cast by delegates from his home state of New York. Trump's clinching votes were cast by his own son, Donald Trump Jr., who spoke for the New York delegation. "It is my honor to be able to throw Donald Trump over the top in the delegate count tonight," he said. "Congratulations, Dad, we love you!" The convention then broke into applause, as a band played "New York, New York," with the jumbotron in the Quicken Loans Arena displaying the words "Over the Top". After some deliberation, GOP leaders delivered the final count -- putting Trump at 1,725 delegates, followed by Texas Sen. Ted Cruz with 475, Ohio Gov. John Kasich with 120 and Florida Sen. Marco Rubio with 114 (Fox News).

TRUMP, PENCE WILL APPEAR AT RNC WEDNESDAY: Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump appeared in a video before delegates in Cleveland on Tuesday, saying that he and Indiana Gov. Mike Pence will appear at the convention Wednesday night (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Pence is scheduled to give his acceptance speech and it appears that Trump will be there with him. This may be the most important speech of Pence's career. It comes after last Saturday's ticket introduction when Trump dominated the session, speaking twice as long as Pence and talking at length about himself. Trump left the stage as Trump spoke instead of standing by his new nominee, which traditionally what happens. The theme of the entire day will be "Make America First Again." Pence will follow former presidential candidates Ted Cruz and Newt Gingrich.

CLINTON LEANS TOWARD KAINE, VILSACK: Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Sen. Timothy M. Kaine of Virginia have emerged as the leading candidates among a longer list of finalists Hillary Clinton is considering to be her vice presidential running mate, according to interviews with multiple Democrats with knowledge of her deliberations (*Washington Post).* Although her list is not limited to those two, Clinton has spoken highly of both in recent days to friends and advisers as she closes in on an announcement that one aide told CNN is likely to come Friday. Among those from whom Clinton has received advice is President Obama, who has offered thoughts on the two contenders who serve on his Cabinet, Vilsack and Labor Secretary Thomas E. Perez, several Democrats said. These individuals did not say what advice the president gave. These and other Democrats cautioned that Clinton has not made a final choice and is keeping mum about her deliberations. Several other people remain in the running, they said. Clinton campaign press secretary Brian Fallon declined to comment. Clinton is expected to campaign alongside her running mate on Friday or Saturday in Florida, three Democrats familiar with aspects of the plan said.

GREGG LANDS $500K FROM THE DGA: The Democratic Governors Association infused $500,000 into John Gregg's campaign for governor Tuesday as he now faces an open race for the seat (Schneider, *IndyStar*). With Gov. Mike Pence departing the race last week, Indiana is a "significant pickup opportunity" for Democrats, said Elisabeth Pearson, the association's executive director. "With Mike Pence gone, this race is an open seat — and whichever Republican emerges will be saddled with Pence's baggage," Pearson said in a statement. "We look forward to playing offense in Indiana this year." The association previously gave nearly $470,000 in cash and in-kind donations to Gregg's campaign during the second quarter of this year. Comparatively, the Republican Governors Association provided nearly $1.5 million to Pence's now-disbanded campaign.

'MY MESSAGE HASN'T CHANGED,' YOUNG SAYS: Republican U.S. Rep. Todd Young said he will continue his campaign efforts as usual, despite a recent poll from Democratic-sponsored Garin-Hart-Yang Research Group reporting a 21-point lead for Democrat Evan Bayh (Mullis, *Statehouse File*). Bayh declared his run against Young for the U.S. Senate seat last week, two days after Democrat Baron Hill withdrew his name from the race. "My message hasn't changed," Young said. "I'm still running to ensure every Hoosier has access to a quality education that lends into a good paying job, that ultimately leads to a meaningful career here in Indiana. I can tell you people are really frustrated with Washington. They're tired of the system right now. They're tired of people being elected to be their representatives, going to Washington and then forgetting about Indiana. They understand that Washington lobbyists like Evan Bayh are part of the problem." Young said his focus remains steady on solutions and he will continue to emphasize his connections with Hoosiers.

HOLLINGSWORTH CONTINUES TO SELF FUND: In the 9th Congressional District, campaign finance figures point to a race between a candidate with deep pockets and one with a wide breadth of donors (Banta,*Bloomington Herald-Times*). Though Republican Trey Hollingsworth reported having five times the amount of funding Democrat Shelli Yoder raised, the Republican again is bankrolling his own campaign. Hollingsworth reported a total of $1.33 million raised from mid April to June 30, but almost all of that — $1,329,000 — came in the form of loans from himself. Overall, less than 1 percent of Hollingsworth's haul came from individual donors, following the trend of the primary, in which he largely self-funded his campaign. Reports to the Federal Election Commission show that his campaign still has to pay back nearly $2.5 million to his own coffers. Rachel Jacobs, the Republican's campaign manager, attributed that to the focus of the campaign, which she said hasn't been fundraising. "The main focus of our

campaign has been, and will remain, reaching out to voters directly to discuss how we can work together to bring business sense to D.C.," Jacobs said in a statement sent via email Tuesday evening. "Trey has enjoyed having conversations with fellow Hoosiers over the phone, at their doors, and at county fairs up and down the district. He looks forward to taking their ideas and enthusiasm to Washington." In contrast, Yoder raised about $270,000, 68.7 percent of which came from individual donors, and hasn't loaned her campaign any money or taken loans from any other person. Alex Rosselli, Yoder's campaign manager, said Tuesday afternoon that those figures show "the breadth and depth of the campaign throughout the state."

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: Gov. Mike Pence has been like eye candy for Hoosier Republicans this week in Cleveland. We see him in the VIP section, sitting with celebs. He appeared at the American Conservative Union, but the Indiana press wasn't tipped off or invited. He has yet to visit the Indiana delegation. His Indiana press office is mute and not returning texts or calls. His cell phone no longer connects. Chairman Jeff Cardwell says that new Secret Service restrictions have kept Pence from visiting the Hilton Gardens Hotel where the delegation is, adding that the governor badly wants to be with them. Here's the governor's dilemma: He has said for months that any speculation about his ascending political future is due to "the hard working Hoosiers." He really needs to figure out a way to connect with his peeps and Hoosier press in the next two days. If you don't win this election, Governor, your future political options will return back home again to Indiana. Don't forget the folks who helped bring you here. - *Brian A. Howey*



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CARDWELL ANNOUNCES INDIANA DELEGATION PREZ TOTALS: "Madam Secretary, the Great State of Indiana under the strong conservative leadership of vice presidential nominee Gov. Mike Pence, where over 150,000 new jobs have been created since 2013 and where more Hoosiers are working today than in its 200 year history casts its 57 votes for Donald J. Trump." - Indiana Republican Chairman Jeff Cardwell in announcing its delegate count in the presidential race for Donald J. Trump Tuesday night at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland (*Howey Politics Indiana*).

PENCE ROLLOUT DIFFERS FROM QUAYLE'S: So far,Mike Pence's debut as Donald Trump's running mate is going more smoothly than the experience of the last Hoosier on the national ticket (Berman, *WIBC*). Former Indiana Republican Chairman Mike McDaniel is a delegate to his 11th straight

convention. He's one of several delegates this year who were delegates in New Orleans in 1988, when George H.W, Bush selected then-Indiana Senator Dan Quayle as his running mate. McDaniel recalls an abrupt mood swing in the delegation that year, from "euphoria to a bunker mentality" in 24 hours, as Quayle's halting answers to questions about his National Guard service swamped the national conversation. New Orleans was one of Indianapolis State Senator Patricia Miller's first conventions. She and McDaniel both recall the biggest difference between Quayle's selection and Pence's was the element of surprise. While Pence steadily advanced from consideration to Trump's short list to finalist, Miller says Quayle's name didn't even surface as a possibility until a few days before the convention. McDaniel recalls Bush staged the announcement on the convention's opening day, with no one knowing who the choice was until Quayle arrived at a Mississippi River landing by boat. The surprise pick boosted the electricity in Indiana's delegation, but Republicans agree it contributed to the controversy which followed. Miller says Pence is more of a known quantity, with appeal to the conservative Republicans still uneasy with Trump. Dan Coats was an aide to Quayle in the House, and went on to succeed him in both the House and Senate. He still shakes his head at what he calls Quayle's unfair treatment. But he says Pence will be better prepared for the maelstrom of a national campaign because the selection process gave him and First Lady Karen Pence time to prepare. He says a national campaign is "the ultimate game-changer," and Quayle was thrown into it with no preparation time.

RADIO HELPED SHAPE PENCE CAREER: Mike Pence was a twice-defeated House candidate, the loser of two brutal fights that left him on the ropes. His anti-government nostrums, conveyed in the wonky language of Supply Side economics gurus, weren't getting him very far (*Politico*). That was when he became something different: His Mikeness. It was the 1990s, when Rush Limbaugh and Howard Stern were really making it big on the American airwaves, and Pence was on his way too, finding his voice as a conservative Hoosier talk radio show host. He was no shock jock and he didn't have the best time slots. His listeners were largely on the AM dial, scattered in small towns all across Indiana. But Pence wasn't trying to be a Limbaugh clone. Instead, he learned, caller by caller, how to communicate his political ideas in pithy terms — talking about the global warming "myth" and the "monster" Dr. Jack Kevorkian. He also learned something else that would be invaluable in his return to the campaign trail — that conservative listeners weren't cutting any slack for Republicans in Congress, they hated the whole Washington package. So Pence the radio host partnered his screeds against Bill Clinton with pot shots at Newt Gingrich and Trent Lott. The result was a political figure still stolid as a small-town banker, but with a surgeon's feel for the anti-Washington feelings of the grass-roots Midwest — a Tea Party conservative before there was a Tea Party. The rest of the story is becoming better known: How Pence used his radio show as a springboard to something much bigger, to a 12-year House career and a term as Indiana's governor, ultimately landing a spot on the Republican ticket as Donald Trump's running mate. But for its host, 'The Mike Pence Show' was a critical and formative experience, one where he learned everything he needed to know about politics.

LaPORTE MAYOR SKIPS RNC TO AVOID VOTING FOR TRUMP: When Donald Trump was nominated as the Republican presidential candidate Tuesday night, it came without the vote of LaPorte Mayor Blair Milo, who has dropped out as a delegate to the Republican National Convention in Cleveland to avoid supporting Trump (Maddux, *South Bend Tribune*). "I didn't feel comfortable with the responsibility that was going to be asked of me and the vote that would be asked of the members of the delegation," Milo said Tuesday in a telephone interview. Furthermore, Milo said she's still struggling to decide who to vote for when she goes to the polls for the November general election. That's quite a contrast to last April when Milo, after being chosen by the Indiana Republican party to serve as an alternate delegate, said she was excited for the opportunity to participate in the process of choosing the next president. Larry Garatoni, a Granger resident who was chosen in April to be one of three Republican delegates to represent Indiana's 2nd Congressional District at the convention, told The Tribune on Friday

that he had decided to spend time with his family instead of going to Cleveland. Michiana's two members of the U.S. House of Representatives are not in Cleveland, either.

WALORSKI STAYS HOME, BUT SUPPORTS TRUMP: U.S. Rep. Jackie Walorski, R-Jimtown, is staying home, too. "When I break from D.C., my concentration is my family and my constituents," she said Friday while visiting the Veterans Affairs health clinic in South Bend (*South Bend Tribune*). Walorski did deliver a speech at the 2012 Republican convention. When asked if she's endorsing Trump in the general election, Walorski said, "I've always said - and I haven't changed my position at all - that I'm absolutely going to support the nominee." She added that she's excited Trump chose Pence to be his running mate.

COACH HOLTZ AT CONVENTION: Former Notre Dame football coach and ESPN personality Lou Holtz is making waves this week at the Republic National Convention in Cleveland (*IndyStar*). Yesterday, he was spotted walking around the convention with a velvet, purple Crown Royal bag, and today he vocalized his feelings on immigrants in the United States. Here's the full quote and context, according to the Daily Beast. Speaking at a luncheon the Republican National Coalition for Life hosted during the RNC to honor Phyllis Schlafly, Holtz said the high number of immigrants coming to the U.S. constitutes an "invasion." And he said new immigrants need to assimilate better. Holtz added that his grandparents learned English after immigrating to the U.S. from Ukraine, and insisted his family learn it as well. New immigrants to this country, he continued, need to learn and speak English and "become us.

CHRISTIE 'PROSECUTES' CLINTON: New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, the first of Trump's rivals to endorse him, name-checked the nominee much earlier in his remarks this time around (*Politico*). Christie referred to the real estate mogul about 10 seconds into his convention speech, apparently eager to avoid a repeat of the mockery he drew in 2012 when he only got to then-nominee Mitt Romney's name at the 16-minute mark after spending much of his prime-time speech talking about himself. But it was another name — presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton — that Christie spent most of his time discussing Tuesday night. Despite opening his remarks by noting his 14-year friendship with Trump, Christie quickly dropped any pretense of offering humanizing personal anecdotes. Instead, he argued a case against Clinton. "Tonight, as a former federal prosecutor, I welcome the opportunity to hold her accountable for her performance and her character," Christie said, in a speech sure to add to chatter that he's angling for the Attorney General slot in a Trump presidency. "We're going to present the facts to you…Since the Justice Department refuses to allow you to render a verdict, I'm going to present a case now, on the facts, against Hillary Clinton," Christie added, to chants of "Lock her up! Lock her up!"

McCONNELL ASSAILS THE CLINTONS: Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky delivered a feisty prime-time speech at the Republican National Convention Tuesday night that was loaded with personal and political barbs aimed at presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton (*Louisville Courier-Journal*). "I am here to tell you Hillary Clinton will say anything, do anything, and be anything to get elected president," said McConnell, who lamented his time in Washington with President Bill Clinton in the White House and later with Hillary Clinton as a fellow senator from New York. "A couple years ago, Bill and Hillary camped out in my state telling anybody who'd listen why they ought to vote against me. Tonight I'm here to return the favor," McConnell said. The normally buttoned-up McConnell brought out some of his sharpest rhetorical knives for his moment in the spotlight in Cleveland, already having seen convention-goers cheer wildly when other speakers called for Clinton to be jailed for mishandling

classified information while she was secretary of State. "She lied about her emails. She lied about her (email) server. She lied about Benghazi," McConnell said. "There is a clear choice before us, and it is not Hillary," he said. "You know what the next four years will look like with Hillary. And you know that if Hillary is president, we will continue to slide, distracted by the scandals that follow the Clintons like flies."

RYAN RIPS 'POLITICALLY CORRECT' DEMS: House Speaker Paul Ryan made an impassioned plea for party unity Tuesday night, portraying the GOP's divides as signs of its readiness to embrace debate and make bold changes for the nation (*Politico*). "Democracy is a series of choices. We Republicans have made our choice. Have we had our arguments this year? Sure we have," the Wisconsin Republican said at the Republican National Convention, in his latest appearance on the Quicken Loans Arena stage. "You know what I call those? Signs of life. Signs of a party that is not just going through the motions, not just mounting, mouthing new words for the same old stuff." Ryan then launched into a measured verbal takedown against Hillary Clinton, President Barack Obama and the Democratic Party at large, painting them as perpetual inhibitors jamming the country's gears. Donald Trump speaks on screen during the second day of the convention. "For a country so ready for change, it feels like we have been cleared for takeoff and somebody announced we are all going back to the gates. It's like we have been on hold forever, waiting to finally talk to a real person and somehow we have been sent back to the main menu," Ryan remarked. "Watch the Democratic Party convention next week," he added, "that four-day infomercial of politically correct moralizing. It'll be a reminder of all that is at stake in this election. You can get through four days with a little help from the mute button. But four more years of it? Not a chance. Not a chance."

INDIANA STATE POLICE PATROL CONVENTION: More than 100 Indiana State Police officers are protecting political leaders, delegates and the thousands of other people in attendance at the Republican National Convention (*Statehouse File*). "We are on the front lines," said Indiana State Police Capt. David Bursten when explaining why officers are in Ohio this week. "We are on the home front. And we will continue to answer the call." Two officers stood guard at an intersection in Cleveland on Monday. Because of the Republican National Convention, many downtown streets have been blocked off for public safety, and officers are directing both pedestrian and motorized traffic. These Hoosier officers are joining thousands of other law enforcement officers, according to Cleveland officials. However, citing safety reasons, the exact staffing number was not shared. Indiana State Police officers are serving the city at no cost to Hoosier taxpayers. Cleveland is reimbursing all costs associated with their service.

QUEEN UPSET BY TRUMP USING MUSIC: Another musical act is telling Donald Trump to stop using their music (*WTHR-TV).* The classic rock band Queen posted a statement on Twitter on Tuesday saying they never approved Trump's use of "We Are the Champions" during the 2016 Republic National Convention. Before Melania Trump gave a speech in Cleveland on Monday night, Trump made a brief appearance to introduce her and walked onstage to Queen's 1977 hit song. The band wrote on Twitter, "An unauthorised use at the Republican Convention against our wishes."

NOROVIRUS HITS CONVENTION: A terrifying word circulated Tuesday at the Republican National Convention: norovirus (*Washington Post*). A dozen staffers in the California delegation who had arrived in Cleveland early have fallen ill with the extremely contagious virus, California GOP chairman Jim Brulte said. The virus causes extreme vomiting and diarrhea and has been known to spread explosively through

people in closed places, such as cruise ships, schools and nursing homes, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Brulte said that, so far, no delegates or alternates have shown symptoms. He said his delegation will continuing to attend the convention at Quicken Loans Arena, where the Californians sit next to the Maryland delegation. The delegates from California are staying at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, Ohio, nearly 60 miles away from Cleveland.

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Presidential 2016

CHRISTIE OVER VEEP LOSS: Although New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie would've liked to beat out Indiana Gov. Mike Pence for the Republican VP spot, he's already "over it" (*Politico)*. In an interview with CNN on Tuesday, the former vice-presidential contender said he was "disappointed," but suspected he wasn't a top choice for Donald Trump. "It's not, like, my lifetime dream was to be vice president of the United States, and so I'm disappointed, no doubt I was disappointed, but I'm over it," Christie said on Tuesday.

NO TRUMP CAMPAIGN SHAKEUP AFTER MELANIA'S SPEECH: Donald Trump's presidential campaign doesn't plan to fire anybody or to take disciplinary action over the controversy surrounding Melania Trump's plagiarism of Michelle Obama, CNN learned Tuesday (*CNN)*. Trump's campaign hopes to simply move on without further addressing questions about the speech. Aides to the presumptive Republican nominee are scrambling to move past the imbroglio after a passage in Melania Trump's speech Monday night, which headlined the Republican National Convention's opening night, closely mirrored a portion of Michelle Obama's address to the Democratic National Convention in 2008. It's set off infighting and finger-pointing within Trump's campaign, and two sources told CNN that Donald Trump himself is furious about it. Trump's aides chalked the controversy up to media bias and blamed Hillary Clinton's campaign -- even though the apparent plagiarism was discovered by an independent journalist and had gone viral before Clinton's allies and Democrats even weighed in. In an interview with CNN's Chris Cuomo on "New Day," campaign chairman Paul Manafort denied the allegations of plagiarism. "To think that she would do something like that knowing how scrutinized her speech was going to be last night is just really absurd," Manafort said.

DONALD JR. BLAMES SPEECH WRITERS: Donald Trump Jr. is laying the blame for Melania Trump's convention address on her team of speechwriters, addressing the accusations of plagiarism in an interview with *CBS News'* Norah O'Donnell. "I imagine there's people who shouldn't have done that or who should have cleaned it up better," Trump said in the interview, scheduled to air Tuesday night.

Trump, executive vice president of the Trump Organization and trusted campaign adviser to his father, said that he believed the possible first lady "did excellently." "I'm proud of the way she did," he said. When asked if Paul Manafort, the campaign's chairman and Trump's convention manager, should have done a better job overseeing the speech, Trump Jr. defended Manafort. "Paul didn't really have anything do with the speech," he said, acknowledging that Melania Trump "of course" worked with speechwriters. "Having never done this before you have to work with speechwriters," he said. "Those are the people that did this, not Paul."

BAD START FOR TRUMP CAMPAIGN: Donald Trump's advisers say his greatest imperative at the Republican National Convention is to showcase the candidate as a crisp manager and a decisive leader. By that measure, he has gotten off to a bad start (*Washington Post).* The flap over the apparent plagiarism in his wife's opening-night speech has underscored the dissonance between the person Trump claims to be and what his actions and reactions say about the qualities he would bring to the Oval Office. A reality-television star whose tag line is "You're fired!," Trump showed no inclination to hold anyone accountable for a real-world foul-up. Instead, his campaign team denied that anything had been amiss in Melania Trump's address, which included many of the same phrases from a speech given by Michelle Obama at the 2008 Democratic National Convention. His campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, even went so far as to try to foist the blame on a dirty trick by Hillary Clinton's political operation, which he accused of manufacturing the controversy. Not even the Republican National Committee's chairman, Reince Priebus, seemed to buy that, as he told reporters that someone in Trump's operation "probably" should have been fired over the embarrassment. "The distraction gets you off message a little bit this morning, but I think we'll get back to action this afternoon," Priebus said hopefully during a media breakfast hosted by Bloomberg Politics on Tuesday. It appeared he was trying to wing a response, having had no explanation from the Trump campaign as to how things had gone so awry.

CLINTON CALLS GOP CONVENTION 'SURREAL': As the second day of the Republican National Convention gets underway Tuesday, Hillary Clinton labeled the first night "surreal" and compared the event's theatrics to the film "The Wizard of Oz" (*NBC News)*. "There were similarities that appeared to me. You know, lots of sound and fury, even a fog machine, but when you pulled back the curtain it was just Donald Trump with nothing to offer to the American people," she said to thousands of union members gathered here for the annual AFSCME convention. Clinton made the point that most of the speaking time on Monday at the RNC was spent "attacking" her and President Barack Obama "rather than making any kind of argument about the future we want to build for our country." She made no mention of the plagiarism scandal surrounding Melania Trump's speech, but Clinton did dedicate most of her remarks Tuesday to slamming her Donald Trump's business record. "Donald Trump may say he's on the side of the working people but his actions say otherwise. Just look at the destruction his Atlantic City bankruptcies caused," the former secretary of state said. "America is better than Donald Trump."

CLINTON CALLS TRUMP 'MOST DANGEROUS MAN' TO RUN: Hillary Clinton believes that Donald Trump is the most dangerous man ever to run for president of the United States (*CBS News*). "What he has laid out is the most dangerous, reckless approach to being president than I think we've ever seen," Clinton said in an hour-long interview with "CBS This Morning" host Charlie Rose Monday. Rose asked Clinton if Trump is "the most dangerous man ever to run." "I believe that," Clinton replied. "I believe that." Clinton's interview, her first since Trump announced his running mate, took place at a campaign stop in Cincinnati, and it comes just days before Trump is set to be nominated by the Republican party at its convention in Cleveland. She was asked by Rose about Trump's vice presidential pick, Indiana Gov.

Mike Pence and her comment that he's the most extreme vice presidential nominee in a generation on social issues. "On social issues I believe that's true," Clinton told Rose. "And I recently read that he's not sure he believes in evolution. And since Trump doesn't believe in climate change, you know, perhaps there's a meeting of no minds there."

BLOOMBERG PUTS TRUMP WEALTH AT $3B: In the year that Donald Trump was transformed from a long-shot presidential candidate into the presumptive Republican nominee, he took on more debt and sold at least $50 million of stocks and bonds. At the same time, the value of his golf courses and his namesake Manhattan tower soared (*Bloomberg News*). Those are the findings of an updated assessment of the wealth of the man poised to accept his party's nomination Thursday night in Cleveland. While the performance of Trump's major assets was uneven, his net worth rose to $3 billion on the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, up from $2.9 billion a year ago. Trump's riches have been debated for decades, and the billionaire's estimates have been higher than those made by others. Since becoming a candidate, he has repeated his assertion that he's worth more than $10 billion, which he says is proof of his success as a businessman. Estimates in the past year by Fortune and Forbes magazines have come in at less than $5 billion.

Campaigns

ROKITA, BROOKS WILL SEEK CD NOMINATIONS IF THEY LOSE: If both U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks and U.S. Todd Rokita — or just one of them — lose, they can ask to be nominated to their congressional races again. Precinct committee members in their districts will get the final say (Briggs & Cook, *IndyStar*). Brooks said in an interview she already has reached out to committee members to say she wants to resume her re-election bid in Indiana's 5th District should she fail to get the nod for governor. Brooks, a two-term incumbent from Carmel, had been set to face Democrat Angela Demaree in the general election. "I very much intend to ask them to put me back on the ballot," Brooks said. Rokita also said he has informed precinct committee members in the 4th District that he'll seek the nomination again if he isn't a candidate for governor. Rokita, a three-term incumbent from Brownsburg, was running against Democrat John Dale. So far, no one has emerged to challenge Brooks or Rokita if they run for re-election. Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard has expressed interest in running for Brooks' seat. And State Sen. Ron Alting of Lafayette is exploring a run for Rokita's seat. But both prospective candidates have said they are only interested if the incumbents are out of the mix.

GLYNN ANNOUNCES FOR 5TH CD: Hamilton County Councilman Fred Glynn announced his campaign to become the Republican nominee to Indiana's 5th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives (Howey Politics Indiana). U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks resigned her nomination on July 15 to run for the open gubernatorial nomination. Prior to being elected to the County Council, he served in several roles including as a precinct committeeman, state convention delegate, Chairman of the Carmel Young Republicans, and County Coordinator to Mike Pence's 2012 campaign for governor. "I have a proven history of building consensus around conservative ideas," Glynn said. "It's not enough to sit back and argue, we need someone in Congress who can actually build the kind of relationships that will turn conservative principles into legislation that grows our economy, protects our communities, and unleashes the power of our people," he added.

DANIELS STANDS BY DECISION NOT TO RUN: Purdue University President Mitch Daniels is standing by his decision not to run for governor again (Tyner, *WLFI-TV)*. Daniels said he released the statement quashing rumors last week out of respect for others who wanted to run. He said he doesn't miss politics, just some of the people. He has moved on to another chapter in his life, one that Daniels said he really enjoys. "We came a long way. We're a leadership state now in a lot of ways," Daniels said. "It does matter to me - that we not slip back from that, but that can be the work of others. I'll be here, doing what I think is important, and fulfilling work, and cheering for whoever is there." Daniels would not directly comment on Donald Trump selecting Mike Pence as his running mate. He said he tries to steer clear of partisan events.

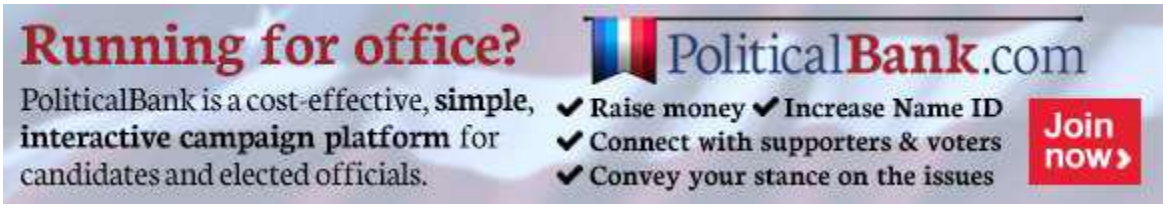
YOUNG JOINS NON-PROFITS IN CALL TO PASS HIS LEGISLATION: The Republican candidate for Senate, Todd Young, visited two Indiana-based non-profits - RecycleForce and Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana - to highlight legislation he passed out of the House that will directly benefit Hoosiers (*Howey Politics Indiana*). These organizations, along with others, would benefit from utilizing public-private partnerships to expand social programs that are proven to work and improve lives, according to a news release from his senatorial campaign. "Organizations such as RecycleForce and Goodwill are at the forefront of addressing real social problems with innovative solutions. My legislation utilizes public-private partnerships to help non-profits like these serve their communities by measurably improving people's lives," Young stated. Social Impact Partnerships are an innovative financing solution that leverages public-private partnerships to allow private organizations, such as non-profits, to create and expand successful programs to address social problems, such as recidivism rates. This bipartisan legislation was passed out of the House of Representatives unanimously and was introduced in a bipartisan fashion in the Senate.

INDEMS SAY YOUNG SUPPORTS 'OUT-OF-TOUCH' GOP AGENDA: A news item appearing on the website of the Indiana Democratic Party stated Republican senate candidate Todd Young is "more interested in scoring political points with the National party than getting work done for Indiana. His party agenda caused the government shutdown, threatened healthcare for Hoosiers, and would have privatized Social Security while turning Medicare into a voucher program" (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "Hoosiers deserve to know why Congressman Young voted five times for a government shutdown over his opposition to the Affordable Care Act, favored privatizing Social Security, and voted to turn Medicare into a voucher program. That is not Hoosier Commonsense - it's a damaging ideology by Congressman Young," said Drew Anderson, INDEM communications director.

WALKER WARNS THAT RYAN IN TOUGH PRIMARY: After losing the Republican presidential primary, Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker has decided to back House Speaker Paul Ryan in his contentious primary battle against Wisconsin businessman Paul Nehlen (*Breitbart*). In a fundraising letter to Wisconsin voters, Walker warns that the Speaker's campaign against his pro-America primary challenger could be Ryan's "toughest fight yet." "Paul Ryan's re-election is important to every Wisconsin conservative," Walker writes in the fundraising letter. "His leadership is too important to Wisconsin and our country to risk losing him… To help our friend, please write your [contribution]… and let's win what could be Paul's toughest fight yet."

Congress

DONNELLY WELCOMES FED GRANT FOR COALITION TO END SEXUAL ASSAULT: U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly (D-IN) welcomed the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office on Women's Health announcement that it has awarded a federal grant to the Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault (ICESA) (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The College Sexual Assault Policy and Prevention Initiative grant will help ICESA fund their "Ending College Campus Sexual Assault" plan and coordinate with other Indiana partners. Indiana has been without a statewide prevention education program or coordinated effort to address sexual assault on college campuses for nearly two years. According to a news release, ICESA will use the federal grant to partner with the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, IUPUI, Marian University, University of Indianapolis, Franklin College, DePauw University, IU Kokomo, IU Northwest, IUPUC, Butler University, Purdue University, and St. Mary's College, and several domestic and sexual violence nonprofit organizations to develop a comprehensive training and communications program. Donnelly also worked with ICESA to help the organization expedite the process to get their nonprofit status approved so that they could be eligible to apply for federal funds.



General Assembly

CHARBONNEAU RE-ELECTED LEADER OF GREAT LAKES LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS: State Sen. Ed Charbonneau (R-Valparaiso) recently attended the Great Lakes Legislative Caucus (GLLC) annual meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and was re-elected to represent Indiana on the Executive Committee of the binational GLLC in 2017 and 2018 (Howey Politics Indiana). The meeting provided a forum for the region's lawmakers to exchange ideas and information on key Great Lakes issues, according to a news release. The goals of the GLLC are to promote the protection and restoration of the Great Lakes and to strengthen the role of state and provincial legislators in the Great Lakes policymaking process. The Caucus has pushed for federal funding of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, an improved Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, and an expedited timeline for a federal study recommending how to keep Asian carp from entering the lakes via the Chicago Area Waterway System.

Nation

WHITE HOUSE: OBAMA PRESSES TURKEY ON RIGHTS - President Barack Obama pledged U.S. support for the democratically elected government of Turkey while urging embattled Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan to respect civil liberties as he responds to the coup attempt that almost forced him from power*(Bloomberg News*). Obama spoke with Erdogan by phone Tuesday and pledged "any needed assistance to the Turkish government" in the wake of last week's attempted coup, White House spokesman Josh Earnest told reporters in Washington. Even so, Obama made clear the U.S. expects that any inquiry should be conducted "consistent with the democratic" values of the Turkish constitution, he said while declining to answer whether the U.S. is concerned that the response won't respect those democratic values.

MEDIA: FOX PREPARES TO OUST AILES - Roger Ailes, the former GOP political operative who oversaw the creation of the Fox News Channel and turned it into the leading voice of American conservatism, is in final negotiations to leave as chief executive of the network amid a budding sexual harassment scandal, according to a person with knowledge of the negotiations. The agreement is expected to be completed shortly, the person said (Washington Post). Ailes, 76, has been chairman and chief executive of Fox since its inception in 1996, and he is often described as one of the most powerful figures in American media and politics. Under his guidance, Fox News grew into a pugnacious and popular news and opinion source, far surpassing the pioneering and more centrist CNN in ratings and profits.

MISSOURI: KC COP MURDERED IN SQUAD CAR - A police officer in Kansas City, Kan., was fatally shot on Tuesday, authorities said, becoming the latest officer killed during a remarkably deadly period for law enforcement (*Washington Post*). Police were responding to reports of a drive-by shooting at about 2 p.m., said Terry Zeigler, the city's police chief, at a news conference Tuesday. Officers chased a car believed to be involved and when Capt. Robert Melton arrived, suspects shot and killed him, Zeigler said. The officer was pronounced dead at 2:55 p.m. local time, according to James Howard, a trauma surgeon at the University of Kansas Hospital. "There's a lot of pain and brokenness in our community and in our nation right now, and we just want to ask everyone to be prayerful and thoughtful right now," said Mark Holland, Mayor/CEO of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City.

World

ENVIRONMENT: JUNE SETS NEW HEAT RECORD - This June has joined every other month of this year so far in setting an all-time monthly record for global temperatures, according to two separate federal science agencies — though the globe was not as extremely warm last month as it was earlier in the year (*Washington Post*). "Warmer to much-warmer-than-average conditions dominated across much of the globe's surface, resulting in the highest temperature departure for June since global temperature records began in 1880," according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Globally averaged temperatures in June were 0.9 degrees Celsius (1.62 degrees Fahrenheit) warmer than the average across the 20th century, according to NOAA. That slightly surpassed temperatures measured in the prior record June of last year.



State

GOVERNOR: WESTON FOODS TO LOCATE U.S. HQ IN BROWNSBURG - Weston Foods, a North American producer and marketer of baked goods, announced plans yesterday to locate its new U.S. headquarters in Brownsburg (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The company will invest $1.6 million to renovate its 20,000-square-foot production facility for Maplehurst Bakeries - a subsidiary of Weston Foods - in Brownsburg to house the parent company's U.S headquarters. Weston Foods, which currently employs more than 2,000 associates across the United States, including nearly 500 in Indiana, is currently hiring for procurement, sales, supply chain and operations positions, according to a news release. As part of its growth, the company plans to create up to 15 new high-wage positions by 2018, which are expected to pay average salaries more than 180 percent higher than state's average wage. The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered Maplehurt Bakeries, LLC up to $220,000 in conditional tax credits based on the company's job creation plans. These tax credits are performance-based, meaning until Hoosiers are hired, the company is not eligible to claim incentives. The town of Brownsburg is proposing to offer performance-based tax incentives that will save the company an estimated $104,000 over a five-year period.

REGIONAL CITIES: TWO MORE PROJECTS FOR NORTHEAST INDIANA - The Northeast Indiana Regional Development Authority is recommending two more projects for Regional Cities Initiative money (Ober, Inside Indiana Business). The funding would cover some of the costs for multi-million dollar projects at the Embassy Theatre and the YMCA of DeKalb County. The Embassy Theatre is requesting $1.7 million in Regional Cities funding for a $10 million project. It involves a two-story-high ballroom, rooftop garden, breakout and rehearsal spaces, classrooms and improved public access areas. The effort aims to attract renters who would have otherwise been turned away because of a full schedule. The YMCA of DeKalb County is seeking $947,000. The organization is proposing a $7.2 million project featuring a fieldhouse, natatorium, playground, indoor training facility and soccer and football fields. The partnership says both projects support the region's "Road to One Million" plan, aiming to grow the population of northeast Indiana. The effort includes more than $1.5 billion in investment over the next 10 years. The partnership last month tapped former ARCH Inc. Executive Director Michael Galbraith to lead the initiative. The recommendations now go to the Indiana Economic Development Corp. for consideration.

EDUCATION: ISTEP PANEL DIVIDED OVER REPLACEMENT TEST - A panel responsible for recommending a new student standardized test remains deeply divided on a replacement for the controversial ISTEP as it races toward a deadline to wrap up its work (Schneider, *IndyStar*). On one side: Glenda Ritz, Indiana's top educator, wants the state to use computer-based tests on which questions adapt to a student's skill level. Her goal: Give teachers a better picture of what individual students know.

On the other: Some panelists, appointed by Gov. Mike Pence, argue that the state should maintain a single pass/fail exam but potentially offer other tests that measure students' progress in school. The Indiana House education policy leader, state Rep. Robert Behning, attempted a compromise at a meeting of the panel Tuesday. Keep the current system - for now - and take some time to pilot other test designs, Behning suggested. But that plan, Ritz argued, would go against a new state law that requires Indiana to end ISTEP after the upcoming school year. She questioned whether the committee could postpone that deadline. "Right now we've been given the parameters that the test is going to expire at the end of the '16-17 school year," Ritz said after the meeting.

ECONOMY: MINORITY BUSINESSES BRING BILLIONS, STUDY FINDS - A new study is outlining the multi-billion dollar economic impact of certified Minority Business Enterprises in Indiana (McGowan, *Inside Indiana Business*). The Indianapolis-based Mid-States Minority Supplier Development Council says the results show the 144 companies certified by the organization that are headquartered in the state generate more than $4.5 billion in business activity per year. The organization says more than 24,600 jobs are linked to MBEs. Chief Executive Officer Carolyn Mosby says ensuring the success of this diverse group of businesses has a significant positive effect statewide. "I think the creation of healthy minority businesses helps socio-economically challenged communities solve some of the existing problems and that's part of our mission." She says the study is a first for the organization and helps drive its value proposition by providing tangible figures for those looking to help minority businesses grow.

AIR GUARD: AIRMEN OF 122ND HEADING OVERSEAS - Nearly 300 airmen from the Air National Guard's Fort Wayne base are being deployed around the world this summer (Francisco, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). The 122nd Fighter Wing has sent 140 airmen and eight attack jets to Slovakia for joint training exercises in Eastern Europe, the fighter wing announced Tuesday. The Fort Wayne-based airmen have been training with the Slovakian military and other U.S. and NATO air forces this month and are scheduled to return home by early August. The fighter wing also is deploying 150 airmen to spots around the world in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, the U.S. military campaign against Islamic State militants waging war against the governments of Iraq and Syria. Fort Wayne airmen involved in those missions include administrative, clerical, logistics and engineering personnel, according to Master Sgt. Darin Hubble, spokesman for the 122nd Fighter Wing. Their deployments are lasting between 45 and 120 days.

STATEHOUSE: IDEM WARNS OF POOR AIR QUALITY IN SOUTH - Indiana officials are warning of poor air quality in southern Indiana on Wednesday (*Associated Press*). The Indiana Department of Environmental Management issued an ozone advisory for Clark, Floyd, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Scott, and Washington counties because of ozone levels that are forecast to be high. IDEM says elderly residents, children and anyone with heart or lung conditions should reduce their physical exertion in the affected counties. Ground-level ozone can cause coughing and breathing difficulties. It's formed when sunlight and hot weather bake vehicle exhaust, factory emissions and gasoline vapors. IDEM urges people to help reduce ozone by conserving energy, reducing their use of individual motor vehicles, and avoiding refueling vehicles or using gasoline-powered lawn equipment until after 7 p.m.

STATEHOUSE: DUNES ALCOHOL PLAN MOVES FORWARD - A state administrative rule change required for alcohol to be sold in a renovated pavilion at Indiana Dunes State Park has cleared its first

hurdle (Luke,*NWI Times*). The Indiana Natural Resources Commission unanimously gave preliminary approval Tuesday to the revised rule that permits alcohol in the pavilion, a potential adjacent banquet center and up to 100 feet into the parking lot. Under the proposed rule, alcohol still would be prohibited on the beach and all other areas of the 2,182-acre park along Lake Michigan in Porter County. The pending rule change now goes to the governor's Office of Management and Budget for review of its financial impact on the state - a process likely to take two to six months. Once evaluated by OMB, it will return to the Natural Resources Commission for a final public hearing prior to a vote on adoption.



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CITIES: CITIZENS WASTEWATER RATE HIKE APPROVED - The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission has approved an agreement allowing Indianapolis-based Citizens Energy Group to raise wastewater rates (Brown, *Inside Indiana Business*). The utility says the rate hike will fund federally-mandated system improvements which will help eliminate sewer overflows. Beginning next month, residential customers will see an average wastewater bill increase of $8.50 per month in 2016 and $2.50 per month in 2017. Citizens originally requested an increase of about $87 million in annual operating revenues, however the agreement with the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor and industrial customers calls for $61.3 million increase. The rate hike will fund projects, including the DigIndy Tunnel System, which is currently underway and will prevent up to 99 percent of sewer overflows from reaching area waterways when it is complete in 2025, according to the utility.

CITIES: MUNCIE BILLBOARD CREATES UPROAR - A billboard in Indiana has caused some controversy in the wake of the high-profile police killings and officer-involved shooting deaths of African-American men (*Fox News).* The electronic billboard in Muncie caught the eyes of plenty of people around the town Saturday and one person described it as "vulgar" and "discriminatory." It read "Hate cops? The next time you need help call a crackhead." Megan Thomas told The Star Press on Sunday that she noticed the sign while walking with her niece. She said she was offended by the message, which she alleged was "vulgar, discriminatory to many different classes of people in our city." She said it also seemed to have been up ahead of a police brutality protest. "I was very ashamed that something so dividing was present in Muncie," she added.

CITIES: IURC APPROVES NIPSCO RATE INCREASE - The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission has approved a rate hike for NIPSCO's electric customers (Brown, *Inside Indiana Business*). Beginning in October, there will be an increase of approximately 6 percent for a typical residential electric bill. It is the

first electric rate increase for NIPSCO since 2011. The approval came following an agreement reached in February by NIPSCO, the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor, NIPSCO's industrial customers, a coalition of eight northern Indiana municipalities and the United Steelworkers. The agreement includes a bill adjustment that is about half of what NIPSCO originally requested last year. NIPSCO says the rate increase means the average residential customer will see their bill rise about $5.70 per month. Individual commercial and industrial customers will see an increase of about 5 to 6 percent, depend on their usage. NIPSCO says the increase was necessary to offset the increased cost to produce and distribute power to customers and to invest in continued service improvements.

CITIES: RESIDENTS WEIGH IN ON FORT WAYNE 10-YEAR PLAN - Local residents got the chance to weigh-in on a 10-year plan to transform the city of Fort Wayne (Robinson, *WANE-TV*). Eric Doden, CEO of Greater Fort Wayne Inc., gave a presentation about five key projects, which was followed by a question and answer session. The ambitious plan was unveiled in May. It includes building a downtown arena, the landing, riverfront development, the GE campus and STEAM park. The projects would cost the city roughly $645 million dollars. It would be a bold move by the city, but Doden said now is the time to do it. "I think a lot of things are just a choice," he said. "You've got to choose to move fast, you've got to choose to be efficient, you've got to choose to make decisions."10 year plan This plan is expected to generate $3.5 billion in private investment over the next 15 to 20 years. The organization is still working on how the projects will be funded. Doden said over the next few months they will come up with a plan to present to city council.

CITIES: NO TOBACCO PRODUCTS FOR WEST LAFAYETTE PARKS - Tobacco products will no longer be allowed in West Lafayette parks (Tyner, *WLFI-TV*). The Parks and Recreation Board passed a resolution on Monday. The purpose is to protect park-goers from secondhand smoke while keeping the parks clean. The ban includes cigarettes, cigars, pipes, electronic cigarettes and chewing tobacco. Vice President Linda Eales said the board wants to promote a healthy lifestyle. The parks department will work to put up signs and inform the public of the ban over the next six months. Eales said after that, offenders could face up to a $300 fine.

CITIES: GALVESTON MAY FIRE TOWN MARSHAL FOR INSUBORDINATION - Officials will cast votes next week on whether to fire Galveston's town marshal (Kirk, *Kokomo Tribune).* An ordinance calling for Galveston Town Marshal Shawn Durham's termination was released Monday. Durham violated the Galveston Police Department's rules of conduct, according to an exhibit attached to the ordinance. The exhibit states Durham displayed insubordinate behavior when he refused to grant Town Council President John Hart's requests on behalf of the council for keys to the police department and police vehicles, passwords to police computers and the code to the department's surveillance camera system. Durham exhibited further insubordination by not heeding the council's direction to discontinue the use of reserve deputies due to the town's inability to fund their services, according to the exhibit.

CITIES: TERRE HAUTE RENAMES AIRPORT - The Terre Haute International Airport is now officially the Terre Haute Regional Airport (*WTHI-TV*). Officials made the announcement at a news conference on Tuesday morning. They say there are a few reasons for the name change…but the biggest is they want to make sure they are representing who they truly are. "We're thinking with the change of the name to what we actually are, that might help some of the business here and at the airport as well because

international tends to scare off a lot of general aviation folks," Jeff Hauser from the airport said. Mayor Duke Bennett also attended the announcement. He says the name change could benefit the city as well.

CITIES: RICHMOND TO PAY $1.3M TO HOSPITAL IN BILLING DEAL - Reid Health and the city of Richmond have agreed to a preliminary deal that would settle issues surrounding payments for health care received by city employees, according to a joint statement released by the city and Reid on Tuesday (Sheeley,*Richmond Palladium-Item*). If approved by the Richmond Board of Public Works and Safety during its regular meeting on Thursday, the agreement would see the city pay Reid $1.3 million to settle pending insurance claims through May 31, according to the news release. The money would come from the city's health care reserves, according to the release. In 2015, the city of Richmond hired ELAP Services, a Philadelphia-based company that works with insurance plans to reprice bills from hospitals and surgery centers, manage plan assets, make appropriate coverage determinations and manage appeals. However, ELAP's practice of re-pricing bills ran up against Reid Health's "Fairness in Pricing" policy, which says the hospital will charge the same prices to everyone. That meant employees were stuck in the middle of the two groups, facing potential legal action for collections on the disputed portion of their health care bills.

CITIES: SEYMOUR RESIDENTS PREP FOR INCREASE IN RAIL TRAFFIC - Officials with Louisville & Indiana Railroad recently posted signs at all 14 rail crossings on the north-south line through Seymour advising motorists and pedestrians to take notice of increasing train frequency, length and speed (Rutherford, *Seymour Tribune*). Those factors are the result of progress being made on a roughly $100 million plus project to upgrade and strengthen the 106½ miles of rail line that runs from Louisville to Indianapolis. Although the line is owned by L&I, it is also used by CSX Transportation, which is funding much of the work.

CITIES: COUNCIL OKS FUND FOR STADIUM IN RICHMOND - In an effort to finance additional improvements at McBride Stadium, user fees from the stadium now will go into a special fund (Sheeley,*Richmond Palladium-Item*). The Richmond Common Council approved utilizing the capital fund for McBride improvements during its meeting Monday night. The Richmond Parks and Recreation Department board approved the move on July 7. Council's approval included an appropriation of $13,000, which includes fees paid in 2016 by high schools, tournaments and the Richmond Jazz for use of the field. "We're very optimistic that this is a step in the right direction for McBride," said parks Superintendent Denise Retz. "It's been lacking a little TLC for several years." Retz, who is in her first year as parks superintendent, said improving conditions at McBride Stadium has been one of her top priorities since she began and the parks board has adopted an operation plan she created that changed how the stadium is managed.

CITIES: COLUMBUS ANNEXES 72 ACRES - The city of Columbus now has more property available for industrial use (*WCSI*). The Columbus City Council gave final approval Tuesday evening for a plan that annexed and rezoned nearly 72 acres of property on Deaver Road next to the Woodside Northwest Industrial Park. The project, put forward by Steve Booher, saw the land annexation change from agricultural use to industrial. Annexation also allows the property to tap into city services such as water and sewer Prior to the vote, Mayor Jim Lienhoop said that Columbus was in desperate need of shovel-ready industrial property. The mayor said there are several industrial parcels available around town, but

they are all in the 10-acre range. Lienhoop noted that, while these smaller parcels are fine for some businesses, other, larger developments need 50 acres or more.

CITIES: TERRE HAUTE TABLES STORMWATER FEE PROPOSAL - A resolution to enact a stormwater fee was tabled Tuesday by the Terre Haute Board of Sanitary Commissioners, a measure that now delays the proposal from going before the Terre Haute City Council on Thursday (Greninger, *Terre Haute Tribune-Star*). Prior to its vote, the sanitary board held a public hearing, which brought opposition from religious and business leaders. Following that hearing, Tim Adams, vice president of the board, voiced concern about the proposed fee resolution. "I have yet to find anyone who is in favor of this," Adams said. "My major concern is we have had three sewer rate increases under the guise that we did not have enough money to operate or proceed."

CITIES: SIX MORE HOUSES COMING DOWN IN NEW CASTLE - Six more houses should soon be coming down as part of New Castle's ongoing participation in the Blight Elimination Program (BEP) (Green, New Castle Courier-Times). "This is the most bids we've ever had turned in and we appreciate everybody participating," New Castle Mayor Greg York said. New Castle GIS & MS4 Coordinator Ed Hill, who has been coordinating the city's efforts to remove unoccupied, dilapidated houses, said the six structures mentioned Monday should be torn down shortly after a contractor has been selected. He added that additional houses will be razed by the end of the year if all goes as planned. "There should be five more," Hill said. "We're waiting on quitclaim deeds coming back from the owners. "

CITIES: DELAY IN SOUTH BEND STREETS PROJECT - Plans to open Main and Michigan/St. Joseph streets to two-way traffic before the first Notre Dame home football game on Sept. 10 may be in jeopardy, but the worst-case scenario, an official says, is that they'll open back up as one-way streets (Blasko, *South Bend Tribun*e). According to deputy director of Public Works Jitin Kain, issues including the unexpected discovery of a sidewalk vault have slowed Smart Streets work downtown, pushing the anticipated completion date for the project back about two weeks. "We ran into a few issues with discovering vaults right by (Madison Oyster Bar), and so the vaults are being tackled now and that slows things down," Kain said.

COUNTIES: FLOYD TO PLACE PROCEEDS FROM HOSPITAL SALE INTO FOUNDATION - The question where to invest the proceeds from the sale of Floyd Memorial Hospital and Health Services to Baptist Health was answered Tuesday at a special meeting between the Floyd County Council and Commissioners (Morris, *News & Tribune)*. But a much larger question, how much of that money should be spent each year and immediately from the $75 million the county will receive Sept. 30, still needs an answer. The county's two governing bodies unanimously decided to put the $75 million, or most of it, that the county will receive at closing into a community foundation. The main reason was to keep the money protected from outside interests or lawsuits. An ordinance will be drafted and signed at another special meeting on July 28. At that time request for proposals will be issued allowing community foundations - including the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana - to make bids for the $75 million.

COUNTIES: STUDY PROPOSES $25M FOR NEW JAIL IN HANCOCK - A study completed by Indianapolis-based RQAW Corporation recommends constructing a $25 million, three-story jail structure in Hancock County (Morgan*, Hancock Daily Reporter*). The structure would hold a new, 212-bed jail and provide an additional 100 beds for inmates in the lower-security community corrections program. Under the plan, the existing jail, which opened in 1988, would be cleared, leaving the space as a reserve for a future expansion. The high ticket price of the project leaves county officials to wrestle with potential funding schemes while conditions in the jail become increasingly urgent. On a recent morning, 175 inmates were booked into the jail, a building designed to accommodate 157, said jail commander Capt. Andy Craig. For the past three years, the jail's population has hovered above its designed capacity, which places stress on jail staff and inmates and increases the chances of fights breaking out, officials say. Inmate numbers are expected to rise to 205 in a decade and to 245 inmates by 2036, the report projects.

COUNTIES: FEW CUTS, IF ANY, FOR ALLEN THIS YEAR - As the Allen County Council begins its annual budgeting process Wednesday, revenue projections for 2017 indicate they will have to make few cuts - if any - to departments' preliminary spending plans in order to begin the year in the black (Leininger, Fort Wayne News-Sentinel). According to Chief Deputy Auditor Nick Jordan, county government will take in an estimated $93.04 million from property and income taxes and other sources next year, or about $3.35 million more than this year's budget. Even if council follows a recommendation to set aside $700,000 for capital projects or other one-time expenses and awards the county's 1,300 employees a 3 percent raise at a cost of about $1.7 million, that would still leave an additional $913,000 for other purposes.

COUNTIES: WIFI POSSIBLE FOR GIBSON SCHOOL BUSES - Wi-fi could soon be coming to school buses in one Gibson County district (Cerenelli, *WEVV-TV*). North Gibson officials are looking into a pilot project to install wireless access on 10 of its buses. Assistant Superintendent Eric Goggins says he'll present cost estimates to the board next month. The project would focus on buses that travel long routes and for special trips. Goggins says the district's transportation fund would pay for it, and the students would only have access to educational sites. School board members say the move would especially help students in rural areas with no internet.

COUNTIES: RECYCLING CENTER SOURCE OF STENCH IN HAMILTON - Thousands of calls flooded in from Hamilton County residents Tuesday as an odor blanketed Indianapolis' northern neighbor (Ryckaert & Salinas, *IndyStar*). Citizens Energy Group identified Heritage-Crystal Clean, a recycling center in Speedway, as the main contributing factor in the odor and said the issue has been resolved. HCC confirmed Tuesday evening that there was an air release from a used-oil recycling facility it operates on Tenth Street and that it informed an unidentified local utility and government agency of the matter. However, the company said it didn't believe that the release - part of what it called a "routine semi-annual shutdown" - was connected to the odor problem. Complaints came in from Noblesville to Broad Ripple, with many fearing the odor indicated a natural gas leak. "Our job was to determine that it was not a natural gas leak, and it was not a natural gas leak," said Citizens spokeswoman Sarah Holsapple.

COUNTIES: NEW EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM IN FLOYD - Floyd County residents can be the first to know about severe weather and emergencies through its new mass notification system (Gross, *Louisville Courier-Journal*). Locals can sign up online to receive notifications by phone call, text

message, email and more. Folks can also choose notifications they'd like to receive based on locations in Floyd County they care about - such as their home or workplace. The system launched on July 1 and according to the Emergency Management Agency director Terry Herthel, about 20,000 people are currently signed up for the new system.

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ROKITA MAKES HIS CASE FOR GOVERNOR: With the unprecedented Republican gubernatorial caucus just nine days away, wooing the 22 voting members of the Indiana Republican Central Committee will require a deft touch. Does the eventual winner pour it on and make an emphatic case? Or is the case made quietly on the various lounges, lobbies, cubby holes, alcoves and phone calls? U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita, at the urging of his wife, is taking the subtle approach (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "It is unprecedented," Rokita said of the replacement process for Gov. Mike Pence's gubernatorial nomination that began a mere two weeks ago. "I'm just taking it day by day. I'm taking a relaxed approach to the tiny universe of voters that I have, that's these 22 people. A nomination with 22 people and 12 votes. My wife, told me, now Todd, your nature is to be Type A, aggressive. Just relax, go have a beer. They're all friends. I've known most of these folks for years, since my first days of running for secretary of state. "This is all in the family. We're all liked and there's different variations of that, just like you would in a family," Rokita continued. "But I'm having a good time with it. I'm having a great conversation with voters so far. Yes, it is unprecedented and in that vein, these people are taking it seriously. I think they feel the weight of voting in the sense for six million people. They are carrying that responsibility." Rokita, who resigned his own 5th CD nomination last Friday to run in the July 26 caucus added, "Because of that weight, this is a very fluid situation." A number of the Central Committee members will listen to the three candidates over the next three days and come to more solid conclusions. Rokita's pitch is this: "Did you see the note I left underneath your door?" he asked. "We are presenting a fact-based case for why I'm the best weapon against John Gregg and the best choice for Republicans to be governor. I've won two statewide elections, both with good results even in 2006 which was a horrible year for Republicans. I led the ticket in votes." "You'll see something that talks about my fundraising," Rokita said, noting that he has more than $1.4 million in his war chest. "I have a network around the state. I've raised $8 million around the state. I make that case as well. There are 114 days between now and the election. You have to have someone who has a campaign up and going. We're not wasting any time. I've made hires for the governors race. We are preparing to get this job done. There's a lot more horse power now on Team Rokita than there was for the congressional race." And he contrasts himself with Democrat nominee John Gregg, saying, "We have a paper out on his transportation plan."

ROKITA SAYS PENCE'S WAR CHEST SHOULD GO TO NEW NOMINEE: As for Gov. Pence's $5 million war chest, Rokita was asked if the governor should give it to the eventual GOP nominee (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "I haven't talked to the governor about that. It seems to me it's not his money, it's the donors who expected him to run for governor. I'm sure they're happy he's the VP nominee, as am I. But that money should go to the gubernatorial nominee and I think those donors are going to force that. You can't use that money in a federal race, though you could use it in a super PAC. A good portion of that money is going to be needed for any one of us who goes to take on John Gregg."

THOMES ANNOUNCES HIS GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDACY: State Sen. Jim Tomes became the fourth candidate seeking the gubernatorial nomination to be decided on July 26 by the Republican Central Committee (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "I submit this letter proposing my intention to file for the candidacy for office of Indiana Governor. As a state senator for 6 years in the General Assembly I have the experience in the legislative process of Indiana government," Tomes said. "I've learned the relationship not only between the other two branches of government, but also the interaction between

the many agencies within Indiana. As the GOP candidate I am quite sure that I would have support from citizens across the state that have come to know me from our travels and speaking engagements as well as legislation that I have passed. On issues such as the right to life and marriage integrity I am firmly positioned in supporting those social issues and will have support from that voting bloc. In my 6 years I have not managed to irritate those in education such as teachers or administrators. Coming from a labor background as a union driver in the commercial trucking industry for 33 years, 21 of them as a steward, I understand the concerns of industry, small business and the working class in this state. I recognize, in working through disagreements, the distinction between mutual agreements, which results in a positive frame of mind and one of compromise which can sometimes produce a sense of unfairness. I have also demonstrated my support for the corporate members of our state by supporting the tax reduction bills and other measures important to large and small business that drive economic growth." Tomes concluded, "I have no doubt that I would be able to draw votes away from John Gregg from voters concerning education and labor issues."

HOLCOMB, BROOKS RNC ACTIVITY: Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb, meanwhile, filed his official candidacy while ratcheting up his bid as Central Committee members, delegates, and party officials received six emails making the case for his nomination. "I am officially running for Governor to continue Indiana's progress," Holcomb said after filing his candidacy (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "As lieutenant governor, an advisor to Gov. Mitch Daniels during his eight years in office, Indiana chief of staff to Sen. Dan Coats and state chairman of the Indiana Republican Party, I've consistently worked with Hoosiers in every corner of the state as we've balanced budgets, lowered taxes and made major investments in our infrastructure. We can't afford to turn the clock back. We need an Indiana that is prepared for the future and always growing." And Holcomb trotted out a series of endorsements. "There are workhorses and there are show horses—and Eric is a workhorse who leads by example, not by press release," said State Sen. Brandt Hershman. State Rep. Cindy Ziemke noted that Holcomb attended Oldenberg's Freudenfest and called him "a true man of the people and one of the most genuine public servants I've ever met." Portage Mayor James Snyder, who has expressed interest in the coming Aug. 1 LG caucus, said, "Eric Holcomb demonstrates leadership, skill and wisdom in all facets of municipal, state and federal government… Some of the greatest Republicans this State has ever known have chosen Mr. Holcomb to help them lead." Rep. Brooks spent much of Monday speaking to women in politics events, and appeared on the Quicken Loans Arena jumbotron during the afternoon RNC session speaking on that subject. And a potential fourth candidate, current Chairman Jeff Cardwell, wouldn't commit to a candidacy, but told HPI over breakfast that he, too, has been getting calls from Republicans urging him to run.

GREGG SAYS HE WON'T CHANGE MESSAGE: Even before John Gregg announced his gubernatorial run, the message out of the Democratic Party was "Fire Mike Pence." Gregg, though, says his message as a candidate has never involved the governor (Smith, *Indiana Public Media*). "It's been about the economy, it's about low-paying wages, it's about pre-kindergarten, it's about our infrastructure. It is one hundred percent been about having an Indiana that's inclusive," Gregg says. Yet a recent Gregg ad attacked Mike Pence over Carrier's decision to leave its Indiana facilities for Mexico. And Gregg's three-minute video announcing his candidacy mentioned Pence in the first 13 seconds. Still, Gregg insists his focus is the economy. "That's what I've been doing for the last couple of years and that's what I'll continue to do," Gregg says. "I'm the only candidate that's always been running for governor and I'll continue to do that."

DSCC POLL SHOWS BAYH LEADING YOUNG 54-33%: A new poll released by the Democratic Senatorial Committee by pollster Fred Yang shows Evan Bayh leading Republican Todd Young 54-33% with 13% undecided (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The poll was conducted July 12-14 survey conducted among 602 likely voters (+4.1%). When asked to rate Evan Bayh's job performance when he served as Senator, 55% of Hoosier voters give him a positive rating of excellent or good; 25% say his performance was fair, while just 7% rate him as poor. While Bayh as expected has strong ratings from Democrats, the depth of his bipartisan support is evidenced by his 57% excellent/good rating from Independents and his net positive rating (47% excellent/good, 31% only fair, 10% poor) among Republicans. In fact, Bayh garners a 51% majority excellent/good rating from Trump voters. While Bayh's support stems in some degree from his name recognition advantage (still an impressive 82% despite not having run a campaign in more than a decade compared to 54% for Young), Bayh maintains a strong double-digit lead among voters who know BOTH candidates: 55% Bayh, 39% Young. The undecided vote in the Senate race appears up for grabs to BOTH candidates, including Evan Bayh. For example, President Obama's job approval is 45%-44% among undecided voters, Hillary Clinton trails Donald Trump by just 5%, and Bayh only has 54% name recognition, indicating he has a chance to gain their support once he campaigns. Young campaign manager Trevor Foughty reacted to the poll, telling *HPI*, "It's no surprise that Harry Reid and Chuck Schumer would release a poll showing their handpicked superlobbyist leading, but Evan Bayh cast the deciding vote for Obamacare then made millions defending corporations who paid him to oppose it. Hoosiers have a clear choice between a Marine who lives in Indiana and represents the interests of Hoosiers, and a lobbyist who lives in two Washington, D.C. mansions and only looks out for himself."

TRUMP SURROGATES RAGE AT RECALCITRANT REPUBLICANS: Before Day One of the GOP's national convention had even been gaveled into session in Cleveland, the discord within the Republican Party was already on full display (*Politico)*. Republicans who have yet to fall in line behind Donald Trump found themselves in the cross hairs of his campaign on Monday morning, with surrogates for the Manhattan billionaire fanning out to trash the holdouts. Newt Gingrich, fresh off finishing behind Indiana Gov. Mike Pence in the race to win a spot on the ticket alongside Trump, laid into 2012 GOP nominee Mitt Romney, who has been perhaps the loudest Republican voice opposing the party's nominee. The former House speaker painted Romney as a wishy-washy Republican who wouldn't say whether he supported Ronald Reagan in 1984 and refused to support Gingrich's Contract with America in the 1990s. Romney, Gingrich said in an interview on ABC's "Good Morning America," was willing to support Republicans only "as long as we were supporting him." Gingrich had similarly harsh words on ABC for the Bush family, none of whom have backed Trump and none of whom are scheduled to attend this week's festivities. They won't be missed, Gingrich said. "The reason people nominated Donald Trump is they weren't happy, and frankly the Bushes are behaving, I think, childishly," Gingrich told ABC's George Stephanopoulos. Trump's campaign chief, Paul Manafort, also took a dig at the anti-Trump wing of the Republican Party on Monday morning in an exchange with MSNBC host Mika Brzezinski. Brzezinski followed up by asking Manafort where John Kasich would be during the convention, eliciting a laugh from the live audience in Cleveland and putting the Ohio governor on a tee for the Trump campaign chairman to swing at. "You know what, he's making a big mistake," Manafort said. "He's hurting his state and embarrassing his state, frankly.

CLINTON ISSUES BLISTERING ATTACK ON PENCE: Hillary Clinton unleashed a blistering attack Monday night on Donald Trump's pick for vice president, telling thousands of cheering teachers union members that Indiana Gov. Mike Pence is "one of the most hostile politicians in America when it comes to public education" (Politico). "Neither Mike Pence nor Donald Trump should be anywhere near our children's education," said Clinton, speaking at the American Federation of Teachers' biennial gathering in Minneapolis. She spoke as the GOP convention was taking place in Cleveland, 750 miles away. If you want to know what kind of president Trump would be, Clinton said, "just look at who he's chosen as his

running mate." "Mike Pence is one of the most extreme vice presidential picks in a generation," Clinton said. "And he's one of the most hostile politicians in America when it comes to public education." Clinton accused Pence of being a "tea party politician" who has undermined the rights of women, workers, the LGBT community and immigrants.

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: After spending more than an hour winding our way out of the security maze surrounding the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, we found ourselves at the corner of 9th and Superior awaiting the hotel bus with four Akron, Ohio cops near the Detroit Bridge. My colleague, Vigo County GOP Chairman Randy Gentry, would later remark that what would have once been a profoundly safe haven in their company had, in fact, come to be inside the bullseye after the mass police murders in Dallas and Baton Rouge. The Akron cops told us that had they had it to do all over again, they would have chosen another profession. A police action shooting, they said, doesn't find support in City Hall, which instead kicks these situations into the judicial system. Just hours earlier, another Baltimore officer was acquitted in the Freddy Gray case. These officers were also highly critical of President Obama for setting the wrong tone. As we talked, a scruffy band of people, all brandishing guns, walked by, protected by Ohio's open carry law. The officers were unimpressed and I won't quote them here. But this is not the America many of us thought it would become. - *Brian A. Howey*



Republican National Convention

CHARGES MELANIA TRUMP PLAGERIZED SPEECH: Melania Trump's speech Monday to the Republican National Convention has come under fire as it appears that two of the passages are strikingly similar to the speech first lady Michelle Obama gave in 2008 at the Democratic National Convention (*Fox News*). The passages in question focus on lessons that Melania Trump, the wife of presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, said she learned from her parents and the relevance of their lessons in her experience as a mother. The remarks came toward the beginning of her speech, which was otherwise distinct from the address that Michelle Obama gave when her husband, then-Sen. Barack Obama, was being nominated for president. "From a young age, my parents impressed on me the values that you work hard for what you want in life, that your word is your bond and you do what you say and keep your promise, that you treat people with respect. They taught and showed me values and morals in their daily life," Melania Trump said in her speech in Cleveland. In Michelle Obama's 2008 speech in Denver, she said: "And Barack and I were raised with so many of the same values: like, you work hard for what you want in life, that your word is your bond, that you do what you say you're going to do, that you treat people with dignity and respect, even if you don't know them and even if you don't

agree with them." Another passage with some similarities that follows two sentences later in Melania Trump's speech addresses her attempts to instill those values in her son.

TRUMP STATEMENT ON MELANIA'S SPEECH: Trump campaign senior communications adivsor Jason Miller put out this statement at 1:48 a.m. today about Melania Trump's speech, which some believe plagerized Michelle Obama's 2008 convention speech (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "In writing her beautiful speech, Melania's team of writers took notes on her life's inspirations, and in some instances included fragments that reflected her own thinking. Melania's immigrant experience and love for America shone through in her speech, which made it such a success."

MANAFORT DENIES SPEECH WAS PLAGERIZED: The Donald Trump campaign on Tuesday denied allegations that Melania Trump plagiarized a Michelle Obama speech on the first night of the Republican National Convention, calling the accusation "just really absurd." "To think that she would do something like that knowing how scrutinized her speech was going to be last night is just really absurd," Trump's campaign chairman Paul Manafort told CNN's Chris Cuomo on "New Day."

CHAOS ON FLOOR OVER RULES: The Republican party came within a whisker of reaching the unity it had long sought Monday. What it got instead was convention floor chaos (Politico). After mounting for weeks, tension exploded into a high-profile fight pitting the Donald Trump campaign and Republican National Committee leadership against a coalition of conservative activists and delegates from the "never Trump" movement. The two sides were reduced to shouting at each other on national television after party leadership blocked a roll call vote on the convention rules, which virtually guarantee Trump the party nomination by requiring delegates to vote in accordance with their state's primary or caucus results. Trump critics were unlikely to be able to vote down the rules — and even less likely to achieve their ultimate goal of replacing the rules with ones that "unbound" pledged delegates — but they were seeking a platform to voice their displeasure with Trump and demonstrate the strength of their movement. They almost got the vote. The Never Trump delegates joined forces with a small but aggrieved band of GOP delegates — led Virginia delegate Ken Cuccinelli and Utah Sen. Mike Lee — furious with party leaders and the Trump campaign for their role last week in blocking a slew of changes to party rules that conservative activists favored. Together, they shocked Trump campaign and GOP leaders on Monday afternoon by producing signatures from a majority of delegates from 11 states and territories, far more than the seven jurisdictions necessary to force an up-or-down vote on the convention's rules package. That would've left approval up fate to 2,472 delegates on the convention floor — and embarrassed Trump regardless of the results. But when the time came to present the proposed rules to the full convention, the combined Trump campaign-party leadership faction crushed the rebellious faction.

INDIANA DELEGATION AVOIDS NEVER TRUMP MOVEMENT: The "Never Trump" movement hasn't given up, but Indiana's delegation to the Republican National Convention appears unlikely to join a revolt (Berman, *WIBC*). A coalition of Trump opponents and critics of the nominating process itself attempted to launch a floor fight to change convention rules. Rebels hope to insert a conscience clause to unbind delegates, who otherwise must vote according to the pledged allocation determined by the primaries or caucuses in their states. Trump supporters muscled the original rules through, with Arkansas Congressman Steve Womack gaveling closed a voice vote as opponents screamed for a roll call vote. The uproar continued for several minutes in a scene reminiscent of protesters at Trump rallies, with

supporters and insurgents trying to outshout each other with competing chants of "U-S-A" and "roll call vote." Never Trump forces still could try to work within the rules by demanding roll calls during Tuesday's nominating process and then abstaining, in hopes of bringing Trump's vote total below the required majority and forcing a second ballot, in which most delegates would be unpledged. But several Hoosier delegates say they won't support a revolt and don't see any support among their fellow delegates. National committeeman John Hammond was a Jeb Bush supporter and a Donald Trump skeptic, but was part of a team assigned to help put down a rebellion within the Rules Committee last week. He predicts none of Indiana's delegates will defect. He says Trump won fair and square, and it's time for the party to unite. Former Cicero Representative Eric Turner says he doubts there was ever any Indiana support for a revolt, but says if there had been, the selection of Governor Pence as Trump's running mate would likely put a stop to it.

PENCE'S SISTER WILL NOMINATE GOVERNOR: Indiana Gov. Mike Pence will become the Republican nominee for vice president this week, and members of his family will join him on stage at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland (Shella, *WISH-TV*). Pence's sister-in-law, Denise Pence, is an Indiana delegate to the national convention for the first time. She's married to Gregory Pence, the governor's older brother, and she says her duty in Cleveland is an honor and a privilege. She wanted to be a delegate because she is a Donald Trump supporter. She applied for the role way back in January.

A DISASTROUS FIRST DAY FOR TRUMP: Donald Trump's supporters painted a dark and dystopian portrait of an America in decline on Monday, as a parade of people spoke about a country slipping from their grasp, cops getting gunned down in the streets, and their family members slain by illegal immigrants (*Politico*). But a self-inflicted scheduling blunder — the Trump campaign put the evening's headliner, Melania Trump, well before the prime-time hour ended — had the networks turning away before the precious hour of free TV had been used up. Worse, her speech bore a striking resemblance to a Michelle Obama speech from 2008. People inside the hall streamed for the exits as Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn droned on, and NBC wrapped up its hour, after some banter between its anchors, with a shot of a shockingly empty arena. It was a rough end to a day that began with Trump's campaign feuding with the popular Republican governor of Ohio, and that featured shouting and jostling on the convention floor as the party tried to stamp out the last embers of the Never Trump campaign. All day, cable news chyrons spoke of disunity and chaos. On stage, there was a red-meat buffet of raw emotion for an angry Republican electorate, with little talk of ideology or policy. Indeed, there were more mentions of fallen American soldiers than of conservatism. But there were even fewer signs of outreach across the aisle or to independents. For most of the night, the convention lineup felt and sounded more like a tea party rally on the statehouse steps — with little-known speakers delivering hard-line speeches — than a traditional national convention.

MANAFORT SPARS WITH GOV. KASICH, ANGERING BUCKEYES: Paul Manafort, Trump's top campaign adviser, began the day by saying Ohio Gov. John Kasich was "embarrassing his state" by not attending, appearing on MSNBC and other morning shows (*Politico*). Ohio Republicans reacted angrily. "All along, we've been looking for a more unifying message coming from the Trump campaign," Matt Borges, the state GOP chairman, told POLITICO. "And then he came to Cleveland this morning as we're lifting the curtain on one of the crown jewels of the Republican Party and the effort we had in Ohio to

bring this convention here, he decided to go in a direction that was obviously calculated — he did it on all the shows — and he's factually incorrect."

TRUMP'S VERY WHITE CONVENTION: The GOP's post-2012 autopsy reached a bold conclusion: If the party wanted to survive, it needed to make inroads among the Hispanic, black and female voters who were convinced the party had deserted them (*Politico*). Now the party has nominated a candidate who is polling at historic lows among all those groups. But the speakers who will take the stage at a convention that was supposed to showcase the party's crossover appeal are overwhelmingly white. Of the 71 prime-time speakers who are expected to take the podium over the course of the four-day convention here, more than 80 percent are white, according to a POLITICO analysis. Perhaps most striking, only seven of the speakers are black and just three are Latino. Women compose one-third of the speaking slots. "Looks like the 2012 autopsy report might need a little CPR," said Rep. Carlos Curbelo, a Miami Republican who isn't attending the convention.

PATRICIA SMITH MOVES DELEGATES: Trump himself stepped on one of the early evening's most moving speakers, Patricia Smith, the mother of one of four Americans killed in Benghazi (*Politico*). As she spoke, holding back tears, the arena was rapt — and roiling with anger. "I blame Hillary Clinton, I blame Hillary Clinton personally for the death of my son," Smith said.

GIULIANI HAMMERS HILLARY: Rudy Giuliani never got the head-to-head match-up he'd wanted with Hillary Clinton in the 2000 New York Senate race (Bradner, *CNN*). But on Monday night, he unleashed a stinging barrage against her character in the most energetic speech of the Republican National Convention's opening night. Sixteen years after he'd been forced to pass on his Senate campaign amid a divorce and a bout with cancer, Giuliani pounded Clinton with everything he had. In a speech introducing Donald and Melania Trump, Giuliani stuck to the day's themes: attacking Clinton over Benghazi and immigration. "Who would trust Hillary Clinton to protect them? I wouldn't. Would you?" he said. "Hillary Clinton's experience is the basis for her campaign," Giuliani said. "Hillary Clinton's experience is exactly the reason she should not be president of the United States. There's no next election -- this is it. No more time to repeat our mistakes of the Clinton-Obama years. Washington needs a complete turnaround."

TRUMP WON'T YIELD STAGE: Patricia Smith stood on the stage of the Republican National Convention and emotionally blamed the death of her son in Benghazi, Libya, on Hillary Clinton. Suddenly, Fox News Channel cut away to interview the party's presumptive presidential nominee, Donald Trump (*Washington Post*). For nearly 11 minutes on Monday night, Trump overshadowed his party's convention with a telephone interview that provided no major news but allowed him to brag about his primary victories, attack the news media and plug his wife's upcoming speech. This was supposed to be the week that Trump finally stopped fighting for the nomination and pivoted to the general-election campaign. This was supposed to be the week that he stayed in the wings, like presumptive nominees usually do, and allowed others to introduce him and explain why he should be president. It was supposed to be the week that Trump showed voters a softer, more personable and compassionate side. But on the first day of the four-day GOP convention, Trump showed that he's unable to yield the stage and a prime-time audience to others.

PENCE WILL BE ONLY HOOSIER SPEAKER: Gov. Mike Pence, the running mate for presidential candidate Donald Trump, is the only Indiana political leader scheduled to speak at this week's Republican National Convention in Cleveland, according to the convention program (*Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). Pence will speak Wednesday night to GOP delegates gathered at Quicken Loans Arena.

CALLS FOR OPEN CARRY BAN DURING CONVENTION: With an attack on police in Baton Rouge Sunday leaving three officers dead, Cleveland's police union is calling on Ohio Gov. John Kasich to temporarily ban the open-carry of weapons in the city during the Republican convention this week. "Somebody in this country has got to stand up and support the police officers," Loomis told *CBS News*. Ohio is an open-carry state, meaning legal gun owners can carry certain types of firearms in plain sight. Per the U.S. Secret Service's guidelines, guns are not allowed in the venue for the convention itself, but they are allowed in the surrounding areas. Kasich spokeswoman Emmalee Kalmbach said Sunday afternoon that the governor of Ohio does not actually have the legal ability to suspend state laws in the way Loomis and the police union are asking for. "Law enforcement is a noble, essential calling and we all grieve that we've again seen attacks on officers," Kalmbach said. "Ohio governors do not have the power to arbitrarily suspend federal and state constitutional rights or state laws as suggested. The bonds between our communities and police must be reset and rebuilt--as we're doing in Ohio--so our communities and officers can both be safe. Everyone has an important role to play in that renewal."

TUESDAY RNC SPEAKERS: There's a major piece of business that Republicans will address Tuesday: Officially nominating Trump for president and Indiana Gov. Mike Pence for vice president (*CNN*). The nomination -- after the day's program kicks off at 5:30 p.m. ET -- takes place on a day otherwise focused on the economy. Perhaps capturing the most attention from political insiders will be House Speaker Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. Endangered Wisconsin Sen. Ron Johnson, one of the few Republicans facing tough re-election match-ups to embrace Trump, will speak, as will New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie -- who just lost out in the vice presidential sweepstakes. Two of Trump's children are also on the calendar to speak Tuesday night. Tiffany Trump and Donald Trump Jr. are among the headliners. Trump is also bringing his own employees onto the stage. Kerry Woolard, the general manager of Trump Winery, will discuss her work alongside the presumptive Republican nominee in a prime-time speaking slot. The night will also feature a broad range of non-political speakers -- including UFC president Dana White, golfer Natalie Gulbis and actress Kimberlin Brown.

PENCE TO HEADLINE WEDNESDAY: Themed "Make America First Again," the day's speakers will make the case that United States' leadership role in the world has slipped under Obama and could be restored by Trump. The night kicks off at 7 p.m. ET. The night's most prominent speech will come from Indiana Gov. Mike Pence -- who, as the GOP vice presidential candidate, will be the prime-time headliner (*CNN*). Another close Trump ally and vice presidential contender, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, is up Wednesday evening, as is Eric Trump, another of Trump's sons. Many Republicans will be closely watching three relatively young contenders in the 2016 primary: Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, Florida Sen. Marco Rubio and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz. All three would be possible candidates in 2020 if Trump loses this year. Rubio won't be there in person but is submitting a video message.

THURSDAY WILL BE TRUMP'S NIGHT: The final night of the convention, starting at 7:30 p.m. ET, is Trump's night (*CNN*). He'll deliver a speech that'll be closely watched both inside the arena and on

television everywhere. The big question: Will he play to the enthusiastically partisan crowd in person, or will he stick to a script and try to expand his appeal to a broader audience? Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus will appear at what could be the end of his six-year tenure as party chair. Several Trump allies will speak, too. Tom Barrack, a long-time Trump friend, real estate investor and head of the investment firm Colony Capital, as well as PayPal co-founder Peter Thiel, are slated to appear. Thiel is gay -- a reality that makes for an awkward clash with a party that rejected efforts to moderate its platform's approach to LGBT issues. Leading into Trump will be perhaps his most effective surrogate: His daughter, Ivanka Trump.

Campaigns

WALORSKI HAS BIG MONEY LEAD OVER COLEMAN: U.S. Rep. Jackie Walorski outpaced challenger Lynn Coleman in fundraising during the second quarter of 2016, but the incumbent took in a larger percentage of funding from political action committees (Vandenack, *Elkhart Truth*). Her war chest now stands at more than $1 million, which is five times bigger than the Democrat's. Walorski, a Republican seeking her third term, reported $1.06 million in cash on hand as of June 30 after factoring in $352,214 of net contributions in April, May and June, according to Federal Election Commission reports due last Friday. Coleman, a retired South Bend police officer, reported a campaign fund of $189,956, factoring $124,468 in contributions in the three-month period. "With the resources we've raised and our strong team of volunteers, we are ready to take our message to our voters from now to November," Walorski said in a statement. Three-quarters of her donations in the quarter came from Hoosiers. Coleman zeroed in on the individual contributions his campaign has received, 90 percent of the total. "Our grassroots Hoosier donors will ensure that we have the resources to compete in November to take on the special interests in Washington funding Congresswoman Walorski's campaign," Coleman spokesman Tim Wagner said in an email. Walorski reported overall receipts in the campaign cycle of $1.41 million, 51.2 percent of that from individuals and 47.8 percent from political action committees. Coleman reported total receipts of $290,043, 65 percent from individuals and 34.1 percent from PACs and political party committees.

GREGG MEETS WITH MINISTER GROUP: While Republicans scramble to replace Gov. Mike Pence on November's ballot, Democrat John Gregg met with a group of ministers Monday hoping to gain their support (Thomas, *WRTV*). Gregg spoke to the ministers for about an hour, outlining his plan for the state, including a 35-point economic plan that focuses on targeting jobs in five specific areas. It also involves a pre-K education program and a $3.2 billion infrastructure plan using existing money. "That is what we need: Somebody who is going to serve all the people of our state and not just the people from a special interest group," said Rev. Lonell Conley of the Baptist Ministerial Alliance of Indianapolis. Gregg said he's unconcerned about who his eventual Republican opponent is. "They are all very similar to Gov. Pence," Gregg said. "They are almost clones of Gov. Pence when it comes to jobs, public education and infrastructure. We think Hoosiers will see the difference. Our message will reach out to Democrats, independents and moderate, commonsense Republicans. We feel really good."

YOUNG CAMP HITS BAYH FOR WEEKEND IN D.C.: Yesterday, the campaign for Republican Todd Young for Senate issued a news release claiming his Democratic challenger, Evan Bayh, spent the past weekend at home in Washington, D.C. (*Howey Politics Indiana*) "Bayh returned home after less than 72 hours in Indiana and a rocky and 'awkward' campaign rollout that saw him get 'touchy' when asked about

living in Washington D.C.," the release stated. "Bayh's return home to D.C. three days after announcing his campaign via a press release is emblematic of his record." The Young campaign stated the Republican "crisscrossed northern Indiana" over the weekend.

YOUNG TO HOST MEDIA AVAIL WITH GOODWILL TODAY: Republican U.S. Senate candidate Todd Young will host a media availability with Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana this afternoon (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Young and Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana will host the media availability in Indianapolis following an event exploring the success of Goodwill's Nurse Family Partnership Program. The focus of the media availability will be to discuss how Social Impact Partnerships can help expand successful private solutions to social problems, such as the Nurse Family Partnerships Program, according to a news release. Young has worked with numerous stakeholders, including Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, to create federal legislation that would help create, evaluate, and expand public-private partnerships aimed to address prevalent social problems.

YODER RAISES $266K IN SECOND QUARTER: The campaign for Democratic candidate for congress in the 9th Congressional District, Shelli Yoder, announced that it raised over $266,000 in the second quarter of 2016, with over $183,000 coming from more than 1,000 individual donors (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Overall, individuals comprised 97 percent of all donors, according to a news release. The campaign finished the quarter with over $500,000 cash on hand. Yoder's second quarter fundraising totals are the strongest of any congressional Democrat in Indiana since 2010, and the strongest quarter for a non-incumbent congressional Democrat in Indiana since 2008. The release took a swipe at Yoder's opponent, stating Republican Trey Hollingsworth continues to rely on his own money to fund his campaign. In the second quarter, Hollingsworth loaned his campaign $1.3 million dollars, while raising less than $10,000 from individual contributors, according to the release. To date, Hollingsworth has loaned his campaign roughly $2.5 million dollars, while raising less than $30,000 from individuals. Of that, only $10,000 came from Indiana.

KETZENBERGER SAYS HOLCOMB EARLY FAVORITE FOR GOV: Political analyst John Ketzenberger says, for the 22 members of the Indiana GOP's state committee, Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb is probably the current favorite to earn the GOP nomination for Indiana governor (Smith, *Indiana Public Media*). "He's already been on the campaign trail. He's already got the benefit of being well-known within the Republican Party. He's a good campaigner," he says. But University of Indianapolis political scientist Laura Albright says the committee may veer away from the lieutenant governor in favor of a candidate with more statewide name recognition: "Usually look to the lieutenant governor but obviously Holcomb hasn't been in that office for very long. I don't see him as necessarily fulfilling that role," she says. Holcomb became Lieutenant governor in March. The GOP state committee will meet July 26 to choose the gubernatorial nominee.

INDEPENDENT TO CHALLENGE VANNATTER IN DISTRICT 38: Jason Burns, a teacher at Kokomo High School and president of the Kokomo Teacher's Association, announced his candidacy Sunday for the District 38 seat in the Indiana House, a position currently held by incumbent Republican Heath VanNatter (Myers*, Kokomo Tribune*). Burns, who describes himself as a center-right candidate, will run as an independent in November, offering a "conservative alternative" not beholden to party politics. VanNatter has held the District 38 seat since 2010. In accordance with advocacy for local teachers, Burns said his

main campaign issue will be statewide education policy, specifically standardized testing, charter school funding and teacher shortages. "Since [former state superintendent Tony Bennett] was in office, we really haven't changed our education policies," said Burns, a chemistry teacher, in an interview Monday. "Even though we have [Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz], the governor and state legislature have continued doing the same thing. It is very challenging to find ways to help our students achieve success when so many things are being thrown at us that don't help our students," he added later, explaining his belief that funding for traditional public schools hasn't kept up with inflation.

RITZ HAS BIG CASH ADVANTAGE: The campaign to re-elect Superintendent Glenda Ritz released the following statement regarding their 2nd quarter finance report filing (*Howey Politics Indiana*): "The numbers reported this period show that Hoosiers are committed to re-electing Superintendent Ritz for another term," said Annie Mansfield, campaign manager. "Superintendent Ritz now has well over half a million dollars cash on hand, after raising $242,000 this quarter, creating an 8-to-1 cash advantage over her opponent." "We would like to thank all of our supporters who continue to believe that every child deserves a quality public education, no matter where they live. As Superintendent of Public Instruction, Glenda Ritz will continue to stand up to the special interest groups who want to tear down all of the progress we have made these past four years."



Presidential 2016

PENCE TO SPEAK AT ALEC IN INDY: Thousands of state legislators, business leaders, policy experts and citizen groups will meet in Indianapolis July 27-29 for the 43rd American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) Annual Meeting (*Howey Politics Indiana)*. Attendees will have the opportunity to share ideas and experiences and to create research-based model policies focused on limited government, free markets and federalism. During the three-day conference, ALEC and ACCE members will attend workshops, plenary sessions and task force meetings and hear from notable speakers, including Republican Vice Presidential Candidate Indiana Governor Mike Pence, former Texas Governor Rick Perry, Representative Todd Rokita (IN-4) and Senator Tim Scott (R-SC).

CLINTON HEART BROKEN OVER BATON ROUTE MURDERS: Presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton said Monday that her "heart broke" when she heard about the three police officers shot and killed Sunday in Baton Rouge (*CBS News*). "This madness has to stop," she told the NAACP's convention in Cincinnati. "Watching the news from Baton Rouge yesterday, my heart broke -- not just for those officers and their grieving families, but for all of us. Clinton added that the country has "difficult,

painful, essential work ahead of us" to ease the tensions between police officers and the communities they serve. "We've come a long way, but you know and I know that we have so much further to go," she said. "We were cruelly reminded of that with the recent deaths of Alton Sterling and Philando Castile, two more black men killed in police incidents this time in Louisiana and Minnesota. And then in Dallas, five police officers killed while serving and protecting peaceful protesters targeted because they were police. And then of course yesterday, three police officers murdered in an apparent premeditated ambush in Baton Rouge."

COATS BELIEVES PENCE WILL MAKE GREAT VP: Dan Coats' plan for an upcoming relaxing week turned upside down Friday with the selection of Indiana Gov. Mike Pence as Donald Trump's vice presidential candidate (Housholder, *KPC News*). The senior senator from Indiana, who is retiring this year, planned a quiet week at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, while his wife, Marsha, has real work to do. Marsha serves as Indiana's Republican National Committeewoman and is a convention delegate. With Indiana under the national spotlight due to the selection of Pence, the Hoosier senator feels an obligation to roll up his sleeves and help the GOP where he can. Among those duties is to tell a positive story about his longtime friend, Pence, with whom he served in Congress. "Mike Pence is a great choice and will make an excellent vice president," Coats said. "He is a proven leader with both executive and legislative experience. As Indiana's governor, he has continued our state's remarkable economic progress and pushed for more effective, efficient government. His communication skills, long history as a conservative leader and Midwestern common-sense will be an asset to the Trump campaign."

GINGRICH SAYS PENCE IS RIGHT MAN: Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich said Indiana Gov. Mike Pence is the right man for the job of being Donald Trump's running mate (*Politico*). Gingrich, a runner-up alongside New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie for the vice presidential pick, said in an interview Monday morning on ABC's "Good Morning America" that he and Trump had discussed the selection last week. The former House speaker said Pence appeals to the more traditional Republicans who Trump has struggled at times to win over. "We had a long talk about it last week and I thought it made sense," Gingrich said in an interview from the convention floor. "If your job was to reassure the Republican Party and bring back in the regular Republicans, Mike Pence will do a much better job than I would have."

CHRISTIE GRATEFUL TRUMP PICKED A GOVERNOR: He might be the runner-up, but New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie said Monday he's "really relieved" presumptive GOP nominee Donald Trump picked a governor as his running mate, calling Mike Pence as an "outstanding" candidate (*CNN*). "Mike Pence is a great guy. And I am really relieved that Donald Trump picked a governor to be his running mate. He needs someone with him who has governed, who knows how to govern," Christie said. Speaking at a breakfast for the Michigan delegation to the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, the New Jersey Republican subtly jabbed his fellow vice presidential hopeful, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich. "We don't need another big mouth from Congress, quite frankly, to go there, who's never been responsible for anything, all right? Never been responsible for producing results. What Donald needed was a partner who has governed and been responsible for results and held responsible by his people."

IS PENCE READY FOR PRIMETIME? Indiana Gov. Mike Pence has made it through the easy part. The Sean Hannity interview Friday on Fox News. The introduction speech Saturday in New York. A joint "60 Minutes" interview with Donald Trump that aired Sunday. Pence was self-confident, clear and passionate

while introducing himself to Americans over the weekend (Briggs*, IndyStar*). The toughest tests, though, begin this week. The rollout of Pence as Trump's running mate will continue during the Republican National Convention, which begins today in Cleveland. Pence will deliver the most scrutinized speech of his career at the convention on Wednesday. Then it's off to the campaign trail — and perpetual national media coverage. Pence's performance during the coming weeks will determine, to some extent, whether Trump's presidential campaign is successful. His 12 years in Congress and nearly four years as governor of Indiana suggest he should be ready for the challenge. Pence has been a calm, steady voice for conservatives in Washington, D.C., and Indianapolis. But his time as governor has included unforced errors in high-profile moments that some political analysts say raise doubts about his fitness for a presidential campaign — especially under a candidate as unorthodox as Trump. Kevin Madden, a top adviser to past Republican presidential campaigns, said no amount of political experience offers training for the job Pence has accepted. "It is very difficult to prepare even some of the most seasoned campaigners for the level of scrutiny and white-hot glare of the national spotlight," said Madden, who worked on Mitt Romney's 2008 and 2012 bids for president. "Even those that think they're prepared, I think, will always find the first few steps out onto that stage quite daunting. And I think the question then is does the campaign have an organization and operation designed to help through some of the stumbles that are inevitable." The Trump campaign so far has limited Pence's exposure. Trump surrogates spoke on behalf of Pence during the Sunday morning news shows. Soon, though, Pence will find himself alone in front of the cameras and microphones. Madden thinks he can handle it.

WILL PENCE RELEASE TAX RETURNS? Will Indiana Gov. Mike Pence release his recent tax returns? House Speaker Paul Ryan did when he ran as Mitt Romney's vice-presidential running mate in 2012 (*Washington Post*). Then-Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin did the same in 2008. And then-Sen. Joe Biden released his tax records after he was selected to be the vice-presidential nominee by Barack Obama in 2008 — and has continued to do so annually while serving in office. Presidential candidates in both parties since Richard Nixon have generally made their tax returns public. But this year is different, thanks to Donald Trump. Trump has refused to release his returns, citing ongoing IRS audits of his returns that he says would make it unwise to make them public. He told the Associated Press in May that he hoped the audit would be completed soon. "If it gets finished soon, I put it out immediately, because there's nothing there. But until you get finished, you won't," he said.

TRUMP SHIFTS ON MUSLIM BAN: Donald Trump is once again shifting the parameters of his proposed temporary ban on Muslims entering the country, calling Sunday for "extreme vetting" of persons from "territories" with a history of terror — though not explicitly abandoning his previous across-the-board ban (*NBC News*). Republican Presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks during an event at Trump SoHo Hotel, June 22, 2016 in New York City. Trump's remarks focused on criticisms of Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. In an interview with "60 Minutes" that aired Sunday, Trump zeroed in on people from suspicious "territories" as those who will receive deep scrutiny when trying to enter the United States. He did not directly repudiate his previous call for an outright ban. "Call it whatever you want," Trump told CBS when asked if he was changing his previously released policy. "Change territories, but there are territories and terror states and terror nations that we're not going to allow the people to come into our country," he said. Trump continued: "We're going to have a thing called 'extreme vetting.' And if people want to come in, there's going to be extreme vetting. We're going to have extreme vetting. They're going to come in and we're going to know where they came from and who they are."

RYAN SAYS TRUMP NOT HIS KIND OF CONSERVATIVE: Speaker Paul Ryan, the chairman of the GOP convention here, said Monday he believes that Donald Trump is a conservative, just "not my kind of conservative" (*The Hill*). "But I come from a different part and wing of the party," the Wisconsin Republican said at a Wall Street Journal lunch in downtown Cleveland just as the Republican National Convention kicked off. "I think he is a conservative," Ryan said of the presumptive GOP presidential nominee. "There are different kinds of conservatives, that's for darn sure."

CRUZ MAY LAY OUT HIS OWN VISION: One of these days, and maybe soon, Ted Cruz just might have to endorse Donald Trump (*Politico*). But he'll never concede Trump could have beaten him in a fair fight — and he'll never accept that Trump's me-first philosophy represents a sustainable future for the GOP. Above all, Cruz wants to use the big stage in Cleveland to present a non-Trump alternative vision for his party's future, one rooted in constitutional conservative principles and competent campaign management modeled, oddly enough, on Barack Obama's 2008 and 2012 White House runs. "In this election I am where a great many voters are, which is that I am listening and watching and coming to a decision," Cruz, the highest-profile Trump holdout heading into this week's convention, told me when I asked him if he intended to throw his support behind the former reality TV star imminently.



Congress

DONNELLYS PARTICIPATE IN KEEL-LAYING FOR USS INDIANAPOLIS: U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly (D-IN) and his wife Jill Donnelly participated in the keel-laying ceremony for LCS-17, a U.S. Navy littoral combat ship that will be named the USS Indianapolis (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Both Senator and Mrs. Donnelly gave remarks at the ceremony in Marinette, WI. As the ship sponsor, Mrs. Donnelly marked the ceremonial birth of the ship. According to a news release, Sen. Donnelly said, "Jill and I were honored to take part in the keel-laying of the future USS Indianapolis. We are grateful for the officers and sailors who serve on these ships and the men and women who work so hard to build them. As we celebrate the building of this ship, we also pay tribute to the crew and survivors of the USS Indianapolis, who served and sacrifice for our country during World War II." Dick Thelen, a World War II veteran and USS Indianapolis (CA-35) survivor, from Lansing, MI, was also in attendance. July 30, 2016, will mark the 71st anniversary of the sinking of the USS Indianapolis in WWII. The ship was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine in the Philippine Sea just days after delivering parts for the first atomic bomb to the United States air base at Tinian. Of the 1,196 aboard the Indianapolis at the time, 900 made it into the water in the twelve minutes before the ship sank. After almost five days floating in the Pacific, 317 survivors were rescued from the water. There are 23 survivors, including Thelen, who are still living.

DONNELLY COALITION CONTACTS CFPB OVER CREDIT UNION, BANK RULES: U.S. Senators Joe Donnelly (D-IN) and Ben Sasse (R-NE) led a bipartisan coalition of 70 Senators in sending a letter to Richard Cordray, Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), urging the Bureau to carefully tailor its financial rules to match the unique role of community banks and credit unions in cities and towns across Indiana and the country (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Donnelly and a bipartisan group of Senators wrote, in part, in the letter, "Congress and federal regulators have long taken the approach that credit unions and community banks should be treated differently from the largest financial institutions and non-bank lenders. It is our hope that the CFPB also takes this approach and considers the impact of its rulemaking on smaller financial institutions and consumers."

MESSER BILL TO PROTECT RETIREMENT SAVINGS: A news release from the office of U.S. Rep. Luke Messer (R-IN) stated he and Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR), together with Rep. Richard Neal (D-MA), introduced the bipartisan Retirement Savings Lost and Found Act (H.R.5805) to protect Americans' retirement savings (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The U.S. job market is changing and Americans move jobs more often today than ever before. Some researchers predict today's youngest workers will hold twelve to fifteen jobs over their lifetime. And with significant changes to our workforce, come significant changes in how Americans plan for retirement. As employers have shifted from away from defined benefit pensions and into individualized retirement plans such as 401(k)s, workers have become responsible for managing these accounts as they change jobs. The bill uses the data employers are already required to report to create a national, online, lost and found for Americans' retirement accounts. This means that any worker can locate all of their former employer-sponsored retirement accounts in a simple online portal. H.R. 5805 allows employers to more easily invest abandoned accounts into a target date retirement account rather than a money market fund. According to the GAO, if a $1,000 account were invested into a target date account it could grow to $2,700 over thirty years; whereas a $1,000 account in a money market fund would be reduced to $0.

WALORSKI TOURS FACILITY WITH VA SECRETARY: U.S. Rep. Jackie Walorski (R-IN) and Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert McDonald toured the South Bend Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) and met with veterans last week. Walorski, a member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, invited Secretary McDonald to visit Indiana's 2nd District during a hearing earlier this year. Walorski and McDonald toured the clinic, held a roundtable discussion with local VA leadership and stakeholders, and greeted Hoosier veterans.

ROKITA STATEMENT ON BATON ROUGE ATTACK: U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita (R-IN) issued the following statement in the wake of a deadly attack on police officers in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. "I have the greatest respect, gratitude, and personal support for the work that our police officers do. They have chosen public service to protect their fellow citizens. Sunday's senseless shooting of six police officers, three fatally, in Baton Rouge is a reminder that all too often police make the ultimate sacrifice in their service. These kinds of attacks cannot continue."

General Assembly

MERRITT ON INVESTIGATION INTO SEXUAL MISCONDUCT IN SCHOOLS: State Sen. Jim Merritt (R-Indianapolis) made the following statement yesterday regarding the Interim Study Committee on Education's meeting to discuss reducing sexual misconduct violations in schools (*Howey Politics Indiana*): "Throughout the summer and fall, the committee will analyze how often sexual misconduct violations occur in schools, discuss the implementation of a more thorough background check for school employees, and identify ways teachers and parents can report issues anonymously. I am eager to find a way to make instances that may happen in a classroom known to the Department of Child Services in a confidential manner. I want to work with the committee toward the goal of not letting anyone go undetected, even if that means the possibility of re-checking all school employees in the state. Instances of sexual misconduct are alarming tragedies that must be stopped. We need to adopt a policy that is fair, but keeps predators out of schools. Students need to feel and be safe in the place they learn. I believe we can identify additional ways to prevent predators from slipping through the cracks and gaining access to our schools. It is imperative that parents and students feel confident that our schools are safe."



State

GOVERNOR: FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF TO HONOR BATON ROUGE VICTIMS - In accordance with a presidential proclamation issued yesterday, Governor Mike Pence directed flags at state facilities statewide be flown at half-staff until Friday, July 22, to honor the victims of the attack on police officers in Baton Rouge, LA (*Howey Politics Indiana*). This directive is a continuation of a previous directive asking businesses and residents to lower their flags to half-staff in honor the victims of the terrorist attack in Nice, France until Tuesday, July 19. Governor Pence also asks businesses and residents to lower their flags to half-staff to honor the service and sacrifice of these police officers.

GOVERNOR: TINDERBOX TO SCALE UP OPERATIONS IN INDY- Indiana Economic Development Corporation President Jim Schellinger and Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett joined executives of TinderBox yesterday as the company announced plans to significantly scale up its sales and marketing software solutions operations, rebranding as Octiv and creating hundreds of new high-wage jobs in the next five years (*Howey Politics Indiana*). As part of its growth, Octiv will invest $3.2 million to expand and equip its global headquarters in downtown Indianapolis in order to accommodate a growing team. Octiv currently employs 68 associates, including 60 in Indiana, and plans to grow its Indiana team to 332 employees by the end of 2021. New positions, which will include account management, development and sales positions, are expected to offer average salaries nearly double the Marion County average wage. Pending approval from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) Board of Directors, the IEDC will offer Octiv up to $5,100,000 in conditional tax credits and up to $200,000 in training grants based on the company's plans to hire 224 new jobs by 2021 after reaching its current target of 108 full-time associates

in Indiana. The city of Indianapolis supports the expansion in partnership with Develop Indy, a business unit of the Indy Chamber.

EDUCATION: PRIVATE SCHOOL VOUCHERS COST INDIANA $53M - Indiana's private school voucher program cost $53 million during the 2015-16 school year, up from $40 million in the previous year, according to a new report released Monday by the Indiana Department of Education (Schneider, *IndyStar*). Nearly 33,000 students received a voucher during the most recent school year, making it one of the nation's largest programs. Costs to operate the program have jumped over the years as lawmakers have broadened eligibility requirements for a student to qualify for a voucher. During the program's first years, the state saw around $4 million to $5 million in annual savings. But with increasing enrollment, the program began running a deficit in the 2013-14 school year when the calculation showed a nearly $16 million cost. Supporters of the voucher program have argued the program would ultimately save the state money because vouchers only provide at most 90 percent of the funding a traditional public school would receive on behalf of a student. "There's no question that it's not costing the state what it would cost them if they were in public school," said Rep. Robert Behning, the Indiana House's education policy leader. "There is no question about that."

EDUCATION: RELIGION TOP FACTOR AMONG VOUCHER USERS - A majority of parents surveyed about their children's experience in Indiana's School Choice Scholarship Program indicated they are satisfied with their new schools and that religious instruction was the No. 1 factor in why they chose a particular school, according to a report released by one of the voucher program's biggest supporters (Lazerus, *Post-Tribune*). The Why Parents Choose report was developed by the Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, which advocates for charter schools and voucher programs, and sponsored by The Dekko Foundation, which promotes economic freedom. The survey reflects the views of more than 2,000 private school parents; a little more than half of them - 1,185 - have children in Indiana's voucher and tax credit scholarship program. But public school advocates like Vic Smith of the Indiana Coalition for Public Education argue that tax dollars should not be used to subsidize religious instruction.

STATEHOUSE: DEPT. OF HEALTH WARNS OF WEST NILE VIRUS ACTIVITY - Indiana state health officials are asking the public to protect themselves from mosquito bites because of an increase of West Nile virus activity in the state (*Associated Press*). The Indiana State Department of Health says that as of Friday, the state had one confirmed human case of West Nile in Marion County. Mosquitoes have tested positive for the virus in Benton, Hamilton, Jennings and Marion counties. State health officials said they expect to see increased West Nile virus activity in Indiana as the mosquito season continues. Mosquitoes transmit the virus to humans. It can cause fever, headache and a rash. Residents are encouraged to eliminate sources of standing water, which are mosquito breeding grounds.

AGRICULTURE: RECORD WHEAT YIELDS FORECAST - Indiana is among 11 states forecast to have record high wheat yields this year (Doran, *Indiana AgriNews*). The U.S. Department of Agriculture's crop production report of July 12 forecast record-shattering yields in Illinois (75 bushels per acre), Indiana (76), Wisconsin (78), Michigan (81), Missouri (69), Colorado (45), Kansas (56), Nebraska (50), Ohio (76), Tennessee (71) and Oklahoma (40). Indiana's estimate was three bushes above the June estimate and eight bushels above 2015. Indiana's wheat acres are estimated at 320,000.

STATEHOUSE: DNR CONFIRMS BLACK BEAR IN CORYDON AREA - Indiana officials are on the hunt for a bear spotted in the Corydon area (Gross, *Louisville Courier-Journal*). Photographs, resident phone calls and police sightings of a black bear triggered an all-day search for the animal Monday. Officers were on the ground near a wooded tract of Corydon that lies close to the Wal-Mart on Ind. 135 and a busy commercial area of the town. Though state officials originally aimed to capture the bear, Indiana Department of Natural Resources said later officials would be "monitoring the bear in hopes it will wander away from town" Monday night. Black bear sightings in Indiana are extremely rare, and local and state officials admitted they didn't have the tools on hand to capture an animal of its size. By Monday afternoon, a bear trap, tranquilizers, a Louisville Metro Police helicopter and state biologists had arrived at the scene. Jim Schreck, an Indiana conservation officer for the region, said it's only the second black bear sighting in the state in more than 100 years. The last sighting was in 2015 in northern Indiana, and the bear came from Michigan, he said.

STATEHOUSE: HUNTERS DONATED 67,300 POUNDS OF VENISON - Indiana hunters donated more than 1,300 deer to charity groups to feed the hungry during the 2015-2016 season (*Associated Press*). Indiana conservation officers announced the final tally last week. That's more than 67,300 pounds of venison that were ground into 2-pound packages of burger and donated to food banks. The donations were made through the Sportmen's Benevolent Fund and coordinated by Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry, Indiana Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry and the Dubois County Sportmen's Club. The fund began in 2008 and started receiving public funding in 2013. Hunters received a state grant that permits them to coordinate with licensed deer processors.

MEDIA: BANNON, SCHRADER, HADLEY TO HOF - The late Jim Bannon, whose long years in journalism included service as editor at The Herald Bulletin and assistant publisher of Anderson Newspapers Inc., will be inducted into the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame (Miley, *Anderson Herald-Bulletin*). The ceremony is set for Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Columbia Club, 121 Monument Circle, Indianapolis. Bannon, who died at the age of 64 of a brain aneurysm in 1998, was often known as "Mr. Anderson," and a bust of his likeness sits in front of The Paramount Theatre. He will be inducted with three other journalists and one journalism educator. They are: Ed Breen, the former managing editor of The Chronicle-Tribune in Marion and a former assistant managing editor of The Journal Gazette in Fort Wayne, who started his career as a reporter-photographer and was named Indiana Photographer of the year in 1967; Diana Hadley, the executive director of the Indiana High School Press Association, is a 12-year faculty member at Franklin College and a former journalism and media teacher at Mooresville High School; John Norberg, who started his career with the Brazil Daily Times in 1971, was an investigative writer and columnist for the Lafayette Journal and Courier through 2014; Bill Shrader, a former editor and associate publisher of the Bloomington Herald-Times and a former editor and general manager of Bedford Times-Mail.

Nation

WHITE HOUSE: OBAMA WRITES TO POLICE - President Barack Obama wrote an open letter to law enforcement on Monday in the wake of deadly attacks on cops in Dallas and Baton Rouge (*Politico)*. In a

letter addressed to the "brave members of our law enforcement community" posted on the Fraternal Order of Police's Facebook page, Obama once again offered unequivocal support for police, acknowledging the danger they face and pledging to provide more resources. "Some are trying to use this moment to divide police and communities you serve," Obama wrote. "I reject those efforts, for they do not reflect the reality of our nation."

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Local

CITIES: FORT WAYNE PD ON 'HIGH ALERT' - Fort Wayne police officers are feeling frustrated and angry at recent violence directed at police, including Sunday's fatal shootings of three officers in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Chief Garry Hamilton told members and guests of the downtown Rotary Club at a luncheon Monday (Rodriguez, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). But "they're still out there, doing their jobs," said Hamilton, who will step down as chief of the Fort Wayne Police Department on Aug. 1. Hamilton said local officers "have to be on high alert" daily because of situations that can quickly turn dangerous or deadly. "Sometimes we take things for granted or get too comfortable. … You can't take it for granted that it (a shooting of police officers) can't happen in Fort Wayne. You have to be mindful, each and every day."

CITIES: FORMER HOGSETT PRESS SECRETARY CHARGED - Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett's former press secretary has been charged in connection to an incident earlier this month that caused thousands of dollars in damage to a woman's car, according to court documents (Adams, *IndyStar*). Dan Goldblatt, who no longer works for the mayor's office, a spokeswoman for the office confirmed, was charged last week with criminal mischief damage after he allegedly kicked the driver's side door of a woman's car, making a "large dent and leaving scuff marks," the documents said. The 32-year-old woman told police she was driving through a yellow light Tuesday afternoon when Goldblatt crossed the street in front of her and kicked her car in what she described as an "angry, reckless manner," according to an incident report from the Marion County Sheriff's Office. The woman "pulled over to inspect the damage and advised the male that she was going to call the police and he was going to go to jail, at which time he stated, 'Like that will happen,'" the report says. The car sustained $4000 in damage, according to documents.

CITIES: EVANSVILLE MOVES TO CREATE LAND BANK - Within weeks of it becoming state law, the city of Evansville is moving to create a new nonprofit land bank to address blighted properties (Evans, *Evansville Courier & Press*). The land bank will take over blighted, vacant properties and lots and

hold them. Most of the properties will be demolished. The idea is to find a development partner to take over the properties to build new housing and get the properties back on the tax rolls. The program could lead to hundreds of demolitions of vacant and blighted structures every year for the next four years. The ordinance highlights some of the structure of the organization. Nine people will sit on the board of directors for the nonprofit. The mayor will appoint three city residents for one-year terms. The Evansville City Council will also appoint three city residents for two-year terms. The Vanderburgh County Treasurer will appoint a city resident for a three-year term. And the board of directors will appoint two who do not have to be city residents for three-year terms.

CITIES: MISHAWAKA PASSES ELECTRIC RATE INCREASE - The Common Council passed an electric rate increase that will add about $5.50 to the monthly bill of the average Mishawaka utility customer in the next month or two (Dukes, *South Bend Tribune)*. The estimate is based on a home using about 1,000 kilowatt hours of energy per month. It would be on top of last year's added charge of $2.57 per month for a home using the same amount of energy. The resolution passed by a 6-0 vote at the regular meeting of the council held Monday at City Hall. Three council members, Kate Voelker, Mike Bellovich and Matt Mammolenti, were absent. Jim Schrader, Mishawaka utilities general manager, said the once a year adjustment is added to make up for increases in the cost of electricity that the utility purchases wholesale from American Electric Power.

CITIES: CLARKSVILLE BANS RECREATIONAL FIRES - Though town officials say it's not been a big issue, Clarksville residents will no longer be allowed to burn recreational fires (Beilman, *News & Tribune*). The Clarksville Town Council voted Monday night to update its open burning ordinance to mimic state law, which outright bans recreational burning specifically in Clark County. "It just basically brings our 1950s ordinance into the current 2016," Councilman A.D. Stonecipher said. In practice, the change won't mean too much for residents. Fire Chief Brandon Skaggs said firefighters and police officers won't be actively patrolling the neighborhoods looking for people using fire pits in their backyards. Law enforcement will instead respond on a complaint-driven basis. "This gives us the authority to extinguish trash fires, nuisance smoke, anything that's unsafe," Skaggs said. Before the update, firefighters consulted the Indiana Department of Environmental Management for calls on open burning. No mention of local law enforcement was in the old town law.

CITIES: INDY COUNCIL OKS COKE PLANT PROJECT - Monday night, city county council members voted 14-8 to approve a development project for the old Coke plant, currently owned by IPS (Houser, *WTTV*). The property will be sold for $12million. The project developer, Hendricks Commercial Properties, is hoping to turn the space into apartments, restaurants, shops, a hotel, and even a movie theatre. The project has been met with much criticism among city county council members, many raising their concerns in the Monday night meeting before the vote to push the project forward. As part of the deal, if IPS and the developer don't reach an agreement on project details within one year, the city would be on the hook for $12 million.

CITIES: SOUTH BEND REVEALS DIVERSITY PLAN - Last Friday, South Bend's plan to fix its diversity problem was due. On Monday morning, the Mayor and his new diversity officer explained and defended that plan (Gary, *Fox28*). "Obviously this is a plan that can only succeed," said Mayor Pete Buttigieg, proud and confident about the city's plan to make its workforce more diverse. The mayor boasts the

plan's roughly 65 action items as evidence of its sophistication - action items mostly focused on finding a way to measure diversity. However, the plan lacks a timeline for achieving a more diverse workforce - something the plan's architect says is an intentional omission. "When you talk about achieving your goal," said South Bend Diversity Officer Christina Brooks. "It insinuates that there's an endpoint to diversity and inclusion. And I would argue that there isn't." "I've seen programs designed like that," says South Bend Common Council Vice President Oliver Davis. "And then when it came down to saying let's really eat of it. There's nothing there to eat." Davis initially voted against the diversity officer position - one that costs taxpayers $90,000 a year. "There's really no quick fix," said Brooks. "No silver bullet that's going to take care of all of the issues."

CITIES: BROOKVILLE NIXES USE OF NATIVITY FIGURINES THIS YEAR - Discussions about the Nativity scene on the lawn of the Franklin County Courthouse this year have already begun (Lane, *WQLK*). Last year, commissioners allowed anyone to rent space on the lawn to comply with complaints from an anti-religious group about the Nativity scene, which had stood for 60 years. But it became a free-for-all, with one space promoting Hell. The Brookville Town Council owns the Nativity figurines and has now disallowed their use this year. County commissioners now must decide if they'll purchase figurines for about $6500.

COUNTIES: TEAMWORK WITH COUNTY, CITY FUELING SHELBY DEVELOPMENT - If you ask Brian Asher what's driving a flurry of jobs announcements and momentum in Shelby County, his reply will likely be two words: team effort. "We have a city and a county that get along really well," said the executive director of the Shelby County Development Corp. (Dick, *Inside Indiana Business*). "One phone call or one email and we're all together and we're talking and making things happen." Indeed, much has been happening in Shelby County in recent months. Asher said building a pipeline of talented workers is behind several quality of place initiatives, including a $19 million downtown redevelopment project and creation of a riverfront district that is expected to soon welcome its first brewery, 450 North.

COUNTIES: KNOX HOPES RECENT CHINA TRIP WILL PAY OFF - KCDC Executive Director Kent Utt hopes his recent trip to China pays dividends down the road (*WVUT-TV*). Utt was accompanied by Vincennes Mayor Joe Yochum and VU President Chuck Johnson. The Indiana Delegation met with Chinese Government officials and business leaders to share what Knox County has to offer. Utt indicated a delegation from the region they visited plan on making a visit to Knox County this fall. One of the things Utt hopes to share with the Chinese Delegation are the advancements in farming technology compared to what they have in China. He says many of the machines they use for harvesting crops lag behind what we have in the U.S. Utt says Vincennes University will also be benefiting from a pair of agreements Johnson signed with technical schools that will enable Chinese students take college classes at VU while earning a degree. Utt's trip to China was underwritten through a grant from Purdue University.

COUNTIES: TIPPECANOE APPOVES 2 NEW POSITIONS, SHERIFF WANTED 6 - Tippecanoe County Commissioners are not creating as many new positions as the Sheriff is asking for in 2017 (Sullivan, *WLFI-TV*). Sheriff Barry Richard asked the Commissioners for two new deputies, two correctional officers, a detective's assistant, and a dispatcher on Monday. Commissioner Tom Murtaugh said those positions would cost upwards of about $400,000 annually. Murtaugh said commissioners want

to create positions the county council will realistically fund. Ultimately, it's up to the council to find the dollars. Is it reasonable to ask for six new positions in one year? Tippecanoe County Sheriff Barry Richard thinks so, but Commissioners aren't sure. "That seems a little extreme for one year," said Murtaugh.

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TRUMP DOESN'T WANT PENCE TO GO NEGATIVE: Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump and Gov. Mike Pence made their first joint interview on CBS "Sixty Minutes" with correspondent Lesley Stahl Sunday evening, and Trump made clear he didn't want Pence to sell his soul to go negative (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "We're different people. I understand that," Trump said. "I don't think he should do it because it's different for him. He's not that kind of a person." But Pence signaled his willingness to shift on the issues. Asked if he agreed with Trump's call for "a temporary ban on Muslims entering the United States," Pence responded: "I do." Pence had previously called that stance "offensive" and "unconstitutional." "This campaign and Donald Trump's candidacy has been about the issues the American people care about," Pence said. The duo hasn't quite evolved into a bromance just yet. Trump interrupted Pence frequently during the interview, with Pence smiling, chuckling at times. At one point Pence interjected. "Talking with him in private settings, I love the words you used because this man is awed with the American people, and he is not intimidated by the world. And Donald Trump, this good man, I believe, will be a great president of the United States," he said. After a pause, Trump replied, "I love what he just said." Trump made clear on Saturday morning when the ticket emerged at a mid-town Manhattan hotel where Ronald Reagan kicked off his presidential campaign in 1979 that

TEPID INDIANA DELEGATION SHIFTS TO TRUMP: After Indiana Republican Chairman Jeff Cardwell and voters selected the 57 member Indiana delegation, it had a distinct un-Trump makeup, even though the Manhattan mogul won the Indiana primary with 53% of the vote (*Howey Politics Indiana*). But with Trump's selection of Pence on Friday, the Indiana delegates are coming around. Former Republican chairman Mike McDaniel, filling in for Cardwell, asked delegates to sign on to the ticket, requesting that all delegates sign on to support the campaign. Cardwell signed the Indiana delegation on to the official nominating petition, one of eight states to do so. "Truly honored," Cardwell said. McDaniel also noted that the Indiana delegation will have a conspicuous position on the convention floor. And the delegation was pleased with its headquarters at the Hilton Gardens near the airport, which former chairman and Trump Indiana campaign chairman Rex Early said was better than at past conventions. He noted that the 1988 quarters in New Orleans when U.S. Sen. Dan Quayle was the vice presidential nominee was a virtual "pay by the hour" situation. When HPI ran into national Chairman Reince Priebus at the Rock N Roll Hall of Fame, we asked what it will take to have a successful convention. With Hoosier delegates looking on, Priebus said, "It already is successful."

INGOV RACE PLAYING OUT IN CLEVELAND: The next critical phase of the Indiana gubernatorial race isn't playing out in Hoosier cities and towns and across the amber waves of grain. It is beginning to take shape on the shores of Lake Erie and in unlikely places like the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame (*Howey Politics Indiana*). With Indiana's Republican National Convention delegation gathered at a hotel near the airport, delegates are confronted with a micro campaign that will last a scant nine days before the 22-voting member Republican Central Committee settles on Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb, U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks and U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita. This trio resigned their nominations last Friday, and will curry favor with the committee, looking for 12 votes on July 26 to determine who will square off against Democrat John Gregg. It is unclear whether current State Chairman Jeff Cardwell will jump in, though several influential Republicans believe he has his hands full with the convention and the emerging Pence vice presidential bid. This historic chapter in Indiana politics brewed like a summer thunderhead when presumptive

presidential nominee Donald Trump settled on Indiana Gov. Mike Pence as his veep nominee on Friday, though it is difficult to surmise when the offer actually was extended to Pence. When the pair appeared for the ticket unveiling in New York City Saturday morning, the official version was the offer was extended Wednesday. But numerous media reports say that Trump "stewed" over leaks and that Pence flew out to New Jersey late Thursday afternoon with an ambiguous set of circumstances. When Trump finally tweeted out his choice around 10 a.m. Friday morning, Pence resigned the nomination he won on May 3, setting off a nominating process that involves just 22 Republicans. U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks was in Cleveland on Sunday and will appear at a several women in politics functions on Monday. While there was no overt campaigning, her presence amidst the delegation and Central Committee was inescapable. Holcomb is expected to arrive in Cleveland on Monday. Rokita will arrive on Monday, but delegates and other party members received a flier Sunday evening in their hotel rooms, which noted that Rokita had been elected twice in "tough elections" as secretary of state, was the top GOP vote getter in 2006 and had "raised and contributed hundreds of thousands (of dollars) to local, state and federal candidates. "With less than four months until Election Day, Republicans need the strongest nominee who can hit the ground running, defeat John Gregg and help down ticket. That's Congressman Todd Rokita," the flier said.

HOLCOMB STARTS OUT WITH 'RELATIONSHIPS': Howey Politics Indiana talked with more than a dozen Central Committee members and other influential Republicans. National committeeman John Hammond III and influential operative Anne Hathaway, who is backing and working for Holcomb, emphasized the same thing: "It's about relationships," both said (*Howey Politics Indiana*). In the earliest stages of this unprecedented process, the widely acknowledged early favorite is Holcomb, who Gov. Pence selected in March to replace out-going Lt. Gov. Sue Ellspermann. Holcomb spent more than two years as Republican chairman under both Gov. Mitch Daniels and Pence. Prior to that he was deputy chief of staff to Gov. Daniels and afterwards, was an aide to U.S. Sen. Dan Coats. So Holcomb starts with several built-in advantages: He's close to current central committee members, and he is the current LG. The other phrase - "he's the next man up" - is another one heard often among influential Hoosiers and delegates. However - and that's a big however - a number of sources tell HPI that while Holcomb emerges as an early favorite, the Central Committee will weigh a number of factors. One is that money matters. Brooks has $1.287 million cash on hand that can convert to a gubernatorial race while Rokita has $1.425 million. Holcomb jumped into the Pence administration in March after almost a year in the U.S. Senate where his fundraising lagged well behind eventual nomination Todd Young and U.S. Rep. Marlin Stutzman. It is unclear whether Holcomb or the eventual nominee will inherit Pence's more than $5 million cash on hand. Other delegates mentioned that as part of the Pence administration, Holcomb would be in a position to defend the Pence record, which is the proverbial double-edged sword. Gregg has based his entire campaign on the Pence record and a number of delegates believe he will retrain his guns on Holcomb. A Brooks or Rokita nomination would mean scrapping a good part of his strategy.

THE PENCE WILDCARD: Holcomb, Brooks and Rokita have low statewide name recognition and their dilemma is that they have a scant 100 days to build a campaign and gin up name ID (*Howey Politics Indiana*). With key Pence campaign aides such as Marty Obst and Marc Lotter moving to the presidential campaign, the nominee will have to quickly build a new campaign. Gov. Pence did not arrive in Cleveland on Sunday, instead having a barbecue with his family. It is unclear if he and Holcomb will arrive together, but that set of optics could be a clue or factor. It is also unknown whether Pence will endorse Holcomb or Brooks or Rokita or let the Central Committee hash it out. With decision day in a little over a week, it will not take long for critical mass to gather amongst this minuscule field of voters. And no one can predict if the tipping point is just hours away, or mid-week after the delegates spend time together at the RNC, or whether this process goes down to the wire.

CNN/ORC POLL HAS CLINTON UP 49-42: Hillary Clinton widened her lead over Donald Trump nationally heading into the Republican National Convention, a new poll released Sunday shows (Hellmann, *The Hill*). The CNN/ORC poll shows Clinton leading Trump, 49 percent to 42 percent. In the same poll conducted last month, Clinton led Trump 47 percent to 42 percent. But in a four-way match-up with Libertarian Party presidential nominee Gary Johnson and Green Party candidate Jill Stein, both Trump and Clinton lose ground. Clinton carried 42 percent, while Trump had 37 percent, Johnson had 13 percent and Stein had 5 percent. That's a 4-point increase from the same poll last month for Johnson. The poll also shows Trump gaining more support among Republican voters, with 56 percent saying they prefer him as the nominee over someone else, compared to 51 percent in June.

EXTRAORDINARY SECURITY IN CLEVELAND: The security surrounding, in and through the Republican National Convention in Cleveland is simply extraordinary (*Howey Politics Indiana*). As the Indiana delegation attended an opening reception at the Rock N Roll Hall of Fame Sunday evening, they had to go through a Secret Service sweep and metal detectors. Air monitors sifted the environment for chemical and biological weapons. Marksmen could be seen from atop the Hall of Fame. Police helicopters constantly hovered overhead. Teams of bicycle cops roved through the friendly crowds, with many delegates thanking them for their service. There were armed, uniformed police officers on each tour bus moving state delegations, and each delegation hotel has similar police presence. Indiana delegates were warned to secure their convention credentials and to display them when entering the hotel. There were police units with dogs scattered throughout the lakefront that includes the Cleveland Browns football stadium. Walking through downtown was to see a cop just about every 10 yards or so. Message boards on the interstates coursing through Cleveland had a tip phone line number. All of this came as three police officers were murdered in Baton Rouge on Sunday, a development was on just about everyone's mind.

LONE GUNMAN MURDERS 3 BATON ROUGE COPS: A lone gunman killed three law enforcement officers and wounded three others in Baton Rouge on Sunday morning, less than two weeks after the death of an African American man at the hands of Baton Rouge police (*Washington Post*). The shootings occurred when police responded to a 911 call that a man dressed in black and armed with what appeared to be an assault-style rifle was walking near a shopping plaza about a mile from police headquarters. The deaths shocked a nation already on edge over recent killings by police and the slayings of five police officers in Dallas by a lone gunman. The run of violence that began July 5 in Baton Rouge has now left 10 dead, including eight law enforcement officers, as well as two residents killed by police. Two city police officers and one sheriff's deputy were fatally wounded, and another sheriff's deputy was critically injured, Col. Michael Edmonson, the superintendent of the Louisiana State Police, said at a news conference. The gunman, who was shot and killed during the exchange of gunfire, was later identified as Gavin Long, an African American resident of Kansas City, Mo., who turned 29 on Sunday and was in Baton Rouge celebrating his birthday, according to relatives.

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: Watching the Trump/Pence "60 Minutes" interview was, well, awkward, from the presidential nominee repeatedly interrupting the governor, to Pence now endorsing the Muslim ban that he had previously called "offensive" and "unconstitutional." Are we watching political expediency, or a wholesale soul shift? Gov. Pence achieved a life-long ambition to join a national presidential ticket, but where he goes with Donald Trump will be a work in progress with an uncertain ending*. - Brian A. Howey*



Campaigns

2ND QUARTER CONGRESSIONAL FUNDRAISING NUMBERS: Here are second quarter FEC fundraising reports for the Indiana Congressional delegation (Howey Politics Indiana).

CD1: U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky (D): $148K Raised Period, $157K Raised Quarter, $726K Raised Cycle, $334K COH.

CD2: U.S. Rep. Jackie Walorski (R): $342K Raised Period, $350K Raised Quarter, $1.411M Raised Cycle, $1.056M COH; Lynn Coleman: $116K Raised Period, $125K Raised Quarter, $290K Raised Cycle, $190K COH.

CD3: State Sen. Jim Banks (R) : $307K Raised Period, $347K Raised Quarter, $1.062M Raised Cycle, $180K COH (Includes $1K from candidate for cycle, and $109K debt); Tommy Schrader (D): No report filed.

CD4: U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita (R): $191K Raised Period, $203K Raised Quarter, $1.034M Raised Cycle, $1.415M COH.

CD5: U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks: $227K Raised Period, $262K Raised Quarter, $1.283M Raised Cycle, $1.287M COH; Angela Demaree (D): $35K Raised Period, $41K Raised Quarter, $105K Raised Cycle, $59K COH (Includes $1.5K from candidate for cycle).

CD6: U.S. Rep. Luke Messer (R): $217K Raised Period, $230K Raised Quarter, $1.312M Raised Cycle, $715K COH; Barry Welsh (D): No report filed.

CD7: U.S. Rep. Andre Carson (D): $218K Raised Period, $247K Raised Quarter, $902K Raised Cycle, $1.06M COH; Cat Ping (R): No report filed.

CD8: U.S. Rep. Larry Bucshon (R): $180K Raised Period, $182K Raised Quarter, $797K Raised Cycle, $473K COH; Ron Drake (D): No report filed; David Orentlicher (D): $21K Raised Period, $26K Raised Quarter, $221K Raised Cycle, $83K COH (Includes $22.5K from candidate for cycle).

CD9: Trey Hollingsworth (R): $1.338M Raised Period, $1.549M Raised Quarter, $2.654M Raised Cycle, $612K COH (Includes $1.33M from candidate for period, $2.62M from candidate or cycle)) Shelli Yoder (D): $267K Raised Period, $276K Raised Quarter, $629K Raised Cycle, $504K COH.

ROTHENBERG MOVES 9TH CD FROM 'SAFE' TO 'FAVORS GOP': There is enough evidence in Indiana's 9th District to change *The Rothenberg & Gonzales Political Report/Roll Call* rating from Safe Republican to Republican Favored (Gonzales, Roll Call). Trump may actually do well in Indiana's 9th but Republicans nominated Trey Hollingsworth, who only recently moved to the state from Tennessee and won the GOP primary by massively outspending his opponents. The Democratic nominee is Shelli Yoder, a Monroe County commissioner and former Miss Indiana who will be a contrast to Hollingsworth. Yoder is a credible enough candidate and there is enough volatility up and down the ballot and in the district to move this out of Safe Republican to Republican Favored.

SENATE RACE CHANGED TO 'TILTS DEMOCRAT': Former Sen. Evan Bayh will run for the Senate after all , buoying Democrats' chances of winning the open seat in Indiana and the Senate majority (Gonzales, *Roll Call*). The Rothenberg & Gonzales Political Report /Roll Call rating is changing from Republican Favored to Tilts Democrat. "He shakes it up," said a GOP source in the state. "He left six years ago in a very classy way by attacking the system - Republicans and Democrats." Indiana voters don't automatically know, believe, or remember the negative parts of Bayh's background. Republicans will have to litigate that case in the coming months. The bottom line is that Indiana is now firmly in the list of competitive states that will decide the majority and require considerable spending from the GOP side that the party previously would not have had to spend.

BAYH ELECTION COULD BE HISTORIC: If Evan Bayh wins back his old Senate seat in the Nov. 8 general election, he would be just the second person to twice replace the same member of the U.S. Senate, according to the website Smart Politics (Kelly & Francisco, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). Democrat Bayh in 1999 succeeded Republican Sen. Dan Coats, who had not sought re-election to his seat representing Indiana. Coats replaced Bayh in 2011 after Bayh chose not to run again. Coats does not seek re-election this year, and Indiana Democratic officials on Friday are expected to choose Bayh to fill the ballot vacancy created by Baron Hill's withdrawal from the race Monday. Bayh would face Republican U.S. Rep. Todd Young and Libertarian Lucy Brenton in the general election. Smart Politics reports that the only senator who has replaced the same senator on two occasions is Wisconsin Republican Angus Cameron. Cameron defeated Sen. Matthew Carpenter, also a Republican, in 1875. Carpenter was elected to Wisconsin's other seat in 1879 but died in office in 1881. Cameron did not seek re-election to his seat in 1881 but won a special election that year to fill Carpenter's vacant seat. Smart Politics also reports that if both Bayh and Wisconsin Democratic candidate Russ Feingold win Senate elections this year, it will be the first time since 1956 that two or more former senators returned to the chamber at the same time.

HOLCOMB DIDN'T KNOW PENCE SELECTION UNTIL FRIDAY: Indiana Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb said he learned that Gov. Mike Pence would be the GOP vice presidential candidate when presumptive nominee Donald Trump tweeted it out shortly before 11 a.m. Friday (Haeberle, *WISH-TV*). Holcomb also said he did not inform or call his mentor, former Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels, to tell him that he would be entering the race to become the next governor. If those statements are true, it illustrates the quick — but

coordinated — decisions Indiana Republicans had to make after Pence officially withdrew his name from the governor's race. Congresswoman Susan Brooks and

GREGG TO MEET WITH INDY MINISTERS TODAY: John Gregg, Democratic candidate for governor, will meet with Indianapolis area faith leaders this afternoon to discuss his campaign, the various challenges facing the state and their ideas for moving Indiana forward (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Gregg will speak at a meeting of the Baptist Ministerial Alliance of Indianapolis at Olivet Missionary Baptist Church at 11:30 a.m.



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PENCE CAMPAIGN TEAM MOVES TO TRUMP: "The campaign welcomes the addition of Governor Pence and his team of advisors to the ticket. Governor Pence is a man of impeccable character, and his addition to the ticket sends a powerful message to Hillary Clinton that America is not for sale," said Campaign Chairman Paul Manafort. "We look forward to meeting with voters across this country and, together, we will Make America Great Again." - Donald Trump Campaign Chairman Paul Manafort, announcing Saturday the expansion of the campaign team to include Nick Ayers who will be volunteering with the campaign as the Senior Advisor to Governor Pence, Marty Obst will be serving as Manager of Vice Presidential Operations, Josh Pitcock will be serving as Policy Director, Marc Lotter will serve as Press Secretary, KellyAnne Conway will serve as an Advisor, and Marc Short will be serving as Mike Pence's Communications Advisor. These Advisors will be tasked with organizing the day to day operations for Governor Pence, and interacting with the existing Trump Campaign team in an effort to take the campaign's message to the people.

TRUMP, PENCE AT ODDS OVER CAMPAIGN TACTICS: In their first toe-to-toe interview since their vice-presidential roll-out, Donald Trump and Mike Pence didn't exactly see eye-to-eye (*Politico)*. In an excerpt from the interview, which was conducted at Trump Tower and which will air Sunday during CBS's "60 Minutes" broadcast, the two were visibly at odds when Lesley Stahl asked Pence for his views on the tone and tenor of Trump's campaign based on his past comments that negative campaigning is wrong. "I think this is a good man who's been talking about the issues the American people care about," Pence started, staying on message while Stahl interjected with questions. Stahl asked about the "Lyin' Ted" nickname Trump bestowed upon his primary opponent Ted Cruz, and Pence pushed forward, not stopping to acknowledge the interjection. "... In the essay that I wrote a long time ago, I said campaigns oughta be about something more important than just one candidate's election. And ... and this campaign

and Donald Trump's candidacy has been about the issues the American people care about." Then Trump jumped in. "We're different people," Trump said. "I understand that. I'll give you an example. Hillary Clinton is a liar. Hillary Clinton ... that was just proven last week." He continues: "Hillary Clinton -- you better believe it. Hillary Clinton is a crook." Stahl attempts to interject, saying "that's negative," before Trump makes his point: Pence isn't expected to be negative in the way he has been. "I call her 'Crooked Hillary.' She's crooked Hillary," he said. "He wont. I don't ... I didn't ask him to do it, but I don't think he should do it because it's different for him."

TRUMP REPEATEDLY CUT PENCE OFF ON '60 MINUTES': For their first lengthy public interaction, Donald Trump and Indiana Gov. Mike Pence opted for a sit-down interview with 60 Minutes (*Washington Post).*Trump did most of the talking during the 21-minute segment that aired on Sunday night, while Pence sat beside him, gazing approvingly and allowing Trump to answer nearly all of the questions, even those directed at him. By the end, Trump had uttered more than 2,160 words while Pence's word count clocked in around 900. When Pence did get the chance to speak, Trump would often cut him off with a correction or answer of his own. For example, as Pence tried to explain why he was at first opposed to Trump's ban on foreign Muslims, he began by pointing out that Trump "clearly...is not a politician" and "doesn't speak like a politician." "He speaks from his heart," Pence said earnestly. Trump cut in: "Is that a good thing? I think that's a good thing. Well, I speak from my heart and my brain. Just so we understand." Pence agreed: "Right."

WOULD PENCE CONFRONT TRUMP IN WHITE HOUSE? Would Pence confront Trump in the White House? Stahl told Pence to picture winning the election and having an office down the hall from the president, an image that made the governor gently smile. Stahl asked if Pence would be willing to confront Trump on his name-calling or to tell him when he had crossed a line and needed to apologize. As Pence struggled to answer, Trump smirked (*Washington Post*). "Look, I," Pence started. "It's probably... it's... it's probably obvious to people that our styles are different, but I promise you, our vision is exactly the same. And let me be clear..." Stahl wanted an answer to her scenario: "Will you answer that? Would you go in?" "Well the... one of the things I found out about this man is he appreciates candor," Pence said cautiously, seemingly unable to definitively say that he would not hesitate to challenge his boss. As Stahl continued to press, Trump jumped in. "I'd like him to if he thinks I was doing something wrong," Trump said. "Would you listen to him?" Stahl asked. "Absolutely," Trump said. "Absolutely. I might not apologize... I might not do that, but I would absolutely want him to come in. If he thinks I'm doing something wrong, Mike, I would want him to come in... I accept that from my consultants and my people and if Mike came in and told me: 'You know, I think you should do this or that,' I would listen and very likely listen to him."

DOES PENCE THINK McCAIN IS A WAR HERO? Given that Trump had just given Pence the okay to challenge him, Stahl asked Pence about the comment Trump made last year about McCain, saying that he's not a war hero because he was a prisoner of war (*Washington Post*). "I have a great deal of respect for John McCain," Pence said carefully. "And..." Stahl pressed: "Do you think he went too far?" Trump jumped in: "You could say yes... That's okay. That one, you could say, 'yes.'" As Trump and Stahl bantered about that, Pence eventually jumped back in with his own answer. "I promise you that when the circumstances arise where I have a difference on policy or on presentation, I can tell you in my heart, I know I would have no hesitation -- were I privileged to be vice president -- to walk into the president's office, close the door and share my heart," Pence said. "And I also know this good man would listen, and has the leadership qualities to draw from the people around him."

PENCE WON'T HELP TRUMP WITH FEMALE VOTERS: Donald Trump has already had problems making inroads with female, gay and minority voters. His vice-presidential pick, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, could make things even worse (*Washington Post*). Pence, the Republican governor of Indiana, has endorsed conservative legislation on abortion, gay rights and immigration both in his home state and while in Congress, where he was consistently ranked as one of the most right-leaning members of the House. He attempted to shut down the government over Planned Parenthood funding, supported a measure that made English the nation's official language and signed one of the nation's strictest abortion laws earlier this year. Pence is almost certain to appeal to socially conservative and evangelical voters who have been skeptical of Trump, a brash, thrice-married New Yorker with little appetite for fighting the culture wars. By picking Pence, Trump added his inverse to the ticket: a social-issues warrior with a long, very conservative track record. Democrats (including presumptive presidential nominee Hillary Clinton), women's health advocates and gay rights groups wasted no time pouncing on Pence, whom they described as extreme, anti-woman and anti-gay. The Fix's Chris Cillizza explains why Gov. Mike Pence (R-Ind.) was the best vice presidential pick of the candidates Donald Trump was considering. (Peter Stevenson/The Washington Post) "A Trump-Pence ticket should send a shiver down the spine of women in this country," said Dawn Laguens, executive vice president of the Planned Parenthood Action Fund. "Donald Trump just sent a message to the women of America: Your health and your lives are not important." A Washington Post-ABC News poll last month found that 77 percent of women had an unfavorable impression of Trump, including 65 percent who saw him in a "strongly unfavorable" light. Trump's negative ratings among women are more than 20 percentage points higher than the ratings 2012 GOP nominee Mitt Romney received at any point in that campaign. In a May NBC News/Marist poll, 41 percent of Indiana women surveyed said they disapproved of Pence. The same number said they approved of his job performance.

PENCE, TRUMP CLASH SEEM INEVITABLE: Gov. Mike Pence is finally acting on the national aspirations he's held for years, but the outgoing governor might face his greatest political and personal test to date in becoming Donald Trump's running mate (Cook & Schneider, *IndyStar*). Pence's selection is widely viewed as an effort to reassure conservatives who have been wary of Trump's fickle positions on social issues, such as gay rights and abortion. The question is what influence Pence will have in the campaign or administration of someone like Trump. Clashes between the two men seem inevitable. Pence, a born-again Christian, is a staunch social conservative who views the world through a religious lens — even when it's unpopular. Trump, on the other hand, frequently changes his position on hot-button social issues — sometimes within the same day. The result is a ticket with drastically different personalities and significant policy differences. Pence is "Leave It to Beaver," while Trump is reality-TV-show drama. Pence is calm and kindly, while Trump is brash. Pence is extremely disciplined with his message, while Trump shoots from the hip. Trump tags his opponents with demeaning nicknames, while Pence has been criticized for an unwillingness to go negative. "I'm supporting Donald Trump not because I've agreed with everything that he's ever said," Pence said recently. "I've occasionally taken issue with things that he's said myself, and Republicans have every right to do that. But I think at the end of the day, it's important we come together around our nominee. And that we stand behind an individual who is going to stand by our military, stand by our veterans at home. He's going to get this economy moving again to its full potential."

PENCE AN UNWAVERING OPPONENT OF ABORTION: One by one, Republican women of the Indiana state legislature rose to describe, in anguished terms, why they could not support an anti-abortion measure hurtling toward passage (*New York Times*). They hated abortion, they said, but this bill

went too far. It would have prohibited a woman from aborting a fetus because it had a disability, such as Down syndrome. Representative Holli Sullivan called it a "dangerous" plan that could compel women to lie to their doctors. Her colleague Wendy McNamara warned of a return to "back-room abortions." Another, Cindy Ziemke, said it was a case of government overreach. "It's a sad day for me to have to vote no on a pro-life bill," Ms. Ziemke said in emotional remarks in March. "I have never had to do that before. I never thought I would ever have to." Indiana's governor, Mike Pence, waved off the objections of his fellow Republicans: He signed the legislation into law a few weeks later, enacting what advocates and foes agree was a sweeping and unusual set of restrictions on abortion that went further than any other state in the country and openly clashed with legal precedent. Mr. Pence's reputation as a longstanding, implacable and dogged opponent of abortion has made him a hero to the country's cultural conservatives. Now that he is Donald J. Trump's running mate, it puts him at odds with the presumptive Republican presidential nominee and could complicate the party's outreach to a decisive bloc of voters in the general election: women. Mr. Pence may be best known for embracing a different conservative cause — his support for a controversial 2015 law that could have made it easier for religious people to refuse service to gay couples. But to a powerful network of grass-roots activists, Mr. Pence's most enduring legacy is his unbending battle against abortion and his repeated willingness to test the boundaries of the law in seeking to limit it. "He has never wavered on this at all," said Micah Clark, the executive director of the American Family Association of Indiana, a conservative group allied with Mr. Pence. The same cannot be said for Mr. Trump. In 1999, he described himself as "very pro-choice" on abortion, and for years, he has donated to numerous candidates who were ardent supporters of abortion rights. It was not until 2011, when he flirted with running for president, that he switched positions. He now declares himself opposed to it, "with caveats."

MODEST CROWD GREETS PENCE IN ZIONSVILLE: Indiana Gov. Mike Pence deplaned onto the tarmac at an airport near Indianapolis on Saturday sounding relieved to be home after a whirlwind week — and resolved to keep his remarks very brief (*Washington Post*). He spoke for less than 10 minutes before a modest crowd, explaining that he was headed home to "pizza night" with his family. It was the opposite of the jam-packed, lively rallies that often stretch on for more than an hour and have become his ticket-mate's hallmark. No Donald Trump-style tangents, no improvised riffs, no bluster. "The last few days have been pretty overwhelming. But this is the best part," Pence told the crowd that gathered to see him speak on his first full day as Trump's vice-presidential running mate. Running an hour behind schedule, Pence shook hands, gave hugs and stuck to the script. "Before we head home to pizza night, a few words of thanks," said Pence, expressing gratitude to his family, who flanked him on stage. Pence called Trump "a good man" who "will make a great president." He said the nation's armed forces deserve a commander in chief who "will have their back," and Americans deserve a president who will get Washington out of their way and shape a Supreme Court that will "uphold our Constitution." On Twitter, reporters noted the middling crowd size at Pence's arrival.

GOP VOTERS APPROVE OF PENCE SELECTION IN BATTLE STATES: Donald Trump's selection of Indiana Gov. Mike Pence to be his running mate elicits an approving response from Republicans and conservatives across the critical battleground states - the ones who will decide the election - as 61 percent of GOP voters in these states say they approve (Salvanto, *CBS News*). While Republicans are more inclined to call it a cautious pick than a bold one, they feel it brings stability to the ticket (as opposed to uncertainty) and think it will help Trump's chances. More broadly, however, Pence is not as well known beyond the GOP rank and file, and overall the pick gets mixed reviews, with 34 percent approving, 28 percent disapproving, and a sizable 38 percent unsure. Trump is competitive but trailing in two midwest states including Ohio, where Republicans gather starting Monday, trailing Clinton 44 percent to 40 percent, having shaved a point off her lead since May. In Michigan, Clinton leads 42 percent to 39 percent, a small lead in a usually blue, if competitive, state. Trump holds the narrowest of leads in Iowa,

one point at 40 percent to 39 percent. Taken together these tell a story of a tight race that largely reflects the national trends, as well as a small advantage for Clinton among likely voters pooled across all eleven battleground states, 41 percent to 40 percent, similar to the tied race shown nationally at 40-40 in last week's CBS News poll.

MICHIANA DELEGATES BACKING TRUMP: Michiana residents who are going to the Republican National Convention as delegates this week also supported different candidates earlier in the primary process but are now backing Trump (Allen, *South Bend Tribune*). "There's been a lot of media coverage on the 'Never Trump' movement, but there are zero delegates that I'm aware of from Indiana that have any appetite to perpetuate that or have a contested convention," said Rudy Yakym, a Granger resident and one of the 57 delegates Indiana is sending to the GOP's convention. Yakym said Trump was not his first choice for president. He leaned toward Florida Sen. Marco Rubio. "But, at this point in time, it's important that we unify as a party behind our nominee," Yakym said. Carol McDowell, an Elkhart resident and another one of Indiana's delegates, said Rubio was also her first choice. "Rubio was always going to be my first choice because I think he's the future of the party," McDowell said. "That doesn't mean I'm against Donald Trump or ever was. I'm perfectly happy with Donald Trump. I think he's going to prove he's the person who can lead our nation forward to keep us safe and keep our economy going."

NARROW LEAD FOR CLINTON ON EVE OF CONVENTIONS: On the eve of two national political conventions that will shape the images of the major party presidential candidates, Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton are in a competitive contest nationally but with the presumptive Republican nominee facing deficits on key character attributes and issues, according to a new *Washington Post-ABC News* poll (Balz & Clement, *Washington Post*). The new survey shows Clinton leading Trump by 47-43 percent among registered voters. That represents a shift in Trump's direction since last month's Post-ABC survey, which showed Clinton leading by 12 points. In the new poll, among all adults, Clinton leads by 10 points - 50-40 percent - compared to a 14-point lead among this wider group last month. Both candidates remain highly unpopular - the two most unpopular in the history of Post-ABC polling. By roughly 2-1 (64-31 percent), Americans view Trump unfavorably. Clinton's numbers are not quite so negative - 42 favorable and 54 unfavorable. Half of all registered voters say they have strongly unfavorable views of Trump, while 47 percent say they have strongly unfavorable views of Clinton - the highest ever in a Post-ABC poll for her.

TRUMP OVERWHELMINGLY UNPOPULAR WITH LATINOS: Donald Trump remains overwhelmingly unpopular with Latinos, a new *NBC News/ Wall Street Journal/Telemundo* poll shows, with only about one in seven Latino voters say they support the presumptive GOP nominee (Dann, NBC News). A whopping 76 percent of the 300 Latino registered voters in the poll said they back Hillary Clinton in a head-to-head race, while just 14 percent said they back Trump. What's more, 82 percent of Latino voters say they have an unfavorable view of Trump, while just 11 percent view him positively. A majority - 63 percent - of Latinos describe themselves as "pessimistic and worried" about Trump's ability to serve as president, while an additional 20 percent say they are "uncertain and wondering" about his capacity to do the job. Clinton's favorability rating with Latinos is 64 percent positive, 25 percent negative. Latinos, a fast-growing bloc of voters nationwide, have supported Democrats by significant margins in recent elections. But Trump's low level of support with the group is unprecedented.

GARY JOHNSON REACHES POLLING HIGH OF 13%: Three national presidential polls came out over the weekend, and all three contain historically good news for Libertarian Party nominee Gary Johnson (Welch,*Reason)*. A four-candidate CNN/ORC survey conducted July 13-16 delivered the highest number Johnson has ever received in national poll: 13 percent (compared to Hillary Clinton's 42 percent, Donald Trump's 37, and Jill Stein's 5). And there is tangible Garymentum: Compared to the same outfit's poll one month ago, Clinton/Trump are virtually unchanged, the presumptive Green Party nominee Stein is down two percentage points, and Johnson is up four. It's also worth noting that this is the first presidential poll to be conducted after Bernie Sanders endorsed Hillary Clinton. Johnson scored 11 percent in a newly released NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll, up one digit from last month. The ABC News/Washington Post poll from July 11-14 has Johnson at 8 percent, up from 7 percent in June. Johnson is within shouting distance of Trump among all voters under the age of 45 - 20 percent to 24 percent (Clinton is at 41 percent, Stein 8 percent). He is also doing almost as well as Trump among nonwhites: 14 percent to 17 percent (Clinton has 57 percent, Stein 7 percent). He is also competitive among independents, trailing Clinton and Trump 33%-30%-21%. The campaign's mono-focus continues to be on getting into the nationally televised presidential debates, for which Johnson would have to average 15 percent across a set of polls that have yet to be identified by the Commission on Presidential Debates.

VULNERABLE SENATORS OUTPOLLING TRUMP: Top Republicans have an unusual argument underpinning their quest to keep the Senate: that presumptive GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump, whose mere tweets generate their own national news cycles, will have virtually no effect on how voters consider down-ballot Republican candidates this fall (Everett & Robillard*, Politico).* And three and a half months from Election Day, the GOP can take comfort in polling that shows its most endangered senators outpacing Trump in state surveys. Meanwhile, Hillary Clinton's own popularity is near an all-time low for a presidential candidate, barely beating Trump. Instead of pouring energy into running as a ticket or even actively repelling Trump, most Republican Senate candidates are focusing on local strategies and topics - health care in Arizona, water in Nevada, national defense in North Carolina, and fighting heroin addiction in Ohio.

TRUMP BLAMES COP KILLING ON 'LACK OF LEADERSHIP': Donald Trump condemned on Sunday the shooting deaths of three Baton Rouge police officers, blaming it on a "lack of leadership in our country" (Hellman, *The Hill).* "We grieve for the officers killed in Baton Rouge today," Trump, the presumptive GOP presidential nominee, wrote on his Facebook page. "How many law enforcement and people have to die because of a lack of leadership in our country? We demand law and order." At least three police officers died and another three were wounded after a shooting in Baton Rouge, La., on Sunday morning. The shooting happened just before 9 a.m., less than one mile from police headquarters, amid spiraling tensions across the city between police and the black community.

PENCE FOLLOWS TRUMP LEAD ON COP KILLINGS: Trump's running mate Indiana Gov. Mike Pence also made a call for leadership in light of the attacks (Hellman, *The Hill).* "Attacks on the men and women of law enforcement are attacks on the foundation of a free and safe society. Our prayers are with the victims, the people of Baton Rouge, and those across America who protect and serve. Our country needs leadership. Our police need support. We can and must stop this. It is time to renew America's commitment to law and order to make all of our people safe once more."

FORECASTERS SAY ZERO CHANCE TRUMP WILL RAISE $1B: In May, Donald Trump tried to counter doubts about his fundraising ability by suggesting that he and the RNC could raise $1 billion (Sides, *Washington Post*). But those doubts remain. Although last month he managed to raise $26 million, plus another $25 million in conjunction with the Republican National Committee, he continues to lag behind Hillary Clinton. Clinton and outside groups associated with her have raised about $314 million so far. Trump and outside groups have raised $66 million. The Post put this issue to the forecasters at Good Judgment, as part of an ongoing election forecasting tournament. Note that this doesn't include fundraising by the RNC. Their responses reveal little confidence in Trump's fundraising ability. Forecasters give Trump and affiliated groups a 44 percent probability of spending between $250 million and $500 million. They give him a slightly lower probability of spending $500 to $750 million.

TRUMP CONTINUES TO SOLICIT FOREIGN DONATIONS: Donald Trump's campaign is still soliciting illegal donations from foreign individuals - including members of foreign governments at their official email addresses - weeks after the campaign was put on notice by watchdog groups (Swan & Neidig, *The Hill).*Foreign members of parliament from the United Kingdom and Australia confirmed to The Hill that they received fundraising solicitations from the Trump campaign as recently as July 12 - two weeks after a widely publicized Federal Election Commission (FEC) complaint issued on June 29 by nonpartisan watchdogs Democracy 21 and the Campaign Legal Center. These latest campaign finance violations were first reported by the investigative website WhoWhatWhy and have been confirmed by The Hill. The Trump campaign did not respond to multiple requests for comment. Federal law on foreign money in campaigns is black and white, campaign finance lawyers on both sides of the political divide say. It's illegal for foreign individuals, corporations and governments to either give money directly to U.S. candidates or spend on advertising to influence U.S. elections.

CLINTON VOWS AMENDMENT TO OVERTURN CITIZENS UNITED: Hillary Clinton committed to introducing a constitutional amendment to overturn the Citizens United decision within her first 30 days in office, if she's elected president (Oreskes, *Politico*). "The amendment would allow Americans to establish common sense rules to protect against the undue influence of billionaires and special interests and to restore the role of average voters in elections," a Clinton spokesman said in statement. Last fall as the primary season ramped up and Sanders gained momentum, Clinton called for the 2010 Citizens United v FEC decision, which spawned the creation of super PACS, to be overturned.

HILLARY TO UNVEIL VOTER MOBILIZATION EFFORT AT NAACP TODAY: Presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton plans to announce a major voter mobilization effort today that will aim to add more than 3 million people to rolls by November to bolster her odds against Trump (Lee, *Washington Post*). Aides say Clinton plans to formally unveil the initiative during a speech to a gathering of the NAACP in Cincinnati and will then highlight her commitment by attending an event with volunteers who have been out in the area signing up voters. Asian Americans are likely to be a big part of that effort. They are the fastest-growing racial group in the United States, with political power that neither party has fully harnessed. Their growth and the emergence of immigration as a leading campaign issue have brought states such states as Virginia, Florida, Nevada and Ohio into focus this year as fertile ground. They have also brought individual counties into focus among a much larger group of states, including several battleground states in the industrial Midwest.

VILSACK LIKENS TRUMP TO BERNIE MADOFF: Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack is likening Donald Trump to Bernie Madoff, who defrauded his investment clients out of billions of dollars (Savranskty, *The*

Hill). "Donald Trump is sort of to politics what Bernie Madoff was to investment," Vilsack, who is reportedly being considered to serve as presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton's running mate, said Saturday afternoon in an interview with NBC News. "He is selling something that people don't fully understand and appreciate what it actually means."

RICHARDSON SAYS EUROPEANS 'AGHAST' AT TRUMP: Former United Nations Ambassador and New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson (D) said Europeans are "aghast" about the possibility of presumptive GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump being elected (Neidig, *The Hill*). Speaking with John Catsimatidis in a radio interview Sunday, Richardson, who supports presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, called this the "most important election we've had in many years." Richardson said he believes Clinton will get a bump in the polls following the Democratic National Convention in two weeks. "I see her winning, but it's going to be a very exciting year," he said. "I travel a lot around the world and Europe, and I could tell you in Europe people are aghast at what's happening in our presidential election. They're, quite frankly, very worried about Donald Trump being elected."

TRUMP PANIC DRIVES PROGRESSIVES TOWARD CLINTON: The Democratic convention that will nominate Hillary Clinton for president is just a week away, but you wouldn't have known it at the annual Netroots Nation Conference this year (Oreskes, *Politico*). The scene at the four-day conference, which ended Sunday, was emblematic of the uneasy truce between Clinton and many of the pro-Bernie Sanders progressives who came for the training sessions and to sit in on panels featuring liberal luminaries like billionaire environmentalist Tom Steyer and Wisconsin Sen. Tammy Baldwin. There was little enthusiasm for the presumptive Democratic nominee, only a grim recognition of the need to join together to stop Donald Trump in November. The lingering bitterness among many activists, candidates and elected officials who backed Sanders wasn't far from the surface. But in more than a dozen interviews, nearly all of these progressives mentioned the urgency of defeating Trump.

Veepstakes

5 REASONS PENCE IS TRUMP'S BEST CHOICE: Writing in yesterdays Washington Post, Chris Cillizza of "The Fix" politics blog offered the following reason why Mike Pence was probably Donald Trump's best choice to serve as vice president: "1. Trump needs to reassure the GOP establishment: For all of his bluster about how he will go it alone if the Republican establishment does not get behind him forcefully enough, it was clear in my conversation last week with Trump that he grasped the need to find a way to placate the party leaders - and soon...; 2. Trump needs to reassure social conservatives: Although Trump carried the evangelical Christian vote in a surprising number of states during the Republican primary process, significant doubt remains about whether he is really one of them — or is even committed to social issues such as abortion and gay marriage...; 3. Trump needs the industrial Midwest: If you look at an electoral map of the country, it's very clear that unless Trump can find a way to make the Rust Belt competitive, he can't win...; 4. Trump needs the Koch brothers: It's no secret that lots of major Republican donors are sitting on the sidelines of the presidential race at the moment, concerned that Trump lacks the message discipline or core conservative beliefs that would make him worth their investment...; and, 5. Trump needs some message discipline: Trump is one of the least on-message politicians in modern political history. Pence is his exact opposite: Relentlessly on message at all times, to the point of boredom and frustration..."

WHERE IS MIKE PENCE'S FAITH?: "He was an outspoken evangelical. Now Trump's VP pick hides his beliefs under a bushel" reads the subhead on an article in Slate (Fehrman, *Slate*). "Pence's religious beliefs still shape his politics as surely as they did when he voted for Carter. But as part of this transformation, he has alloyed his faith with political expediency, keeping his evangelicalism at the center of his worldview, even as he's become ever less willing to discuss it... During his time in Congress, Pence emerged as one of the most privately and publicly devout figures in Washington. But something changed when he ran for governor of Indiana. You could no longer get Pence to address his faith, past or present. When I interviewed him in 2012, I asked about the peculiarities in his religious biography; each time, he evaded. Could he help me understand his strange spiritual journey? 'I cherish my Catholic upbringing,' he replied. Could he explain why his faith shifted again in the mid-'90s? 'We just felt drawn to worship at an evangelical church.' Could he define himself as a believer? 'I'm a pretty ordinary Christian, trying to make that faith real every day.' It was all pretty stunning to see.

PENCE 'A RELUCTANT ATTACK DOG': When it comes to the Clintons, Mike Pence has often been a reluctant aggressor (Samuelsohn, *Politico*). He's heaped praise on Hillary Clinton in the past, opining on national television about the historic nature of her White House run and referring to her as "one of the most admired, not only women, but public people in America." On many occasions before his political career really began with his 2000 election to Congress, Pence treated the Clintons with kid gloves. Sometimes he even agreed with them. In an April 1995 interview with local Indiana political reporter Brian Howey, Pence was asked to weigh in about a remark from President Clinton - made soon after the recent Oklahoma City bombing - that lawlessness was being inspired by inflammatory rhetoric, including the "promoters of paranoia" on talk radio. "I think President Clinton is right in that vein," Pence replied, according to the interview published in the*Howey Political Report*. "We have rights in America. And in tandem with those rights, we have responsibility. Whatever type of journalist we are, whether it be in the entertainment business or as professional journalists, we always have the consequences of the way that we present fact and information." As Pence moved from the broadcast booth to Congress, his policy views became more defined and also very different from the Clintons, especially on issues like energy, health care and government spending. But he didn't reflexively reject Clinton's positions... He's been careful not to personalize his criticism, instead tending to keep his criticism narrowly tailored to ideological differences... As Pence takes on Palin's role in the 2016 campaign, it's unlikely he'll be repeating many of the positive things he's said about the Clintons before over the years.

COATS EXPECTS PENCE TO MAINTAIN LOW-KEY, SUBSTANTIVE STYLE: U.S. Sen. Dan Coats (R-IN) said he expected Pence would maintain the same low-key style he'd honed over the course of his career, while going after Clinton "in a substantive way and in a way that defines the truth and doesn't exaggerate the truth" (Samuelsohn, *Politico)*. "I think that'll very much be a part of his candidacy here as vice president," Coats said. "There are ways to attack your opponent but without being vicious about it, but drawing people's attention to there's two very different visions of going forward."

COATS SAYS TRUMP/PENCE COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER: A news release from the office of U.S. Sen. Dan Coats (R-IN) featured the following quotes from an article in the *Financial Times*: "Donald Trump reaches out to groups that are not typical Republican groups and he's been very successful in that. Mike Pence has solid relationships with evangelicals, the conservative right organizations and groups that don't necessarily automatically back Donald Trump," said Dan Coats, a Republican Indiana senator

who plays golf and watches basketball with Mr. Pence. "So between the two, they're reaching out to a significant amount of people." "A lot of marriages are successful even though both partners are coming from a different perspective, with different personalities, and it can be complementary," said Mr. Coats. "There can be a balancing. Maybe a moderating influence from one partner to the other. On the other side of it, maybe there's an energizing component."

HILLARY FOR AMERICA ON PENCE: Hillary for America Deputy Communications Director Christina Reynolds released the following statement after Donald Trump officially announced his running mate (*Howey Politics Indiana*): "We were prepared to respond with the many ways in which Mike Pence is the most extreme pick in a generation - a doubling down of Trump's divisive rhetoric and policies. But after publicly waffling over his own choice, Trump spent more time today making false attacks on Hillary Clinton - several of which could also be leveled against Pence - and talking about his own businesses than his own running mate. It turns out, you can force Trump to make a choice and give him a speech, he's always going to be Trump."

Republican National Convention

MANY CAPITOL HILL REPUBLICANS SKIPPING: When the Republican National Convention convenes in Cleveland, Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-Fla.) jokes he'll be getting his hair done. Sen. Steve Daines (R-Mont.) will be fly-fishing with his wife instead of joining the Donald Trump coronation. And Sen. Dean Heller (R-Nev.) says conventions aren't his thing, so he might use the coming week to irrigate his ranch (*Politico*). A noticeably large number of Republicans from Capitol Hill won't be on hand in Cleveland as the convention kicks off Monday. Many of the no-shows are locked in competitive races and would rather use the time to campaign back home. But the truants go beyond that group, lawmakers who are openly disgusted with their nominee-in-waiting. Others who'll be there are making it clear that while they don't yet back Trump, they want to be in Cleveland if only to support the rest of the Republican Party. House insiders predict just under 200 Republicans from their 247-member conference will attend. Meanwhile, well over a dozen Senate Republicans are saying "no, thanks" to the Cleveland festivities, which get underway just after Congress left Washington for a seven-week summer recess. U.S. Rep. Todd Young, the Indiana Senate nominee, will not attend (*Howey Politics Indiana*).

GOP INSIDERS DREADING RNC: Forget about the balloons, the expressions of party unity and the quadrennial celebration of partisan pride. GOP insiders are dreading the Republican convention in Cleveland this week (*Politico)*. That's according to The POLITICO Caucus — a panel of activists, strategists and operatives in 11 key battleground states. Nearly two-thirds of Republican insiders, 65 percent, said they are less excited about this year's convention — which a number of top Republicans are avoiding — than previous editions. Republican insiders are far less excited about their party's convention than their Democratic counterparts: Roughly a quarter of Democrats, 27 percent, said they are less excited about their convention in Philadelphia next week. "I'm an Ohioan. I was excited for our state to welcome the RNC. Now it has turned into a potentially violent spectacle that the leaders of our party are avoiding," said one Ohio Republican — who, like all insiders, completed the survey anonymously. "I'm dreading it, and I'm dreading the [news] stories."

CRUZ RELUCTANT TO ENDORSE TRUMP: One of these days, and maybe soon, Ted Cruz just might have to endorse Donald Trump (*Politico*). But he'll never concede Trump could have beaten him in a fair fight — and he'll never accept that Trump's me-first philosophy represents a sustainable future for the GOP. Above all, Cruz wants to use the big stage in Cleveland to present a non-Trump alternative vision for his party's future, one rooted in constitutional conservative principles and competent campaign management modeled, oddly enough, on Barack Obama's 2008 and 2012 White House runs. "In this election I am where a great many voters are, which is that I am listening and watching and coming to a decision," Cruz, the highest-profile Trump holdout heading into this week's convention, told me when I asked him if he intended to throw his support behind the former reality TV star imminently.

Sunday Talk

MANAFORT SAYS TRUMP/PENCE WILL APPEAL TO BERNIE VOTERS: Donald Trump's campaign manager, Paul Manafort, on Sunday said he thinks the presumptive GOP presidential nominee's ticket with Indiana Gov. Mike Pence will appeal to supporters of Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.). (Savransky, *The Hill*). "We think that the positions of Donald Trump, the man running for president, and Gov. Pence are in the mainstream of America," Manafort said on "Fox News Sunday." "And we're confident that the combined Trump/Pence ticket is going to be very appealing to moderates, conservatives and, frankly, liberals who were supporting Bernie Sanders because of his campaign against the rigged system, the rigged Wall Street system, the rigged political system, the rigged trade system." Manafort said more than 20 percent of Sanders supporters have said they don't like or trust presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton. "The messages of change that Trump campaigned on," Manafort said, "are those messages that were popular to Sanders supporters and we think will be an appeal to us."

PENCE 'SHORES UP ANOTHER PART OF OUR PARTY', PRIEBUS SAYS: Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus on Sunday said Donald Trump's vice presidential pick will help the presumptive GOP presidential nominee's chances in the general election (Savransky, *The Hill*). "He shores up another part of our party," Priebus said on "Fox News Sunday," referring to Indiana Gov. Mike Pence. Pence is a staunch social conservative and a devout evangelical Christian who signed a controversial religious freedom law. In response to a question about whether Pence could help the party reach out to socially moderate voters, Priebus remained confident that the Indiana governor would be an asset in appealing to more voters. "I think Donald Trump and Pence are somewhere in the middle of each other," Priebus said. "So I think bringing Pence on board ends up shoring up a piece that Donald Trump needed to shore up." Priebus also said he thinks Trump will "expand the map." He said Trump understands he needs to grow the party and thinks the party will be able to "flip" a few states to win.

NEVER A DOUBT ON PENCE, ACCORDING TO PRIEBUS: Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus said Sunday that Donald Trump never doubted picking Mike Pence as his running mate, countering media reports (Hellmann, *The Hill*). His heart "was in the Pence pick, and it has been in the Pence pick for quite a while," Priebus said on CNN's "State of the Union." He called reports that claimed Trump, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, was trying to get out of picking the Indiana governor as a running mate inaccurate. "That really was just not where Trump was at. I spoke to him multiple times that day," Priebus said. Pence said previously that Trump asked him to be his running

mate Wednesday, but on cable news shows Trump on Thursday was still saying he was undecided. Priebus said Trump was just frustrated about leaks within his campaign about the announcement.

TRUMP 'ENGAGEMENT TOUR' TO CONNECT WITH HISPANIC VOTERS: Donald Trump will seek to raise his poor approval numbers among Hispanic voters with a special "engagement tour" after the GOP convention, Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus said yesterday (Viebeck, *Washington Post*). The announcement, which offered no details, came just before a new Telemundo-NBC News-Wall Street Journal poll found strong support for presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton among Hispanic voters. Seventy-six percent said they favored Clinton's bid for president, while 14 percent said they support Trump. Trump's approval rating with Hispanic voters is dismal, according to the poll, with 82 percent holding a negative view and 11 percent having a positive view. Sixty-four percent viewed Clinton favorably, while 25 percent viewed her unfavorably. Paul Manafort, chairman of the Trump campaign, confirmed the business mogul's plans to make direct appeals to black and Hispanic voters after the convention. "We're putting the specific schedule together, but the point that Chairman Priebus was making is that we are not isolating our campaign to just segments of the population," Manafort said on CBS's "Face the Nation."

ISIS ON THE RUN, KERRY SAYS: Secretary of State John Kerry said Sunday that the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) is "on the run" (Hellmann, *The Hill*). "They are on the run, and I believe what we are seeing are the desperate actions of an enemy that sees the noose closing around them," he said on CNN's *"State of the Union*." "I don't know if this guy was actually ISIS, and nor do you," Kerry said, referring to the recent attack in Nice, France. "We don't know that the guy in Orlando was fundamentally ISIS nor even told what to do by ISIS. If people are inspired, they're inspired. But ISIL, which is based in Iraq and Syria, is under huge pressure."



Congress

BLACK CAUCUS CALLS FOR PEACE AFTER BATON ROUGE: Congressional Black Caucus Chairman G.K. Butterfield said violence against police officers won't solve the country's problems, in a call for peace made Sunday after three police officers were killed and another three injured in Baton Rouge, La. (Ferrechio, *Washington Examiner*). "Tensions are high in our country, but violence does not lead to justice and targeting law enforcement does not bring about solutions," Butterfield said. "The CBC continues to call for peace and we stand by state and federal officials as they investigate to find the individuals responsible for today's horrific event."

DONNELLY AT USS INDIANAPOLIS KEEL CEREMONY TODAY: U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly (D-IN) and his wife Jill Donnelly will participate in the keel-laying ceremony for LCS-17, a U.S. Navy littoral combat ship that will be named the USS Indianapolis today (*Howey Politics Indiana*). According to a news release, both Senator and Mrs. Donnelly will give remarks at the ceremony in Marinette, WI. Mrs. Donnelly is the ship sponsor and Monday's event will mark the ceremonial birth of the ship. Dick Thelen, a World War II veteran and USS Indianapolis (CA-35) survivor, from Lansing, MI, is expected to attend the ceremony. July 30, 2016, will mark the 71st anniversary of the sinking of the USS Indianapolis in WWII. The ship was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine in the Philippine Sea just days after delivering parts for the first atomic bomb to the United States air base at Tinian. Of the 1,196 aboard the Indianapolis at the time, 900 made it into the water in the twelve minutes before the ship sank. After almost five days floating in the Pacific, 317 survivors were rescued from the water. There are 23 survivors who are still living.

HOPES DIM FOR MENTAL HEALTH DEAL: Hopes are dimming for passage of a mental health bill in the Senate this year (Sullivan, *The Hill*). The House this month overcame years of delay to pass a mental health reform bill on a broad bipartisan vote, but a tougher battle has emerged in the Senate over the politics of guns. Senate staff in both parties have told lobbyists that legislation offered by Sens. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) and Bill Cassidy (R-La.) may have to wait until 2017, particularly given a closing legislative window to get anything done. Senators in both parties say they hope that they can find a way to move forward, given that both sides want to address mental health. But their hopes are dependent on the ability to find an agreement, particularly on the issue of guns, which has so far proven elusive. Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas) has been looking to attach gun-related language, already part of his own broader mental health bill, that would require a full judicial hearing to ban someone from buying guns due to mental illness.

HOUSE TO TAKE UP CRIMINAL JUSTICE OVERHAUL IN SEPTEMBER: The House will take up legislation to overhaul the criminal justice system in September, Speaker Paul D. Ryan said (McPherson, *Roll Call*). The Wisconsin Republican said in an interview with NPR's Steve Inskeep aired Friday that the House Judiciary Committee has already reported four bills out of committee and that they're looking to mark up two more. The plan is to bring all six measures to the floor in September, he said. Inskeep asked Ryan about whether there's been a double standard in the war on drugs with the crack cocaine problems in the black community in the 1980s leading to tougher criminal sentences, while the response to the opioid crisis in the white community has focused on treatment and public health. "I think you need to compliment this with criminal justice reform. I agree with that as well," Ryan said. "That's something we're working on for September." Ryan said government, both Republicans and Democrats, went too far on the criminal code in the 1990s.

State

STATEHOUSE: INDIANA FIRST IN NATION WITH TEXT 911 STATEWIDE - Indiana has become the first state in the nation to employ a text 911 service statewide (Powell*, Statehouse File*). "Indiana has the largest deployment of 'Text to 911' in the United States," Treasurer of the State, Kelly Mitchell said in

a statement. "Since 911 was created, Indiana has been a leader in this industry. Statewide 'Text to 911' capabilities are yet another example of our leadership and innovation in this arena." Mitchell's office said this program will play an integral part in improving the safety of Indiana residents. The service was originally designed for those who are deaf, hard of hearing or hearing impaired. But the state has discovered it has also become a valuable resource for people in situations where talking is dangerous - specifically domestic violence situations. Residents sending a text to 911 can access participating emergency service call centers instead of making a voice call. The responders can reply and hold an ongoing conversation via text. In addition to those with hearing impairments, her office said this is especially important to know for Indiana college students who are from out of state.

DEVELOPMENT: TINDERBOX ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY - Indiana Economic Development Corporation President Jim Schellinger and Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett are among those set to join sales technology company TinderBox this morning for an economic development announcement (Ober, *Inside Indiana Business*). The announcement will continue the company's recent growth. In October, TinderBox announced it had attracted $7 million in venture capital investment led by Greycroft Partners and Allos Ventures. Its clients include Indianapolis-based Angie's List Inc. The announcement is set for at 10:00 a.m.

INVESTMENT: VENTURE CAPITALISTS WARMING TO HOOSIER COMPANIES - Indiana companies are off to their best start in five years in terms of venture capital investment dollars (McGowan, *Inside Indiana Business*). The quarterly MoneyTree report from PriceWaterhouseCoopers and the National Venture Capital Association shows VC firms have pumped more than $50 million into Hoosier businesses during the first two quarters of 2016. The data for the report comes from Thomson Reuters. Nine deals, the highest number since 10 were registered in the record-holding second quarter of 2000, were struck in the second quarter for a total of $26.1 million, the highest total since the third quarter of last year. Compared to the same quarter in the previous year, VC investments jumped $25 million. The state's growing technology sector has been a contributing factor in the more rapid start. The first two quarters of 2015 and 2014 saw totals of $18.6 million and $25 million, respectively.

TRANSPORTATION: THREE-STATE COALITION AIMS TO STOP RAIL LINE - People in three states have banded together behind a legal motion asking the Surface Transportation Board to adopt a "no-build alternative" for Great Lakes Basin Transportation's 278-mile freight line proposal, which would run from Milton, Wis., to LaPorte County (Lavalley, *Post-Tribune*). "This is not a necessity. It doesn't need to be," said Kathleen Honl, a representative with Residents Against Invasion of Land by Eminent Domain (RAILED) in Porter County.

POLICE: CRACKDOWN ON AGGRESSIVE DRIVING - The Indiana State Police are participating in a six-state joint enforcement aimed at reducing crashes by curtailing aggressive and reckless driving (*Associated Press*). The joint effort that began Sunday and runs through Saturday involves state troopers from Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

EDUCATION: ND PRESIDENT CONDEMNS INSULTS AIMED AT MEXICO - The University of Notre Dame is opening an office in Mexico City, Notre Dame President the Rev. John I. Jenkins announced in a speech there Friday in which he called recent insults aimed at that nation and its people "churlish, insulting political theater" (*South Bend Tribune*). In his criticism, the priest made no mention by name of comments by any particular individual or political candidate about Mexico and its people. "Our futures are joined at the border, not divided by it," Jenkins said. Jenkins and other Notre Dame representatives are visiting Mexico as part of an official university delegation. "It is churlish, insulting political theater, for certain. But it is not only that. It suggests that the United States distance itself from Mexico at just the time that our nations are most positively engaged with each other and poised to reap the benefits of robust trade, industrialization and entrepreneurship."

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WHITE HOUSE: 'WE NEED TO TEMPER OUR WORDS AND OPEN OUR HEARTS' - President Barack Obama on Sunday condemned violence against law enforcement and called on Americans to "temper our words and open our hearts," in the wake of the slaying of three Louisiana law enforcement officers (*CNN*). "We as a nation have to be loud and clear that nothing justifies violence against law enforcement. Attacks on police are an attack on all of us, and the rule of law that makes society possible," Obama said, speaking from the White House press briefing room. "We don't need inflammatory rhetoric. We don't need careless accusations thrown around to score political points or to advance an agenda." The tensions between police departments and the communities they serve have consumed much of the president's time over the past week. He traveled to Dallas Tuesday for a memorial service held after five police officers were gunned down. When the President arrived in the briefing room for a rare weekend appearance yesterday, he said "Only we can prove, through words and through deeds, that we will not be divided. And we're going to have to keep on doing it again and again and again. That's how this country gets united."

GUNMAN FOLLOWED CONSPIRACY GROUPS: The Missouri man who ambushed and killed three policemen in Baton Rouge yesterday had at least two websites where he described himself as a "Freedom Strategist, Mental Game Coach, Nutritionist, Author and Spiritual Adviser," according to a CNN review of the websites (Visser, CNN). In addition, Long followed several conspiracy groups devoted to government surveillance and monitoring. CNN found that an email address linked to Long showed he was a member of a support group in an organization called Freedom from Covert Harassment and Surveillance, whose mission is to help those "Marginalized and abused by... Remote Brain experimentation, Remote Neural Monitoring of an entire Humans Body."

BLACK LIVES MATTER LEADER CALLS FOR END TO VIOLENCE: DeRay Mckesson, one of the best known voices for the Black Lives Matter movement, and who was arrested at a demonstration in Baton Rouge, La., earlier this month, called for peace in a phone interview after news of the shooting broke on Sunday (*New York Times*). "I'm waiting for more information like everybody else," he said. "I have more questions than answers... The movement began as a call to end violence. That call remains." Mr. Mckesson and several others traveled to Baton Rouge to protest the death of Alton Sterling, who was fatally shot by the police on July 5. The authorities arrested more than 100 people in connection with a protest outside the city's Police Headquarters, charging most of them with obstructing the road. Eight firearms were confiscated and one officer lost several teeth after he was struck by a projectile, the police said."My prayers are with the victims of all violence," Mr. Mckesson said Sunday.

International

ERDOGAN EMERGES STRONG AFTER COUP ATTEMPT: Standing atop a bus outside his mansion in Istanbul on Saturday night, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, victorious after putting down a coup attempt by renegade factions of the military, told his followers, "We only bow to God" (Arango & Yeginsu, *New York Times*). The symbolism was stark. The informal rally harked back to his days as an up-by-the-bootstraps populist and Islamist leader who often spoke from the tops of buses. And his message, cloaked in the language of Islam, underscored how much Turkey has changed in recent decades. Members of the military, once the guardians of the country's secular traditions who successfully pulled off three coups last century, were being rounded up and tossed in jail, and other perceived enemies were being purged from the state bureaucracy. The Islamists, meanwhile, were dancing in the streets. That is where, Mr. Erdogan said on Sunday, they would remain.

KERRY SAYS ERDOGAN ACCUSATIONS IRRESPONSIBLE: Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has accused the U.S. of harboring cleric Fethullah Gulen, the alleged mastermind behind the entire plot (Hellmann, *The Hill*). Kerry on Sunday called those accusations irresponsible, saying the U.S. would consider extraditing Gulen but is still waiting for a request. "We have not had a formal request for extradition," Kerry said. "I made it very, very clear to the foreign minister of Turkey yesterday the United States is not harboring anybody, not preventing anything from happening."

TURKISH AIR BASE USED BY COALITION BACK IN OPERATION: A coalition fighting ISIS has resumed operations at Turkish airbases following a weekend coup attempt in Turkey that led to a temporary lockdown at Incirlik air base (*ABC News*). "After close coordination with our Turkish allies, they have reopened their airspace to military aircraft," Pentagon Press Secretary Peter Cook told ABC News. "As a result, counter-ISIL coalition air operations at all air bases in Turkey have resumed." Following the failed coup attempt, power was cut off to the air base and Turkey's government closed the airspace around the site. U.S. troops at Turkey's Incirlik air base were put at the highest force-protection level, known as "condition Delta."



Local

CITIES: INDY MAYOR, POLICE CHIEF ASK PUBLIC TO ID THREATS - Indianapolis Police Chief Troy Riggs says he and Mayor Joe Hogsett are asking for the community's help in identifying any threats toward law enforcement following shootings in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, that left three officers dead (*Associated Press).*Riggs issued a statement to his department following the shootings Sunday, saying the two will "ensure that any threats are thoroughly investigated." He later said at a news conference his department is investigating a threat of violence made against law enforcement officers in central Indiana. He says the threat was made on social media in the past week.

CITIES: NEESE TO REORGANIZE ELKHART GOVERNMENT - After the sudden ousting of the former building commissioner, the personnel shuffle at Elkhart City Hall continues in an effort to increase efficiencies (Quiggle, *Elkhart Truth*). Denny Correll, who had been the building commissioner and head of the Building and Code Enforcement Department, was laid off in early June after six years with the city. Now, Elkhart Mayor Tim Neese would like to consolidate a number of positions and add an additional position as well. On Monday, he plans to bring his reorganization ideas before the City Council for their approval. Crystal Welsh, a 16-year city employee, is slated to be promoted to Director of the Office of Development Services, she will also serve as Building Commissioner. She had recently led the Community and Redevelopment Department.

CITIES: 500K ATTEND THREE RIVERS FESTIVAL IN FORT WAYNE - The Three Rivers Festival's executive director estimates close to a half million people attended the 48th festival that ended Saturday (Duffy, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette). Jack Hammer, who took over the event in 2010, said the numbers could change when a final tally is released in a couple of weeks. "I can tell you (by) the growth I saw in Junk Food Alley and attendance in some other areas," Hammer said Sunday night.

CITIES: PERU PD OFFICER REINSTATED - A Peru police officer who a judge ruled was wrongfully terminated from the department last year is set to return to work (*Kokomo Tribune*). Patrolman Sam Finnegan Friday signed a settlement agreement with the city to return to the force. He will first be placed on administrative leave until he completes standard tests given to new officers, which are required due to the time elapsed since he last served in the department. Finnegan was terminated in March 2015 after the Peru Board of Works determined he had missed three days of work without authorization. Finnegan testified during an appeals hearing that he believed he was on unpaid medical leave as allowed by the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) when he missed work.

CITIES: TERRE HAUTE COUNCIL MEMBER SLAMS MAYOR OVER FEE PROPOSAL - A Terre Haute city council member has created a video critical of Mayor Duke Bennett, based on his statements four years ago that no additional rate increases would be necessary for the city's 20-year, Long Term Control Plan (Loughlin, *Terre Haute Tribune-Star*). Council member Karrum Nasser posted the video on his Facebook page Thursday night. The video includes audio from a Nov. 8, 2012 council meeting in which the council passed a series of three sewer rate increases. According to audio from the meeting, as well as a transcript, the mayor says multiple times that in enacting the sewer rate increases, no additional increases would be necessary for the federally mandated, long-term control project to reduce combined sewer overflow into the Wabash River. The administration is now asking the council to consider a new stormwater fee to pay for the next phase of the long-term control plan, which will cost $40 million.

CITIES: GARY LOOKING FOR DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS - While speculation is running rampant about what a proposed plan to develop large parts of Gary would entail, administration officials said they are mainly looking at implementing plans that have been put together with the community over the past several years (Bierschenk, *NWI Times*). "We are just trying to implement what is already in place," said Joseph Van Dyk, executive director of the city's redevelopment and planning department. The city hopes to have a partner in bringing those plans to life. MaiaCo LLC, is one of two entities that responded to a request for proposals sent out by Gary's Redevelopment Commission seeking a redevelopment partner. Former Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley is part of the group.

CITIES: LEDBETTER RESIGNS FROM CHARLESTOWN COUNCIL - Ben Ledbetter - the recently retired principal of New Washington Middle-High elected to Charlestown City Council in November - resigned from his government post late last month, although his leave from city government work could be short-lived (Clark*, Louisville Courier-Journal).* The resignation was prompted by a "quirky law" in which in individuals cannot draw from state's Teacher Retirement Fund while contributing to the Public Employee Retirement Fund without at least a 30-day separation in order to receive pension, Ledbetter said. "I can't give up my teacher retirement fund, and I need to start receiving it as soon as possible," said Ledbetter, whose retirement from Greater Clark County Schools was effective at the end of the 2015-16 school year, according to school district documents.

COUNTIES: GENDER POLICY CRITICS THREATEN TO KEEP KIDS FROM SCHOOL - Local parents concerned with Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp.'s decision to extend anti-discrimination protections to transgender students say they will keep their children home on the first day of school if the school board does not reverse its policy (Covington*, Columbus Republic*). The parents have organized through a Facebook group, "Take Back Our Schools - BCSC," a page that has 26 likes. The parents have announced plans to make a final appeal to the BCSC school board to reverse its decision to add gender identity to the list of protected classes in the official board policies. Board members voted May 23 to extend protections to transgender students, although they maintained the policy change was in language only.

COUNTIES: SETBACKS MEAN NO WIND FARMS FOR HOWARD, TIPTON - Wind-farm developers have shown interest in building turbines in both Howard and Tipton counties in the last few years, but

wind farms won't be coming to either county anytime soon, and that's just the way county officials want it (Gerber, Kokomo Tribune). Both counties recently amended their wind ordinances to make it difficult, if not impossible, for wind-energy companies to pursue development within county lines after rural residents pushed back against the prospect of living near a turbine.

COUNTIES: HOWARD ADDS E-CIGS TO WORKPLACE BAN - Advocates for a smoke-free Kokomo celebrated another victory last week as the Howard County Commissioners voted to add e-cigarettes to the county government's own smoke-free workplace ordinance (Cameron, *Kokomo Herald*). It was a move applauded by Shirley Dubois, coordinator for Howard County Tobacco-Free. According to opponents of the e-cigarette ban, though, the science is not only far from settled and some studies indicate the vapor-based devices may actually be helpful.

Sports

PURDUE TO EXTEND PAINTER'S CONTRACT: Purdue coach Matt Painter confirmed Sunday that he has agreed to a three-year contract extension through the 2021-22 season (*Lafayette Journal & Courier*). Painter, via text message, said the deal may not be finalized until later this summer. Purdue athletic director Morgan Burke could not immediately be reached for comment. Tom Schott, Purdue senior associate athletics director for communications, confirmed the agreement. He said Purdue would not comment until approval of a finalized deal at the Aug. 25-26 meeting of the Purdue Board of Trustees. Financial details are not yet available. Painter's current contract, signed in 2011, guarantees him $2.45 million for the 2016-17 season in base salary, supplemental stipend (for media responsibilities and other personal appearances) and supplemental retirement contributions. Additional bonuses are available for the team's academic performance and Big Ten and national tournament finishes, advancement and awards.

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PENCE IN NJ BUT TRUMP SAYS 'NO FINAL, FINAL' DECISION: Indiana Gov. Mike Pence is in New Jersey ready to become the Republican vice presidential nominee, but Donald Trump has in stunning fashion called off the 11 a.m. Friday press conference in Manhattan (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Trump cited the terror attack in Nice, France for the postponement, but the Manhattan billionaire appeared on Fox News early Thursday evening and said, "I haven't made my final, final decision." The Trump campaign put out an email early Thursday evening, reading, "The event scheduled at the New York Hilton Midtown in New York, NY tomorrow, July 15th, 2016 is postponed with additional details to follow. There is no further information at this time." Campaign manager Paul Manafort said this morning that an announcement will come on Saturday, but did not confirm Pence is the selection. Pence traveled from Indianapolis to Teterboro Airport in New Jersey late Thursday afternoon, convincing just about everyone that an offer had been extended and he was poised to accept. An inquiry by HPI to Pence gubernatorial deputy chief of staff Matt Lloyd late Thursday afternoon seeking confirmation that an offer had been made was not returned. A second inquiry to deputy campaign manager Marc Lotter later Thursday evening brought no response. Lotter flew to New York early Thursday afternoon presumably to coordinate the announcement. Fox News reported early Thursday evening: The Trump campaign still insists an offer has not formally been made to anyone -- and nothing is final until the presumptive nominee announces his running mate Friday morning. And the New York Times reported: Less than 24 hours before Trump was set to reveal his vice-presidential choice at an event in New York, Trump had not made a formal offer, according Republicans familiar with the discussions who spoke mid-afternoon Thursday on the condition of anonymity because the ongoing talks were confidential. That leaves Pence in what should be considered a historically awkward dilemma. He must withdraw from the Indiana gubernatorial nomination by noon on Friday, so the Indiana Republican Central Committee can choose a successor. Pence is now left with a decision to either walk away from the veep nomination after auditioning for the job for two weeks, or risk forfeiting the gubernatorial nomination while he waits for the fickle Trump makes up his mind. Trump tweeted earlier in the evening after news of the terror attack in France that killed at least 30 people, saying, ""In light of the horrible attack in Nice, France, I have postponed tomorrow's news conference concerning my Vice Presidential announcement." Politico reported that Trump said the delay in announcing his vice presidential pick would "absolutely not" have an impact on his final choice as it would be "totally inappropriate." His campaign said only that "additional details" would follow regarding the timing of the announcement. CBS News "This Morning" reported that Pence might make the veep announcement on Saturday.

PENCE FACES NOON BALLOT WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE: Donald Trump's advisers say he hasn't made a final decision on who will be his running mate, although sources told Eyewitness News' Kevin Rader Thursday that Pence was Trump's pick (McCutcheon, *WTHR-TV*). After Thursday's attack in France, Trump put off Friday's big announcement. But decisions still need to be made Friday, regarding whether or not Gov. Mike Pence will withdraw his name from the governor's race. The deadline for him to file paperwork and withdraw is Friday at noon. The paperwork must be delivered in person to the Secretary of State's Office, but does not have to be delivered by Pence. He arrived in New York around dinner time Thursday for Friday's, now-delayed announcement. Could that delay potentially be buying Trump time for a surprise? "Donald Trump has proven in this campaign that anything can happen at the last minute," said Laura Albright, an assistant professor of political science at the University of Indianapolis. "I think it's nice to be respectful for what's going on in another country." She said the paperwork will tell the story. "I'm sure Pence already has things filled out and people have them in their brief cases and the moment

its announced, are ready to turn it into the Secretary of State's Office, because it has to be done at noon and Trump knows this," Albright said. "Pence obviously knows this. I'm sure they've communicated this between their campaigns." Jim Bopp, an influential conservative attorney who has previously advised Pence, said the delayed announcement "creates an enormous legal problem" for Pence, who is barred by Indiana law from seeking both offices (Associated Press). Bopp said that could mean Pence "has to make a decision without an official announcement." NBC *Meet the Press* host Chuck Todd said on MCNBC's *Morning Joe* this morning that Pence essentially has "all his chips on the table" and cannot come back to Indiana saying he really wants to continue being governor.

BOSMA WON'T SEEK GUBERNATORIAL NOMINATION: As Gov. Mike Pence traveled to New York to join Donald Trump, the field of candidates who want to replace him atop the Republican Party ticket in Indiana began to take shape Thursday (Briggs, *IndyStar*). Two of the biggest state GOP names have dropped out, leaving at least three prominent Republicans who are thought to be vying for the gubernatorial nomination: Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb, U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks and U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita. Two would-be frontrunners made it clear Thursday they are not seeking to replace Pence. Purdue University president and former governor Mitch Daniels said he would not pursue the Republican nomination. Daniels said he had been recruited by "a large number and wide variety of people I respect deeply," but decided he's not interested. Indiana House Speaker Brian Bosma, who previously expressed interest in running, told Republican colleagues he plans to remain in the House, said Rep. Bob Cherry of Greenfield. That leaves Holcomb, Brooks and Rokita as the best-known candidates. Rokita has said he plans to run for governor. Brooks is planning to withdraw from her congressional race to pursue the nomination, said Murray Clark, the former state Republican Party chairman and a partner at the law firm Faegre Baker Daniels. Holcomb has not publicly stated his plans, but is widely assumed to be running. Brooks' campaign officials could not be reached for comment Thursday. Neither Holcomb nor his spokesman immediately responded to phone calls or text messages seeking comment.

HPI WEEKLY EDITION MOVED THURSDAY EVENING: The weekly edition of *Howey Politics Indiana* moved around 6 p.m. Thursday evening after we watched news video of Gov. Pence arriving in New Jersey for what we believed would be a vice presidential announcement this morning.

VEEP PROCESS SPINS OUT OF TRUMP CONTROL: The final hours of Donald Trump's vice presidential selection process have played out in ways familiar with his campaign — messy, unpredictable and under the full glare of the media. Only this time the candidate lost control of the story (Balz, *Washington Post*). At some point, Trump's choice of a running mate will be announced. But it will take some time to sort out the events of the past few days. Was this a process that revealed indecision on the part of a candidate who has tried to project decisiveness and strength? Was it one that revealed continuing tensions inside a campaign that has been riven by staff differences? Or was it merely an aggressive media eager to break a big story that got ahead of events and created confusion when little actually existed? Or was it some combination of all of them? At the close of business Wednesday, Trump appeared on track to a routine unveiling of his running mate. Here in Cleveland, Paul Manafort, Trump's campaign manager told a handful of reporters that the announcement would be made Friday morning in New York. Trump later tweeted confirmation of what his campaign manager had said. At that point, the known universe of finalists included Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and former House speaker Newt Gingrich, with signs pointing increasingly toward Pence. But the process also had produced an intriguing subplot, a head versus heart conflict within the candidate. Trump long has been the master of the media, able to change the conversation with a single tweet or a phone interview with a

cable network or a speech at a rally. He dominated his primary opponents by skillfully manipulating the media. Sometimes he seemed determined merely to create chaos as a way to draw attention from something else. Sometimes what he did produced negative stories. He seemed to thrive through it all, conscious of the rule of the New York tabloids: feed or be consumed. That's not the way things appeared on Thursday, as the story of his selection moved from firm reports that he had picked Pence as his running mate to claims that Trump had made no call to the governor inviting him to be on the ticket to reports that the call had in fact been made, buttressed by unconfirmed reports that Pence was on a plane heading for New York, though the candidate was still in California. Trump knows the value of a good show, but this was hardly what a skilled impresario would have produced. Why Pence was in New York he would not say — if Pence actually was in New York. The postponement left all the finalists hanging, which is the last thing a skillful candidate should ever allow. Pence in particular was in difficult spot, facing a deadline about running for reelection for governor at noon on Friday, since he cannot run for both governor and vice president on the November ballot.

84 KILLED IN FRENCH TERROR ATTACK AT NICE: A Bastille Day fireworks celebration was shattered by death and mayhem Thursday night in the southern French city of Nice when a large truck barreled for more than a mile through an enormous crowd of spectators, crushing and maiming dozens in what France's president called a terrorist assault. It came eight months after the Paris attacks that traumatized the nation and all of Europe (*New York Times*). Officials and witnesses in Nice said at least 84 people, including children, were killed by the driver of the rampaging truck, who mowed them down on the sidewalk. He was shot to death by the police as officers scrambled to respond on what is France's most important annual holiday. Graphic television and video images showed the truck accelerating and tearing through the crowd, dozens of victims sprawled in its path, and the bullet-riddled windshield of the vehicle. Municipal officials and police officers described the truck as full of weapons and grenades. "The horror, the horror has, once again, hit France," President François Hollande said in a nationally televised address early Friday.

TRUMP SAYS HE WOULD 'DECLARE WAR': Donald Trump weighed in on the deadly Bastille Day massacre in Nice, France, where several dozen people were reported dead after a truck plowed through crowds celebrating the country's independence day (*CBS News*). Asked on Fox News Channel's "On the Record with Greta Van Susteren" for his reaction, Trump responded, "Well, it sounds like here we go again. It's going to be a whole different world. We're living in a whole different world. There is no respect for law and order. There is no respect for anything or anybody. And this has to be dealt with very harshly." In a separate interview with Fox News' Bill O'Reilly, Trump was asked if he would ask Congress for a declaration of war against ISIS. He responded: "I would. I would. This is war."

PENCE ANNOUNCES $1B INVESTMENT PLAN: Indiana will invest $1 billion to help spark new local ideas and companies, Gov. Mike Pence announced Thursday (*WRTV*). The investment will be spread over the next 10 years. Pence is requesting funding from the Indiana Public Retirement System and the General Assembly to go toward the 21Fund and a Venture Capital Investment tax credit. "Indiana is ranked first in the Midwest for business and first in the nation for small business regulations, but we're not done yet," Pence said in a release. "We must build on this economic momentum and increase collaboration between educators, community leaders, industry partners and most importantly, idea generators, to further propel innovation across the Hoosier state for generations to come."

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: It appears that Gov. Pence traveled to New Jersey without a firm deal in hand with the famously unpredictable Donald Trump. His office and campaign have not responded *HPI* requests for confirmation that a veep offer was extended. Reporters like Robert Costa of the *Washington Post* are saying this morning that Pence still remains the "likely choice" but that Trump hasn't made a "final choice." Just minutes ago *CBS News* described Trump as "mildly irked" that the Pence news leaked. Multiple sources tell *HPI* that Trump campaign staff and family had leaked the Pence news. It appears that Trump is angry that he lost control of the process. Others talk about how a "conventional" pick of Pence runs counter to the unconventional campaign that Trump has run. Pence now faces a hard ballot withdrawal deadline, one that Terre Haute attorney Jim Bopp Jr. calls an "enormous legal problem." Such is the danger of crawling into bed with a political viper. Faced with giving up his governorship without confirmation of a deal, the governor faces a daunting dilemma and deadline, which apparently will play out between this morning and sometime Saturday. Stay tuned. - *Brian A. Howey*

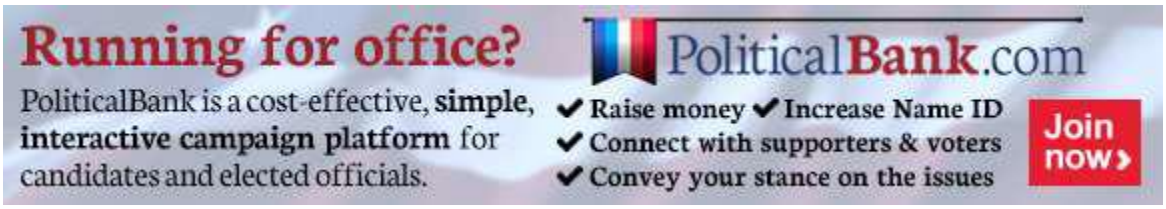


Campaign

GREGG AWAITS NEW OPPONENT: With Governor Mike Pence on the national ticket, Indiana Republicans will have to replace him on the ballot at home (*WTHR-TV*). Congresswoman Susan Brooks is one of the possible candidates to run in his place. She's in her second term representing Indiana's 5th District and is a former US Attorney and deputy mayor of Indianapolis. Congressman Todd Rokita is another possible contender. He has served the 4th District since 2011 and is the former two-term Indiana Secretary of State. Indiana House Speaker Brian Bosma also wants to be considered, as does Pence's current right-hand man, Lieutenant Governor Eric Holcomb - the former chairman of the Indiana Republican Party. But despite not knowing his new opponent, Democrat John Gregg is focused on his own campaign for governor. His staff told Eyewitness News they are staying the course and will only have to make a few adjustments, depending on who gets into the race. "In our perspective, it doesn't really matter who we're running against. They're still going to have to defend the record of Mike Pence. And we're still going to offer a vision and idea for why we think John Gregg and Christina Hale are better at cleaning it up," said Jeff Harris, spokesman for the Gregg campaign. "Clearly, Mike Pence was worried about his re-election here. We are beating him in all the polls - internal and external - and this is his bailout, and he decided that he would rather take a shot with someone as unstable as Donald Trump than stay here and fight it out here." Gregg's campaign called the development a net positive for them, especially since the new Republican nominee will have to start from scratch.

POTENTIAL GOP FIELD GATHERS: The search will soon begin to find the replacement for Mike Pence as Governor of Indiana with just four months until the general election (*WISH-TV).* 24-Hour News 8 learned there are at least six potential replacements. The list includes congressman to former and current city mayors. Mike Pence has until Friday afternoon to drop out of the governor's race making way for another candidate to go up against democratic nominee John Gregg. "Well, obviously we'll have another candidate for governor and I think it's good for both republicans and the democrats in the state," said Laura Albright, assistant professor of political science at University of Indianapolis. Albright said several names have been thrown into the mix, including Congresswoman Susan Brooks, Congressman Todd Rokita, and Indiana House Speaker Brian Bosma. "So that opens up a pool for someone who might be more competitive than Pence," she said. One of the top contenders is congresswoman Brooks, who recently served on the Benghazi committee and questioned Hillary Clinton. Another contender is Lieutenant Governor Eric Holcomb. He took office this past March after dropping out of a bid for the U.S. Senate. "For whoever's running for the republican ticket as governor they need to file and then immediately start their campaign because we're already half way through July the Republican National Convention is next week and the balls rolling they need to get into the game," she said." Other names on that list: Lloyd Winnecke and Greg Ballard. Winnecke is the Mayor of Evansville. He told 24-Hour News 8 he received phone calls about running but has not made a decision. Ballard the former Mayor of Indianapolis did not respond to our message for comment.

3 GOP CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS EYE FIELD: Deb Fleming, a St. Joseph County commissioner, and Nick Barbknecht, a LaPorte developer, are two of the 22 people on the Indiana GOP's state committee (Allen, *South Bend Tribune*). "I'm not worried at all," Barbknecht said about the possibility of replacing Pence on the ballot. "We have more Hoosiers working than ever before, and it was a Republican administration that has done that. John Gregg wanted it to be a referendum on Mike Pence. No one knows who John Gregg is." But with just three months before early voting starts, beating Gregg will be more difficult without Pence, Fleming said. "It's going to be more of an effort," Fleming said. "I wouldn't use the word 'jeopardize,' but it's just going to be a harder effort now. The person we put in has a lot of work to do and needs to have name recognition." In recent days, Fleming said two potential candidates have called her and said they intend to run: Susan Brooks and Todd Rokita, both of whom represent parts of central Indiana in the U.S. House. State party officials have told her that Pence's lieutenant governor, Eric Holcomb, has declared his interest. House Speaker Brian Bosma is another contender. Fleming said she doesn't have a favorite yet. "I think they all have potential," she said. "The people I've talked to are saying, 'How do those contrasts line up?' and, 'How well-positioned are people from a network perspective? From a knowing the voters of the state perspective?'" said 7th CD Chair Tom John (*WRTV)*.



Presidential 2016

NBC REPORTS A VEEP D-DAY, UNTIL IT WASN'T: It was D-Day, and then it wasn't, with sources telling *NBC News* Trump chose Indiana Gov. Mike Pence as his running mate but then Trump himself insisting on *Fox News* that he hadn't made a "final, final decision." This came after he postponed his announcement due to the attack in Nice, he said on Twitter. Pence had already flown to New York City, however, and is spending the night at an Intercontinental hotel in Manhattan — presumably waiting, like the rest of the nation, for what Trump's going to decide. NBC News reported that Donald Trump has selected Indiana Gov. Mike Pence as his vice-presidential running mate, with a caveat from sources (and our past experience with the presumptive GOP nominee): Trump could easily change his mind. And Trump extended his own self-imposed deadline of Friday at 11 a.m. with a tweet on Thursday night, giving him all the more time to change his mind on the pick. He later said on Fox he planned to announce the rescheduled announcement on Friday. Speaking on Fox News, Trump said he hadn't made a "final, final decision." But Pence's moves all day Thursday suggested he had. The Indiana governor was spotted by a chopper overhead departing a plane in New Jersey, and caught on-camera entering a Manhattan hotel just over a mile away from Trump Tower. Sources say that preparations for the 11 a.m. announcement are continuing apace, despite the holding pattern from Trump himself.

CNN REPORTS OFFER WAS MADE TO PENCE: Donald Trump has called Indiana Gov. Mike Pence and offered him the vice presidential slot on his ticket*, CNN* has learned. Pence has accepted. Trump said Thursday evening he's postponing the official announcement, previously set for Friday morning. CNN then cited the Trump quote to Fox News that a "final, final decision" hadn't been made.

DEMOCRATS WILL PAINT PENCE AS A ZEALOT: Democrats plan to tag Donald Trump's newly-minted running mate Mike Pence as a social conservative zealot who reflects Trump's worst qualities, according to several party operatives involved in efforts to tarnish the opposition ticket right out of the gate (*NBC News*). As both a congressman and governor, Pence was a reliable ally of social conservatives who often says he is, "a Christian, a conservative and a Republican — in that order." Democrats say that agenda is a major vulnerability in a general election because it alienates key voting blocs. "That's the top line on our message because that's the top line in his career," said a Democratic operative involved in the race who spoke on background because Trump's decision had not yet been announced. And while Trump is no Christian warrior — he has said he would champion gay rights and seems unfamiliar with the Bible — Democrats will say both Trump and Pence are divisive and discriminatory in their own ways. While Trump turns off people of color, Pence turns off women and LGBT people, they say. Still, Democrats acknowledge Pence might be able to help Trump in the critical Midwest, which holds many swing states, and that he could help professionalize Trump's campaign and be a bridge to Republicans in Washington.

KOCHS WON'T FOLLOW PENCE TO TRUMP: Indiana Gov. Mike Pence has been a favorite of the Koch political operation and a featured speaker at Koch-backed events. But that doesn't mean his selection to be Donald Trump's running mate would mobilize the network of conservative nonprofit groups in support of the Republican presidential ticket (*Washington Post*). "It doesn't change our engagement on the presidential," James Davis, a spokesman for Freedom Partners, the network's funding arm, said on Thursday. "We are going to remain focused on the Senate."

SHINE, BERRY REACT TO ALLEGED PENCE SELECTION: Neither the Trump nor Pence campaigns would comment on the record, but many Hoosier Republicans celebrated anyway (Kelly, *Fort Wayne*

Journal Gazette). "He has a great resume of accomplishments in state government and had a leadership role in the House when in Congress," said former Indiana Republican Party Chairman Tim Berry of Pence. "He is able to eloquently deliver a speech and carry a message." "It will certainly shine the spotlight on Indiana and all the great progress that has been made under the Pence administration," said Allen County GOP Party Chairman Steve Shine. "Pence's philosophies and beliefs will validate Trump administrations' commitment to conservative values."

LENKOWSKY REACTS: Donald Trump is expected to announce his running mate this week, and some media outlets have been reporting since Thursday that Gov. Mike Pence will join the presumptive Republican Party nominee on the November ballot (Slavin, *Bloomington Herald-Times*). "When a nominee for president asks you to be part of his ticket, it's hard to say no," said Les Lenkowsky, an expert in public affairs at Indiana University, on Thursday afternoon. "All the omens are there, but we won't know for sure until tomorrow." Lenkowsky recently rewatched a recording of one of his appearances on "The Mike Pence Show," the political talk radio and television programs Pence hosted from the mid- to late 1990s. Pence, long before becoming governor of Indiana, opens the show by asking his guests about the importance of family values. "He doesn't look the same, but he sounds the same," Lenkowsky said. "He's sincere, and I think what he adds to the Trump ticket is exactly as advertised."

PENCE UP TO A NEGATIVE CAMPAIGN? Donald Trump is looking for a running mate who can not only withstand the attacks of the Democratic machine, but one who can hit back — hard. Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, who is rumored to be on the verge of getting the job, doesn't really fit the bill (*Politico)*. Trump steamrolled his way through the Republican primary with strong attacks on his rivals, and has brought the same intensity to his fight against Hillary Clinton — or "Lying, Crooked Hillary," as he calls her. But now he is poised to be joined by Pence, who swore off negative campaign after a bruising loss in a run for Congress in 1990. Pence penned a repentant essay in 1991 titled "Confessions of a Negative Campaigner." "Negative campaigning is wrong," Pence wrote in the piece, which was published in the Indiana Policy Review. "That is not to say that a negative campaign is an ineffective option in a tough political race. Pollsters will attest — with great conviction — that it is the negatives that move voters. The mantra of a modern political campaign is 'drive up the negatives.' … The wrongness is not of rule violated but of opportunity lost. It is wrong, quite simply, because he or she could have brought critical issues before the citizenry." Pence went on to write that a campaign "ought to demonstrate the basic human decency of the candidate" and "ought to be about the advancement of issues whose success or failure is more significant than that of the candidate."

TRUMP, PENCE HAVE DIFFERENT WORLD VIEWS: Donald Trump's vice presidential pick, Mike Pence, has held wildly different views on trade, Russia, Iraq and Muslims than the billionaire businessman (*CNN)*. Throughout his 16-year political career, the 57-year-old Indiana governor has adhered to traditionally muscular Republican policies on foreign affairs. Trump, however, has taken a more isolationist approach and placed less emphasis on foreign issues. The issues that he has put at the center of his campaign are largely the ones he and his running mate disagree on. Trump made his opposition to the Iraq intervention a major theme, criticizing Democratic opponent Hillary Clinton for her 2002 vote backing the war when she was in the Senate.

TRUMP, PENCE DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSITE ON TRADE: Perhaps more than any other international issue, Trump has made global trade a defining aspect of his campaign -- yet Pence has taken a diametrically opposed position *(CNN).* The real estate mogul has frequently called NAFTA, which regulates trade between U.S., Canada and Mexico, "a disaster." During a Republican primary debate in February, he declared, "We are killing ourselves with trade pacts that are no good for us and no good for our workers." Pence, in contrast, praised the role of global trade and slammed protectionism in a 2010 speech to the Detroit Economic Club. "Protectionism and closing our doors to other countries does not help us, or people in the rest of the world," he said. "We must support expanded free trade to renew American exceptionalism and create jobs." Potentially most problematic for Trump, Pence has been a strong proponent of the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a regional trade deal involving 12 countries pushed by the Obama administration. "The Trans-Pacific Partnership is another disaster done and pushed by special interests who want to rape our country -- just a continuing rape of our country. It's a harsh word, but it's true," Trump said in a speech last month in Ohio. But in a September 2014 tweet, Pence gave the deal a ringing endorsement and called for its "swift adoption."

CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS LAUD PENCE: Republicans on Capitol Hill spoke approvingly of Mr. Pence on Thursday: He is seen among his former colleagues there as a conventional politician with standard-issue conservative beliefs, including on some subjects where his policy instincts plainly conflict with Mr. Trump's (*New York Times*). "It's no secret I'm a big fan of Mike Pence's," said Paul D. Ryan, the speaker of the House from Wisconsin. "We're very good friends. I have very high regard for him. I hope that he picks a good movement conservative. Clearly, Mike is one of those." The Senate majority leader, Mitch McConnell, of Kentucky, said picking Mr. Pence would be a "good move by Donald Trump." Mr. McConnell, who has sharply rebuked Mr. Trump in recent weeks for his indiscipline on the campaign trail, said he would "look forward to enthusiastically supporting the ticket."

GINGRICH COMENTS ON SHARIAH LAW: The second morning of speeches at the Values Voter Summit here in DC was dominated by a man who is swiftly becoming the nation's spokesperson for Islamophobia -- former House speaker Newt Gingrich. Fresh off the release of his Islam-focused film "America At Risk," Gingrich told the crowd at VVS that it's time to take federal action to prevent Shariah Law from infiltrating courtrooms in the US (*Talking Points Memo*). "We should have a federal law that says sharia law cannot be recognized by any court in the United States," Gingrich said to a standing ovation from the audience. The law will let judges know, Gingrich said, that "no judge will remain in office that tried to use sharia law." Gingrich made a not-so-subtle reference to the right wing meme about freshly-minted Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan which claims that Kagan is "sympathetic" to Shariah and -- as some suggested during her confirmation hearings -- might allow it to be recognized as law in the United States.

CLINTON RESPONDS TO TERROR ATTACK: Trump's general election rival, presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton also phoned in for an interview with Fox News' O'Reilly Thursday night to discuss the attack in Nice (*CBS News*). The former secretary of state stressed the importance of America's alliance with France in her interview and urged need for the the U.S. to "stand strongly with them." "Events like this," she said, "remind us how vital -- vital -- it is in every way not to abandon them. We need to strengthen our alliances, and I include NATO in that. We've got to do more to understand that this is a war against these terrorist groups." Clinton named a counter-terrorism "intelligence surge" as one of her top priorities as president, pushing for increased cooperation among U.S. agencies and allied

countries. "We need strong, tough diplomacy starting with our friends," she said, "collectively with the EU, with NATO, and with others."

TRUMP LEADS IN LA TIMES TRACKING POLL: As the presidential race moves into a key two-week period, with the announcement of running mates and the party conventions, Donald Trump has taken an apparent slim lead over Hillary Clinton, based on strong support from white voters, particularly men. That finding, from a USC *Dornsife/Los Angeles Times Daybreak* tracking poll, a new survey that begins publication Friday, marks a significant shift in a race that most polls indicated Clinton has led since mid-May.In the new tracking poll, through Thursday night, Trump leads Clinton 43% to 40%. That's within the poll's margin of error of 3 points in either direction, meaning the apparent lead could be the result of chance.



Republican National Convention

TRUMP SIDESTEPS RULES DEFEAT: Donald Trump received a major victory Thursday as delegates overwhelmingly opposed last-ditch efforts to derail his nomination (*NBC News*). In the wonky Rules Committee meeting ahead of the Republican National Convention next week, a whip team assembled by the Trump campaign worked closely with officials at the Republican National Convention to defeat anti-Trump delegates' efforts. The RNC and Trump whip teams erupted into applause behind a section-off portion of the cavernous hall when the committee adjourned. Trump's top aide Paul Manafort immediately declared victory on Twitter — adding to only 15 tweets he's ever posted on his account.

SEC. JOHNSON CITES SECURITY CONCERNS: Senior U.S. national security officials said Thursday they are worried about the potential for violence at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland as tensions run high around the country after the recent police shootings of unarmed black men and the deadly ambush of police officers in Dallas (*CBS News*). During congressional testimony, Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson said he's concerned that demonstrations outside the convention hall may get out of hand. He told lawmakers that roughly 4,000 U.S. government personnel will be based in Cleveland to ensure the safety of people there. "I am concerned about the possibility of violence," Johnson told the House Homeland Security Committee. He added that in Ohio it is legal to openly carry firearms. Johnson said he will be inspecting security in Cleveland during a visit on Friday.

TEBOW SAYS HE WON'T SPEAK: Tim Tebow, the Heisman Trophy winner, reality television star and former N.F.L. player who was supposed to be one of the biggest names to appear at the Republican National Convention, said Thursday that he would not speak after all (*New York Times*). In a video he posted to Instagram, Mr. Tebow called reports that he would be a speaker "a rumor." "It's amazing how fast rumors fly," he said. "And that's exactly what it is. A rumor."



Congress

VISCLOSKY SEEKS MORE STEEL TARIFFS: Congressman Pete Visclosky, D-Ind., testified on Thursday before the International Trade Commission in favor of tariffs on imports of structural tubing from Korea, Mexico and Turkey (NWI Times). Local producers of the steel product include Independence Tube, in Chicago; Atlas Tube on the far Southeast side of the city; and Bull Moose, in Elkhart. Northwest Indiana steel mills also make the flat-rolled metal that's shaped into tube that's used in oil exploration and energy production.

DONNELLY SPONSORS VA CREDIT RATING BILL: U.S. Senators Joe Donnelly (D-IN) and Mike Rounds (R-SD) announced today that they have introduced bipartisan legislation that would protect the credit ratings of veterans wrongly penalized by delays in reimbursements for medical bills by the Department of Veterans Affairs (*Howey Politics Indiana*). In addition to experiencing long wait times and issues making appointments through the Veterans Choice Program, veterans are also getting billed inappropriately for services because the VA has failed to pay health care providers in a timely fashion. These bills, which should be covered by VA benefits, can create financial hardship for veterans and damage their credit scores. The Protecting Veterans Credit Act would delay for one year medical debt from being reported to credit agencies for veterans who have accessed services through the Veterans Choice Program and other similar VA community care programs. This would allow time for payment issues to be resolved without impacting veterans' credit scores. Donnelly said, "Hoosier veterans and their credit ratings can be harmed as a result of delays by the VA, which can make it harder to buy a house, rent an apartment, buy a car, or even get a job. This bipartisan bill would provide relief directly to the men and women who served our country with honor and distinction. They deserve access to quality and timely health care services and the benefits they have earned, without worrying it will lead to financial ruin."

State

DCS: CHILD DEATHS RISE - The Indiana Department of Child Services says the number of Indiana children who died from abuse or neglect during the 2014 state fiscal year rose by more than 25 percent over the previous year (*WTHR-TV*). The agency this week released a report saying 66 Indiana children died those ways in 2014, up from 49 the year before. The latest numbers show 12 children died from abuse, one fewer than in 2013, and 54 from neglect, compared with 36 the year before. It says half of the abuse victims last year and nearly half of the neglect victims were 1 year old or younger. The agency says four of the 2014 victims had prior histories with child welfare workers. Department Director Mary Beth Bonaventura stresses that each of the deaths was preventable.



Nation

WHITE HOUSE: OBAMA CONDEMNS ATTACK - The White House released a statement from President Obama on Twitter Thursday evening condemning "what appears to be a horrific terrorist attack in Nice, France" (*CBS News*). At least 75 people were killed and dozens of others hurt when a truck plowed into a crowd celebrating Bastille Day in Nice, France local officials said Thursday. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and other loved ones of those killed, and we wish a full recovery for the many wounded," the statement from Mr. Obama read.

WHITE HOUSE: KERRY IN MOSCOW WITH SYRIA PLAN - Secretary of State John F. Kerry, carrying a new U.S. proposal for coordinated U.S.-Russia counterterrorism operations in Syria, met with President Vladimir Putin here Thursday night in the latest Obama administration effort to salvage a failing cease-fire and revive suspended peace negotiations in the Syrian civil war (*Washington Post*). Kerry's motorcade went directly from the airport to the Kremlin, a sign of the urgency he places on testing Moscow's intention to abide by its commitments in Syria. Putin, speaking at Kerry's side before the closed-door talks, said a telephone conversation last week with President Obama had "convinced" him "that it's our sincere desire . . . to yield tangible results."

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PENCE TWISTING IN THE TRUMPIAN WINDS: As the Watergate scandal was just beginning to stir, it was President Nixon's White House aide John Ehrlichman who said of embattled FBI Director Patrick Gray that he was "twisting, slowly, slowly in the wind." If there was a political parallel, that would be an apt description of Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, whose political fate lies in the hands of the unpredictable mogul Donald Trump (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The Manhattan billionaire took a rhetorical embrace from the governor, $1.5 million and counting from a Columbia Club fundraiser aided and abetted by the governor, then launched what essentially has been a political reality show rivaling "The Apprentice" unfold two blocks from Pence's Statehouse office. After an unexpected breakfast with Trump, his adult children Donald Jr., Eric, Ivanka, son-in-law Jared Kushner and campaign manager Paul Manafort, Pence hit his reelection campaign trail with stops in Fort Wayne and Muncie, while the Trump holed up in the Conrad Hotel, where he apparently received former House speaker Newt Gingrich and U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions. Gingrich spent two and a half hours with Trump at the Conrad. There was reportedly a phone conversation with his long-time pal and confidante Chris Christie, the governor of New Jersey, and no decision on who he would run with. Multiple national media outlets framed it this way: That Pence would be the "safe" choice coming from Trump's magnificent brain. But from the "gut," there were leanings toward Christie. Gingrich approached the campaign to make an 11th hour pitch. Sessions, several sources said, came in as an adviser and left with Trump for California. Gingrich compared it to "The Apprentice," saying it essentially comes down to who is the "last one standing." None of the finalists appear to bring along any states and Electoral College votes that he already appears to have. Of this grouping of veep wannabes that include retired Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, Pence is the one facing a hard deadline. He must withdraw from the Indiana ballot by noon on Friday. And of this bunch, none face the political perils of running for one office in what is considered a tossup rematch, while coveting another. That kind of dynamic can inflict lasting damage, as Democrat John Gregg has already characterized Pence is ready to "bail," using the governor's office as a "stepping stone." Multiple media sources say that Trump is expected to unveil his running mate by Friday, and possibly as early as Friday. Trump appears to want an "attack dog," even though he has run in that mode for past 13 months. His desire for a "political" pick who can help him govern on Capitol Hill could be a priority, or as disposable as an empty plastic water bottle. Trump himself with duplicitous, telling Fox News Bret Baier, "I am narrowing it down. I mean, I'm at three, potentially four. But in my own mind, I probably am thinking about two." Gingrich said that Pence "has a terrific ability to bring together the party. I think he would be a very stabilizing force. A lot of people are jittery about Donald Trump. He could spend a good part of August bringing back the party regulars. My strength is different. I'm an outsider. I have big ideas." As for Christie, Trump told Fox News, "I tell you, Chris Christie is somebody I've liked a long time. He's a total professional. He's a good guy, by the way, a lot of people don't understand that."

TRUMP TO UNVEIL VEEP AT 11 FRIDAY: Presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump tweeted Wednesday evening that he will unveil his vice presidential nominee at 11 a.m. Friday in Manhattan (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "I will be making the announcement of my Vice Presidential pick on Friday at 11 a.m. in Manhattan," Trump tweeted late in the day. "Details to follow." POLITICO reported that Trump's advisers and children are divided over who to pick — son in law Jared Kushner is said to fiercely oppose Christie and favor Gingrich, while Manafort and the younger Trumps prefer Pence.

HPI WEEKLY COMING WITH VEEPSTAKES DECISION: The weekly *Howey Politics Indiana* edition is 90% complete, but we're awaiting a decision from presumptive Republican presidential nominee's decision on the veepstakes. Your next weekly HPI will come within an hour or so after we know how that turns out.

PENCE CAMPAIGNS IN FORT WAYNE AS SPECULATION BUILDS: Gov. Mike Pence said Wednesday afternoon in Fort Wayne that he has yet to be offered the No. 2 spot on the Republican Party's presidential ticket (Francisco, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). Pence, a finalist for the vice presidential slot, campaigned Tuesday in Indianapolis and Westfield with presumptive GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump, and they and some of their family members spent more than an hour together Wednesday morning at the governor's residence. "It's great to have them in Indiana, great to have a chance to break bread. Nothing was offered, nothing was accepted," Pence told reporters after he walked around the pavilion and food alley of the Three Rivers Festival at Headwaters Park, stopping to shake hands and pose for photos with fair-goers. Pence said his and Trump's families "had a great conversation about the country, challenges facing America and my firm belief that Donald Trump is going to provide the kind of leadership that America needs to strengthen our nation at home and abroad and give Americans the confidence that we'll be appointing people to the Supreme Court that will stand by our Constitution." "I'm honored to be considered and humbled to be considered. The conversations that we had between two families is something Karen and I will cherish the rest of our lives whatever the outcome," Pence said about his and his wife's reaction to their meetings with Trump. Pence called the thrice-married Trump "a dedicated family man, a great dad, he's a builder, he's a fighter, and he's a patriot, and I think he's going to make a great president of the United States of America."

BAYH BEGINS TV AD CAMPAIGN: Just a day after he announced he will seek a third U.S. Senate term, Democrat Evan Bayh began using his $10 million war chest with a statewide TV ad campaign saying that he is returning because the Senate is a dysfunctional institution (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Bayh confirmed that he will seek the U.S. Senate nomination at a July 22 Indiana Democratic Central Committee caucus. "With the challenges facing Indiana and our country, I can no longer sit on the sidelines and watch as partisan bickering grinds Washington to a halt," Bayh said in a statement. "Hoosier families deserve more and I've decided to run to take their cause to the U.S. Senate. It's time for Indiana common sense – the principle that guided my work as Governor, when we crossed the aisle to cut taxes, reform welfare and create a scholarship program to help Hoosier families afford college," Bayh continued. The statement came two days after Democratic nominee Baron Hill abruptly announced he was leaving the ticket. Multiple sources tell Howey Politics Indiana that Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid and his designated successor, U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer played critical roles in convincing Bayh to seek the seat he held for two terms and his father, U.S. Sen. Birch Bayh, held for three terms. The pair, along with presumptive presidential nominee Hillary Clinton also played roles in convincing Hill to exit the race. "It's how we supported our veterans and worked with business leaders to help create jobs, all while balancing the budget and building a surplus to protect taxpayers," Bayh said. "It's why I support a Constitutional amendment to balance the budget, fought in the Senate to cut red tape for small businesses and took on China to combat their unfair trade practices that take away our jobs. It wasn't easy and there were immense frustrations but it's not enough to just hope things get better. One of the reasons I decided to retire was to spend more time with my twin boys and my wife. I am proud of that decision and cherish the time I've had with them. Now, I see their future – and all of Indiana's future – put at risk by a broken political system. I'll work every day to put progress ahead of partisanship and to earn the support of Hoosiers so that we can get back to getting things done for Indiana."

BAYH FACES TOUGH RACE AGAINST YOUNG: While Democrat Evan Bayh starts at least even in the race (or probably with a slight advantage), don't put the Hoosier State in the Democratic column quite yet (Rothenberg, *Washington Post*). Bayh, who was first elected Indiana secretary of state 30 years ago, has not had a competitive race since his 1988 gubernatorial contest, when he defeated John Mutz, the state's two-term lieutenant governor, 53 percent to 47 percent. Bayh was re-elected governor by 25 points in 1992, elected to the Senate by 29 points in 1998 and re-elected to the Senate by 24 points in 2004. They were all laughers that were never competitive – unlike this year's contest. But Bayh's opponent this time is Todd Young, a former Marine who graduated from the United States Naval Academy, and has an MBA from the University of Chicago and a law degree from the University of Indiana. He was elected to Congress three times (the first in 2010), and won this year's GOP Senate nomination by handily defeating fellow congressman Marlin Stutzman, a tea party favorite, on May 3rd. Young raised $3.7 million through the middle of April according to his pre-primary FEC report, and he looked to be the clear favorite for November. While Bayh's entry into the race changes things, Young won't roll over against Bayh, and national Republican strategists have more ammunition against Bayh than they did during his past races. His residence will be an issue when Republicans note his various homes and argue his connection to Indiana these days is, well, thin at best. And they will surely paint the race as a choice between tomorrow and yesterday. Finally, they are almost certain to stress the larger choice involved, linking Bayh to Clinton, Obama and Democratic control of the Senate in 2016. For Evan Bayh, his decision to run this year, like his 2010 decision, is not exactly a profile in courage.

GREGG DEBUTS STATE ROADS PLAN: Speaking before a crowd of local state, county and union leaders at the Gary/Chicago International Airport, John Gregg, the Democratic candidate for governor, said the $3.2 billion Gregg/Christina Hale plan would use the proceeds from the sale of the Indiana Toll Road, which he said are now sitting in a bank, to invest in the state's roads, airports, railroads and ports (Caffarini, *Post-Tribune*). He estimated his plan would generate about 54,600 new jobs. "Lake County is a prime example of being neglected under the previous administrations and watching good-paying jobs leave as a result," Gregg said. He said under the Gregg/Hale plan, $200 million of the existing $500 million Next Generation Trust Fund would be used to provide low-interest loans to local governments to support local projects such as roads, bridges, sidewalks and bike paths. He said the money would establish the Hoosier State Infrastructure Bank, which would provide revolving loans based on need and priority. He said the bank would be non-political, and would be reviewed and operated by the Indiana Finance Authority, which he said would have representation from the region. Gregg said the interest rate would vary, but would always be less than the going rate at banks. As the money is paid back, more would be available for other projects. The remaining $300 million would be earmarked to leverage bonds of up to $3 billion for new local and state projects deemed critical to future economic growth and development. He said the bonds would be paid back with future federal highway distribution money.

CLINTON CALLS PARTY OF LINCOLN 'PARTY OF TRUMP': Hillary Clinton, standing inside the same chamber that helped shape Abraham Lincoln into the father of the Republican Party, argued Wednesday that Donald Trump was perverting what his party once stood for (*CNN*). Clinton, flanked by American flags and standing beneath a portrait of George Washington, said Trump is dividing the United States and is a far cry from Lincoln, who argued against slavery in the same chamber in 1858, famously telling the assembled lawmakers that "a house divided against itself cannot stand." "This man is the nominee of the Party of Lincoln," Clinton said. "We're watching it become the Party of Trump. And that's not just a huge loss for our democracy -- it's a threat to it." But Clinton also looked inward during her remarks, telling assembled guests that political divisions have caused fear and anxiety to fester and that she realizes she "cannot stand here and claim that my words and actions haven't sometimes fueled the partisanship that often stands in the way of our progress." Clinton's argument throughout the speech -- delivered with the help of a teleprompter -- was that Trump is not only fueling divisions in the country but was doing so to

power his campaign. "His campaign is as divisive as any we've seen in our lifetimes," Clinton said. "It's built on stoking mistrust and pitting American against American. It's there in everything he says and everything he promises to do as president."

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: The Washington Post's Robert Costa believes Gov. Pence is still atop the veepstakes, favored by campaign manger Paul Manafort and the younger Trump children. MSNBC'S Joe Scarborough believes that Pence would be out of his league and element with Trump. NBC's Chuck Todd notes that Trump doesn't know Pence well, and that might favor Gringrich or Christie. "Gingrich is the roll of the dice and isn't that the whole point of the campaign?" Todd asked this morning. Pence appears to be the "head" choice and Gov. Christie is the "gut" choice. With Donald Trump bringing his reality TV show mode to the veepstakes, it's impossible to know where the presumptive nominee's magnificent brain really is at this writing, though multiple sources believe Trump is following his gut. Pence for vice president? One clue is that while Gingrich is on the RNC speakers list, Pence is not, so perhaps the veep speaking slot awaits him. Who the hell knows? Perhaps by this afternoon or this evening we'll know, particularly if the Hoosier First Couple shows up at the airport for a flight to New York City. Godspeed, Governor. - *Brian A. Howey*



Campaign

DRAFT MITCH MOVEMENT URGES PHONE CALLS: Republicans are always talking about how deep their bench is. So now that there is a possible vacancy on the ballot for governor who are some GOP members turning to? Former Gov. Mitch Daniels, of course. Enterprise Republicans - a movement created by former Daniels campaign manager Bill Oesterle - is drumming up support to try and lure Daniels away from his post as president of Purdue University (*Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). "This is truly an unprecedented time in Indiana politics. While the Democrats have played musical chairs in the U.S. senate race, Hoosier Republicans are waiting to see if there will be major moves in the gubernatorial race," an email sent to many Republicans Tuesday said. The email said there are many calls going into West Lafayette to try to urge Daniels to consider the move. "These phone calls are nothing new. We suspect Our Man Mitch's phone rings off the hook every time there is a leadership opportunity in our state," it said. "This time is a little different: he hasn't said no yet." Daniels was quoted by local media as not wanting to comment on hypothetical situations. The group set up a Draft Mitch petition asking him to run for Governor if Pence is selected to run for vice president. You can sign the petition here: https://draftmitch.nationbuilder.com.

PENCE CAMP SAYS GREGG PLAN 'IRRESPONSIBLE': The deputy campaign manager for Gregg's Republican opponent, Gov. Mike Pence, told the *Post-Tribune* the Democrat's plan was 'irresponsible'. "Despite John Gregg's desperate attempts to misdirect Hoosiers from his legacy of failure, Indiana is investing billions in roads and bridges with no tax increases under Governor Mike Pence," said Marc Lotter in an email. "In fact, just this week CNBC rated Indiana's transportation infrastructure as the best in the nation. Frankly, John Gregg's roads plan is fiscally irresponsible and would jeopardize our reputation as the Crossroads of America."

HILL COMMENTS ON DALLAS: Republican attorney general nominee Curtis Hill reacted to the shooting of five Dallas police officers, saying, "I want to express my heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of those impacted by the most recent shootings across this country. These troubling actions are casting a dark shadow over our American justice system" (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "Notwithstanding this madness in America that has many questioning our system of justice, my message today is one of hope and encouragement. I am encouraged because in my twenty-five years as a prosecutor, two things remain crystal clear for me: I believe in America and I believe in justice for everyone. I have come to cherish the rule of law, even when it moves slowly or arrives at a result with which I might disagree. We are a nation founded on the principle that we, the people, will govern ourselves. Despite imperfections, our American system of justice remains our best hope for defending freedom, resolving disputes, and securing justice."

SUSAN BAYH COMMENTS ON COMING CAMPAIGN: Susan Bayh says she's looking forward to the U.S. Senate campaign (*WTHR-TV*). "I'm really excited that Evan is willing to take up this challenge. I think the country is in a very difficult place and very divisive politics and we really need people, the good people to step up and get back into the game to make sure the country knows there are enough good people that will become statesmen and not just politicians," she said. "I'm absolutely ready. I think the difference is we have two 20-year-old boys and they haven't been through this. The last time Evan ran, they were very young. And so I think getting them up to speed is my biggest job. Sort of letting them know what their dad is doing is important. And even the conversation and criticism is part of the political process and it's sort of the cost of democracy and so they've to got to be willing to pay that price with their dad and they're all on board. We as a family discussed this and they know what's about to come and they want to be part of it," she added. About a year ago, Susan Bayh had surgery to remove a brain tumor. She spoke to us about that health crisis. "It was about a year ago, in late July that I had to have brain surgery, which is a very scary thing. I was having some headaches and my son Beau and then all my boys, including my husband, really urged me to go to the doctor. I did and they thought it was nothing. My son Beau kept on me, and Evan and Nick as well, and so I finally got a CAT scan and they realized that day that I had a brain tumor about the size of a plum that was in my head but outside my brain, which was very good. And then I was lucky enough to find out it was not brain cancer, that it was just a brain tumor. It's completely curable and the prognosis is excellent. My hair was all shaved and now it's back which is nice and I'm back up to my energy level that I was," she said. "It made me really realize, both of us I think, that life is short and we're put on this earth to do things and perhaps maybe do some important things for the country, too."

HARMLESS SAYS BAYH IN IT FOR LONG HAUL: The former executive director of the Indiana Democratic Party expects Evan Bayh's return to politics to be a long-term decision (Ober, *Inside Indiana Business*). Mike Harmless helped coordinate Bayh's campaign when he first ran for the U.S. Senate in the

late 1990s. Harmless says Bayh, who announced another run for Senate Wednesday, believes "fixing Washington will take time." Bayh will run against Congressman Todd Young (R-9).

CARDWELL CRITICIZES BAYH: State Republican Party Chairman Jeff Cardwell was quick to criticize Bayh's reasoning for jumping back into politics (*Bloomington Herald-Times*). "He states that the reason for joining the race is that the political process is too partisan," Cardwell said in a prepared statement. "Let's not forget that that is the same reason he gave for leaving the Senate in 2010."

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TRUMP ADVISERS HOPED PENCE WOULD IMPRESS: Among Mr. Trump's advisers, Mr. Pence is seen as the lowest-risk option: a stolid if unspectacular choice, helpful for locking up conservative votes and perhaps boosting Mr. Trump's appeal across the Midwest (*New York Times*). At the top levels of the Trump campaign, there was a high degree of optimism earlier in the week that Mr. Pence would connect on a personal level with Mr. Trump during a planned visit to Indiana, and thus dispense with his competition for the job. Republicans have even begun to prepare for Mr. Pence's potential withdrawal from his race for re-election. Get the latest national and state polls on the presidential election between Hillary Clinton and Donald J. Trump. Yet Mr. Trump has so far given no particular signal of public enthusiasm for Mr. Pence. At a joint rally in Indiana on Tuesday, Mr. Trump mused that Mr. Pence could end up as vice president, but added, "Who the hell knows?" Jeff Cardwell, the chairman of the Indiana Republican Party, said Mr. Trump and Mr. Pence appeared "very relaxed" together at a private fund-raising event in the state on Tuesday night. While there, Mr. Pence talked up Indiana's economy, Mr. Cardwell said, and Mr. Trump said that many people outside the state had taken note of its economic performance. Even as Mr. Trump's political advisers have largely rallied around Mr. Pence, there remains considerable affection for Mr. Gingrich within the Trump family, particularly from Ivanka Trump and her husband, Mr. Kushner. Mr. Gingrich has been an aggressive advocate for Mr. Trump, and he drew an enthusiastic response at a campaign rally in Ohio last week. And Sheldon Adelson, the casino billionaire who is among the country's most prolific Republican political donors, is said to have communicated to Mr. Trump's camp that he would prefer Mr. Gingrich, according to two Republicans familiar with his views. Mr. Pence, the favorite of the Trump political team and national Republican Party officials, is a comparatively unfamiliar face. If he would seem to be the safe choice politically, it would constitute a rare foray for Mr. Trump — going outside his personal comfort zone to make, perhaps, his most important decision of the general election.

INDIANAPOLIS THE VEEP HUB: There are new reports tonight that Trump campaign chair Paul Manafort says Trump will announce his VP pick at an event in New York City on Friday (*NBC News*). Thursday's Veepstakes appears to the outside to have changed little from where it began this morning despite a flurry of meetings between Trump, his family and the remaining VP prospects. Indianapolis became a hubbub of VP Watch when Trump's motorcade rolled through town to the residence of Indiana Gov. Mike Pence. But as flights entered town with Newt Gingrich and Pete Sessions aboard, it became clear Trump and his team are continuing to plow through their finalists. Pence set off sirens early Wednesday morning when motorcades arrived to the governor's mansion in Indianapolis with Donald Trump and Eric, Ivanka, Don Jr. and Jared Kushner, plus campaign chair Paul Manafort. Pence described the morning later to reporters, saying he and his wife, Karen, "clipped some flowers and served coffee and a warm breakfast this morning and just, just had good conversation as a family together." The full morning followed Pence's "audition" on Tuesday night in the city. The Indianapolis fundraiser hosted in the heart of downtown brought in a haul of more than $1 million, but aides to Trump told NBC's Katy Tur and Anthony Terrell that they were not expecting Pence to show such fire in his introduction of Trump. Indianapolis Star columnist Matthew Tully assessed Pence's performance this way: "He read his five-minute speech flawlessly. He tossed out enough red meat rhetoric about Obamacare and Benghazi to turn what had been a relatively lukewarm initial response into a roar by the end. He heaped praise on Trump in a reverential, vice presidential way. And he displayed the raw ambition that you'd expect from a politician seeking to move up the political ladder." Gingrich told Fox News host Sean Hannity's radio program on Wednesday that Trump has to decide "what's the chemistry he wants and that's the person he should pick." Gingrich flew to Indianapolis on Wednesday to meet with Trump face to face.

TRUMP FLIPS THE VEEP THRILLER SCRIPT: America's ultimate showman, Donald Trump, has turned his search for a Republican vice presidential pick into a real-life political thriller (*CNN*). He spent Wednesday beguiling the media and playing on the hopes of his final few candidates to build tension, drama and -- perhaps -- a climactic final plot twist. Trump is on the cusp of making the most important decision yet in his short but explosive political career. He said late Wednesday that he will announce who will join him on the GOP ticket at 11 a.m. on Friday. But despite his image as confident boardroom manager who delighted in decisively telling unfortunate saps "You're Fired," Trump has seemingly found the real-life quest for a political partner a little more difficult. Indeed, he seems to be caught in a classic tug of love, between his heart — apparently yearning for a combative wingman like New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie — and his head, which may lean toward the more conventional political selection of someone like Indiana Gov. Mike Pence. Trump's penchant for the unpredictable, of course, means the selection process remains fluid. Further evidence of a potentially conflicted conscience: While he said Tuesday he wanted a running mate "skilled in hand-to-hand combat," he flipped the script late Wednesday, telling *Fox News* he actually doesn't need a vice presidential candidate in the mold of an attack dog.

Where the presumptive Republican nominee has been consistent is in finding a right-hand man with whom he'd be comfortable in the frenzied months of campaigning to come. "Believe me, he's putting a lot of thought into this. He's got some awesome, awesome people," Eric Trump told Fox News on Wednesday night. Trump isn't just wrestling with his own competing impulses as he looks to make his pick. Those closest to him are also pulling him in different directions. His adult children, as well as son-in-law, Jared Kushner, have warmed to Pence, as has campaign chairman Paul Manafort. But Trump's "gut" could be the wild card, and one source says: "Trump's gut is Christie." Another source said Trump wants a "fighter" and Christie -- the tough talking former prosecutor -- fits the bill.

WHY TRUMP IS TORN ON VEEPSTAKES: Warning: Donald Trump hasn't made a final decision about his running mate. So what follows is a mixture of reporting and analysis (Kurtz, *Fox News*). My sources say it has come down to a choice between two very different political personalities, Chris Christie and Mike Pence. While Newt Gingrich is still in the mix, he appears a less likely pick at this point. The process has been unusually public, with Trump and his children and son-in-law—who have become increasingly influential advisers—huddling with the finalists, including Pence and Gingrich in Indiana yesterday. But the family is divided. If Trump were to lead with his heart, he would pick Christie, whose brash and pugilistic persona matches his own. I'm told the New Jersey governor made a strong pitch in their meeting Tuesday, saying they have been friends for 12 years, that he has demonstrated his loyalty, and that he would help eviscerate Hillary Clinton. Christie would seem to fit the profile that Trump offered the Wall Street Journal in saying he wants an attack dog—a "fighter skilled in hand-to-hand combat"—to go after Clinton. Pence, by contrast, is a low-key political personality, not terribly well suited for the attack-dog role. He and Trump have only met a handful of times. Trump doesn't connect with the Indiana governor in the backslapping way he does with Christie or Gingrich. The conventional wisdom is that Trump doesn't need an attack dog because he has such a sharp bite himself. But some insiders say that having a brawling running mate—say, Christie—would free the nominee to act more presidential and read more scripted policy speeches. If Pence is on the ticket, Trump will have to provide most of the rhetorical firepower.

CLINTON LEADS IN IA, PA IN NBC POLLS: Hillary Clinton leads Donald Trump in Iowa and Pennsylvania, while the two are tied in the key battleground state of Ohio, according to a trio of new *NBC News/Wall Street Journal*/Marist polls. In Iowa, the presumptive Democratic nominee is ahead of Trump by three points among registered voters, 42 percent to 39 percent, which is within the poll's margin of error of plus-minus 3.4 percentage points while a combined 18 percent say neither, other or undecided. (Back in January, Clinton held an eight-point advantage over Trump, 48 percent to 40 percent.) In Pennsylvania, she leads the presumptive GOP nominee by nine points, 45 percent to 36 percent, with 19 percent saying neither or undecided. (In April, it was Clinton 54 percent, Trump 39 percent.) But in Ohio, the two candidates are tied at 39 percent each, with 21 percent saying neither, other or undecided. (In March, Clinton held a six-point lead over Trump in the Buckeye State, 48 percent to 42 percent.) These polls were conducted July 5-10 - so all in the immediate aftermath of FBI Director James Comey not recommending charges against Hillary Clinton in her handling of government emails, but saying that she was careless. The polls also come as Clinton enjoys a considerable advertising advantage over Trump in these battleground states. "The good news for Hillary Clinton is that she is still even or ahead of Donald Trump in these three critical states in the aftermath of the FBI's report on her email controversy," says Lee Miringoff, director of the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion, which conducted these three surveys.

CBS/NYT HAS RACE A DEAD HEAT: Heading into the two parties' conventions, the race for President is a dead heat in today's *CBS/New York Times Poll*, a change from last month when Hillary Clinton led by six points. Forty percent of registered voters now say they will back Clinton (a dip of three points), while 40 percent will vote for Trump (a bump up of three points). A month ago, Clinton led Trump 43 to 37 percent. Most registered voters say they have made up their minds about who to support: 90 percent of Trump voters and 88 percent of Clinton voters say their choice is set. About one in 10 of each's candidates' supporter say their minds might change before the election. The race looks essentially the same in a three-way contest when Libertarian candidate Governor Gary Johnson is added to the mix. He gets 12 percent of the vote, but Clinton and Trump remain tied, with 36 percent each.

INDIANA PRESIDENTIAL FACTS: Indiana isn't a stranger to presidential and vice presidential politics. Here's a list of links between the Hoosier state and vice presidents: • There have been five vice presidents from Indiana: Schuyler Colfax (Republican President Ulysses Grant), 1869-1873; Thomas Hendricks (Democratic President Grover Cleveland), 1885-1885 (died in office); Charles Fairbanks (Republican President Theodore Roosevelt), 1905-1909; Thomas Riley Marshall (Democratic President Woodrow Wilson), 1913-1921; and J. Danforth Quayle (Republican President George H.W. Bush), 1989-1993. • Indiana has voted in 51 presidential elections. • There have been Hoosiers on the ballot in 17 of the 51 elections. • The winner of the presidential election has carried Indiana in 40 of the 51 elections (78.4 percent). • There were Hoosiers on the ballot in four of the 11 elections when the winner of the presidential election did not carry Indiana. In three of those four cases, the Hoosier candidates were vice presidential candidates. In 1916, the vice presidential candidates for the Democrats and Republicans were from Indiana.

HANNITY FLEW NEWT TO INDY: Fox News host Sean Hannity flew Newt Gingrich on a private jet to meet with Donald Trump on Wednesday, amid speculation the the former Speaker of the House is one of the finalists to be Trump's vice presidential nominee, *CNN* reports. Hannity, an outspoken supporter of Gingrich for the VP slot and of Trump himself, has never shied away from supporting causes he cares about. He is considered an opinion host at Fox and not a journalist, and has donated and hosted fundraisers for various candidates in the past. Gingrich did not immediately respond to a voicemail message.

GINGRICH LIKENS TRUMP TO 'A PIRATE': Newt Gingrich, a leading contender to be Donald Trump's running mate, likened himself and the real estate mogul to 'pirates' Wednesday night, questioning whether America would truly want 'a two-pirate ticket' (*Politico*). "Look, in many ways Donald Trump is like a pirate. He's outside the normal system, he gets things done, he's bold, he's actually like a figure out of a movie," the former House speaker said during an interview with Fox News' Sean Hannity☐ "In a lot of ways, my entire career has been a little bit like a pirate. I've taken on the establishment in both parties, [I'm] very prepared to fight in the media. "One of the hard questions on the way to California: Do you really want a two-pirate ticket?" In discussing a recent meeting between himself, Trump and other contenders being vetted for the vice presidency, Gingrich noted that Trump had acknowledged to them that he had yet to make up his mind. "A point he made at the end of our meeting to all of us, only one person knows who is going to be the vice president, and that person doesn't know yet. I thought that was a good way to put it," Gingrich said.

TRUMP SUES FORMER CAMPAIGN AIDE: Donald Trump is seeking damages from a former top political adviser, alleging breach of a nondisclosure agreement (*Politico*). Trump is pursuing private arbitration against Sam Nunberg, a former top aide who was fired from his presidential campaign last summer. The presumptive Republican nominee is seeking $10 million in damages, according to the Associated Press, which first reported the story. Nunberg, in turn, sued Trump in New York state on Tuesday, seeking to block the arbitration. Nunberg, according to a court filing cited by the AP, said that Trump was going after him "in a misguided attempt to cover up media coverage of an apparent affair" among a pair of campaign staffers.

ZERO BLACK SUPPORT FOR TRUMP IN NBC POLL: Zero. That's the percentage of African-American voters who picked Donald Trump over Hillary Clinton in the battleground states of Ohio and Pennsylvania, according to the *latest NBC News/Wall Street Journal/*Marist polls. In Ohio, where the two candidates are tied, 11 percent of the 848 registered voters in the poll were African American, and they broke for Clinton, 88 percent to 0 percent. And in Pennsylvania, where Clinton was ahead by nine points, 10 percent of the 829 voters are African American, and they went for Clinton, 91 percent to 0 percent. The other NBC/WSJ/Marist poll, of Iowa, didn't have enough African-American voters for a statistically significant sample. Among white voters in Ohio, Trump bested Clinton by 10 points, 43 percent to 33 percent. But in Pennsylvania, they were tied here, 40 percent to 40 percent.

Republican National Convention

REVOLT AGAINST TRUMP STILL POSSIBLE: Republicans are bracing for the possibility of a drawn-out fight over Donald J. Trump's nomination that could stretch into the convention next week, a spectacle party leaders are desperate to avoid (*New York Times*). As the party's governing body convened in Cleveland on Wednesday for a series of organizational meetings, the possibility that the smoldering dissent over Mr. Trump could become a full-blown eruption on the convention floor was a top concern. Party officials were working in overdrive behind the scenes to beat back two challenges. One would force a vote that could theoretically open up the convention to any candidate who wants to seek the nomination. A second, organized by supporters of gay rights, would strike the entire Republican platform, which is staunchly conservative in its treatment of sexuality, gender and religion. Supporters of the platform overhaul said the Trump campaign and the Republican National Committee were pressuring them to back down. The Republican national chairman, Reince Priebus, was blunt about the need for party leaders to support Mr. Trump and defeat Hillary Clinton — even if the reasoning he offered appeared to be less than a full-throated endorsement. "If we don't stick together as a party and stop her, then the only alternative is to get comfortable with the phrase President Hillary Clinton," Mr. Priebus said in remarks to party leaders.

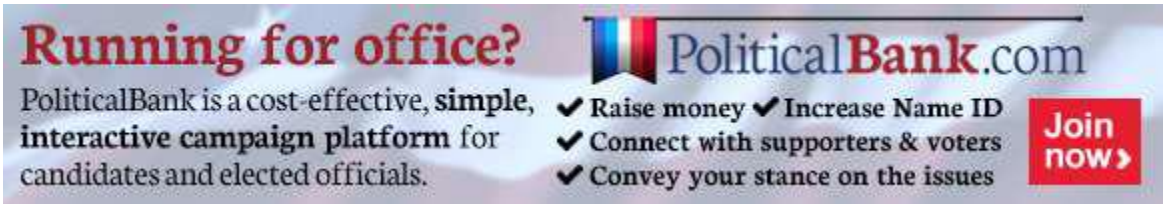
PLATFORM STALLS ON LGBT RIGHTS: Republicans working this week efforts to hammer out a platform representing the heart of the GOP kept coming back to one topic: LGBT issues (*CNN*). Through hours of debate on topics ranging from federal lands to immigration to the economy to family values, a handful of delegates gathered for Platform Committee meetings ahead of next week's Republican National Convention repeatedly challenged their peers to moderate provisions affecting gay and lesbian Americans. They were for the most part rebuffed by the 112-member panel, which approved a GOP platform that opposes same-sex marriage rights, supports efforts to restrict bathrooms to individuals' birth gender and protects businesses who refuse services to individuals based on religious objections to gay marriage. The two days of nationally broadcast, uncomfortable votes exposed a deep divide in the Republican Party over its staunch social conservatism, culminating in a dramatic effort to force the issue on the convention floor and counter cries of deceit. At the heart of the effort was a group of delegates working with American Unity Fund, a pro-LGBT Republican advocacy group funded by billionaire Republican Paul Singer. After failing repeatedly in their efforts, the group was buoyed by the number of delegates who voted in their favor, including about 20 delegates raising their hands in support of a proposal from D.C. delegate Rachel Hoff to revamp the party's position on marriage to broaden the language to include "diverse" views on marriage and support the "strength of all families" While raising the amendment, Hoff also emotionally made public to her peers that she was gay.

A LACK OF STAR POWER FOR RNC: When Democrats gather for their national convention in Philadelphia, the list of speakers praising Hillary Clinton's presidential candidacy is expected to feature the president, the vice president, the first lady, a former president and a galaxy of well-known political luminaries (*Washington Post*). But when the Republican convention opens next week in Cleveland, presumptive nominee Donald Trump will showcase an assortment of family members, defeated primary opponents and politicians whose names barely register with the general public. Many of the GOP's past, current and future leaders are staying away from the spotlights at the Quicken Loans Arena. The star-power disparity between the conventions speaks volumes about the state of the two parties — one is united and marching together toward what it hopes will be its fifth win of the past seven presidential elections, while the other remains divided and still not fully accepting its new standard bearer. "Republicans have always had a terrible star-power deficit — the Democrats have the latest hip-hop or pop act and we've got Lee Greenwood and the Oak Ridge Boys — but now it's going to be even more pronounced," said Rick Wilson, a Republican strategist who is not supporting Trump.

TEBOW HEADS LISTS OF SPEAKERS: A night highlighting the tragedy in Benghazi, Libya. An appearance by onetime football star Tim Tebow. A presentation detailing former President Bill Clinton's sexual misconduct (New York Times). Donald J. Trump, the presumptive nominee, has been promising a different kind of Republican National Convention, and plans obtained by The New York Times show that he is eager to put his showbiz stamp on the party's gathering, even as he struggles to attract A-list talent. The roster of speakers obtained by The Times, and confirmed by two people with direct knowledge of the convention planning, reveals a lineup lacking many of the party's rising stars. Instead, it features some of Mr. Trump's eclectic collection of friends, celebrities and relatives, from his Slovenian supermodel wife to professional golfer Natalie Gulbis. The parade of people seems to have been selected to broaden Mr. Trump's demographic reach. There are several notable women speaking. They include Pam Bondi, the Florida attorney general, who tangled on television with the CNN anchor Anderson Cooper after the Orlando, Fla., nightclub massacre; Eileen Collins, the first woman to command a space shuttle mission; Gov. Mary Fallin of Oklahoma; Senator Joni Ernst of Iowa and Mr. Trump's wife, Melania. There are a few African-Americans, like Jamiel Shaw Sr., who became an outspoken advocate for tougher immigration laws after his son was killed in 2008 by an undocumented immigrant; and Darryl Glenn, who is running for Senate in Colorado. From sports there is Mr. Tebow, the former quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner who is known for his conservative views; Dana White, the president of the Ultimate Fighting Championship, a mixed martial arts organization; and Ms. Gulbis. The list of politicians scheduled to appear include people who have been out of office for some time, like Rudolph W. Giuliani, the former New York mayor, and newcomers like Senator Tom Cotton of Arkansas. All four of Mr. Trump's adult children are scheduled to speak.

SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS: The list, which is subject to change, as obtained by The New York Times: **Night 1:** A Benghazi focus, followed by border patrol agents and Mr. Shaw, whose son was killed by an undocumented immigrant. Senator Cotton, Mr. Giuliani, Melania Trump, Ms. Ernst and others. **Night 2:** A focus on the economy: Mr. White, president of the U.F.C.; Asa Hutchinson, the governor of Arkansas; Michael Mukasey, the former United States attorney general; Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, a vice-presidential possibility; Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the majority leader; Tiffany Trump; Donald Trump Jr. and Gov. Scott Walker of Wisconsin. **Night 3:** Ms. Bondi; Ms. Collins; Newt Gingrich, a former House speaker; Senator Ted Cruz of Texas; Eric Trump; Ms. Gulbis; and the nominee for vice president. **Night 4:** Mr. Tebow; Representative Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee; Gov. Mary Fallin

of Oklahoma; Reince Priebus, the Republican National Committee chairman; Gov. Rick Scott of Florida; Mr. Thiel; Mr. Barrack; Ivanka Trump; Donald J. Trump.



Congress

DONNELLY PROVISIONS IN OPIOID BILL HEADED TO PRESIDENT: The Senate yesterday passed the bipartisan House- and Senate-reconciled Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) that includes several of U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly's (D-IN) provisions, a news release stated (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The bill now heads to President Obama's desk for his signature. The final CARA bill would help address the opioid abuse epidemic by giving states and communities tools to prevent and treat drug addiction and support individuals in recovery. The bill includes provisions adopted from Donnelly's bipartisan legislation to update best prescribing practices and raise public awareness, as well as a bipartisan provision he authored that would encourage first responder units to connect individuals who receive naloxone with treatment or other necessary services. According to the news release, Donnelly stated that "This bipartisan legislation will help save lives and make a difference for families and communities in Indiana and across the nation that are being devastated by the opioid abuse and heroin epidemics. This bill is an important step forward and demonstrates the kind of progress we can make when we work together to confront this public health crisis."

COATS PROVISION ALSO IN OPIOID BILL: U.S. Senator Dan Coats (R-IN) voted for the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA), bipartisan legislation that would increase prevention efforts, support law enforcement, combat overdoses and expand access to treatment, his office reported in a news release (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The bill, which passed 92-2, is supported by more than 130 national anti-drug groups. The bill now goes to the President Obama's desk to be signed into law. "Too many Hoosier families have experienced the devastating effects of drug addiction," said Coats. "There is no single solution for this nation-wide epidemic, but addressing this crisis will require health professionals, law enforcement, parents, teachers and all levels of government to work together. This legislation is an evidence-based approach that will help combat drug abuse, save lives and assist local communities." CARA includes a provision authored by Coats and Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) that would encourage states to allow physician assistants and nurse practitioners to access state prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMPs) to reduce drug abuse. Under the Coats proposal, states would continue to retain full control over which health care professionals hold prescribing authority.

BROOKS PROVISION ALSO IN BILL: U.S. Rep. Susan W. Brooks (R-IN) said passage of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act by the U.S. House is "huge" in the fight against the opioid epidemic (de la Bastide, *Kokomo Tribune*). Brooks served on the conference committee and the final report includes a provision she authored to establish a task force of providers, pain management specialists, patient advocates, people in recovery and the relevant federal agencies. The task force is responsible for reviewing, modifying and updating guidelines for prescribers of pain medication that were released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention earlier this year. "The task force will focus on the prescription practices," Brooks said. "It will involve all federal agencies that deal with prescriptions. It will include doctors, nurses, pharmacists, people with addictions and people in rehabilitation programs."

BROOKS TACKLES 'SEXTORTION': U.S. Rep. Susan W. Brooks (R-IN) and Rep. Katherine Clark (D-MA), both former prosecutors, introduced the Interstate Sextortion Prevention Act, legislation that makes online sexual extortion a federal crime (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Sextortion is defined as the use of extortion and threats to coerce sexual activity. Perpetrators often hack into personal devices to find intimate images or coerce victims to share sexually explicit content, according to a news release. The threat of exposure is used by the offender as leverage to demand an escalation of degrading and sometimes unimaginable sexual acts. Earlier this year, the non-partisan think tank Brookings Institution underscored the growing prevalence of online sexual extortion, its disproportionate impact on women and children, and gaps in federal law. The bill makes it a federal crime to use threats to cause another person to produce sexually explicit content or engage in sexual activity against their will. It would also criminalize the use of sexually explicit content to extort for personal gain. The Department of Justice recently released a report declaring that, "sextortion is by far the most significantly growing threat to children."

MESSER VOTES FOR 'CONSCIENCE PROTECTION ACT': U.S. Rep. Luke Messer (R-IN) voted for, and the House passed, the Conscience Protection Act (S. 304) (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The congressman's office reported that the bill prohibits the federal government, and any state or local government receiving federal funds, from discriminating against or penalizing individuals or institutions who do not want to participate in an abortion. In addition, it provides those who believe their rights of conscience have been violated with a private right of action to seek relief in the courts. Under current law, conscience protections exist to protect the freedoms of nurses, doctors, hospitals, insurance companies, employers, and social service agencies to choose not to perform, refer for, or provide coverage for elective abortions without fear of losing their jobs, federal contracts, or any other punitive measure. The Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office of Civil Rights is tasked with enforcement. In 2014, the state of California decided to require all insurance plans offered in the state to cover abortion without restriction. This forced employers like churches, social service non-profit groups, and religious entities and health systems to offer health insurance that paid for elective abortion, violating their deeply held convictions. Numerous complaints were filed with HHS, but on June 21, 2016, the Department concluded no rights were violated, according to the congressman's office.

WALORSKI SUPPORTS 'CONSCIENCE PROTECTION ACT': U.S. Rep. Jackie Walorski (R-IN) spoke on the House floor about the Conscience Protection Act, a bill she co-sponsored to reaffirm and codify existing conscience protections for pro-life health care providers and give them legal recourse to defend themselves from discrimination for refusing to take part in abortions as a matter of conscience (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The congresswoman's office released a news item that included text of a speech Walorski gave on the House floor. "Doctors, nurses, employers, social service agencies, and insurance

plans that chose not to take part in abortions as a matter of conscience should not face discrimination or penalty," Walorski said in part. "This bill reaffirms protections already in place by prohibiting the federal government and entities that receive federal funding from discriminating against or penalizing those who are exercising their conscience rights."

ROKITA STATEMENT ON FAA FUNDING EXTENSION: U.S. Reps. Todd Rokita (R-IN) and Sam Graves (R-MO), both commercial pilots and members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, issued the following statement after the House passed a bill to keep the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) operating through September 2017 (*Howey Politics Indiana*): "This FAA extension is a win for General Aviation. With provisions on Third Class Medical reform, tower marking requirements that improve safety for aviators, and policies that address critical staffing shortages of air traffic controllers, we can begin to provide solutions to some of our aviation industry's most pressing challenges. But we must continue pushing forward with long-term reform that addresses unresolved issues not included in this extension - such as the bipartisan reforms to the agency's certification process."



State

GOVERNOR: PENCE JOINS COMPACT TO FIGHT OPIOID ADDICTION - Gov. Mike Pence today joined 45 governors in signing the Compact to Fight Opioid Addiction, which summarizes the actions needed to address the factors contributing to opioid addiction (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The compact, which was developed by and released through the National Governors Association (NGA), stems from a resolution passed at the NGA Winter Meeting in February. By signing the compact, governors are agreeing to redouble their efforts to fight the opioid epidemic in their respective states, a news release stated. On Sept. 1, 2015, Governor Pence created the Governor's Task Force on Drug Enforcement, Treatment and Prevention, which consists of experts from a variety of specialties tasked with developing a comprehensive approach to addressing drug problems in Indiana. In June, the Task Force endorsed a set of opioid and controlled substance prescribing guidelines for emergency departments as part of a larger strategy to combat prescription drug abuse in Indiana. Senate Enrolled Act (SEA) 271, enacted during the previous session of the Indiana General Assembly, established the Indiana Commission to Combat Drug Abuse, which will build on the work of the Governor's Task Force on Drug Enforcement, Treatment, and Prevention and take the lead in coordinating substance abuse policy throughout the state of Indiana beginning in 2017.

GOVERNOR: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCEMENT THIS MORNING - Gov. Mike Pence will provide opening remarks at the eighth annual Innovation Showcase at 9:45 a.m. and will announce a significant initiative regarding continued economic development in Indiana, a news alert stated (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Presented by the Venture Club of Indiana, the Innovation Showcase has become Indiana's premier event for connecting idea generators to funds and resources as well as fostering business growth and job creation in the Hoosier state. The two-day event is expected to draw nearly 1,000 innovators, entrepreneurs and investors.

EDUCATION: FEDS ALLOW CARRYOVER AFTER MESSER, ROKITA LETTER - The U.S. Department of Education announced that the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) was allowed to grant carryover waivers for schools impacted by IDOE's flawed fiscal year 2016 funding allocations (*Howey Politics Indiana*). This will permit affected schools to use Title I funds next year to help educate Indiana's most disadvantaged students, a news release stated. "This is the best possible outcome for thousands of Hoosier public school students," said U.S. Rep. Luke Messer (R-IN). "Title I money makes sure the most at-risk kids get a fair chance to succeed. Without the ability of schools to carry over these funds, instruction would have suffered." In September of 2015, the U.S. Department of Education informed IDOE that the method used to calculate Title I disbursements was inconsistent with the law. Messer, along with Rep. Todd Rokita (R-IN), sent a letter last month asking the U.S. Secretary of Education to grant a waiver to each of the schools who received additional money so they would have more time to spend Title I funds. Under current law, a school can seek a waiver once every three years in order to carry over excess allocations. Of the 54 local education agencies who received excess funds from IDOE to correct the misallocation, three were ineligible to utilize their waiver. The Secretary announced those three local education agencies would be granted a waiver and granted more time to disburse this money. Those institutions are Indianapolis Public Schools, Edison Learning Roosevelt, and Dr. Robert H. Faulkner Academy.

MANUFACTURING: TRADE MAG LISTS 3 HOOSIER FIRMS AMONG BEST - A national trade publication has released its annual list of the country's top manufacturing companies and three are from Indiana (McGowan, *Inside Indiana Business*). The 2016 IndustryWeek 50 Best US Manufacturers considers factors including total revenue, growth and inventory turnover. The top four companies on this year's list are Apple Inc., Polaris Industries Inc., Deluxe Corp. and Sanderson Farms Inc. Indiana manufacturers include: 5. Elkhart-based Thor Industries; 11. Elkhart-based Drew Industries; and, 24. Lafayette-based Wabash National Corp. The 2016 list is significantly different than last year's, which also featured three Hoosier companies. In 2015, Thor was 20th, Columbus-based Cummins Inc. (NYSE: CMI), which is not included this year, was ranked 36th and in 46th was Wabash National.

AGRICULTURE: CAN INDIANA FEED THE WORLD? - The state is uniquely positioned to capitalize on the growing global demand for agricultural products, said Ted McKinney, director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (Henry, *Indiana AgriNews)*. "Never mind what Trump says or even Hillary says about NAFTA, or how far right or left, the world is demanding more protein — period," he said, referencing presumptive presidential nominees Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton and their criticisms of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Earth now is home to more than 7 billion people, and that population is expected to reach up to 9.5 billion in just a couple decades, McKinney noted. "What people don't understand, though, is that we are much sooner than that going to reach peak protein levels — we've got a couple million entering the global middle class every day. What that means is they're starting to earn a little more than $4 a day," he said. So where are they going to get it? Citing the significant

slowdown in deforestation and water scarcity in other areas, McKinney touted the Hoosier state. "Indiana is a pretty darn good place to grow protein," he said.

POLICE: SOME DEPARTMENTS DISCARD BODY CAMS - A move by Indiana lawmakers to govern the use of police body-worn cameras is creating concern among some law enforcement agencies (Disis*, IndyStar*). At least two police departments in Southern Indiana have suspended their body camera programs because they say they can't afford to pay for the amount of digital storage the new law requires. Others said they'll make due — but caution that the cost of implementing the new regulations may cause unintended consequences. The legislation, which went into effect July 1, sets guidelines for footage, including retention limits and when and how such video should be released publicly. The law sought to balance police transparency and accountability with the privacy of citizens captured on video. Video footage can provide objective evidence, supporters say, particularly in situations where police use deadly force. Some studies show that departments that use body cameras use force less often, and the cameras are increasingly seen as a way to build public trust. "The new law is putting a large burden on the taxpayers — and us," Evansville Police Department Capt. Andy Chandler said. In March 2014, Evansville became one of the first departments in the state to equip its officers with body-worn cameras. "It's requiring us to do so much more."

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WHITE HOUSE: OBAMA SEEKS POLICING CHANGES - President Barack Obama laid out the next steps in his police reform efforts after a four-hour meeting with high-profile activists and law enforcement representatives Wednesday evening (*Politico*). Obama has been struggling to contain the growing mistrust and unrest between police and minority communities since police killed two black men and a black man killed five police officers during a protest last week. Even as Obama has stressed that police have dangerous jobs and that the vast majority are trying to do the right thing, the tragedies have galvanized the president to renew his administration's push for better police procedures. "The pace of change is going to feel too fast for some and too slow for others," Obama told reporters at the end of the meeting. "And sadly, because this is a huge country that is very diverse, and we have a lot of police departments, I think it is fair to say that we will see more tension between police and communities this month, next month, next year, for quite some time."

STATE: CLINTON EMAILS TO BE RELEASED - The State Department plans to review and make public several thousand emails that FBI investigators recovered from the computer server used by presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton (*CBS News).* State Department spokesman Mark Toner says Wednesday that his agency would work with "due diligence" to release Clinton emails that the FBI plans to deliver to the department. Toner could not say how many new emails would be delivered to the agency or when the department would make them available on its website along with some 33,000 previously-released Clinton emails. "We'll be transparent as we possibly can," Toner said.



Local

CITIES: DALEY MAY AID IN GARY REDEVELOPMENT - A Chicago-based group that includes former Mayor Richard M. Daley is proposing a plan to help redevelop a large section of Gary (Bierschenk, *NWI Times*). The proposal by the group, MaiaCo., LLC, was presented at Tuesday's Planning Committee meeting by Joe Van Dyk, executive director the city's planning and redevelopment department. The proposal came in response to a request for a redevelopment partner that was put out by the city's Redevelopment Commission earlier this year. The commission is looking for a private partner that would be willing to invest upfront capital to help the city as it tries to acquire enough contiguous property for development. MaiaCo. anticipates funding the acquisition of as many as 3,500 parcels in a specific area of the city via tax sale within the first 12 months of the arrangement. The proposal envisions a partnership with the city leading to the eventual development of such land, which could be eventually sold or leased to a third party. The city and MaiaCo. would then share in profits generated through the disposition of the land, although the terms still need to be negotiated.

CITIES: RYOBI TO INVEST $100M IN SHELBYVILLE - Japan-based Ryobi Limited has announced plans to expand its operations in Shelbyville, creating up to 150 new jobs by 2018 (Ober, *Inside Indiana Business*). The company will invest nearly $100 million to purchase and equip a facility next to its existing Shelbyville die casting operations. Ryobi Die Casting Inc. launched in 1985 and employs more than 800 workers. The company says it plans to hire for manufacturing and management positions over the next 18 months. The Indiana Economic Development Corp. offered Ryobi up to $850,000 in tax incentives and training grants based on the job creation plans. The city of Shelbyville will also consider incentives.

CITIES: PLANNED PARENTHOOD TO CLOSE IN MUNCIE - Planned Parenthood's Muncie location is set to close Friday because of reduced patient traffic (Kirby, *Muncie Star Press*). Betty Cockrum, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky (PPINK), said this is a trend spreading across the country regarding reproductive services, but in a way it's a good trend. "There are significant changes in the provision of reproductive health care, and those are to be celebrated, but they've had an impact on our numbers in business," Cockrum said. "That causes some locations not to be able to sustain." Cockrum outlined three main reasons for the reduced traffic prompting the closure of the location. 1. At its peak PPINK provided 60,000 pap tests a year, but when the American College of OB-GYNs urged a protocol change on annual pap tests in 2012, the annual number began dropping, and most recently has provided about 6,000 per year. 2. The organization saw a 7,000-person drop in traffic at all its sites after emergency contraception moved to over-the-counter for 18-year-olds. 3. The awareness and usage of reversible, long-term contraception like IUDs increased.

CITIES: ST. JOSEPH RIVER RECOVERING - "Essentially, the river was wiped out at one point," said city of Elkhart aquatic biologist Daragh Deegan (Porter, *WNDU-TV*). Deegan's work provides valuable data to both Elkhart and South Bend. Nearly 100 years ago, his team would've barely found three types of fish. Today, the St. Joe is home to more than 80 species. "This one is a darter. It's really good to see these guys on the river," Deegan said while holding up the small striped fish. Deegan says many fish, which are sensitive to river pollution can act as canaries in the coal mine for water quality. "We'll count the different species, we'll release them back into the river. Then I'll analyze the make-up of the fish population. And I'll be able to calculate the health of the river based on the different types of fish I see," Deegan said. Researchers say osprey and blue herons are being spotted more frequently; and St. Patrick's Park now has its first pair of nesting bald eagles in a century.

CITIES: WESTFIELD SCHOOLS TO ASK VOTERS FOR CASH - Westfield Washington Schools will ask voters to approve a referendum in November to raise $5.2 million annually (Sikich, *IndyStar*). The school board authorized the referendum Tuesday night. The district is asking for a lower tax rate than voters approved in a similar seven-year referendum in 2010 that expires this year. In 2010, Westfield voters approved a rate of 23 cents per $100 of assessed valuation. This year, the district is asking for 20 cents per $100 of assessed valuation. If approved, a homeowner with a $150,000 house would see taxes from the referendum decrease from $150 to $130 annually, according to the district. A homeowner with a $250,000 house would see taxes decrease from $299 to $260. Superintendent Sherry Grate said the money supplements the district's operating fund and is used for employee salaries and educational programs. She said it amounts to 11 percent of the district's general fund. If the referendum is voted down, she said, the district would be forced to make cuts to staff and programs.

CITIES: LAFAYETTE, W. LAFAYETTE MAYORS DISTRIBUTE LUNCHES - Lafayette Mayor Tony Roswarski and West Lafayette Mayor John Dennis were reaching out to show children the community has their support (Long, *WLFI-TV*). The mayors handed out lunches to kids at Claystone at the Crossing apartment complex Wednesday. Food Finders Food Bank visits lower-income areas and provides meals while school is out. Roswarski hopes resources like the Summer Feeding Program keep young people from going down the wrong path. "You're not going to change some of those abuse situations overnight," Roswarski said. "You've got to get down the food chain here a little bit to the kids and help change that as they grow up." Dennis said with all that's going on these days between police and protesters, it's important for government and the public to find common ground and open up dialogue. "By empowering our folks, regardless of their economic stratification, by providing the appropriate resources - that's the first start," Dennis said. "And that will make this an even greater place than it already is."

CITIES: CDBG GRANTS TO FUEL $1.3M INVESTMENTS IN ELKHART - The Elkhart Redevelopment Commission awarded five organizations funding through the Community Development Block Grant program (Quiggle*, Elkhart Truth*). The federally funded program provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs. his year, the city is expecting to have $742,334 worth of funds to spread around, although those numbers are not official. In total, the grants given out are going to help support over $1.3 million worth of investments in the community. Programs funded will help provide a wide range of services in the community, from providing assistance to people suffering with HIV/AIDS to transportation services for low-income seniors.

COUNTIES: ST. JOSEPH POLS DISAGREE OVER VOTER OFFICE MERGER - The presidential election is just months away and the St. Joseph County Clerk wants to change how people register to vote (Connin, *WSBT-TV*). Right now, there are two separate offices for the Clerk and the Board of Voter Registration. County Clerk Terri Rethlake wants to merge those two offices. The Board of Voter Registration is managed by the chairmen of the Republican and Democratic parties. Each hires and supervises his own set of employees.The Democratic chairman approves of the idea, while the Republican chairman does not. Rethlake says this change will create more transparency, and also save the county money. Rethlake says her merger idea would save the county $60,000 or more. "It's about 30% of their current budget," Rethlake adds. "That's money back in the taxpayer's pocket," says Jason Critchlow, the St. Joseph County Democratic Party chairman. "That's money that can go to whatever education programs, public safety, whatever the tax payers chose to do with their voices on election day." State law changed four years ago to allow this change. Only 8 counties still have politically appointed voter registration boards.

COUNTIES: JOHNSON WON'T VOTE ON RED LINE TO INDY - Marion County voters will go it alone in November when they are asked to consider a ballot measure to raise their personal income taxes for improved mass transitN (Tuohy, *IndyStar*). Township trustees in Johnson County decided against asking Greenwood voters to raise income taxes by 0.25 percent to improve bus service. Last month, Clay Township in Hamilton County did the same. It means only Indianapolis residents will vote on whether to raise funds to run the proposed electric Red Line bus rapid transit system. "We just didn't have enough information and didn't want to put something on the ballot until we were more informed," Pleasant Township Trustee Mary Ann Powell said. The move frustrated Greenwood Mayor Mark Myers, who said it was hard to believe that the trustees needed more information on such a highly publicized project. He suspected two of the three board members were simply against it. "It is very disheartening to hear," said Myers, a proponent of the Red Line. "That's saying they haven't read a paper or watched TV in two years. I can google 'Red Line' and get everything I need. It's not like this hasn't been discussed."

COUNTIES: CLARK SHERIFF'S RECORDS DELAY 'RIPE FOR COMPLAINT' - Indiana's Public Access Counselor believes a News and Tribune records request that has gone five months unfulfilled by the Clark County Sheriff's Office is "ripe for a formal complaint" (DePompei, *News & Tribune*). The newspaper is seeking records pertaining to an A&E TV show, "60 Days In," filmed inside the jail. The program followed seven people who volunteered to stay undercover at the Clark County jail at Jeffersonville for 60 days. Filming for two seasons of the show took place between the fall of 2015 and January or February this year. Season 1 premiered in March and Season 2 is set to air in August. On Feb. 15, the News and Tribune submitted a public records request for invoices and contracts between the sheriff's office and A&E Networks as well as production company Lucky 8 TV. Those records have since been turned over. The newspaper followed up Feb. 23 with a second request, this one for all emails pertaining to the production of the show; that request is also available online. Those records are still under review, according to Tom Lowe, the part-time attorney for the Clark County Sheriff's Office. Periodic checks by the newspaper since then have resulted in the same answer: We're still working on it. Under state statute, a public agency must produce public records within a "reasonable time." Indiana Public Access Counselor Luke Britt said it's rare that he finds a request where even a three-month response time is considered reasonable. The public access counselor's office, or IPAC, can issue informal and formal advisory opinions on denied or outstanding public records requests.

COUNTIES: CHICKEN PROPOSAL LAYS EGG IN WAYNE - A proposal to change a county ordinance to prevent an overrun of chickens was a hot topic at the Wayne County Commissioners meeting Wednesday (Shuey, *Richmond Paladium-Item*). The proposal by commissioner Mary Anne Butters sought to limit the number of chickens and other animals that could be on certain agricultural operations, and to require a public hearing for proposed animal operation building applications that exceed certain levels, was all but stonewalled by Butters' fellow commissioners and the head of the county's office of planning and zoning during the group's morning session at the county building. While only a few members of the public were in attendance for the meeting, the exchanges at times became heated among Butters, commissioners Ken Paust and Denny Burns, and Steve Higinbotham, who also acts as the county building inspector. "I really was just working as hard as I could to help the people of Wayne County," Butters said. "I don't take this (defeat) or the remarks personally."

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PENCE AUDITIONS FOR TRUMP: Gov. Mike Pence had some meaningful face time with presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump at two events Tuesday evening, but there was no ticket offer after the third veep "audition" in the past week (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The two appeared together at the Columbia Club for a fundraiser, then spent more time together as they headed to Westfield. Trump spent the night in Indianapolis before heading to California this morning. Trump raised about $1.5 million at the Columbia Club fundraiser, and while some sources told *HPI* talked with who said there was some palpable disappointment that a presidential ticket wasn't forged, Rex Early, Trump's Indiana campaign chairman, described the vibe between Trump and Pence as akin to "father and son." Another attendee said Trump talked about the vetting process and how clean Pence is, saying at one point, "Does he have any fun?" Others *HPI* talked with felt like there was a disconnect between the two.

PENCE DELIVERS FULL-THROATED ENDORSEMENT: Gov. Pence delivered a full-throated endorsement of what he called "no nonsense leadership" that Trump has displayed over the past 13 months as he won a conventional wisdom shattering nomination when he carried Indiana on May 3 with 53% of the vote (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "We're ready to put a builder and a fighter and a patriot in the Oval Office," Pence told about 4,000 people gathered at the sprawling Grand Park Center in Westfield. Pence promised to place "Indiana the first state on the board to make Donald Trump the 45th president of the United States of America. Here in Indiana we know that strong, Republican leadership works. There are more Hoosiers going to work than ever before in our 200 year history in the great state of Indiana. That's what Republican leadership is and that's exactly the kind of no nonsense leadership that Donald Trump is going to bring to the White House this November." The governor assailed the leadership of President Obama, adding, "We're ready for a change this November. Donald Trump understands the hopes and frustrations of the American people like no other American leader in my lifetime since Ronald Reagan. We're tired to being told this is as good as it gets. We're tired of hearing politicians in both political parties tell us that we'll get through it tomorrow while we pile of mountain range of debt on our children and grandchildren." Pence continued, "As as Ronald Reagan said so eloquently so many years ago, we're tired of being told that a little intellectual elite in a far distant capital can plan our lives better for us than we could be planning for ourselves. Donald Trump gets it. Donald Trump is the voice of the American people. He's been successful on Wall Street and he's never turned his back on Main Street." And Pence added, "Hillary Clinton must never become president," earning a ringing cheer from the crowd, adding, "we can make America great again." Pence's "audition" followed joint appearances between Trump and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and former House speaker Newt Gingrich over the past week. Pence faces a hard noon Friday deadline to withdraw from the ticket. His political fate may well rest with the unpredictable populist Trump, who may or may not have left Westfield Tuesday night with a good idea of who will be on his ticket. Trump is expected to announce his vice presidential selection Thursday or Friday.

A KINDER, GENTLER TRUMP LAUDS PENCE: Donald Trump entered the stage and greeted Gov. Pence, the two smiled and shook hands, with Trump pointing to Pence, one of four known contenders for the vice presidential nomination, though Trump brought up the possibility of others in the wings (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "Wow. Wow," Trump said, gazing out at the crowd. "How's your governor doing?" In reality, that is the question only he can answer. Pence has staked his political future on ascending to the

national ticket with Trump. Doing so would mean dropping out of a tough reelection rematch with Democrat John Gregg, who has accused Pence of seeking to "bail out." Trump added, "I don't know if he'll be your governor or your vice-president. Who the hell knows?" If Trump goes in a different direction, Pence could be painted as an ambitious opportunist who was willing to bolt the ticket after Republicans renominated him for a second term. Pence has said a vice presidential nomination is the yield of "hard working Hoosiers" who have created one of the most business friendly states in the Midwest, if not the nation. Trump revealed a kinder and gentler side. While he talked of "building the wall," that Mexico will pay for - a campaign staple for the past year - he added, "There will be a gate, wide open to our country, but they are going to come in legally. And they are going to be people who love our country; they are not going to be people who hate us." Trump also paid solemn tribute to the five Dallas police officers murdered last week. "When the police are attacked, our whole nation is attacked," Trump said. "The message must be delivered. The hostility to our police has to end and it has to end right now. We have to take care of everybody." He mentioned the "two people killed" in Louisiana and Minnesota that set off demonstrations nationwide. "It was tough to watch," Trump said of the two men who died scuffling with police. "We have to figure it out. Was it training? It could have been something else. We have to get to the bottom of things."

TRUMP DECISION COMING FRIDAY: Donald Trump has reached the final phase of his search for a running mate, narrowing his list to three leading contenders and directing his staff to prepare for a Friday announcement (*Associated Press*). "It's a little bit like 'The Apprentice,'" former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, one of Trump's finalists, said in a Tuesday interview with Fox News Channel. "You find out sooner or later who the last one standing is." Along with Gingrich, a boisterous rabble-rouser who has spent decades in Washington, the finalists include Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, a steady, staunch conservative who would help to calm nervous Republicans wary of Trump's style, and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, a one-time rival who has become one of Trump's most trusted advisers. That's according to a person familiar with Trump's thinking, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to discuss the vetting process. Trump said in a Tuesday interview with The Wall Street Journal that Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions is also still in the mix. Some donors are pressuring Trump to pick Gingrich (*CNN*). A source close to Sheldon Adelson tells CNN that the casino magnate spoke to Trump and mentioned that "he liked Newt." "Favoring is a more appropriate term," the source said of Adelson's conversation with Trump. Trump will showcase his vice presidential pick at a public event on Friday, multiple sources tell *NBC News*. Trump's possible picks are thought to be narrowed to three candidates: Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie. While the joint appearance is expected on Friday, it's not clear whether or not the identity of the pick could be released or could leak earlier in the week.

IS PENCE TOUGH ENOUGH FOR TRUMP? Donald Trump is looking for a running mate who can not only withstand the attacks of the Democratic machine, but one who can also hit back — hard. And that could be bad news for Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, who is one of the top candidates for the job (*Politico)*. Trump is seeking a vice presidential nominee who is "a fighter skilled in hand-to-hand combat," Trump told The *Wall Street Journal*, and went on to call New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and former Speaker Newt Gingrich — also considered front-runners for the VP slot — "two extraordinary warriors." Pence? Not so much. The Indiana governor is ardently against negative campaigning. After losing two bruising campaigns for Congress, Pence penned a repentant essay in 1991 titled "Confessions of a Negative Campaigner." "Negative campaigning is wrong," Pence wrote in the piece, which was published in the Indiana Policy Review. "That is not to say that a negative campaign is an ineffective option in a tough political race. Pollsters will attest — with great conviction — that it is the negatives that move voters. The mantra of a modern political campaign is 'drive up the negatives.' … The wrongness is not of rule violated but of opportunity lost. It is wrong, quite simply, because he or she could have brought critical issues

before the citizenry." Still, there was one line in Pence's 1991 essay that might appeal to Trump, who often closes his speeches with promises that the United States "will win so much." Campaigns, Pence wrote, "should be about winning."

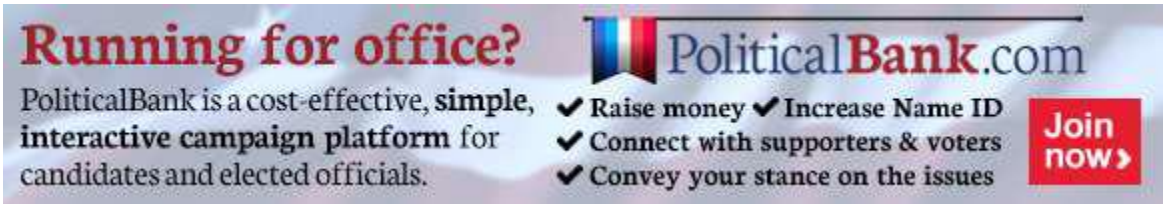
OESTERLE CREATES 'DRAFT MITCH' FOR GOV: The head of former Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels' successful 2004 campaign has begun an effort to draft him to again seek the office if Donald Trump selects Gov. Mike Pence to be his running mate (*Associated Press*). Former Angie's List CEO Bill Oesterle has created a new website and hopes to build support for a "Draft Mitch" movement. Oesterle spokeswoman Megan Robertson says Daniels, now Purdue University's president, hasn't ruled out running for the office if Pence drops his re-election bid. The Weekly Standard reported Monday that Daniels "hasn't said no" to the idea of running again, according to at least two unnamed sources. Term limits barred Daniels from seeking a third consecutive term. But the Republican could run again now that he's been out of office. He told the Journal & Courier of Lafayette that it wasn't appropriate for him to comment at this time. A Purdue spokesman says Daniels had no comment on the draft movement.

SANDERS ENDORSES CLINTON: Bernie Sanders threw his support behind presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton at a rally here Tuesday, more than a month after Clinton effectively clinched the nomination (*Washington Post*). "Secretary Clinton has won the Democratic nominating process, and I congratulate her for that," Sanders said. "She will be the Democratic nominee for president and I intend to do everything I can to make certain she will be the next president of the United States," the senator from Vermont said in this battleground state, where Sanders and Clinton appeared side by side before a boisterous crowd. "We are joining forces to defeat Donald Trump and build a future we can all believe in," Clinton told the crowd, borrowing words from Sanders's campaign slogan, as she addressed the crowd. The crowd in the bleachers here was sprinkled with "Bernie for President" placards, and some of his supporters were decked out in Bernie t-shirts.

TRUMP SURGE IN SWING STATE POLLS: Did Donald Trump really just surge past Hillary Clinton in two of the election's most important battlegrounds? New swing-state polls released Wednesday by Quinnipiac University show Trump leading Clinton in Florida and Pennsylvania — and tied in the critical battleground state of Ohio (*Politico).* In three of the states that matter most in November, the surveys point to a race much closer than the national polls, which have Clinton pegged to a significant, mid-single-digit advantage over Trump, suggest. The race is so close that it's within the margin of error in each of the three states. Trump leads by three points in Florida — the closest state in the 2012 election — 42 percent to 39 percent. In Ohio, the race is tied, 41 percent to 41 percent. And in Pennsylvania — which hasn't voted for a Republican presidential nominee since 1988 — Trump leads, 43 percent to 41 percent. Other polls give Clinton an advantage in all three states. Including the new Quinnipiac surveys, POLITICO's Battleground State polling average — which include the five most-recent polls in each state — give Clinton a 3.2-point lead in Florida, a 2.8-point edge in Ohio and a larger, 4.6-point advantage in Pennsylvania. While the Quinnipiac results are eye-popping, they don't represent any significant movement — except in Florida.

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: Sooooo, could it be Vice President Pence? Donald Trump said on Tuesday he was seeking an "attack dog" and Gov. Pence emphatically embraced Trump as the next Ronald Reagan and vigorously assailed Hillary Clinton. Bloomberg's Mark Halperin calls Pence a "safe, solid, careful

figure." He added that Newt Gingrich and Chris Christie "will say anything." Halperin is assured there will be no surprise pick. "If he goes with his head, he picks Pence," Halperin said today on MSNBC's *Morning Joe.* "With his gut, he picks Christie." Trump may not even know himself, saying at one point last night in Westfield, "I don't know if he'll be your governor or your vice president. Who the hell knows?" At this posting, my gut tells me that Trump has yet to decide. So who the hell knows? - *Brian A. Howey*



Campaigns

DEMOCRAT SENATE CAUCUS ON JULY 22: Politicians, depending on their party, have been quick to criticize or lend support to one potential Democratic challenger in the race for Indiana's open U.S. Senate seat (*Bloomington Herald-Times*). But before former Sen. Evan Bayh or another Democrat can replace Baron Hill on November's ballot, the Indiana Democratic Party's State Central Committee will have to hold a caucus and vote on the candidate to fill that vacancy. Indiana Democratic Party Chairman John Zody has called for a formal meeting of the committee at 5 p.m. July 22, and candidates must file their intent to run with the state chairman and the Indiana Election Division by Tuesday. The committee's 33 voting members are elected and appointed officers, district chairs and vice chairs, elected national committee members and national committee members from Indiana, two representatives of the Indiana Young Democrats and one representative of each recognized caucus, according to the rules of the Indiana Democratic Party. Hill's withdrawal from the Senate race was a surprise to many, including Monroe County Democratic Party Chairman Mark Fraley, who said Tuesday that he had discussed the race with Hill the week before.

TOP GUNS LURED BAYH BACK: Until Evan Bayh or his surrogates explain what made him decide to run for his old U.S. Senate seat from Indiana, the media will try to do it for him (Francisco, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). The news organization Politico reported Monday that New York Sen. Chuck Schumer, the third-ranking Democrat in the Senate, had been trying for months to talk Bayh into becoming a candidate in this year's election. "This was done single-handedly by Chuck Schumer. I'd like to take a lot of credit for it, but Chuck's worked on this," Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., told Politico on Monday after CNN reported that Bayh would run in place of Democratic nominee Baron Hill, who withdrew his candidacy the same day. The Chicago Tribune reported that a Democratic official speaking on the condition of anonymity said presumptive presidential nominee Hillary Clinton had a role in recruiting Bayh. The Tribune also reported that Schumer led the effort and that Reid was involved. Politico quoted an unnamed Democrat as saying, "The sense was that (Bayh) would do it, but wait until the last possible moment."

ELUDING PRIMARY PROCESS BECOMES THE NORM: "Politics is full of strange stops and starts, and this is another one of them," former Fort Wayne mayor Paul Helmke, the Republican Senate nominee whom Bayh defeated in 1998, said Tuesday about Bayh's comeback attempt (Francisco, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). Helmke said Bayh's probable nomination July 22 by the Indiana Democratic Party Central Committee will make him the next in a long line of Hoosier candidates chosen not by voters in a primary election but by a small group of political party officials. "We've already sort of diminished the importance of the primary system, and to me it's a good system," he said. Three statewide officeholders – Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb, Secretary of State Connie Lawson and Suzanne Crouch – were appointed by Republican governors to fill vacancies. U.S. Rep. Marlin Stutzman was nominated by a northeast Indiana GOP caucus vote in 2010, two years after he won a caucus election for a state Senate nomination. After Bayh decided against seeking re-election at the candidate filing deadline in 2010, a Democratic caucus picked U.S. Rep. Brad Ellsworth as the party's Senate nominee. And Coats, then a House member, was appointed by Gov. Robert Orr to the Senate in 1988 after GOP Sen. Dan Quayle was elected vice president.

DCCC ADDS YODER IN IN9TH TO ITS PRIME LIST: The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) announced it is adding Indiana's Shelli Yoder to its list of prime pick-up opportunities for House Democrats (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The announcement comes as Yoder also picked up the Indiana Federation of Teachers and the Indiana State AFL-CIO endorsements. Recent polling has showed Yoder tied with carpetbagger "Tennessee Trey" Hollingsworth in the race to fill the open congressional seat in south-central Indiana. "As a mom, teacher, public servant and lifelong Hoosier, Shelli Yoder has unique appeal in this open seat and has earned a spot on our Red to Blue program," said DCCC Chairman Ben Ray Luján. "Meanwhile, Tennessee Trey has turned off voters by thinking he can use his family's money to buy a seat in Congress, which is not how you win over Hoosiers. We're confident that Shelli Yoder's impressive career – and a notably weak carpet-bagging Republican opponent – mean that voters will send a Democrat to Congress in November." Yoder said that the move will work to boost the momentum her campaign is seeing on the ground. "Hoosiers are looking for someone who will fight for them and who represents our unique brand of family values. Trey Hollingsworth is trying to buy a congressional seat, but he cannot buy a Hoosier's trust. I am committed to standing up for this community that I have belonged to my entire life. We will win this election in November."

8TH CD RECOUNT BEGINS THURSDAY: The recount to determine who won the Democratic primary election between Ron Drake and David Orentlicher in Indiana's 8th Congressional District will officially start Thursday (Osowski, *Evansville Courier & Press*). The Secretary of State's office announced the recount will get underway about a month after Indiana's Election Division ordered one be done. Drake is currently leading Orentlicher in the Democratic Primary by about 60 votes. The recount will take place in every county in the 8th District, which encompasses all or parts of 20 counties in Southwestern and West-Central Indiana. A winner is expected to be named before the end of July. The winner of the recount will face Rep. Larry Bucshon, the Republican incumbent. Bucshon is seeking his fourth term in Congress.

GREGG TO ANNOUNCE INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN THIS MORNING: John Gregg, Democratic candidate for governor, will announce the Gregg/Hale Infrastructure Plan at a news conference this morning in Gary (*Howey Politics Indiana*). A news release states that in addition to repairing the state's

crumbling roads and bridges, the plan focuses on intermodal opportunities and proposes investments to improve the quality of place and livability of communities across the state. The news conference will take place at 9:30 a.m. central time at the Gary/Chicago International Airport.

HALE TO VISIT COUNTY FAIRS THIS EVENING: State Rep. Christina Hale, Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor, will stop by two Southeastern County Fairs this evening to visit with area voters (*Howey Politics Indiana*). A news release stated that Hale will campaign at the Bartholomew County Fair in Columbus from 5-6 p.m. before visiting the Decatur County Fair in Greensburg from 7-8 p.m.

IMA ENDORSES ECKERT: The Indiana Manufacturers Association (IMA) and its political action committee IMPAC have by unanimous vote officially endorsed Connie Eckert for House District 87. Founded in 1901, IMA is the leading voice for industry throughout our state and is dedicated to advocating for a business climate that creates, protects and promotes quality manufacturing jobs in Indiana (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "We have examined the candidates in the general election and have determined that you are the superior candidate who will best advance the interests of manufacturing in Indiana," say Brian Burton, President & CEO of IMA, and Andrew Berger, IMA's Vice President of Government Affairs & Tax Policy, in a letter addressed to Eckert. "We recommend your election to the voters of House District 87 in the general election." Eckert graciously accepted the endorsement. "Hoosier jobs should be a top priority for our state legislature – and I promise that, when elected, I will use my significant business experience to advocate for policies that will create a robust manufacturing economy," said Eckert. "I greatly appreciate the IMA's endorsement and share their commitment to creating, maintaining and improving jobs in Indiana."



Presidential 2016

HOOSIER DEMOCRATS CALL TRUMP DIVISIVE: As Republicans began to gather for a 5:30 p.m. fundraiser across the street at the Columbia Club, Indiana Democrats called on Hoosier voters to reject both Donald Trump and Gov. Mike Pence, saying they represent a divisive vision for the country's future *(IndyStar*). "We must say 'no, no, no,' " said state Sen. Jean Breaux, D-Indianapolis. Breaux was flanked by around two dozen protesters on Monument Circle, who waved signs calling Trump the "divider and chief," and declaring that "Pence must go." One of them was J.D. Ford, a Carmel resident who said Trump and Pence shared many of the same divisive qualities. Trump, he said, had gone after women, suggested a ban on Muslim immigrants and mocked a disabled reporter. Pence, he said, had targeted the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community with the controversial Religious Freedom Restoration

Act. "Mike Pence has made many of us feel like second class citizens and now he wants to be vice president," said Ford, who is gay.

PENCE GETS MIXED REACTION IN WESTFIELD: Gov. Mike Pence is on Donald Trump's short list for a running mate, but the potential pairing received a mixed reception from Trump supporters in the governor's own state (Osowski, *Evansville Courier & Press*). The thousands in attendance at Trump's Tuesday night rally were excited to see the presumptive Republican presidential nominee. Many said they didn't care who Trump ends up picking, but the reaction to Pence was mixed among those who shared their opinions on potential running mates. Jenni Bolen, a Whitestown native, said she thinks adding Pence as vice president could present a problem for Republicans in November. Bolen specifically mentioned the debacle over Indiana's Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which Pence signed into law and quickly agreed to change to ease concerns that it could undo local anti-discrimination laws for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Hoosiers. "Pence has proven to be a bit archaic when it comes to some issues," Bolen said. "Would he secure the Christian vote? Yes. Would he win the LGBT vote? No. And I think there's some other groups as well." Brandon Ruth, from Cayuga, said he didn't think Pence made much sense as a vice presidential pick. He said someone like Newt Gingrich was more appealing to him. Other Trump supporters said Pence would be a good counter-balance to Trump. "Pence seems to be a pretty cool and collected guy," Dave Schmalz, a Carmel resident, said. "I think he would be a smart pick."

PENCE LITTLE KNOWN: Donald Trump has a quandary as he considers several experienced politicians as his vice presidential running mate (*McClatchy News*). Two of them – Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich – are widely known and widely popular inside the Republican Party. But they are also widely unpopular to the rest of the country, particularly minorities, according to a new McClatchy-Marist Poll. Pence's relative anonymity gives him room to grow, Miringoff said, in comparison to Christie and Gingrich, who already are well known to most voters. "With Pence, there's not much name recognition at all, which is sometimes an advantage in that you can frame yourself in ways you want to," he said. "Christie and Gingrich are well known and not well liked outside of the party. That's a lot of baggage for them."

FOX SUSPENDS GINGRICH CONTRACT: Newt Gingrich and Fox News Channel have mutually agreed to suspend the former House speaker's contributor agreement with the network (*Fox News*). The decision comes as presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump is vetting Gingrich and others for the role of possible running mate. "FOX News Channel has mutually agreed to suspend its contributor agreement with Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich effective immediately," Jay Wallace, Fox News executive vice president for news, said in a statement. "Due to the intense media speculation about Gingrich's potential selection as Donald Trump's Vice Presidential candidate, we felt it best to halt his contributor role on the network to avoid all conflicts of interest that may arise."

CLINTON CONTINUES BIG TV AD ADVANTAGE: Hillary Clinton and her allies continue to outspend Donald Trump and his backers over the airwaves by a 15-to-1 margin, according to ad-spending data from SMG Delta (Murray, *NBC News*). Team Clinton has spent $57 million on ads so far in the general election -- $25 million coming from the campaign and another $32 million from pro-Clinton Super PACs. By comparison, Team Trump has aired $3.6 million in ads, with all of the spending from two outside

groups, the National Rifle Association ($2.3 million) and Rebuilding America Now ($1.3 million). The Trump campaign has yet to spend a single cent on ads so far in the general election. Last week, the totals were $45 million for Team Clinton, versus $2.8 million for Team Trump. Clinton's advantage is even more pronounced in the battlegrounds, where Team Clinton has spent a combined $46.2 million in nine states to Team Trump's $1.2 million. That's nearly a 40-to-1 margin. Total Ad Spending So Far: Team Clinton: $57 million ($25 million from campaign, $32 million from Super PACs); Team Trump: $3.6 million (all from two outside groups, $0 from campaign).

TRUMP LEADS IN IOWA POLL: Though he narrowly lost the Republican caucuses in Iowa, Donald Trump holds a slight lead in the battleground state over Hillary Clinton, who narrowly won the state's Democratic contest, according to the results of the latest Monmouth University poll out Tuesday (*Politico*). The survey also found that Iowans largely have negative opinions of both major candidates, and that Trump is outperforming Clinton by double digits among voters under the age of 50. The presumptive Democratic nominee has typically outpolled Trump among younger voters in most national and state polls. Overall, 44 percent of Iowans likely to vote in the general election said they support Trump, while 42 percent support Clinton. Another 6 percent said they will vote for Libertarian nominee Gary Johnson, while 1 percent expressed support for Green Party candidate Jill Stein, 2 percent said they would vote for someone else, and 6 percent are undecided.

TRUMP PONDERS REAGAN'S 11TH COMMANDMENT: Donald Trump is "going to try" to abide by Ronald Reagan's so-called 11th Commandment that one "shalt not speak ill of any fellow Republican." But the presumptive GOP nominee is making no promises, he told Pat Robertson during an interview aired Tuesday on "The 700 Club" (*Politico)*. "These are all going to be your troops," the longtime televangelist said, to which Trump responded, "Yeah." As far as whether he would abide by the commandment handed down 50 years ago by the then-California gubernatorial candidate and future president, Trump was noncommittal. "Well, I'm going to try. I'm going to try," Trump responded, as Robertson laughed, remarking that it was "tough for you." Trump continued, "With you, I cannot tell a lie, right? I cannot tell a lie. I'd feel very guilty." "But I will say this — look, you know, I've gotten more votes than anybody in the history of the Republican primaries, and I had 17 people," Trump said.

TRUMP ASSAILS JUSTICE GINSBERG: Donald J. Trump on Tuesday assailed Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the Supreme Court for speaking out on the presidential race, calling her disdainful remarks about his candidacy "highly inappropriate" and suggesting that she owed other justices an apology (*New York Times*). Mr. Trump's remarks came in a telephone interview with The Times two days after Justice Ginsburg was quoted as saying she was frightened about what the nation would look like if he were elected. "I can't imagine what this place would be — I can't imagine what the country would be — with Donald Trump as our president," Justice Ginsburg told The Times in an interview published Sunday. "For the country, it could be four years. For the court, it could be — I don't even want to contemplate that." She even joked ruefully about moving to New Zealand. Mr. Trump, the presumptive Republican nominee, said he found those remarks unbefitting a member of the high court. "I think it's highly inappropriate that a United States Supreme Court judge gets involved in a political campaign, frankly," Mr. Trump said. "I think it's a disgrace to the court and I think she should apologize to the court. I couldn't believe it when I saw it."

RNC SECURITY QUESTIONED: Concerns over security in Cleveland have been ramping up ahead of next week's Republican National Convention -- and are now further inflamed by recent incidents of racial violence that have wracked the country (*CNN)*. With Donald Trump expected to formally accept the GOP's presidential nomination, numerous protest groups for and against the billionaire developer are preparing to launch dozens of rallies and marches across the Ohio city, which is expecting 50,000 visitors for the GOP's quadrennial gathering. And the blame game for whatever could go wrong in the streets has already begun. Throughout the primaries, Trump's campaign was marked by racial tensions and spasms of violence both inside his events and in the streets. Heightening tensions now, the convention arrives amid a rising national tide of anger against police violence in the death of two African Americans and anxieties tied to the deadly ambush and killing of five officers in Dallas last week. Making matters worse, the state's open-carry gun laws have the head of "Bikers for Trump" telling CNN that Cleveland's streets could turn into "the O.K. Corral."

TRUMP'S WALL MAKES GOP PLATFORM: The Republican platform committee included language calling for a border wall along the U.S. and Mexican border in the draft party platform, getting behind one of presumptive presidential nominee Donald Trump's keystone proposals (*Fox News*). The group wrapped up drafting the plan Tuesday in Cleveland in advance of the convention there next week, when the platform will officially be voted on by the full convention's 2,472 delegates. The proposed platform will express support for a "border wall" that must cover "the entirety of the Southern Border and must be sufficient to stop both vehicular and pedestrian traffic."

CANDIDATE SAFETY THREAT ELEVATED: There are security concerns for the Republican National Convention next in Cleveland next week, but Secret Service Director Joseph Clancy says his agency is prepared (*CBS News*). People can openly carry some weapons in Ohio, so they are planning for armed protesters. But Clancy also told CBS News that its actually the campaign trail where the threat has grown. Protecting the candidates is getting tougher -- and offenders are getting braver. "I would say the candidate threat picture is slightly elevated," Clancy told CBS News' Jeff Pegues. "People are bolder ... we have to be prepared for that."

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Congress

BROOKS CALLS OPIOID DEAL 'HUGE': The U.S. House has passed a comprehensive bill to address the opioid drug epidemic in the country, Rep. Susan Brooks said Monday (de la Bastide, *Anderson Herald-Bulletin*). The 5th District Republican congresswoman said passage of the Comprehensive Addiction and

Recovery Act by the U.S. House is "huge" in the fight against the opioid epidemic. During a telephone interview with The Herald Bulletin, Brooks said it was an overwhelming bipartisan vote to address the heroin and opioid epidemic that is claiming 78 lives each day. Brooks served on the conference committee and the final report includes a provision she authored to establish a task force of providers, pain management specialists, patient advocates, people in recovery and the relevant federal agencies. The task force is responsible for reviewing, modifying and updating guidelines for prescribers of pain medication that were released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention earlier this year. "The task force will focus on the prescription practices," Brooks said. "It will involve all federal agencies that deal with prescriptions. It will include doctors, nurses, pharmacists, people with addictions and people in rehabilitation programs."

COATS SUPPORTS AMENDING STARK LAW: U.S. Sen. Dan Coats (R-IN) attended a Senate Finance Committee hearing that examined the Stark Law, the problems this law poses for physicians and other health care providers and how these issues can be addressed (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Congress originally passed the Stark Law in 1989 to prevent physician referrals for "designated health services" to hospitals or other health care entities in which a physician has a financial relationship, a news release stated. However, compliance with the statute has become tedious and unreasonable, and many health care systems in Indiana and across the country are now faced with litigation for minor technical errors. "Under the Stark law, there is no way to distinguish between technical violations, such as missing a signature, and more substantive violations," said Coats. "Technical violations have a low risk of affecting the Medicare Trust Fund yet the penalties are severe. We should amend this law to protect hospitals from excessive penalties while still protecting patients from bad actors."

CBO REPORT WARNS OF DEBT CRISIS, COATS SAYS: U.S. Sen. Dan Coats (R-IN), chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, said yesterday's report by the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) shows why Congress must take action to address the rapidly escalating federal debt (*Howey Politics Indiana*). According to a news release, the report, entitled "The 2016 Long-Term Budget Outlook," warns if current law doesn't change, "Large and growing federal debt over the coming decades would hurt the economy and constrain future budget policy. The amount of debt that is projected in the extended baseline would reduce national saving and income in the long term; increase the government's interest costs, putting more pressure on the rest of the budget; limit lawmakers' ability to respond to unforeseen events; and increase the likelihood of a fiscal crisis, an occurrence in which investors become unwilling to finance a government's borrowing needs unless they are compensated with very high interest rates." "Today's report should encourage Congress to take immediate action to reduce our federal debt," said Coats.

MESSER BILL TO ELIMINATE TAX ON R&B SCHOLARSHIPS: U.S. Rep. Luke Messer (R-IN) and Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY) introduced H.R. 5730, the Fair Treatment of Scholarships Act, to make college more affordable by eliminating a tax penalty that treats scholarships used to pay for room and board as taxable income (*Howey Politics Indiana*). A news release stated that over the past decade, prices for undergraduate tuition, room, and board at public institutions have risen over 40 percent - four times faster than the rate of inflation. Fortunately, many students receive need-based and merit-based scholarships that help offset these costs. However, only scholarship funds used to pay for tuition and school supplies are tax free. So when college students use their scholarships for living expenses, including room and board, the value of those scholarships is subject to federal income tax. The Fair

Treatment of Scholarships Act eliminates this tax penalty and expands tax-free treatment for scholarships used to cover living expenses.

LYNCH WON'T ANSWER QUESTIONS: Attorney General Loretta Lynch stonewalled a House committee's questions about the probe into Hillary Clinton's email server Tuesday, steadfastly refusing to discuss the facts and legal standards involved even though FBI Director James Comey did so at length last week (*Politico*). Under pointed questioning from Republicans, Lynch insisted it would be improper for her to make public comments about the evidence gathered during the almost year-long inquiry. "While I understand that this investigation has generated significant public interest, as Attorney General, it would be inappropriate for me to comment further on the underlying facts of the investigation or the legal basis for the team's recommendation," Lynch said at the outset of the House Judiciary Committee hearing. "I can tell you that I am extremely proud of the tremendous work of the dedicated prosecutors and agents on this matter."

General Assembly

BLACK LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS CALLS FOR END TO VIOLENCE: Indiana Black Legislative Caucus (IBLC) Chairman State Senator Lonnie M. Randolph (D-East Chicago) issued the following statement yesterday in response to the recent shootings in St. Paul, MN, Baton Rouge, LA and Dallas, Texas (*Howey Politics Indiana*): "The Indiana Black Legislative Caucus members would like to extend our prayers to the families of those whose lives have been lost in recent days due to overaggressive police officers, as well as to the families of police officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. We cannot let any of these lives be lost in vain. We must take action to prevent this senseless cycle of violence that has taken hold in our society. We do not want to live in a society where being killed by overly aggressive policing is a normal occurrence. Nor do we want to see our world taken over by those who feel they can kill police indiscriminately. We need to come together as a state and begin to have productive conversations with community leaders and law enforcement authorities in order to develop policies that would prevent such senseless and premature deaths from occurring. The future of our country is at risk!"

INDIANA AMERICAN LEGION RECOGNIZES LEGISLATORS: The American Legion, Department of Indiana recognized Hoosier state legislators with the Distinguished Public Service Award for their support of Indiana veterans at the 98th Annual State Convention on Saturday (*Howey Politics Indiana*). A news item posted to the Legion's website stated the "legislators went above and beyond to work with The American Legion to improve the quality of life for veterans in Indiana." Honored were Rep. Karlee Macer (D-Indianapolis), Rep. Charles Moseley (D-Portage), Sen. Susan Glick (R-LaGrange), Rep. Peggy Mayfield (R-Martinsville), Rep. Randall Frye (R-Greensburg), and Sen. Jim Banks (R-Columbia City).

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GOVERNOR: JAPAN-BASED AUTO SUPPLIER GROWS IN GIBSON COUNTY - Toyota Boshoku Indiana, an automotive component manufacturer, announced plans to expand its production operations here, resulting in the creation of up to 160 new jobs (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "International companies like Toyota Boshoku Indiana are helping to drive growth in Indiana's economy today," stated Gov. Mike Pence in a news release. The company, which is a subsidiary of Japan-based Toyota Boshoku Corporation, will invest $10.59 million to construct and equip a 42,000-square-foot addition to its manufacturing facility in Princeton. With its expansion, Toyota Boshoku Indiana's operations will grow to 524,000 square feet across 57 acres and the company will begin producing vehicle seats and doors for the Toyota Highlander. Toyota Boshoku Indiana currently produces interior seat systems for the Toyota Sienna and manufactured seats for 147,620 vehicles just last year. Toyota Boshoku Indiana currently employs more than 1,000 associates at its facility in Princeton, which is part of the company's network of more than 6,000 associates across North and South America.

GOVERNOR: INDY COMPANY TO EXPAND - Walker Information, a business-to-business customer experience consulting firm, announced plans today to expand its operations here, constructing a new headquarters facility and creating up to 30 new high-wage jobs by 2020 (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "Here in Indiana, we have made it a top-priority to build a pro-growth business environment that offers low costs, declining taxes, reduced regulations and a skilled workforce," said Governor Mike Pence. "With a growing number of tech companies choosing to call Indiana home, this industry continues to create quality, good-paying Hoosier jobs. As we head into Indiana's third century, I am proud to see Indiana's tech community thriving and witness yet another firm like Walker benefit from doing business in a state that works." The family-owned company, in partnership with real estate developer PK Partners, will invest $11 million to build a new 54,000-square-foot headquarters facility at 8940 River Crossing Blvd. on Indianapolis' north side.

GOVERNOR: AEROSPACE ASSOC. PICKS INDIANA FOR CONFERENCE - The Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) announced plans to host its Supplier Management Council conference in Indianapolis in the spring of 2018, the governor's office announced yesterday. Presented in partnership with Rolls-Royce and the state of Indiana, the conference will attract industry leaders and showcase Indiana's growing aerospace and aviation industry. AIA is a leading aerospace trade association, representing more than 300 of the nation's major aerospace and defense manufacturers and suppliers.

GOVERNOR: PENCE PRESENTS 17 AWARDS AT BLACK EXPO - Gov. Mike Pence presented 17 African-American Hoosiers, community leaders and organizations from across the state with several awards during the Indiana Black Expo, Inc. 46th Annual Summer Celebration (IBE) Governor's Reception (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Individuals and organizations received the Governor's Award for Achievement in the fields of health and wellness, business and entrepreneurship, education, religion, civil rights and military service. The Governor also awarded the Sam Jones Trailblazer Award and the Reverend Charles Williams Community Service Award, according to a news release. Awards included: Governor's Award for Achievement in Health & Wellness - The Blind Social Center and The Mozel Sanders Foundation; Governor's Award for Achievement in Business & Entrepreneurship - Kountry Kitchen Soul Food Place, Jeff Smith and Powers & Sons; Governor's Award for Achievement in Education - Reverend Todd Roberts; Governor's Award for Excellence in Religion - Bishop Byron Johnson and Reverend Malachi Walker; Governor's Award for Achievement in Civil Rights - Sadie Harper-Scott; Governor's Award for Achievement in Military Service - American Legion Post 249, Command Sergeant Major Brenda Simmons, and Gunner's Mate First Class (Surface Warfare) Lashanda T. Washington; Governor's Forward Thinking/Up and Coming Award - Princeton Young and Marshawn Wolley; Reverend Charles Williams Community Service Award - Reverend Melvin Jackson; Sam Jones Trailblazer Award - State Senator Earline Rogers; and, Governor's Historical Legacy Award - Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Award recipients were selected by the Governor in collaboration with state and community leaders.

GOVERNOR: PENCE MAKES APPOINTMENTS - Gov. Mike Pence recently made appointments to the below boards and commissions:

Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group: David L. Westenberger [Bartholomew County], appointed to serve at the Governor’s pleasure; Kellie J. Whitcomb [Cass County], appointed to serve at the Governor’s pleasure.

Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Standards & Certification Board: Malea L. Crosby [Vigo County], appointed to serve a four-year term through July 15, 2020; Megan L. Jessup [Marion County], appointed to serve a four-year term through July 15, 2020; Terri L. Lee [Lake County], appointed to serve a four-year term through July 15, 2020; Craig E. McCartt [Johnson County], appointed to serve a four-year term through July 15, 2020; James R. Oliver [Brown County], appointed to serve a four-year term through July 15, 2020; Jade V. Palin [Hendricks County], appointed to serve a four-year term through July 15, 2020.

BUSINESS: CNBC RANKS STATE 16TH - The state ranks 16th overall in CNBC's "America's Top States For Business: 2016," down three spots from last year (Ober, *Inside Indiana Business*). However, Indiana is ranked first in the nation in cost of doing business and infrastructure. The state lagged in areas including quality of life and work force. ah topped this year's list, after being ranked third in 2015. Texas, Colorado, Minnesota and North Carolina round out the top five. Rhode Island came in at the bottom of the list. Last month, the Indiana Economic Development Corp. touted the state's business climate, citing more than 38,000 new jobs over the last year, and nearly 150,000 new jobs since the beginning of 2013. The organization says the labor force is growing as well, with more than 111,000 new eligible employees joining in the last year.

EDUCATION: O'BRIEN STEPS DOWN FROM SBOE - The Vice Chair of the State Board of Education is stepping down (*IndyPolitics*). Sarah O'Brien, who was originally appointed by former Governor Mitch Daniels and later reappointed by Governor Mike Pence, informed her colleagues in an e-mail this evening. O'Brien cited family reasons for the decision. She is a fourth grade teacher in Avon. O'Brien told her fellow Board members she believed she increased the quality of education for all Hoosier kids and thought the Board would continue to do so in her absence. Her last day will be August 10.

MILITARY: BODY OF INDIANA AIRMAN RECOVERED - The body of a U.S. airman has been found in a river in the northern Italian town where he went missing 10 days ago, Italian authorities said Tuesday (*Fox News).* A Carabinieri official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to give the information, said the body of Staff Sgt. Halex Hale was identified by his father and colleagues from the Aviano Air Base. The body, clad in just a swimming suit, was spotted earlier Tuesday by a passer-by, who notified authorities. The 24-year-old from Middletown, Indiana, who was assigned to the 31st Fighter Wing at Aviano Air Base north of Venice, went missing on July 2 after leaving a friend's cookout off base in the town of Sacile to walk to another friend's home about 15 minutes away. He left his cell phone, credit cards and car and the cookout.

HEALTH: MOM ASKS STATE'S HELP TO KEEP NARCAN PRICES DOWN - An Indiana mother is calling on state leaders to step up and help keep the cost of heroin antidotes down (Hasnie, *WTTV*). Justin Phillips lost her son to a heroin overdose in 2013. In light of that tragedy, she created a non-profit called Overdose Lifeline to help police agencies across the state obtain Naloxone (Narcan). The Hancock County Sheriff's Department is one of those agencies benefiting from Phillip's help. Several years ago, a dose of Narcan for a hospital cost about a dollar. Today, the Hancock County Sheriff's Department pays $30 a dose and that's a cheap price. "If we had to buy it outright, it'd be $100 a dose," said Deputy Mike Cushing. Overdose Lifeline works to get law enforcement agencies bulk rates through local hospitals and grant money which brings the cost down to $30 a dose.

STATEHOUSE: INDOT MEETS WITH FARMERS OVER ROADS, BRIDGES - Indiana farmers want their voices to be included in ongoing conversations about road and bridge improvements throughout the state (Brosher, *Indiana Public Media*). The Indiana Department of Transportation is hosting a series of meetings with Indiana Farm Bureau members to discuss the issues. Legislators passed what many called a short-term road funding bill earlier this year. It's a two-year package designed to cover the state's most urgent construction and maintenance needs. It's incredibly important to make sure the rural voice and the agriculture voice still has a presence in transportation decisions. But some of the Indiana Farm Bureau's members felt they were left out of that conversation. So the organization setup meetings with INDOT so farmers could ask questions about projects and express their concerns. "If you're not on the table, you're likely on the menu," says Indiana Farm Bureau Communications Specialist Jay Wood. "And it's incredibly important to make sure the rural voice and the agriculture voice still has a presence in transportation decisions because it does have such a large impact on the industry." Farmers at a meeting Monday in Seymour wanted to know more about bridge and road repairs near their properties.

STATEHOUSE: AG DEFENDS E-LIQUIDS LAW - On Monday a federal judge heard oral argument in a lawsuit challenging an Indiana law regulating the manufacturers of liquids used in electronic smoking devices (*Howey Politics Indiana*). According to a news release from the office of Attorney General Greg

Zoeller, a Florida-based company that manufactures vaping products, GoodCat LLC, is challenging the security requirements for e-liquids manufacturers that the Legislature passed in 2015. Chief Judge Richard Young on June 30 granted a temporary restraining order, blocking the State's enforcement of the law for 14 days against GoodCat only. But with that TRO due to expire Thursday, the judge on Monday heard arguments from attorneys from both sides on whether or not to grant the plaintiffs a preliminary injunction that would block state enforcement of the Indiana law against GoodCat LLC. The plaintiffs among other things claim the security requirements in state law are preempted by federal law, the Food, Drug & Cosmetic Act. The State's lawyers disagree, arguing Monday that the state statute is not preempted by federal law and can be enforced against GoodCat and other e-liquids manufacturers. As the lawyer for state government, the Indiana Attorney General's Office defended the state statute and represented the state defendants, including the chairman of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission (ATC), in federal court.

EDUCATION: ISU'S BRADLEY NAMED TO NCAA PRESIDENTIAL FORUM - Indiana State University President Dan Bradley has been appointed as a member of the NCAA Division I Presidential Forum (*Terre Haute Tribune-Star*). The forum is comprised of one president or chancellor from each of the 32 Division I Conferences to provide counsel to the board on not only current issues but also the role of sports within higher education. Indiana State has 15 Division I teams and is a member of the Missouri Valley Conference. "My hope is to represent the interests of the Missouri Valley Conference and enhance awareness of the resource constraints faced by many Division I institutions and their student-athletes," Bradley said.

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WHITE HOUSE: OBAMA PAYS TRIBUTE TO FALLEN DALLAS COPS - President Barack Obama arrived at a memorial service Tuesday in Dallas to address another city heartbroken by a mass shooting, seeking to comfort a nation mourning the deaths of five officers while protests over policing have continued in cities across the country (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Obama, speaking to a packed hall just a mile from where the gunman opened fire Thursday, invoked the names of the five police officers killed in the shooting rampage, describing details about each of their lives. “Your work, the work of police officers across the country, is like no other,” Obama said to a crowd filled with law enforcement officers from across the state and beyond. “From the moment you put on that uniform, you have answered a call that at any moment, even in the briefest interaction, may put your life in harm’s way.” “I’m not naive,” Obama said. “I’ve spoken at too many memorials during the course of this presidency. I’ve hugged too many families that lost a loved one to senseless violence,” he said. Obama said if America “is to honor these five outstanding officers we lost,” then the country must be honest about confronting its challenges.

FBI: D.B. COOPER CASE CLOSED - Out of all America’s skyjackings, only one remains unsolved. The case has confounded FBI investigators for decades — its astonishing details, clues and alleged participants have become the stuff of American criminal lore (*Washington Post*). The story has inspired songs, T-shirts and books, and the main character has, at times, bordered on American folk hero status. Now, after one of “the longest and most exhaustive investigations” in FBI history, the agency is finally moving on from the search for the notorious skyjacker known as D.B. Cooper, according to a statement released by the FBI. The riveting search — which Washington Post reporter Cynthia Gorney once

described as "Jesse James meets the Loch Ness monster" — is more or less over. "During the course of the 45-year NORJAK investigation, the FBI exhaustively reviewed all credible leads, coordinated between multiple field offices to conduct searches, collected all available evidence, and interviewed all identified witnesses," the statement says, referring to the phrase "Northwest hijacking." "Over the years, the FBI has applied numerous new and innovative investigative techniques, as well as examined countless items at the FBI Laboratory." The case began on the afternoon of Nov. 24, 1971, when a man who went by the name D.B. Cooper used cash to buy a one-way ticket on Flight 305, leaving Portland, Ore., bound for Seattle, according to an FBI statement. By the end of the night, Cooper would vanish into thin air 10,000 feet above dense Washington State forestland with $200,000 in cash, appearing to pull off a heist so daring that he would eventually be considered the most notorious hijacker in American history.



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CITIES: INDY CONSIDERS LOOSENING TAXI REGS - In the era of Uber and Lyft, Indianapolis taxi companies are slowly fading into history. A new city-county proposal aims to help bring them into the 21st century (Allbrittin, *WTTV)*. Taxi cab drivers and city-county councilor Vop Osili spoke to say the tight city regulations for taxi cabs have hampered their ability to catch up with the on-demand ride services. City-county Councilor Vop Osili says several taxi cab companies have folded in recent years. He believes that's because, per state law, the city can't regulate transportation network companies like Uber and Lyft. But they can, and do regulate taxis. Osili's proposal would change some of the antiquated regulations written decades ago. Right now, his recommendations include dropping the requirements for two-way radios and paper receipts. Cabs also wouldn't have to have Marion County license plates or lights on top to indicate whether a cab is in service. Taxi drivers wouldn't be required to drive cars with identical color schemes or wear specific clothes. Taxi companies wouldn't need a central office in Marion County, although they may still be required to have some central operation. Other regulations concern how fares are posted when they change and how operator logs are stored and submitted. Osili envisions creating a taskforce that could work with the industry and other stakeholders to create an amendment that maintains safety standards, but gives taxi companies more wiggle room.

CITIES: MUNCIE PROMOTES ITSELF AS BROADBAND-READY - The city of Muncie wants to encourage broadband developers who might make it easier for residents to stream video, answer email from their boss, catch Pokémon - and conduct business (Roysdon, *Muncie Star Press*). Muncie City Council on Monday introduced an ordinance establishing the city as "a broadband-ready community." The ordinance, which could be finalized at city council's August meeting, would speed the process for a developer intending "construction or development of wireline or wireless communications facilities to provide communications services." Arron Kidder, a consultant for Mayor Dennis Tyler, presented the ordinance to city council. Kidder said the city had been working with local economic development officials

on the proposal. "A broadband-ready community would offer a path of least resistance to developers who might put in broadband in the community," Kidder said.

CITIES: BLOOMINGTON WATER RATES RISE 22% - It could be some time before customers of City of Bloomington Utilities see an increase in their water bills, even though the city council approved a 22 percent water rate increase on Tuesday (*Bloomington Herald-Times*). Utilities Director Vic Kelson said the department plans to submit the water rate case to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission for approval before the Sept. 27 deadline. Once it's submitted, he said, the IURC has 300 days to conduct hearings and make a decision.

CITIES: BATESVILLE MAYOR PROMOTES TRAIL PROJECT - "There are a number of ways to attract people to Batesville," said Mayor Mike Bettice (Aune, *Batesville Herald-Tribune*). "One of the ways ... is we make it a place where people want to live. People look for what is usually called 'quality of place' or 'quality of life.' Certainly parks and recreation and trails are all things that are part of quality of life. So, two weeks ago I went and made a presentation to the Indiana Department of Transportation to see if we could get some state money to extend our trail project. Right now we have some great trails in Brum Woods that go over to Liberty Park. This year we're working on extending the trail from the park through the baseball fields, The Plex. We made a written request two months ago, and we had a followup face-to-face interview with INDOT two weeks ago where I made our case for extending that trail through The Plex and over to the YMCA.

CITIES: LAFAYETTE SCHOOLS EYE $98M IN RENOVATIONS - Just in time for the 50th anniversaries of Glen Acres Elementary and Lafayette Jefferson High School opening their doors, the Lafayette School Corp. on Monday announced $98 million in renovations for several of its schools (Ellison, *Lafayette Journal-Courier*). John Layton, LSC's associate superintendent, said that level of growth and expansion has been discussed for several years. "We are facing a growing enrollment," Layton said. "Our elementary population sees an increase in enrollment of about 200 kids a year. For us to continue with viable education, it is going to take some upgrades."

COUNTIES: FLOYD CORONER SAYS 'SURROUNDED BY INCOMPETENCE' - They came and asked the Floyd County Council for $35,000 to get them through the remainder of the year (Morris, *News & Tribune*). They would have settled for $6,645 to get them current with their bills. But all Floyd County Coroner Leslie Knable and Deputy Coroner Stefanie House left with was an appointment to meet with two council members, and Auditor Scott Clark, to try and clear up outstanding bills and other issues associated with their budget. Knable said the money is to pay for autopsies for the rest of the year. She said since her autopsy budget was cut from $48,000 to $33,000 three years ago, she continually runs out of funds, and has to carry a deficit over to the next year. "Every year we start from behind," Knable said. The office has $5,900 left in its budget, but Knable and House said there are invoices that have been submitted to the auditor's office that have not been paid. They said to bring the account up to date, they need at least $12,500. "You are asking us who is dropping the ball. That is your job," Knable said. "I investigate death, that is my job. I am surrounded by freaking incompetence."

COUNTIES: LAKE VOTES PAY RAISES FOR 900 EMPLOYEES - The Lake County Council voted pay raises Tuesday for most of the county's employees (Dolan, *NWI Times*). Council members passed on first reading a proposed 3 percent across-the-board raise to more than 900 full-time employees. It would exclude elected officials and hundreds of other employees who already have received increases through collective bargaining agreements. The salary boost will require another vote Aug. 9, when the amount could be modified by an amendment offered by Councilman Eldon Strong, R-Crown Point, to give an increase of 3 percent only for employees earning $50,000 or less, 2 percent for those earning between $50,000 and $80,000 and 1 percent for those earning more than $80,000 annually. The council also voted to raise its pay scale for 94 dispatchers and supervisors by $2,000 this year to attract and keep public safety communications specialists, who have been leaving for higher pay in Illinois and elsewhere in Indiana.

COUNTIES: DAVIESS APPROVES E-911 - Daviess County Commissioners approved a request by the Washington Police Department to tap into the county's E-911 account to upgrade equipment in the city's police cars (*Washington Times-Herald*). Washington Police Chief Todd Church requested $115,776 from the fund to pay to place computers in the city's cruisers. "We want to quip our cars with computers that we can install GPS system in the cars to help with officer safety, so we can track our cars and know where they are at," said Church. "We will have the same mapping system we have at the station. The only difference is the dispatchers and other cars will know where we are all at.

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TRUMP VEEP PICK COMING 'IN NEXT 3 OR 4 DAYS: Donald Trump said Monday that he expects to decide on his vice presidential pick by the end of the week and that he is leaning toward a "political" pick rather than a "military" one (Cillizza, *Washington Post)*. "I have five people, including the general," Trump told me in a 25-minute phone conversation on Monday morning, referring to retired Lt. Gen. Michael T. Flynn. "I do like the military, but I do very much like the political." Trump added, "I will make my mind up over the next three to four days. In my mind, I have someone that would be really good." Although Trump was careful not to eliminate Flynn, it was clear that he believed picking someone "political" was the right move, meaning, presumably, that former speaker Newt Gingrich, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and one other political person are in his final four. Trump said he was prizing political experience over military experience for two main reasons. First, he feels as though he doesn't need much help on the military/national security front. "I have such great respect for the general, but believe it or not that will be one of my strong suits," he said. "I was against the war in Iraq from the start." (The Washington Post's Fact Checker column disagreed with that assessment.) Second, Trump sees picking a politician as vice president as the best way to unify the GOP ahead of next week's Republican National Convention and the coming fall campaign. "I don't need two anti-establishment people," Trump said. "Someone respected by the establishment and liked by the establishment would be good for unification. I do like unification of the Republican Party." "History has said nobody ever helps," said Trump, citing the selection of Lyndon Johnson as John F. Kennedy's running mate as the last VP pick that truly mattered. "I've never seen anybody that's helped."

NO OFFER FOR PENCE PRIOR TO AUDITION: Mike Pence hasn't been asked to join Donald Trump's ticket and hasn't received signals from Trump's campaign that an offer is imminent, a source close to Pence says (Bradner, *CNN*). Pence, the first-term Republican governor of Indiana, is set to attend a fundraiser and a rally with Trump near Indianapolis Tuesday as Trump nears a decision on his vice presidential running mate. "I'll be glad to be there, either cheering from behind, or if he wants me to bring a few words," Pence told reporters Monday morning at a charity bike ride for fallen police officers. The Indiana events come as Trump finishes a round of try-outs with vice presidential possibilities. He campaigned Monday in Virginia with New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, who has gone through a "full vet" for the spot, a source familiar with Trump's vice presidential selection process said. And last week, he campaigned in Cincinnati with Newt Gingrich. "I'm prepared to make the case anywhere across Indiana and anywhere across this country that Donald Trump would want me to," the governor said (Kelly, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette).

TRUMP CHANGING HIS MIND OFTEN: Closing in on his choice for a running mate, Donald Trump spoke favorably Monday about tapping an experienced politician over a political outsider to help reassure and unite the fractured Republican Party (Costa & Rucker, *Washington Post*). Trump, who is slated to be nominated for president at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland next week, plans to announce his choice later this week. His allies say he favors a trio of elected leaders: Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and former House speaker Newt Gingrich (Ga.). Trump's preferences have evolved in recent days as he contemplated what could be one of the most consequential decisions of his campaign. Several of Trump's adult children — daughter Ivanka and sons Donald Jr. and Eric, along with Ivanka's husband, Jared Kushner — have been privately advising their

father about his choice and also favor an experienced hand, such as Gingrich or Pence, according to people close to Trump, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the deliberations publicly. These people cautioned that Trump often is unpredictable and that he could continue to change his mind until he makes a final decision. They said he was genuinely undecided over the weekend as he socialized with friends and raised money in the New York area.

HILL BOLTS, BAYH PREPARES RETURN: In a week that seemed destined to rock the national political world as all eyes were on Donald Trump and Gov. Mike Pence for a potential vice presidential nomination, it was Evan Bayh who stormed back into the headlines as Baron Hill announced he is exiting the U.S. Senate race (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "I have never run away from tough decisions or tough fights. But, I am a pragmatic person who will always put my country and my state first," Hill said in a statement emailed Monday morning. "I am also a proud Democrat who wants to see an Indiana Democrat fighting for Hoosier families alongside Senator Joe Donnelly in the U.S. Senate. And, I want to do everything in my power to ensure a U.S. Senate that will govern responsibly. That is why, after consulting with my family, my staff and party leaders, I am withdrawing from the U.S. Senate race and removing my name from the November ballot." Democratic sources are telling Howey Politics Indiana that Bayh, who sits on a $10 million war chest after stunning the political world in 2010 with an abrupt retirement, is preparing to return. Bayh said in a statement, "Baron Hill has always put Indiana first, and has been focused on setting aside party differences to strengthen our state and country. I share this commitment, and agree with him that the stakes have never been higher. Baron and I have spoken and we both believe that we must send leaders to Washington who will put Hoosiers' interests ahead of any one political party." Trevor Foughty, campaign manager for Republican nominee Todd Young, said the Senate seat "isn't the birthright of a wealthy lobbyist from Washington. After he cast the deciding vote for Obamacare, Evan Bayh left Indiana families to fend for themselves so he could cash-in with insurance companies and influence peddlers as a gold-plated lobbyist." "My understanding is that Evan Bayh is intending to run," Carmen Darland, chairwoman of the 3rd Congressional District Democratic Party, said later in a telephone interview with the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette. Bayh and his spokesman could not be reached for further comment. An Indiana Democratic Party spokesman declined to discuss Bayh as a prospective candidate. The party's central committee is scheduled to meet July 22 to fill the Senate ballot vacancy. Democrats led by Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York have been working on Bayh for months to bring about a change of heart, an effort that finally appears to have borne fruit (Associated Press). Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada also has been involved. "It's going to be good for the country, good for Indiana to have him back," Reid said Monday.

BAYH SEEKS TO RETURN TO HIS SENATE HELL: When Evan Bayh bid farewell to the Senate in 2010, he sounded ready to go (Blake, *Washington Post*). "After all these years, my passion for service to my fellow citizens is undiminished, but my desire to do so in Congress has waned," he said in a statement. "I love helping our citizens make the most of their lives, but I do not love Congress." By most every account, Congress has only devolved further into gridlock, partisanship and rancor in the six years since Bayh offered that quote. Despite this, Bayh apparently wants back in. The former senator is set to become Democrats' late replacement in the open Indiana Senate race, after former congressman Baron Hill (D) dropped out, and it's a big recruiting win for them. The Rothenberg & Gonzales Political Report even now says the red state tilts slightly in Democrats' favor — i.e., Bayh is slightly favored to retake his old seat. But that's not the only reason it's a stunning reversal. It's also stunning because Bayh had basically written off Congress. It was the reason he offered for quitting in 2010, and at the time Bayh's blunt dismissal of Congress was major news. "There is too much partisanship and not enough progress — too much narrow ideology and not enough practical problem-solving," Bayh said in his retirement announcement. "Even at a time of enormous challenge, the people's business is not being done."

YOUNG CAMP UNLOADS ON BAYH'S 'ROCKY ROLLOUT': "Lifelong Politician Immediately Blasted As A 'Corporate Lobbyist' Who 'Cashed In On His Status As A Political Insider' & Walked Away With 'Three Multimillion Dollar Properties... That Aren't In Indiana'" reads the beginning of a media release from the senatorial campaign of Republican Todd Young (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The email listed several negative comments about Evan Bayh from writers with links to Huffington Post, Politico, Vox, IndyStar and Washington Post. In a separate email distributed earlier in the day, Todd Young Campaign Manager Trevor Foughty issued the following statement regarding a report Evan Bayh would enter the U.S. Senate race: "After he cast the deciding vote for Obamacare, Evan Bayh left Indiana families to fend for themselves so he could cash-in with insurance companies and influence peddlers as a gold-plated lobbyist. This seat isn't the birthright of a wealthy lobbyist from Washington, it belongs to the people of Indiana." Republicans also distributed research showing Bayh, a partner at the McGuireWoods law firm in Washington, D.C., bought a $2.9 million Georgetown townhouse last year and an oceanfront Florida condo for $3.9 million in 2013 (*Associated Press*).

CLINTON, SANDERS TO UNITE TODAY: For weeks now, Hillary Clinton's campaign has been engaged in a project to win over the staunchest — and loudest — of Bernie Sanders' supporters in the places where they'll matter most in November (*Politico*). Using one-on-one meetings, social gatherings, and public campaign events, Clinton's operatives have been quietly working to court his backers in battleground states Sanders won during the primary or where they fought in especially contentious contests — in some cases relying on personal appeals from staffers as senior as campaign manager Robby Mook. The first return on that investment comes Tuesday when Sanders joins Clinton on stage here for the formal display of unity the party's been waiting for in advance of the July convention. In announcing the event Monday, both campaigns synchronized their press releases and shared similar language that the two former rivals will "discuss their commitment to building an America that is stronger together and an economy that works for everyone, not just those at the top."

CLINTON LEAD SHRINKS 47-44%: Hillary Clinton's lead over Donald Trump narrowed to 3 points this week in an *NBC/Survey Monkey Poll*, 47-44%, after several days of controversy following FBI Director James Comey's recommendation that no criminal charges be brought against the former secretary of state over her use of a private email server. While the developments are certainly good news for the Clinton campaign, Comey's critical statement on Clinton's handling of the matter was not positive. Clinton's lead over Trump has deteriorated in the past couple weeks since her lead peaked two weeks ago. A strong majority of voters (82 percent) agreed that it was inappropriate for Clinton to use a personal email server during her tenure as secretary of state. A smaller majority — 56 percent — also said they disagreed with Comey's recommendation that Clinton not be prosecuted for use of the server. These results are according to the latest from the NBC News|SurveyMonkey Weekly Election Tracking Poll conducted online from July 4 through July 10, 2016. Survey questions pertaining to Clinton's email controversy were added following Comey's announcement.

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: While many GOP insiders are convinced that Gov. Pence will be Donald Trump's running mate, today's event at the Columbia Club which is expected to bring in more than $1 million and the Westfield rally appear to be part of Trump's audition phase. Trump has had similar joint appearances with New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and Newt Gingrich. So don't bank on the announcement of a Trump/Pence ticket today. The Columbia Club fundraiser, for instance, was scheduled weeks ago.

Westfield is a site of no significance (Pence's hometown of Columbus would have extended the buzz). It will give Pence some face time with the presumptive nominee, who told the Washington Post yesterday that he will make his decision in the next three or four days, which pushes Pence up against a hard ballot withdrawal deadline of noon Friday. It will also give Pence a chance to beg off. The governor faces a dilemma. A good day today could give him a chance for a position he has long aspired. It gives him an out on a gubernatorial campaign he could lose (or win, John Gregg has never led in a single poll). But a Trump rejection could damage the Pence brand and Gregg will certainly exploit this. The campaign will be compiling B-roll today. So this is high drama on the Hoosier stage, with a populist mogul famous for unpredictability and pay backs (Pence did endorse Ted Cruz). Perhaps Trump himself hasn't even made a decision. - *Brian A. Howey*



Campaigns

BAYH COMEBACK SHIFTS SENATE MATH: For months, Chuck Schumer toiled on a seemingly fruitless task: Trying to persuade former Democratic Sen. Evan Bayh, who'd insisted for years that he was done with politics, to mount a comeback — and give Democrats a big boost in their bid to retake the Senate (*Politico*). On Monday, the New York senator got his wish when Bayh jumped into the Indiana race against GOP Rep. Todd Young. The surprise entry by the former two-term senator and governor instantly upended the Senate landscape by putting in play a red state that had been all but written off by Democrats. Bayh has baggage as a Washington insider and Obamacare supporter in a red state. But he also comes with nearly $10 million in the bank, statewide name recognition and strong ties to Democratic leaders. Now, Democrats are favored to win two states and are legitimately competitive in another half-dozen — improving the odds that Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) will bequeath the title of majority leader to Schumer, who will take over running the Democratic Caucus next year. Though Democrats have long been bullish on their chances of taking back the Senate with Republicans defending 24 seats to Democrats' 10, their momentum suffered a significant blow last month when GOP Florida Sen. Marco Rubio decided to seek reelection — turning that seat from a likely Democratic pickup to a tossup at best. Now, though, Bayh's decision to run for his old seat has shifted the map back toward Democrats, who need to capture four seats if they win the presidency to take back the chamber. They are favored in Wisconsin and Illinois, but the battleground states of Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire and Nevada are all close. Bayh's reversal adds a sixth battleground to the mix — and Democrats believe Bayh is the favorite. "He's extremely popular, won his elections by a big margin, has support from Democrats and Republicans," said Sen. Debbie Stabenow of Michigan, a close Schumer confidante. "He's in a very good position to (win) that seat. I think we have an excellent chance." Bayh is probably the only Democrat in Indiana who could beat Young.

HILL SAID DECISION WAS HIS ALONE: "Was this something that was ever requested of you or did you decide this on your own?" *WTHR-TV's* Kevin Rader asked Baron Hill. "This was something I decided. I hold the cards here. I've got the nomination. I don't have to leave this race. I did this on my own. Nobody pressured me to do this," Hill answered. So the next move is up to Evan Bayh. Baron Hill says he just started thinking about this in the last seven days with the Friday July 15th deadline looming. Republicans may still have a choice to make by the end of this week but Democrats in Indiana are working overtime to trump Trump.

CARDWELL SAYS DEMOCRATIC PARTY 'LOST FAITH' WITH HILL: Indiana Republican Party Chairman Jeff Cardwell made the following statement after the breaking news of Evan Bayh replacing Baron Hill on Indiana Democrats' ballot (*Howey Politics Indiana*): "It's obvious that the Indiana Democrats have lost faith in the people's choice of the Democrat Senate Candidate. Hillary Clinton's favorite former senator, Evan Bayh, is a Washington lobbyist who voted for the crushing stimulus package and was the deciding vote on Obamacare. The Indiana Democrats continue to use re-tread candidates with out-of-touch records, in hopes of creating a winning ticket for November."

GOP GUBERNATORIAL JOCKEYING: With Indiana awaiting Donald Trump's vice presidential announcement, the behind-the-scenes maneuvering has begun to replace Gov. Mike Pence on the governor ballot should he jump to the national stage (Kelly, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). The list of those said to be interested is long, but only a few have a realistic shot to sway the 22-member Indiana Republican State Committee, which would choose a new nominee. "If you want to be governor there is no quicker or less expensive way to get to the spot," said Mike McDaniel, a former GOP state chairman. "This is the first time it's happened since back in the Civil War. It's much preferred rather than spending $5 or $6 million on a primary." "It's really all speculative at this point," said House Speaker Brian Bosma, who told CNN last week he would be interested in seeking the governor nomination. "Most of us are just going to hang tight and see what happens." Bosma's advantages in a run would be his expertise on state government, having 30 years in the legislature. He also has $1.5 million in his campaign war chest and a network of GOP legislators that could push for him in their districts. But he carries some of the same baggage that Pence does – including his support of a religious freedom bill that threatened to derail Indiana over discrimination concerns and a recent abortion bill that has now been halted by a federal judge. Bosma also has no executive experience. Republican pollster Christine Matthews said when she has polled Bosma's name in the past statewide, he has very little name identification. "He is a big name in inner circles but the average voter doesn't know who he is," she said. U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita has also stated publicly he is interested in the race. He is in his sixth year in Congress and served two terms as Indiana Secretary of State before that. Others being talked about are U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks, who has served in Congress since 2013, and Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb. Holcomb has never won an election – having been appointed to the post by Pence. He has been in office for about four months but is attractive partly because Democrats won't be able to tie much to him. Matthews, president of Bellwether Research & Consulting, said the logical choice is Holcomb – especially since he has a great relationship with many of the state committee members from his days running the Indiana Republican Party under then-Gov. Mitch Daniels.

DANIELS WON'T ANSWER HYPOTHETICAL: Mitch Daniels, currently president of Purdue University, can't escape the speculation. Indiana's Constitution would allow him to run again, as it says a person "shall not be eligible more than eight years in any period of twelve years." He served from 2005 through

2012. Daniels told the *Lafayette Journal & Courier* on Monday that "since at this point the subject is entirely hypothetical, I just don't see it as appropriate to comment."

PENCE COULD GIVE NEW NOMINEE $7M: Gov. Mike Pence has more than $7 million cash on hand, but is prohibited by federal law to use it for a vice presidential race (*Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). Brad King, co-director of the Indiana Election Division, said state law permits a state candidate to give money to any political party committee or another candidate's committee.

GREGG ON HILL NEWS: 'I RESPECT HIS DECISION': John Gregg, Democratic candidate for governor, released the following statement in reaction to former Congressman Baron Hill's decision to withdraw from the U.S. Senate race (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "On behalf of the entire Gregg/Hale team, I want to extend our deep appreciation to Baron Hill for his years of service to the people of Indiana. While its disappointing that he won't be continuing that service in the United States Senate, I respect his decision. We've been friends and colleagues for 30 years and I know that no matter what the future holds, Baron will continue make positive contributions to our state and party in the years to come."

DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO FILL THE BALLOT VACANCY: John Zody, Chairman of the Indiana Democratic Party, released the following statement after Baron Hill announced his decision to withdraw from the U.S. Senate Race (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "Baron Hill is a friend and a mentor, and I am proud to know him. His service to this state has always come from the heart – he is one of the most principled people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. Congressman Hill has informed me of his withdrawal from the U.S. Senate race, and as State Party Chair I will begin the process for the Democratic State Central Committee to fill the ballot vacancy in accordance with Indiana state law."

YOUNG PULLS IN $1.4M FOR SECOND QUARTER: A news release distributed early yesterday morning stated that fundraising for U.S. Senate candidate Todd Young has ramped up since winning the Republican Primary in May, with his campaign set to report that they've raised over $1.34 million since pre-primary reports were filed with the FEC covering the period through April 14 (*Howey Politics Indiana*). For the entire quarter beginning April 1, Young has raised nearly $1.4 million, and he ended the month of June with over $1.23 million cash on hand. "As I travel the state, I'm grateful for the outpouring of support our campaign has received," Young said. "Hoosiers are embracing our campaign because we are focused on real solutions to pressing challenges-like identifying solutions to keep America safe, to reduce the burden of regulations on our economy, and to help students pay for college." Young's campaign has now raised over $5 million for the cycle, a record sum at this point for a non-incumbent Hoosier federal candidate, the release stated.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY PULLS ENDORSEMENT FROM TWO CANDIDATES: On Monday the St. Joseph County Republican party chair said the party will no longer support or endorse two candidates who "made a scene" at the county fair (Bien, *WSBT-TV*). Roy Saenz held a news conference saying "neither candidate is in good membership standing with the St. Joseph County Republican Party." According to Jeff Parrot with the South Bend Tribune, Wednesday, Republican Circuit Court Judge

Candidate Doug Bernacchi was involved in a dispute that upset some fair vendors. Witnesses said Bernacchi was yelling at a Republican Party booth volunteer because the party's banner did not list his name, however, he said he had become ill and left on his own. Then, Thursday, Gerard Arthus, candidate for Indiana State Senate District 10, was asked to leave the fair. Saenz said Arthus was upset about the sign and "made a scene." Both men are listed as candidates on the Republican ballot although Arthus also has been accepted as the Libertarian candidate. "As of last week we can no longer support or endorse either candidate. Both are being asked not to return to our headquarters and will not be allow to participate in any St. Joseph County Republican Party activities until such a time the executive committee votes to allow them back in as members," says Saenz.

PENCE, GREGG COMMIT TO AG POLICY SUMMIT: The Indiana Ag Policy Summit - hosted by the Indiana Corn Growers Association and Indiana Soybean Alliance Membership and Policy Committee - on July 27 presents an opportunity to hear directly from both candidates in Indiana's gubernatorial race (*Indiana AgriNews*). "Indiana farmers should plan to attend the Indiana Ag Policy Summit for many reasons. I believe it's important to take time and hear from our gubernatorial candidates and learn about their vision for agriculture," said Jeanette Merritt, chair of ISA's Policy Committee and a farmer from Peru. "As a farmer, I want to know what their top priorities are for agriculture in the next four years and how their administration will work for Indiana farmers." The event features conversations with the Indiana gubernatorial candidates - Republican Gov. Mike Pence and Democrat John Gregg. The moderator will be Gerry Dick, the host of Inside Indiana Business. "Taxes, road funding and transportation, infrastructure and rural broadband are issues that are being talked about by many farmers around the state and will likely be topics of conversation at the summit," Merritt said.



Presidential 2016

PENCE RETURNS HOME FOR THE FAIR: In the midst of intense national speculation he could be the presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump's running mate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence said he remains committed to serving his home state (*Columbus Republic*). The Republican governor stopped by the Bartholomew County 4-H Fair on Monday, where he renewed his yearly tradition of posing for pictures with residents, enjoying classic fair food and taking a tour of the 4-H exhibits. As a major contender to be included on the Republican presidential ticket, Pence said he enjoys his annual trips to the fair because they serve as a reminder of his small town roots. He strolled hand-in-hand with his mother, Nancy Pence Fritsch, and greeted family members and old friends as he made his way across the fairgrounds. Pence stopped by Columbus native Tony Stewart's autograph session at the grandstand, surprising the racecar driver and the fans. It was unclear who was asking who for an autograph.

HAMILTON CALLS VETTING EXHAUSTING: Lee Hamilton knows what Gov. Mike Pence is going through (Reschke, *Bloomington Herald-Times*). Hamilton, an Indiana University professor who represented the Hoosier state in Congress from 1965 to 1999, was on the Democratic presidential nominees' shortlists for vice president in 1988 and 1992. Pence is facing a similar situation as a possible running mate for presumptive Republican Party presidential nominee Donald Trump. If it's anything like it was for Hamilton, Pence is going through an extensive and exhausting vetting process. It includes interviews with the candidate and disclosure of intimate personal information including financial documents. Hamilton said even teachers from his Evansville high school were interviewed. "I don't know that they went to the grade school, but I wouldn't be surprised," he said. It's not all one-sided, though. Potential running mates must also decide if they can work with the nominee should he or she win the White House. Being governor is a very different job than vice president, Hamilton said. As governor, Pence is the go-to guy; he makes all the final decisions. As vice president, he must do what the president wants him to do. "You're not the boss," Hamilton said. "You work for another guy who calls all the shots. That's a very different responsibility."

DEMOCRATS TO DENOUNCE TRUMP, PENCE: Indiana Democrats will have a press conference at the Columbia Club at 4:30 this afternoon to denounce Donald Trump and Gov. Mike Pence (*Howey Politics Indiana*). It comes an hour before a Trump fundraiser in the same building. "As Donald Trump brings his divisiveness to the Hoosier State, Democrats and allies will make it clear that his offensive rhetoric is not welcome in Indiana," the party said. "Further, Democrats will call out the unpopular Gov. Mike Pence for his desperate attempt to save his own career by courting himself with Trump. Donald Trump has proven himself to be a loose cannon whose hateful language – like his racist attacks against Judge Gonzalo Curiel, a Hoosier – and dangerous policies would do serious harm to working families and put America's security at risk. Trump joins Gov. Mike Pence whose term has been catalogued with embarrassing failures, including his support for discriminatory and divisive legislation like RFRA. Simply put, Hoosiers are fed up with both Mike Pence and Donald Trump, and they certainly don't want either dividing Indiana any longer."

POLLS SHOWS MOST WANTED CLINTON INDICTMENT: A majority of Americans say they disagree with the FBI's decision not to recommend criminal charges against Hillary Clinton for her use of a private email server while she was secretary of state, according to a new poll. A *Washington Post/ABC News* poll, released Monday, found that 56% of American adults disapprove of the FBI's decision, while 35% said they approved. But a majority -- 58% -- also said the issue would not affect their vote in the 2016 presidential election. Opinions on the FBI's decision were sharply divided along partisan lines. According to the poll, nearly 90% of Republicans said Clinton should have been charged, while only about 30% of Democrats said the same.

TRUMP VOWS TO BE 'LAW & ORDER' CANDIDATE: Donald Trump, in the wake of last week's deadly attack on Dallas police and a fresh wave of protests over police-involved shootings, voiced his full-throated support Monday for America's law enforcement and declared himself the "law and order candidate" (*Fox News*). The presumptive Republican presidential nominee put himself foursquare behind police at a combustible time in the relationship between law enforcement and the communities they serve. Speaking at an address in Virginia Beach originally billed as a veterans policy speech, Trump opened by discussing the deep challenges police face. "We will always stand with you," Trump said.

TRUMP SAYS 'JUST BEGINNING' OF SUMMER VIOLENCE: Donald Trump on Monday warned the violence of last week "might be just the beginning for this summer," during an interview addressing recent tensions across the country (*CNN*). "We are in a divided nation," Trump told the Associated Press. "I looked two nights ago and you were having trouble in 11 different cities, big, big trouble. And the press actually plays it down. I mean, you were having big, big trouble in many cities. And I think that might be just the beginning for this summer."

ERICKSON MOCKS PENCE: For conservative pundit Erick Erickson, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence would be "the perfect vice presidential pick for Donald Trump." But it's not because Erickson, who is solidly in the Never Trump camp, has a high opinion of Pence (*Politico)*. "Mike Pence would actually be the perfect vice presidential pick for Donald Trump because he lacks the courage of his convictions and would absolutely not overshadow Donald Trump," Erickson wrote in the post on Monday on The Resurgent, in which he tore apart the Republican governor's record since taking office in 2013. "He gives Trump the veneer of conservatism without anyone ever having to worry that he'd actually fight for those principles." Noting that he "very much wanted" Pence to mount a run for president in 2012, which the then-Indiana congressman decided against, Erickson blasted the governor as someone who "time and time again shied away from any fight in which he was not sure of the outcome before going into it." During his time in Congress, "the one thing Pence ran for that he was not assured of was Minority Leader and he did a terrible job campaigning for it, losing to John Boehner 168-27," Erickson continued. As governor, Erickson noted Pence's willingness to take up the fight for religious liberty only to end up facing criticism from fellow evangelicals and what Erickson termed "the gay mafia." When that happened, Erickson mused, "Pence folded like a cheap suit." Pence, who is being vetted as a running mate, "checks all the boxes" per Erickson, who breaks out bullet points to call the governor someone who "is perceived as a conservative, but won't actually fight for conservatism," someone who "is perceived as an evangelical, but won't actually fight for evangelicals," and someone who is perceived as a successful Governor, but most likely cannot even win re-election."



Congress

JOHN BRADEMAS DIES: John Brademas, a man who became one of the most influential congressmen ever to hail from the South Bend area, died Monday in New York after a long illness. He was 89 (Allen, *South Bend Tribune*). Brademas, a Democrat, represented north-central Indiana in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1959 to 1981. During his last four years in office, he was majority whip — the third-highest position in the House. After more than two decades on Capitol Hill, Brademas served as

president of New York University from 1981 to 1992. He is credited with leading NYU's transition from a commuter school to a university globally recognized for its academics and research. "He was a person who had enormous success in life, and he always did it with dignity and high class and tremendous insight," said Tim Roemer, a Democrat who represented north-central Indiana in Congress from 1991 to 2003. "He was a very talented and skilled man and left a trail of great accomplishments behind him." Brademas was born on March 2, 1927, in Mishawaka. His father, a Greek immigrant, managed a restaurant. His mother was an elementary school teacher. He was valedictorian of South Bend Central High School's class of 1945 and then joined the U.S. Navy. He later went on to attend Harvard College, where he graduated magna cum laude, and earned a doctorate at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar. Brademas lost his first two congressional races in 1954 and 1956 before winning the first of his 11 terms in 1958 in what was, at the time, Indiana's Third District. "He was the most influential congressman from the South Bend area since Schuyler Colfax, who was speaker of the House during the Lincoln presidency," said Jack Colwell, who has covered politics for The Tribune since the 1960s.

DONNELLY STATEMENT ON PASSING OF JOHN BRADEMAS: U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly released the following statement after the passing of former Congressman John Brademas, a Mishawaka native, who represented Hoosiers for 22 years in the U.S. House of Representatives (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Donnelly said, "John Brademas was a dear friend of mine, and I was privileged to represent the same Indiana congressional district. To know his impact is to know the congressional seat was referred to as 'the Brademas seat' decades after he served Hoosiers in Congress. John was unfailingly kind, helpful, and thoughtful. He burned with a deep love for our country and with a desire to make the world a better place. He devoted his life to serving others, from his time in the Navy to his extraordinary leadership for more than two decades in Congress, where he led the charge to advance causes including civil rights, social justice, and education. On behalf of Hoosiers, I send my sympathies and prayers to his wife Mary Ellen and his family."

MESSER INTRODUCES 'OBAMACARE REGRESSIVE TAX RELIEF ACT': U.S. Reps. Luke Messer (R-IN) and Elise Stefanik (R-NY) introduced H.R. 5712, the Obamacare Regressive Tax Relief Act (*Howey Politics Indiana*). This legislation stops the Obamacare uninsured tax hike and protects Millennials and low income Americans who cannot afford to buy health insurance, according to a news release distributed by Messer's office. "Years after the passage of President's Obama's signature health care law, health insurance premiums continue to rise and affordable health insurance is becoming increasingly out of the reach for Millennials and low-income Americans," said Congressman Messer. "I have voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act and the individual mandate, but until we have a new President in the White House we won't see a full repeal." The Obamacare uninsured tax penalty disproportionately hurts the Millennial generation (individuals age 18 to 34) and low-income Americans, the release stated. In May, the Wall Street Journal reported that about 9.1 percent of the U.S. population was uninsured in 2015, down from 16 percent in 2010, when the program was enacted.

General Assembly

BACON URGES STATE TO APPEAL ABORTION RULING: In an item published on the website of the Indiana House Republican Caucus, Rep. Ron Bacon (R-Chandler) stated he has written the governor and Indiana's attorney general asking that the state appeal the decision by a federal judge who issued a

preliminary injunction against parts of House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1337 before it went into effect at the beginning of this month (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The portion of the law in question protected unborn children from abortions based solely on discrimination, such as having been diagnosed with a disability or identified as a certain gender, Bacon wrote. Another element of the law that was suspended required the remains of aborted or miscarried children at medical facilities be handled with dignity, such as burial or cremation. When HEA 1337 was first introduced in the House earlier this year, it focused solely on protecting the dignity of unborn babies to ensure that they do not end up in landfills, which had happened, Bacon wrote, noting "despite this court ruling, not all of HEA 1337 was blocked from becoming law on July 1."



State

GOVERNOR: PENCE TOURS WITH 10-POINT COALITION - Amid mounting speculation that he could be tapped as a running mate for presumptive GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump, Gov. Mike Pence set his sights Monday night on a cause much closer to his own backyard — the effects of violence on the streets of Indianapolis (Disis*, IndyStar*). Pence and his wife, Karen, joined the Rev. Charles Harrison, who leads the faith-based, anti-crime group Indianapolis Ten Point Coalition, on a 90-minute walk through two of the city's most troubled neighborhoods. The two men spoke at length with residents near 29th and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. streets before touring a steel company at 38th and Illinois streets, both near the epicenters of two of the six focus areas that city officials have said account for a disproportionate amount of violent crime. Despite the violence, Harrison said both neighborhoods have vastly improved over the past eight months. The neighborhood near 29th Street, for example, has not seen the homicide of a young person ages 14 to 24 for 265 days. "It's just been a remarkable story," said Harrison, who attributed the decline in violence to a combination of help from police, churches, crime watch groups and neighborhood associations. "Ten Point's role is to help mobilize and put boots on the ground."

GOVERNOR: PENCE TO SPEAK, PRESENT AWARDS AT BLACK EXPO - Gov. Mike Pence, joined by First Lady Karen Pence, will offer remarks at the 2016 Indiana Black Expo Governor's Reception this afternoon and present the Governor's Awards for Achievement to Hoosiers who have devoted their time to community service. The event is slated for 2 p.m. at the Indiana Convention Center.

GOVERNOR: TWO TECH COMPANIES TO BRING 160 JOBS - Two technology companies, PactSafe and WDD Software, announced plans to expand their operations here, creating 160 new high-wage jobs

over the next few years (*Howey Politics Indiana*). PactSafe, a legal-focused technology company, plans to invest $575,000 to lease and equip a new office in Indianapolis, according to a news release from the governor's office. PactSafe, which currently employs eight Hoosiers, plans to create up to 91 new jobs by 2020, with plans to hire for 35 of those positions by the end of next year. WDD Software, a software development firm, was founded in 1993 as a consulting firm that focused on custom software systems, member portals and web applications, and has now begun offering its own software products. The company will invest $522,000 to grow its operations in Indiana. WDD plans to create up to 69 new jobs by 2021, with positions expected to pay salaries more than 50 percent higher than the state average wage. The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) offered PactSafe Inc. up to $1,350,000 in conditional tax credits based on the company's job creation plans. In addition, WDD Software was offered up to $50,000 in training grants and up to $750,000 in conditional tax credits based on its job creation plans. The city of Indianapolis supports expansion plans for PactSafe and WDD Software in partnership with Develop Indy, a business unit of the Indy Chamber.

TRANSPORTATION: SEVERAL ALTERNATIVES OFFERED FOR PROPOSED RAIL LINE - With the official comment period over a proposed 278-mile freight rail line set to expire Friday, some who are against the plan are offering alternative routes (Lavalley, *Post-Tribune*). The $8 billion line, proposed by Great Lakes Basin Transportation, would run from Milton, Wis., into LaPorte County, cutting through southern Lake and Porter counties. A growing number of people, including Lake County Commissioner Gerry Scheub, D-Crown Point, are offering other routes, and the Porter County Board of Commissioners is expected to consider one as well, offered by the opposition group Residents Against the Invasion of Land by Eminent Domain, at its meeting Tuesday. The federal Surface Transportation Board, which held meetings on the 278-mile proposal in the spring and is compiling comments and letters for an environmental impact statement, has set an Aug. 29 deadline for GLBT to provide suggestions of its own.

DOC: INMATE ATTACKS GUARD - A Wabash Valley prison is on lockdown after an assault on a guard (*WTHI-TV*). It happened around 8:30 Monday morning at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility in Carlisle. According to a representative from the prison, offender 30-year-old Glen Young attacked 43-year-old Correctional Officer Benjamin Scott. Scott was rushed to Regional Hospital in Terre Haute after he suffered facial fractures, along with other injuries. Investigators haven’t been able to determine the motive for the attack. Scott is from Greene County and has worked at the prison for eight years. Young was serving a six-year sentence for a felon in possession of a firearm conviction.

Nation

WHITE HOUSE: OBAMA, BUSH TO SPEAK AT DALLAS - President Barack Obama will find himself in an all-too-familiar place when he leads a tribute to more lives ended by a man with a gun (*Associated Press*). Obama will try Tuesday to help Dallas begin to heal after five of its police officers were slain in the line of duty. They were targeted by an Army veteran-turned-sniper during what Obama denounced as a "vicious, calculated and despicable attack" by a "demented" individual. Obama is preparing to address a memorial service for the officers. They were killed while guarding a peaceful protest against the police killings of black men in Louisiana and Minnesota last week. Obama's spokesman says the president hopes to offer Dallas "some measure of comfort." Former President George W. Bush, a Dallas resident, is also scheduled to speak.

WHITE HOUSE: BIDEN REBUFFS GIULIANI REMARKS - Vice President Joe Biden on Monday rebuffed comments by former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani describing the Black Lives Matter movement as "inherently racist," calling it "a very broad statement." "Look what (President Barack Obama) said when the Black Lives Matter people in one demonstration said, 'kill the police, the sooner the better,' or some phrase like that. The President condemned it immediately," Biden told CNN's Jake Tapper. "But that's not the black community -- that group, that element of Black Lives Matter, doesn't speak for all of Black Lives Matter and does not speak for most folks in the black community, both middle class and poor, who know they are more likely to be pulled over than the Caucasian guy."

MICHIGAN: 2 BAILIFFS MURDERED IN BERRIEN COUNTY - Two court bailiffs were killed and a deputy sheriff shot Monday inside a southwestern Michigan courthouse when an inmate broke loose and got his hands on an officer's gun, officials said (*Fox News*). Berrien County Sheriff Paul Bailey said the gunman, whose identity was not immediately available, was killed by responding police. "Brave officers" took down the shooter, he said. Bailey told reporters the inmate was being moved from a holding cell on the third floor of the Berrien County Courthouse in St. Joseph when he "started fighting" with the deputy and bailiff and he disarmed an officer around 2:30 p.m. local time. The armed inmate then ran into a hallway, where he shot a civilian in the arm before he was shot dead by responding officers. Bailey said the two bailiffs who were killed had worked at the courthouse for "at least 10 years."

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Local

CITIES: MORE FBI AGENTS ON MUNCIE INVESTIGATION - More FBI agents have been added to the probe of alleged wrongdoing in Muncie city government (Roysdon, *Muncie Star Press*). Although the FBI will not confirm or deny that an investigation is underway, Mayor Dennis Tyler and other city officials have pledged cooperation in the probe, which has been ongoing for weeks and touches on a wide array of topics. And now The Star Press has learned that the probe has widened or deepened, with more FBI agents scheduled to be assigned to the case in the past week or so. City officials are aware of the increased FBI investigative presence. Tyler has declined to comment to The Star Press in recent weeks, citing the FBI investigation as well as a federal court lawsuit filed by a local contractor. The scope of the investigation is unknown. Based on public records subpoenaed from the city of Muncie, early indications were that the FBI was looking at contracts for work performed for the city, including demolitions and other work done by Craig Nichols, the city building commissioner appointed by Tyler after taking office in 2012.

CITIES: PUBLIC COMMENT PROPOSAL COLORS EVANSVILLE COUNCIL - Should the Evansville City Council be able to stop a person from speaking at its meetings? That's what debate about an ordinance to revamp the structure of City Council meetings turned into Monday night (Evans*, Evansville Courier & Press*). The ordinance was tabled for the next meeting after a lengthy discussion that included exchanges between council members, a responsive audience and several public comments. The proposed ordinance would do away with committee meetings that take place before City Council meetings. Most of the discussion on ordinances, resolutions and other items are debated during committee meetings, which start and end at irregular times. City Council Attorney Josh Claybourn said the idea is to have public comment, council discussion and council's vote on a matter all back-to-back.

CITIES: PLANS FOR MORE FORT WAYNE POLICE CAMS ON HOLD - The Fort Wayne Police Department is monitoring how a new law regarding police video affects the department before using a federal grant it received to buy more body cameras (Kelly, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). Fort Wayne Police Sgt. Scott Caudill said the department just ordered 25 body cameras using city funds, so police are not abandoning the program. But a plan to use a federal grant to buy 107 more is on hold temporarily. One of the concerns is the cost to comply with the new law's requirements to archive and redact the video, Caudill said. Right now the Fort Wayne Police Department has 18 body cameras - used primarily by specialty units, such as SWAT, narcotics and the gang unit. The new law - passed in March and in effect July 1 - doesn't require agencies to use cameras but sets up regulations for how long videos must be kept and requires police agencies to obscure some details in the videos, such as dead bodies, graphic injuries or sensitive personal information. It also prescribes when and how video can be released to the public.

CITIES: ATTICA SCHOOL TREASURER RESIGNS AFTER AUDIT - Attica Consolidated School Corp. Treasurer Carrie Brier resigned from her post Monday in apparent fallout from an audit that blasted the school district's financial record-keeping (Ambrose, *Lafayette Journal & Courier*). She will vacate the office effective immediately, according to Superintendent Derek Marshall. Brier is at the center of an audit that exposed the apparent misreporting of nearly $1 million in funds. Brier has worked as the school treasurer since 1990. According to the Indiana State Board of Accounts, discrepancies in the school's records began in 2008. State Rep. Sharon Negele, R-Attica, said the audit's findings don't equate to missing funds. "I knew right away," said Negele, who used to serve at the town's clerk-treasurer. "It's not that the money is missing. It just didn't get accounted properly." Negele said there are not a lot of resources for treasurers, especially in rural areas, and often officials are underpaid and overworked. Accounting software can be opaque and officials are often left to muddle through alone, Negele added.

CITIES: CONCERN ABOUT HUGE STUDENT HOUSING PROJECT NEAR IU-B - Neighbors and even the mayor are voicing concerns over a big new student housing complex proposed near Indiana University - Bloomington (Glavan, *WTTV)*. The complex, Dunn Hill, would be located next to the football stadium at 17th and Dunn. It's an area with student housing already, but the proposed project would more than triple the number of students who live there. "We're a student purposed housing project here, there's no secret about that," Mike Carmin, an attorney who represents the developers, said. Carmin and developers went before the Bloomington Plan Commission for the second time Monday. Dunn Hill would include around 750 bedrooms and almost 600 parking spots, with both large apartment buildings and smaller townhouse buildings, as well as a public green beltway space intersecting the complex.

CITIES: SUB SHOP'S $20K TO FUND K-9'S IN GREENWOOD - A Greenwood business is showing support for local police officers through a large grant (Kennedy, *WISH-TV*). Firehouse Subs near Greenwood Park Mall just announced it's granting $20,000 to pay for two K-9 officer dogs. The Greenwood Police Department has been down two K-9s since two of their dogs retired recently. Instead of dipping into tax dollars to replace them, the sandwich shop and its generous customers are footing the bill. "We have a public safety foundation that we raise money to give back to first responders through," Greenwood Firehouse Subs Owner Ken Cain said. The restaurant has a couple ways for its customers to donate. "We have a round up program where we ask the customers if they'd like to round their bill up to the next whole dollar," he said. The difference goes into the foundation's fund. There is also a traditional donation bin in the restaurant. "That adds up to support the police department in a big way," Greenwood Police Department Officer Kortney Burrello said.

CITIES: VINCENNES PASSES DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PLAN - Things are happening in the downtown area of Vincennes and a big step toward making that so was passed by its city council (McClanahan, *WTWO-TV*). The body passed the Downtown Revitalization Plan unanimously. It hired a group called SDG from Bloomington to look at the issues, advise on the options for the city and make recommendations. A spokesman says Vincennes has a lot of assets surrounding downtown. Initially he feels more housing is needed and more coordination between various groups in town and the use of green space, like an urban park, but all of it is exciting for the current city leadership. Brian O'Neill of SDG says, "When you create an amenity like a beautiful trail or a park, the real estate around those amenities becomes more valuable. Investors and developers are more interested in housing and retail opportunities in places that provide an amenity like that that attracts people. Mayor Joe Yochum says, "Things are really happening with the downtown and it's exciting. This just gives us some other thoughts and ideas and things to look at for our downtown." Funding for the study was partially provided by a federal block grant from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

COUNTIES: UPTICK IN TB CASES IN ALLEN - The Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health has identified an uptick in new tuberculosis cases, prompting the department to send out about 400 letters to residents who may have been exposed (Gong, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette).* The health department typically sees about six new cases of tuberculosis per year, Health Commissioner Deborah McMahan told reporters. There have been seven new cases so far this year in Allen County. "Even though the absolute number of cases is pretty small, obviously, the problem with any infectious disease, especially one that's spread through respiratory droplets, you really have the potential to expose a number of people," McMahan said.

COUNTIES: NEEDLE EXCHANGE STARTS IN AUGUST FOR WAYNE - Wayne County's effort to combat hepatitis C through a needle exchange program is expected to begin in August (Emery, *Richmond Palladium-Item*). Commissioner Mary Anne Butters told attendees at last week's Heroin Is Here group meeting the once-a-month program will begin on a Thursday in August, but she said she did not yet know which Thursday. State Health Commissioner Dr. Jerome Adams on June 3 declared a public health emergency for the county, the final approval step necessary for implementing Wayne County's program. Commissioners had unanimously voted April 20 to approve a resolution allowing the county to ask the state to declare the public health emergency. The Indiana State Department of Health received Wayne

County's application May 31, and Adams' declaration made the county Indiana's fifth to receive an emergency declaration, joining Fayette, Madison, Monroe and Scott counties.

Sports

IU SENDING 11 TO OLYMPICS: Lilly King is heading to the Summer Olympics in Rio next month a confident young woman (Hutchens, *CNHI*). The Indiana University soon-to-be-sophomore is coming off a historic effort in the United States Olympic Trials in Omaha, Neb., the last week in June where she won both the 100 and 200 breaststroke events. In doing so, she became the first IU swimmer since Mark Spitz and Gary Hall, both in 1972, to capture two events in the U.S. Olympic Trials. That performance came after a freshman season at IU where the former Evansville Reitz standout was the NCAA champion in both events, the CSCAA national swimmer of the year, the Big Ten swimmer of the year and an All-American in four events. King is one of 11 Indiana University swimmers and divers who have qualified for the Summer Olympics either for the United States or other countries. Joining King on the road to Rio are swimmers Cody Miller (USA), Blake Pieroni (USA), Kennedy Goss (Canada), Ali Khalafalla (Egypt), Anze Tavcar (Slovenia) and incoming-transfer Marwan Elkamash (Egypt) and divers Michael Hixon (USA), Jessica Parratto (USA), Amy Cozad (USA) and James Conner (Australia). In addition, IU will be represented by head swimming coach Ray Looze who will be a Team USA assistant women's swimming coach in Rio and by IU diving coach Drew Johansen, who will be the Team USA head diving coach at the Olympics. This will be Johansen's second Olympic coaching experience as he was also there in London in 2012. The IU contingent is scheduled to join other Team USA members for training camp in San Antonio, Texas, beginning today.

7 PURDUE ATHLETES ON ROAD TO RIO: The number of Purdue athletes scheduled to compete in the Rio 2016 Olympics has grown to seven (Baird, Lafayette Journal & Courier). Women's golfer Paula Reto will represent South Africa, and sprinter Carmiesha Cox qualified on the 1,600 relay squad for her native Bahamas. Reto and Cox join javelin thrower Kara Winger, divers David Boudia and Steele Johnson and rower Amanda Elmore as current or former Purdue athletes headed to the games. All three will compete for the United States. Incoming swimmer Jinq En Phee also qualified for Malaysia in the 100 breaststroke. Purdue diving coach Adam Soldati will serve an assistant on the U.S. Olympic Diving Team.

PERU YOUTH SET HIGH-WIRE RECORD: A group of youngster from the Peru Circus are the youngest group of performers who have ever pulled off the six-person pyramid in the history of any documented circus performance, trainer Brittainy Wallick said (Gerber, *Kokomo Tribune*). Elaina Montgomery is the youngest of the performers – and the youngest kid to ever do the act in at least the last 30 years. She's 8 years old and less than 4 feet tall. The oldest child is Kamon Blong. He's 13 years old, and has been performing high-wire acts in the Peru circus since he was 9. "These kids are impressing the heck out of a lot of people," Wallick said. "They're killing it. They're doing tricks in a youth circus that professional shows don't even do. We're asking 8- to 13-year-old kids to do tricks that some professionals aren't doing." The Peru Circus Festival kicks off Friday and runs through July 23.

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BOPP '95%' CONVINCED PENCE WILL BE VEEP: Scrambling among Indiana politicians has reached the point where Republican Party insiders are convinced that presumptive presidential nominee Donald Trump will pick Indiana Gov. Mike Pence as his running mate (*Washington Times*). Constitutional lawyer James Bopp, an Indiana delegate to the Republican National Convention who is close the governor, told The Washington Times that Indiana House Speaker Brian C. Bosma, 58, a conservative Republican, had sought advice from him on running for governor. "He wanted my counsel on what he needed to do to set himself up to run for governor, because he expects Pence to step down as governor in order to be Trump's running mate," Mr. Bopp said in an interview. The Trump election team boosted the Pence speculation Sunday by suddenly adding a campaign rally in Indianapolis to a fundraiser planned for Tuesday featuring Mr. Trump and Mr. Pence. Several Republicans close to the campaign and to the governor have told The Times over the last 24 hours that they are now convinced it'll be Mr. Pence. Mr. Bopp, also a member of the convention's rules committee, told The Times that the "rally made it a 95 percent probability it's Pence." Asked if he had any new information, Trump Indiana campaign chairman Rex Early told *Howey Politics Indiana* mid-day Sunday. "I do not know. I know I'm supposed to introduce Pence and Pence will introduce Trump" at the fundraiser and perhaps the rally. Early continued to insist that Pence "fills several holes with evangelicals" who question Trump's conservatism and commitment to life issues. "I know Trump is concerned about the evangelical vote," Early said. "It was really good that Mike voted for Cruz. Mike can quash that doubt." *NBC News* reported that for the governor, this is expected to be a bright-lights week — Trump will arrive to town for a fundraiser in downtown Indianapolis on Tuesday evening before heading 20 miles north to Westfield for a rally. The deadline to name Pence as his pick is essentially this Friday, when state law requires Pence to decide whether he appears on the ballot in November for governor or vice president. He cannot appear twice.

INDIANA GOP ANTICIPATING PENCE AS VEEP: Indiana Republicans are anticipating that Donald Trump will pick GOP Gov. Mike Pence as his running mate and purportedly have plans in place if Pence drops his re-election bid to become the vice presidential nominee, Indiana Republican sources tell *FoxNews.com*. The Trump campaign has suggested the VP announcement will be made at the national convention starting July 18 or in the coming days. However, Trump, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, will perhaps have to decide on Pence by noon Friday, the deadline for the first-term governor to appear on the state November ballot as either a gubernatorial or vice presidential candidate. The Indiana Republican Committee is apparently behind state Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb, Pence's gubernatorial running-mate, to become the nominee if Trump selects Pence, said the sources, who are familiar with the situation. The speculation around Trump perhaps having already decided on Pence is largely based on the two expected to appear together Tuesday at a rally in Westfield, Indiana, followed by a private fundraiser in Indianapolis. "Everyone here is acting as if it is happening and Pence is the pick," Indiana Republican strategist Pete Seat told FoxNews.com on Saturday. A GOP state committee member who asked for anonymity because he is not authorized to speak publicly on the issue said: "Every indication that has been given to members of the … committee is that Pence getting picked is a very real possibility."

TRUMP RALLY IN WESTFIELD TUESDAY: Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump will hold a rally in Westfield next Tuesday at the Grand Park Events Center at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 4:30. The

appearance by Trump is likely to fuel speculation about Gov. Mike Pence being chosen as Trump's running mate (*WTHR-TV*). The two met over the Fourth of July weekend, but Pence said nothing was offered or accepted. Meantime, Pence is sticking with his re-election bid even as he voices support for Trump at campaign stops. Pence also called on fellow Republicans to united behind Trump says he will make the case for Trump at the national convention in Cleveland. "Clearly we have a convention coming up and a very important deadline coming up which I will respect. I would refer you to them to make that decision," said Pence.

TRUMP EYING RETIRED GEN. FLYNN FOR VEEP: After weeks of focusing on a group of current and former elected officials in his search for a running mate, Donald Trump is increasingly intrigued by the idea of tapping retired Lt. Gen. Michael T. Flynn in order to project strength and know-how on national security, according to four people familiar with the vetting process. Flynn, 57, a registered Democrat but fierce critic of President Obama, previously ran the Defense Intelligence Agency. The persons, who spoke with The *Washington Post* on Saturday, requested anonymity to discuss their private conversations in recent days with Trump's confidants and campaign aides. The turn toward a military figure is being driven by Trump himself rather than by his advisers, the people said, and comes as the real estate mogul is telling his friends that national unrest may demand a "tough and steady" presence alongside him on the ticket. In Flynn, they added, Trump believes he would have a partner whom he trusts, based on their close working relationship over the course of the campaign on policy. And he likes the image of a businessman and a general coming to Washington as outsiders. "I think I'll probably go the political route, somebody that can help me with legislation and somebody that can help me get things passed and somebody that's been friends with the senators and the congressman and all," Trump told MSNBC in May (CBS News). But after a tense visit with Capitol Hill Republicans earlier this week, the Washington Post reports that Trump has become less convinced that he would need a GOP insider to win in November.

FLYNN BACKS A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE: Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, a rumored possible running mate for Donald Trump, said in an interview Sunday that it's a woman's right to choose whether or not she wants an abortion (*The Hill*). "They're the ones that have to make the decision because they're the ones that are going to decide to bring up that child or not," Flynn told ABC's "This Week." "But it's a difficult legal decision... and I think women are so important in that decision-making process." Trump faced controversy earlier in his campaign when he said there would have to be "some form of punishment" for women who obtain abortions if the procedure were outlawed. He later backtracked saying only doctors who perform illegal abortions should be held responsible. Trump has said he is "pro-life with exceptions."

CAPITOL HILL BUZZ ON PENCE: Buzz is building on Capitol Hill for Indiana Gov. Mike Pence to be Donald Trump's running mate (*The Hill*). Republican lawmakers, some of whom have close ties with Pence from the more than a decade he spent in the House, say the battleground state governor could be instrumental in helping Trump develop the relationships he needs in Washington. GOP House members praised Pence, 57, as a proven fundraiser and principled social conservative they could work with to influence Trump in the Oval Office. Former colleagues say Pence, who started his career as a conservative radio talk show host in Indiana, is as skilled a communicator as the party has. They gushed about how he could help unite establishment Republicans and grassroots conservatives behind Trump, who has otherwise struggled to bring together a fractured party. "I'd be dancing in the aisles," said Rep. John Carter (R-Texas), who says he attended Bible study with Pence when they were both in Washington. "He's one of the best we've ever had in Congress. I'd love to see Mike Pence be the guy. It'd

be awesome." The clock is ticking. Pence, who is seeking reelection to a second term as governor, would have to withdraw from that contest by noon next Friday, July 15, if he's going to run as Trump's vice president. Polls show the Indiana governor's race is a toss-up between Pence and Democrat John Gregg. But Pence has not ruled out being Trump's running mate. He is being vetted for the position and the two met last weekend. Pence campaign spokesman Marc Lotter told The Hill that Pence is "focused on being governor and working towards reelection." "Nothing has been offered and nothing has been accepted, but it's great to be considered," Lotter said.

GINGRICH ACTIVELY PUSHING FOR VEEP; PENCE ISN'T: Newt Gingrich is "actively lobbying" to be Donald Trump's running mate, a source familiar with the process told *CNN* Saturday. The source added that Indiana Gov. Mike Pence is very high on Trump's VP list and is getting the "full vet." But Pence isn't actively lobbying for the job because it's not his style, the source added. And retired Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn is also being considered as a Trump running mate, but the source said it is "not clear how intensely," an indication the general is on the list but may not get the final nod. Sources have also said New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, an active surrogate for Trump, is not yet out of the running. He will campaign with Trump in Virginia on Monday, campaign spokeswoman Hope Hicks said. Earlier in the week, Gingrich told Fox News that if asked, he would serve as Trump's vice president. "If Trump offers the position and is serious about it, which I think he would be after our conversations, listen, I would feel compelled to serve the country," Gingrich told Greta Van Susteren.

NRA REVOLT OVER CASTILE: After a Minnesota police officer fatally shot a black man on Wednesday, gun control advocates weren't the only ones criticizing the National Rifle Association. Some of the blowback was coming from within the organization (*Washington Post*). The NRA is facing internal division as its members argue that the group did not do enough to defend gun owners' rights by speaking out on behalf of Philando Castile of Falcon Heights, Minn., who was shot to death during a traffic stop. Castile had a valid permit to carry a gun. He also reportedly informed the officer who shot him that he was armed in an attempt to head off a misunderstanding. Philando Castile, 32, was fatally shot by a police officer at a traffic stop outside St. Paul. His girlfriend, Diamond "Lavish" Reynolds, and her 4-year-old daughter were in the car with him. Reynolds live streamed the aftermath on Facebook. Here's what you need to know. (Monica Akhtar, Jenny Starrs/The Washington Post) Still, Castile was killed by police, prompting outrage that following the rules was not enough to save him from a violent death. The NRA appeared to drag its feet on the Falcon Heights shooting, taking more than a day and a half to address it publicly. When a statement was posted on the NRA Facebook page, the group obliquely referred to "reports from Minnesota." It neither named Castile directly nor took a position on the shooting. "It is important for the NRA not to comment while the investigation is ongoing," the organization said. "Rest assured, the NRA will have more to say once all the facts are known."

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: The planets appear to be aligning for a Trump/Pence ticket, particularly with Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn's comments on abortion on Sunday. But we know that Donald Trump is volatile, keeps his own counsel, routinely flip-flops on the issues and could easily veer into unknown territory at a moment's notice. Good luck, Gov. Pence. - *Brian A. Howey*



Campaigns

COLEMAN TO OPEN ELKHART OFFICE: Lynn Coleman, the Democratic candidate in this year's race for Indiana's 2nd Congressional District seat, is opening a campaign office in Elkhart (*South Bend Tribune*). Coleman's campaign is holding a grand opening Wednesday at the office in downtown Elkhart. Coleman is a retired South Bend police officer and former member of Mayor Steve Luecke's administration. He is running against incumbent U.S. Rep. Jackie Walorski, R-Jimtown, in this year's 2nd District race.

Presidential 2016

TRUMP CAUGHT IN MIDDLE OF SAME SEX SHOWDOWN: Same-sex marriage and transgender rights are emerging as points of serious strain between social conservatives and moderates who are trying to shape the Republican platform, reviving a festering cultural dispute as thousands of party activists and delegates prepare for their convention (*New York Times*). Caught in the middle is Donald J. Trump, who claims "tremendous support, tremendous friendship" from gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender people, and has gone further than most party figures to embrace them. Gays, in fact, are one of the few minority groups Mr. Trump has not singled out for criticism. But as the presumptive Republican nominee, he is also trying to assuage doubts about the convictions of his conservatism. The uncomfortable dynamic Mr. Trump has created for himself is perhaps best illustrated by his own calendar. He huddled last month at a Manhattan hotel with hundreds of religious conservatives, many of them — like James C. Dobson, the founder of Focus on the Family, and Tony Perkins, the president of the Family Research Council — outspoken opponents of new legal protections for gay and transgender people. A few days later, he took what an aide described as a friendly and supportive call from Caitlyn Jenner, the former Olympic decathlete who came out as transgender last year.

CHRISTIE ANGLING FOR VEEP: Chris Christie has said it over and over: He can't "imagine" being vice president. His personality just isn't cut out for the role (*Politico*). But the way Christie has been governing New Jersey over the past couple of months has many Trenton insiders convinced he's angling for a spot on the ticket with Donald Trump, whose transition team he's leading and who hinted at it as far back as November, when he said Christie could have a "place" in his administration. Christie has fiercely guarded his reputation as a strong executive, taken pains not to see his vetoes overturned and put forward sweeping proposals that anger liberals and have little chance of passing. He's also echoed Trump's

talking points on "radical Islam" and has become the presumptive Republican nominee's chief apologist, bucking other Republicans by refusing to call his remarks about Judge Gonzalo Curiel racist. "Once it was clear his own presidential ambitions came to an end, at least for the time being, he switched gears for 'How do I get out of New Jersey?' And it was getting on the Trump bandwagon," said Monmouth University pollster Patrick Murray.

FALLIN NOT BEING VETTED: Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin says that though she's honored to have been mentioned as a potential Trump running mate, she is not being vetted (*CBS News*). "I have not been asked for specific documentation and I have not had a specific conversation with any of his staff about vice president," she told CNN's Jake Tapper in an interview on "State of the Union." "It's certainly a great honor to be mentioned with numerous other people across our nation. But I have not been asked to provide information."

CLINTON, TRUMP CANCEL EVENTS AFTER DALLAS MURDERS: The ambush that left five police officers dead at a protest in Dallas on Thursday has altered the contours of the presidential campaign, with Hillary Clinton and Donald J. Trump canceling political events on Friday and striking different tones about the killings (*New York Times)*. Mr. Trump called the episode "an attack on our country," and Mrs. Clinton used it as evidence of the need for "more love and kindness." "We must stand in solidarity with law enforcement, which we must remember is the force between civilization and total chaos," Mr. Trump said in a video statement that his campaign released to TV networks on Friday evening. He also alluded to the two black men, Alton B. Sterling in Baton Rouge, La., and Philando Castile in Falcon Heights, Minn., who were killed by white police officers this week. "Every American has the right to live in safety and peace," Mr. Trump said. "We will make America safe again." In an interview with CNN, Mrs. Clinton praised the Dallas officers and called the attack "an absolutely horrific event." She promptly brought the conversation back to the shootings of Mr. Castile and Mr. Sterling, which were recorded in graphic videos that reignited outrage and debate over the treatment of black men by white police officers. "We've got to do everything possible to support our police and to support innocent Americans who have encounters with police," Mrs. Clinton said. She vowed to fight "systemic racism" in police departments and to better train law enforcement officials and integrate them into the communities they serve.

PENCE KEEPS LOW PROFILE OVER WEEKEND: In the wake of the Dallas attack, Gov. Mike Pence gave a broad answer, but one that avoided finger pointing, when asked on Friday how he reconciles the grievances of the African American community with law enforcement (*NBC News*). Pence said that people do not "have to make a choice between supporting the men and women who wear the uniform and supporting the people who are struggling with challenges in communities across this state." Pence attended a wreath-laying on Friday afternoon in Indianapolis that honored fallen troopers and employees of the Indiana State Police. The pre-scheduled event, however, paid tribute to the "national tragedy" in Dallas, as Pence called it. The Indiana governor has no public events scheduled for the weekend yet but continues to pop up around the state for stops as part of his re-elect bid for governor.

TRUMP DEFENDS CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT DON'T EXIST: Republican Rep. Mark Sanford said Friday that Donald Trump has a "callous disregard for details" that was on full display when the GOP presidential candidate told a private meeting of House Republicans he would fiercely defend articles of U.S. Constitution that don't exist (*CNN*). "I think what a number of us have been concerned

about is a pattern of laxity with regard to details," Sanford told CNN in an interview, explaining that details are critical to good governance, one day after he was part of a group meeting with the presumptive Republican presidential candidate. "It is the details that really matter in impacting people's lives. It is the details that matter frankly in any legislative negotiation." The South Carolinian lawmaker, who has been critic of Trump, said that lack of respect for details could make it difficult for the businessman to be a successful president. "I wasn't particularly impressed," Sanford told reporters after Thursday's meeting at an event. "I think it was the normal stream of consciousness that's long on hyperbole and short on facts. At one point there was mentioned -- somebody asked about, you know, Article I powers and what would you do to protect them and you know, I think his response was 'I want to protect Article I, Article II, Article XII -- go down the list.' As we both know there is no Article XII."

CLINTON PLEADS FOR END TO HATEFUL RHETORIC: As the nation mourned another week of wrenching violence, Hillary Clinton stood Friday evening before a collection of flags in a cavernous, cold convention hall and pleaded with Americans to abandon hateful words and consider their neighbors' pain (*Politico*). Flanked by church leaders, Clinton decided to be the country's loudest voice of all, looking to project the image of the steady hand in contrast to Donald Trump on a day that he largely went silent aside from a morning statement — and while President Barack Obama was in Europe. "We need to try, as best we can, to walk in one another's shoes, to imagine what it would be like if people followed us around stores, or locked their car doors when we walked past, or if every time our children went to play in the park — or just to the store to buy iced tea and Skittles — we said a prayer, 'please God, don't let anything happen to my baby.'"

CLINTON REFUTES FBI ASSERTION SHE WAS 'CARELESS': Hillary Clinton on Friday rejected the F.B.I.'s assertion that she had been "extremely careless" with classified material as secretary of state, offering her first public comments on the matter since the Justice Department closed its inquiry without bringing charges against her this week (*New York Times*). In interviews on CNN and MSNBC, Mrs. Clinton tried to put the controversy surrounding her use of a private email server to rest, brushing off a rebuke from James Comey, the F.B.I. director, who had criticized her for being negligent. Although Mr. Comey, in a congressional hearing on Thursday, pointed out several contradictions between what Mrs. Clinton had said publicly about her email use and what she said in sworn testimony, Mrs. Clinton insisted Friday that she did not intentionally send or receive any classified information through her private account. She also appeared to be spreading the responsibility to her State Department staff. "I think there are about 300 people in the government, mostly in the State Department, but in other high positions in the government with whom I emailed over the course of four years — they, I believe, did not believe they were sending any material that was classified," Mrs. Clinton said on CNN. "They were pursuing their responsibilities. I do not think they were careless."

CLINTON OUTLINES HEALTH CARE AGENDA: Hillary Clinton is pledging to follow through on progressive health care policies in a new campaign document as Democratic delegates meet in Orlando on the party's platform and she woos Bernie Sanders' supporters (*Politico)*. The document mostly rehashes Clinton's previous proposals, including extending Medicare as an option to Americans 55 years and older, allowing undocumented immigrants to purchase coverage from Obamacare exchanges, and efforts to fight high out-of-pocket health care costs. The document itself is largely symbolic, but it's taken on more weight this year as Clinton moves left to appeal to Sanders' supporters. Sanders, who clashed with Clinton during the primary over his support for a single-payer health care system, praised the Clinton

plan in a press call Saturday morning. "Together, these steps will get us closer to the day where everyone in this country has access to quality, affordable health care," Sanders said.

INDIANA SANDERS DELEGATE RAISING MONEY: An Elkhart man selected to be a delegate at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia later this month is currently raising money to make the trip (*Elkhart Truth*). Tim Carroll, a lifelong Elkhart resident and graduate of Elkhart Memorial High School, said he was surprised when he was selected in late June to represent Indiana's Second Congressional District as a Bernie Sanders delegate. Carroll currently works as a shipping supervisor at MSC Industrial Supply and lives in Elkhart with his wife, Connie. He said he supports Sanders because of his stance against special interest money. "I want my grandchildren and their children to have a habitable planet and opportunities to succeed when they are working adults," he said. "I believe every American has the right to health care and affordable education, and that it's too late for insignificant or incremental progress on issues like climate change and income inequality."

Sunday Talk

JOHNSON SAYS DALLAS SHOOTER ACTED ALONE: Investigators have not found any link to international terrorist groups the man believed to have killed five police officers last Thursday in Dallas, Homeland Security secretary Jeh Johnson said Sunday, noting that evidence gathered so far has pointed to a single perpetrator (*Politico*). "Everything we know about this individual is being investigated, uncovered and I suspect we are going to know a lot more in a couple days. It does appear that he was a single shooter, the lone shooter," Johnson told "Fox News Sunday," adding, "We do not see any affiliation with any international terrorist organization like ISIL or Al Qaeda, but the investigation does continue."

BRATTON SAYS COPS FEEL PRESSURE: With tensions still high in the days after an Army veteran shot and killed five police officers during a protest in Dallas, New York City Police Commissioner Bill Bratton said police officers across the country are feeling the strain of their jobs (*CBS News*). "This is a time of great pressure on our officers," he said on CBS' "Face the Nation." "There's always pressure on American police officers, danger. But good news is that American police, the American police profession is a strong profession that has been going through profound changes over the last 20 years. Constant improvement in their training. Constant improvement in use of force." Because of those advances and a "relatively peaceful" few years in New York, Bratton said what happened in Dallas came as a complete surprise. "Did we see it coming? No," he said. "But in policing, you always plan for the worst, hope for the best. Dallas was beyond anybody's ability to speculate about or even think about."

SESSIONS SAYS CLINTON DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO CREATE JOBS: Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.) on Sunday blasted presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, saying she doesn't know how to create jobs (*The Hill*). "She does not understand, really, how jobs are created. She's not created jobs, manufacturing, hotels and things around the world," he said on "Fox News Sunday," contrasting Clinton with presumptive GOP nominee Donald Trump. Sessions said Trump "clearly has the advantage" on that front. The Alabama senator also praised Trump's business record, which Clinton took aim at last week, defending the presumptive GOP nominee against her attacks. "He's been a highly successful business

man, but he's invested in hundreds of businesses and some of them haven't been successful but most of them have," he said.

PEREZ TALKS ABOUT HILLARY TRUST: Labor Secretary Thomas Perez on Sunday said presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton understands she needs to earn back the trust of many people following developments into the controversy over her use of a private email server while serving as secretary of State*(The Hill*). "That hearing was rather interesting this week, because what it really illustrated was exactly what we know, which is, there was no criminal wrongdoing on Secretary Clinton's part, she made a mistake, she's acknowledged that," Perez, rumored to be among the candidates to be Clinton's running mate, said on "Fox News Sunday." "And she acknowledges that she has to earn the trust back of many people."



Republican National Convention

PRIEBUS BRACES FOR UNRULY CONVENTION: Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus is bracing for a chaotic convention (*The Hill*). Thousands of party leaders, delegates, reporters and activists are descending on Cleveland for a week of platform and rules committee hearings as Republicans prepare to nominate a candidate that has divided the GOP and been a flashpoint for controversy. Those meetings will take place under the shadow of a traumatic week marked by the massacre of five police officers in Dallas and the deaths of two black men killed at the hands of law enforcement and subsequent protests. In an interview with The Hill at RNC headquarters in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, just hours before he was scheduled to board a plane for Cleveland, Priebus opened up about how the convention would play out amid a backdrop of roiling anger and unease. "It's understandable that people everywhere across the country are a little nervous about what's been going on around the country," Preibus said. "It's making us all a little uptight and concerned, there's no question."

FALLIN AGAINST TRUMP CHANGES ON ABORTION PLANK: Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin wouldn't guarantee Saturday that the GOP will change its platform on abortion despite Donald Trump's stated desire to allow for exceptions in cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother. Speaking to *CNN's* Jake Tapper, Fallin, the co-chair of the party's platform committee, would only say that the party will "remain pro-life." "I know that Donald Trump has said as a candidate that he believes in life, and I think the majority of the Republican Party does believe in life -- that has been an important part and plank of our platform as a political party," Fallin said. The Oklahoma governor -- and potential Trump

running mate -- said the platform's decisions will be up to the party even though Trump is now the Republican standard-bearer. "He will have representation -- he's going to be the presumptive Republican nominee -- and certainly he will have a voice with his people, who will make recommendations, too," Fallin said. "But in the end, this platform is driven by grassroots Republican people throughout the nation who will represent the very values and principles of the Republican Party."

JOCKEYING OVER RULES: Anti-Trump Republicans will make their final stand this week, a long-shot bid to hijack the rules of the Republican Party and deny Donald Trump the presidential nomination (*Politico*). But as GOP delegates converge on Cleveland to begin the business portion of their national convention, that marquee struggle is just one subplot in a drama that will determine the future of the party. Delegates will also weigh whether to embrace Trump's brand of populism and protectionism, to ban outsiders from voting in GOP primaries or to reconfigure the power of the Republican National Committee — as well as how, and for whose benefit, they want to craft the rules for their next presidential primary. Those fights will play out in two powerful committees of delegates. The Platform Committee, which meets Monday and Tuesday, will revisit the core tenets of the Republican Party's policy vision. The Rules Committee, which meets Wednesday and Thursday, will determine the procedures that govern the convention a week later — but also establish the 2020 primary rules. And at every turn, factions loyal to Trump and Ted Cruz will be jockeying for supremacy.

Rules Committee: The meeting of this 112-delegate panel is where the convention's most dramatic confrontation is expected to go down. Here, anti-Trump delegates led by Colorado's Kendal Unruh are scraping together support for a plan that would guarantee delegates the option to vote their conscience when picking the party's presidential nominee — rather than adhere to the results of primaries and caucuses. Such a change, they suggest, could cripple Trump's chances of becoming the GOP nominee. But Trump supporters won't be sitting still. The mogul's allies will be carrying their own pro-Trump proposals aimed at staving off the rebellion.

The conscience clause: Unruh is proposing a change to the rules that would effectively free delegates to vote for any candidate for president. She and her allies argue that it's actually a superfluous effort: the rules already permit delegates to vote freely. But an ongoing dispute has left that argument up for debate. Unruh's organization, Free the Delegates, has been predicated on stopping Trump from winning the nomination. But so far few Rules Committee delegates have publicly indicated support, and dozens have spoken out forcefully against her effort. The dilemma: Though hundreds of GOP delegates at the convention personally oppose Trump, many are unwilling to vote against him for the nomination because he won more votes than any of his rivals. Though Unruh has argued that failure in the Rules Committee doesn't preclude delegates from dumping Trump on the convention floor, pro-Trump Rules Committee members may seek to plug any gaps in the rules that are open to interpretation. If pro-Trump delegates affirm that delegates are, in fact, bound to support Trump, they could dramatically reduce the likelihood of a floor fight before it happens.

Closed primaries: Republicans have long fended off nationwide attempts to shut out Democrats and independents from their primaries, deferring to each state to pick the process it prefers. Even a small-scale effort in 2012 to award bonus delegates to states that embrace closed GOP primaries failed. Many Republican state leaders have supported open primaries as a tool to bring in new voters. Top-down bans

on these primaries by the national party would undercut the Republican belief in deferring to states, they argued at the time.

The primary calendar: Nevada's days as an early state may be over. The caucus state has been hobbled by procedural errors and controversies for the last three presidential cycles, and goodwill among fellow early-state leaders in Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina has run out. In fact, RNC members from the three latter states held a recent conference call to shore up their strategy for maintaining their early-state status. Nevada wasn't included. GOP leaders are eyeing Colorado or Arizona as a replacement instead.

The rule change to end rule changes: Oregon RNC Committeeman Solomon Yue has introduced language that would delay any rule changes from taking effect until the 2020 convention. This would set a new precedent to delay the impact of any significant rule changes and sap some of the urgency behind the committee's decision-making.

Delegate selection: One issue certain to be revisited is the manner in which delegates are selected. In 2012, Rules Committee members fended off a proposal that would've allowed victorious primary candidates to choose their delegates, an attempt to ensure that the presumptive nominee isn't blindsided by disloyal delegates at the convention. But objectors noted that this is precisely the kind of top-down control that the party abhors, granting enormous influence over the centuries-old party to a candidate who would, at most, be around for eight years. However, throughout the 2016 primary, the furious fight between Trump and Cruz has drawn renewed attention to the potential for "Trojan Horse" delegates — those who purport to support one candidate while secretly backing another.

Same-sex marriage: Since 2012, the Supreme Court has ruled that states can't prohibit same-sex couples from marrying. Yet the GOP platform includes harsh language condemning such unions. Jim Bopp Jr. of Terre Haute is advocating for language that continues to call for embracing "traditional" marriage between one man and one woman but placing in the historical context of the party's position, when it opposed polygamy. "The historical family unit has always been one man and one woman," he said. "Men and women are different. They have complementary parenting styles, and having children raised with exposure to both is the best way, the ideal way to raise them."

Abortion: The GOP platform opposing abortion includes no exceptions for rape, incest or to protect the life of the mother. Trump, like Mitt Romney before him, came to his anti-abortion position later in life but continues to endorse those exceptions. Like Romney, Trump may decide to accept the conservative version of this language, despite personal differences. The language calls for a constitutional amendment protecting "unborn children," but backers note that this language doesn't preclude exceptions, which are favored by most Americans.

Mexico: The 2012 GOP platform salutes Mexico as an ally in combating drug trafficking and laments that the Mexican people "are bearing the brunt" of drug cartels. Trump has suggested the country encourages sending drugs into the United States and has treated America's southern neighbor as an adversary more than a friend. Here again, Bopp sees room for movement in Trump's direction. Circumstances with Mexico have changed, he says. "Mexico is being much more aggressive in trying to get their citizens to immigrate to the United States and to violate our borders and come here illegally," he said.

Trade: In 2012, the GOP pledged to pursue the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement. Trump has made tearing it up a hallmark of his campaign. In fact, his protectionist sentiments have cut sharply against the GOP platform's call for an expansion of free trade agreements. Here, Trump may seek to inject his "America First" approach but is likely to face resistance from the party's traditional economic advocates. GOP platform committee members note that here, too, there's room for agreement: Trump has called for punishment of nations who violate trade pacts – and that's something even free-traders in the GOP can agree on.

Democratic National Convention

SANDERS CLAIMS VICTORY ON $15 MINIMUM WAGE: Sen. Bernie Sanders may have claimed victory in the fight for $15, but he lost out on trade (*Politico*). The Democrats' platform committee late Friday approved an amendment that formalizes the party's commitment to a $15 minimum wage, with indexing for inflation, a Sanders campaign pledge. But Saturday, the Vermont senator was defeated on the Trans-Pacific Partnership: The draft platform will not include the strong language opposing the trade deal, which Sanders made a key plank of his run for the Democratic nomination. The fight over the language surrounding the trade deal -- Sanders had ranked that amendment at the top of his list of a dozen changes he wanted -- produced the most contentious debate between Sanders delegates and Clinton delegates at the two-day Orlando meeting.

DEMS SEEK 'PATHWAY TO LEGALIZATION' OF POT: The Democratic Party endorsed a "reasoned pathway to future legalization" of marijuana and called for the drug to be downgraded in the Controlled Substances Act, in a tense and unexpected victory for supporters of Sen. Bernie Sanders (*Washington Post*). Going into the platform committee meeting, Sanders's campaign had no new language about marijuana. The senator from Vermont had favored state-to-state legalization efforts, and the language approved by the drafting committee called for "policies that will allow more research on marijuana, as well as reforming our laws to allow legal marijuana businesses to exist without uncertainty." But on Saturday afternoon, the committee brought up an amendment that would have removed marijuana from the Controlled Substances Act. David King, a lawyer and Sanders delegate from Tennessee, argued that marijuana was added to the act — giving the drug the same legal classification as heroin — during a "craze" to hurt "hippies and blacks." The amendment, however, was headed for defeat, with some committee members worrying that it went too far and undermined state-by-state efforts to study decriminalization.

PLANK OPPOSES DEATH PENALTY: The words of Bill and Hillary Clinton during their respective presidential campaigns — 24 years apart — illustrate the decline in both the support and use of the death penalty in America — a shift expected to result in the Democrats becoming the first major U.S. political party to formally call for the abolition of capital punishment later this month (*NBC News*). On Jan. 19, 1992, in a debate in New Hampshire with his rivals for the Democratic presidential nomination, Bill Clinton strongly defended the death penalty, arguing his party "should no longer feel guilty about protecting the innocent," as the New Yorker magazine reported at the time. Four days later, Clinton, then the governor of Arkansas, demonstrated that this was not just a rhetorical stance. Ricky Ray Rector, a 42-year-old African-American man who had shot and killed a police officer in 1981, was due to be executed in Arkansas. Clinton had already denied the requests made by Rector's attorney for an executive clemency. But Clinton opted to fly from New Hampshire to be in Little Rock and oversee the execution process. His decision to be in the state that day was widely perceived as intended to show that he was "tough on crime." More than two decades later, Hillary Clinton has expressed ambivalence on the campaign trail when asked about capital punishment. "States have proven themselves incapable of carrying out fair trials" in death penalty cases, she said in March during a campaign appearance in Ohio, while leaving open the possibility of capital punishment under federal law, in a case investigated and prosecuted by the U.S. Department of Justice. But her campaign has agreed to a provision in the Democratic Party platform, which is expected to be adopted at the party's national convention in Philadelphia beginning July 25, that says, "We will abolish the death penalty, which has proven to be a cruel and unusual form of punishment. It has no place in the United States of America." The landmark language is the latest illustration of a slow but major shift in American politics.



Congress

YOUNG BILL CALLS FOR INVOKING ARTICLE 5, NATO RESPONSE TO ISIS: U.S. Reps. Todd Young (R-IN) and Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) introduced H. Res. 814, which calls for invocation of Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty to set in motion a coordinated, coalition-based campaign against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Article 5, which describes the principle of collective defense among NATO members, has been invoked only once since the organization's inception - after 9-11 (NATO.int). "We must coordinate a coalition-based offensive, and bring to bear all of NATO's military, diplomatic and economic power to destroy ISIS. I hope to see Article 5 invoked immediately," Young said in a statement. "ISIS has co-opted and inspired mass casualty attacks against the United States and our allies, and rabidly seeks to incite more bloodshed... It is one of only a few viable options that can provide President Obama the sufficient political cover one senses he needs to let American military leaders take over and reformulate our weak defensive posture into a winning strategy." The building presence of ISIS across the Middle East, Africa, and Asia has exacerbated the refugee crisis. As witnessed in France, Belgium, the United States, Lebanon, Egypt, Bangladesh, and Turkey, the terror group's ability to co-opt attacks targeting Westerners presents a growing security threat NATO members must address, according to a news release from the congressman's office.

COATS STATEMENT ON JUNE JOBS REPORT: Joint Economic Committee Chairman U.S. Sen. Dan Coats (R-IN) issued the following statement regarding today's report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) that the U.S. economy added 287,000 nonfarm payroll jobs in June and the unemployment rate increased from 4.7 to 4.9 percent (*Howey Politics Indiana*). In addition, May employment numbers were revised to 11,000 jobs added, down from the 38,000 originally reported. "Adding 287,000 jobs in June is welcome news after May's disappointing jobs numbers, which now appear to be even worse than originally reported. Across our country, too many American families are struggling in our economy, and there's no doubt we need more steady and consistent job growth. House Speaker Paul Ryan and House Republicans have put forward a sensible plan to overhaul and modernize our antiquated tax system and grow the economy. Passing reforms like they have proposed would reduce burdens on families and employers, encourage new job creation and increase America's competitive edge in the worldwide marketplace."

BUCSHON NEGOTIATES OPIOID DEAL: The final text of comprehensive legislation to curb opioid and heroin abuse passed the U.S. House of Representatives on Friday and included a provision authored by Eighth District Congressman Larry Bucshon, M.D. Bucshon served on the special conference committee comprised of members of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate that negotiated legislative differences between both chambers (*Howey Politics Indiana)*. The group met on Wednesday to agree on the final legislative text of S. 524, the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act sending the bill to the House floor for a vote where it passed today by a vote of 407 to 5. "Drug overdoses in Indiana have increased five-fold in the past decade. The effect of this rapid growth has been devastating to our families and our communities. The comprehensive legislation we sent to the Senate today will help states like Indiana combat the growing opioid abuse epidemic. It will give hope to families and it will save lives," Bucshon said of the House passage of H.R. 4981, the Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Expansion and Modernization Act, an integral part of the final package approved by the House. H.R. 4981 helps expand access to medication-assisted opioid addiction treatment, ensures patients have access to a wider range of comprehensive, evidence-based treatment options, and minimizes the potential for drug diversion. Bucshon served on the special conference committee comprised of members of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate that negotiated legislative differences between both chambers. The group met on Wednesday to agree on the final legislative text of S. 524, the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act sending the bill to the House floor for a vote where it passed today by a vote of 407 to 5.

COATS, DONNELLY COMMENT ON DALLAS: Indiana's U.S, senators are calling on the nation to come together after the shootings in Dallas (*WIBC*). Republican Senator Dan Coats says everyone from President Obama on down has to help calm a divisive atmosphere in the country, and says pastors and community leaders need to be at the forefront. He says rising tensions can't be fixed through legislation or federal funding. Democratic Senator Joe Donnelly issued a statement saying he's "horrified" by what he calls a "vicious, despicable attack." He says the country should stand together with officers killed while protecting their community. Representative Susan Brooks (R-5th) calls the ambush "an unspeakable act of violence," and says Americans need to focus on what they have in common while standing against hatred. Brooks, Coats, and Representative Larry Bucshon (R-8th) all made a point of mourning the shootings of black motorists in Louisiana and Minnesota along with the five officers killed in Dallas. Bucshon says "no family should bear the burden of losing a loved one," and says Americans need to work together to make all communities secure.

General Assembly

REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE LOOKS AT IOWA PROCESS: An emissary from Iowa's non-partisan approach to legislative redistricting spoke to an Indiana General Assembly study committee (Steeb & Powell*, Statehouse File*). Ed Cook, the senior legal counsel for Iowa Legislative Services Agency, addressed the Special Interim Study Committee on Redistricting at the Statehouse. Cook said Iowa's current redistricting methods have not changed much from the method introduced in the 1980s. Iowa's districts must be compact in form, consistent with population, and can only be square, rectangular or hexagonal shaped. They also must pass length-width and perimeter-size tests. "We try not to have districts that are going to be long, extremely narrow or stretch long distances," said Cook. "We try to avoid having districts that are very narrow." The Iowa legislature draws the district lines, but they receive significant nonpartisan guidance and advice from the Legislative Services Agency and Temporary Redistricting Advisory Commission. Iowa's redistricting method, Cook said, has a specific philosophy. "A system designed to enact a redistricting plan in an efficient and timely manner without political gridlock and to prevent political gerrymandering," said Cook during a PowerPoint presentation. "A blind system, from a partisan perspective, will most often result in an acceptable redistricting plan."

MAYFIELD TOUTS DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION PILOT PROGRAM: State Rep. Peggy Mayfield (R-Martinsville) in a letter to the Indiana Department of Education encouraged the continuation of Martinsville school's inclusion into the Dual Language Immersion Pilot Program, a news release stated (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Mayfield said based on its success, Poston Road Elementary wanted to continue offering the Dual Language Program to its students. "It was recently announced an additional $56,000 in grant money was awarded to the school, allowing them to continue this innovative educational opportunity in the next school year," Mayfield said. Mayfield championed the law creating a dual language program in the state. Under Mayfield's provision, school corporations seeking grants to establish or expand dual language immersion programs must provide 50 percent of the lessons in English and 50 percent in a second language like Mandarin, Spanish, French or other languages approved by the Indiana Department of Education. In addition to Poston Road Elementary School, seven other schools in the state received funding to establish or continue a dual language program.

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State

GOVERNOR: PENCE RESPONDS TO DALLAS MASSACRE - Gov. Mike Pence called the Dallas shootings that left five police officers dead and others wounded a "horrific ambush" and a national

tragedy in a statement released Friday (Schneider, *IndyStar*). "This attack on police officers in Dallas is also a heartbreaking reminder of the risks the men and women of our law-enforcement community take every day to protect and serve our communities," Pence said. "In the wake of this tragedy, we must be clear that violence and threats against law enforcement officers will never be tolerated and ensure that our police have the training and resources to defend themselves as they defend our communities." Pence went on to say, "Our hearts also go out to the families of those who lost their lives in police shootings in Louisiana and Minnesota earlier this week."

GOVERNOR: PENCE TO SPEAK AT COPS CYCLING EVENT TODAY - Gov. Mike Pence will offer remarks at the opening ceremony of the Cops Cycling for Survivors event this morning at the Indiana State Museum (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The Governor and First Lady Karen Pence will then participate in the first leg of the bike ride.

STATEHOUSE: ZOELLER DISAPPOINTED WITH OPIOID LEGISLATION - Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller and Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey expressed disappointment in Congress' unwillingness to provide emergency treatment funding to respond to the national opioid addiction and overdose epidemic, which today takes more lives than car accidents (*Howey Politics Indiana*). A news release published on the Indiana Attorney General website reported the two state attorneys general issued a joint statement after a congressional conference committee on Wednesday voted against adding emergency treatment funding as part of the Comprehensive Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act (CARA) that had passed in different versions in the U.S. House and U.S. Senate - S. 524 and HR 953. Health experts in the president's administration had called for $1.1 billion in emergency funding to expand addiction treatment services and support overdose prevention programs at the state level, including efforts to increase availability of the opioid overdose antidote naloxone. Without immediate treatment funding, the intent of the legislation is now neutered and undermined, Zoeller (R-IN) and Healey (D-MA) said. They urged members of Congress to reconsider, noting the opioid addiction epidemic is no time for partisanship. The attorneys general urged Congress to fund the proposal that will expand treatment, save lives and help millions of Americans suffering from addiction. "As Attorneys General we work with those on the front lines of the drug addiction epidemic t hat has reached a crisis point in our states," Zoeller said. "The news out of Congress that they do not see this as a crisis requiring immediate action is disappointing. Legislative action without needed funding is simply an empty promise - more words without results. We can only hope that an appropriations bill, or another continuing resolution, will include the necessary funding." In September 2015, Zoeller and Healey joined 38 state attorneys general in a bipartisan letter urging passage of CARA, when it was originally introduced.

TAXES: CORPORATE RATE DROPS - Indiana's corporate income tax rate fell by 0.25 percent to 6.25 percent on July 1st, in a move state legislators and the governor hope will make Indiana more attractive to businesses (*NWI Times*). Indiana is now tied with Missouri for the 19th lowest corporate income tax rate in the country, according to the Tax Foundation. Currently, Indiana's corporate income taxes are higher than Michigan and Kentucky, which both have marginal corporate income tax rates of 6 percent, and Ohio, which does not impose corporate income taxes. Illinois currently has a state corporate income tax rate of 7.75 percent. State corporate income taxes in Indiana already had dropped by 8.5 percent to 6.5 percent over the last four years.

LOTTERY: MEGA MILLIONS TICKET SOLD IN CAMBRIDGE CITY - The Hoosier Lottery says the winning ticket for the Mega Millions jackpot worth an estimated $540 million was sold at a gasoline station in eastern Indiana (*IndyStar)*. Hoosier Lottery spokesman Dennis Rosebrough says the ticket for Friday's drawing was sold at a Speedway station along Interstate 70 in Cambridge City, a town of about 2,000 residents 50 miles east of Indianapolis. A person who answered the phone at that store directed calls to Marathon Petroleum's corporate headquarters. A spokesman, Brandon Daniels, says the company has no comment.

GAMING: REVENUE DOWN IN JUNE - The Indiana Gaming Commission says monthly revenue at Indiana casinos dropped in June (Brown*, Inside Indiana Business*). The state reports adjusted gross revenue was $170 million, down from $175 million during the same month last year. Of the state's 13 gaming operations, five reported increases in revenue, including Indiana Grand Casino in Shelbyville, which was up $1.1 million to $20.9 million. Hollywood Casino Lawrenceburg saw a $1 million increase, bringing its June total to $14.3 million. Horseshoe Hammond Casino saw the biggest dip in the state for the second consecutive month, dropping $3.6 million to $28.9 million. Both Ameristar Casino Hotel in East Chicago and Hoosier Park Racing and Casino in Anderson fell $1.3 million to $16.5 million and $15.6 million, respectively.

STATEHOUSE: DNR SEEKS HUNTERS FOR DEER REDUCTION IN PARKS - The DNR Division of State Parks is seeking volunteer hunters to participate in managed deer reduction hunts at 18 locations later this year (*Howey Politics Indiana*). They are: Brown County, Chain O'Lakes, Charlestown, Clifty Falls, Fort Harrison, Indiana Dunes, McCormick's Creek, Ouabache, Pokagon, Prophetstown, Shakamak, Spring Mill, Summit Lake, Tippecanoe River, Turkey Run, Versailles, and Whitewater Memorial state parks, and Cave River Valley Natural Area (drawn in conjunction with Spring Mill). Clifty Falls and Fort Harrison will be archery only reduction hunts. The dates are Nov. 14-15 and Nov. 28-29. For more than 20 years, volunteer hunters have assisted the Division of State Parks in managing deer populations on those properties. The reduction hunts are carried out exclusively to achieve an ecological objective - to ensure balanced and healthy natural communities for all plants and wildlife within park boundaries. Since 1995, most of Indiana's 24 State Park properties have had one or more reduction hunts.

Nation

WHITE HOUSE: OBAMA TO TRAVEL TO DALLAS TUESDAY - A rare pause in political volleying prompted by a week of shocking killings gave way to familiar finger-pointing Sunday over who is to blame for the state of aggravated tensions between African Americans and law enforcement in the United States (*Washington Post*). As Dallas reeled from the racially motivated targeting of police officers and protesters continued to march against police brutality in cities across the country, President Obama sought to allay fears that the country was falling into a state of discord and chaos and urged both sides to engage in respectful discourse. "I would just say to everybody who's concerned about the issue of police shootings or racial bias in the criminal justice system that maintaining a truthful and serious and respectful tone is going to help mobilize American society to bring about real change," Obama said in Spain on Sunday during a European trip that has been overshadowed by a series of by crises on the home front. "It is in the interest of police officers that their communities trust them and that the kind of rancor and suspicion that exists right now is alleviated. "So I'd like all sides to listen to each other," he

added. The president plans to return home early, flying directly to a memorial service for the fallen officers in Dallas on Tuesday.

WHITE HOUSE: OBAMA SAYS NATION NOT DIVIDED - Frankly acknowledging a "tough week" in the United States after tense days of shootings and racial tensions, President Barack Obama said Saturday that he did not believe the United States was "as divided as some have suggested" (*Associated Press*). "As painful as this week has been, I firmly believe that America is not as divided as some have suggested," Obama said during a press conference in Poland. "Americans of all races and all backgrounds are rightly outraged by the inexcusable attacks on police, whether it's in Dallas or anywhere else. That includes protesters, that includes family members who have grave concerns about police misconduct, and they've said this is unacceptable. There's no division there."

WHITE HOUSE: BIDEN SAYS NATION HURTING - Vice President Joe Biden is urging Americans to stay united, after a week of tragic shooting deaths "touched the soul of the nation" (*CBS News*). "As Americans, we are wounded by all of these deaths," Biden said in a video released Saturday. "It's on all of us to stand up, to speak out about disparities in our criminal justice system -- just as it's on all of us to stand up for the police who protect us in our communities every day." Addressing the past week's three highly public shooting incidents -- the five police officers killed in Dallas, and the two black men shot and killed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Falcon Heights, Minnesota -- and the escalating racial tensions across the country, Biden called for communal healing and "courage" in the face of such trials. "In the days and weeks ahead, we'll continue offering our thoughts and prayers to provide comfort to the broken-hearted families," he said. "But they will only be redeemed by the courage of our actions that honor their memories."



Local

CITIES: HOGSETT ADDRESSES VIOLENCE - Whenever one of Jeffrey Johnson's four grown sons calls home, the preacher's first inclination is to ask them if they are safe. The men live in Chicago, Indianapolis and Washington, D.C., cities that Johnson described as plagued with violence (*IndyStar*). Now, with the shooting deaths this week of two black men by police officers in Minnesota and Louisiana, Johnson said he is tired. And he is angry. "How do you go from selling CDs to dead?" Johnson roared to a crowd of hundreds at a prayer vigil at Light of the World Christian Church in Indianapolis on Saturday. Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett thanked the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department officers who sat among community members at the vigil. He also spoke of systemic problems facing Indianapolis. "We

must act to address the fact that in this city, the demographics of the police force and the homicide victims are not reflective of the community," Hogsett said.

CITIES: 600 MARCH IN INDY - A Black Lives Matter protest march of at least 300 in Downtown Indianapolis on Saturday evening doubled to at least 600 by the time it reached the Indiana Statehouse an hour later *(IndyStar*). The marchers, who gathered around 6 p.m. at the Indianapolis Central Library before heading south to the Statehouse, were calling for justice and police reform in the wake of two fatal officer-involved shootings this past week in Louisiana and Minnesota. Wearing "Black Lives Matter" T-shirts and hoisting signs that read "No Justice, No Peace" and "Hands Up, Don't Shoot," demonstrators took turns rallying the crowd with a megaphone before leaving for the Statehouse. "I feel like this is what Indianapolis needs," Emmanuel Duncan, 19, told the group. "I lost my cousin (to gun violence). I know how it feels to lose a family member. My family hasn't been the same."

CITIES: SOUTH BEND SUES DRY CLEANERS - The owners of a local dry cleaning business caused or contributed to the release of hazardous substances over a period of more than 50 years, resulting in "significant" soil and groundwater contamination in and around a portion of Ignition Park, a lawsuit alleges (Blasko, *South Bend Tribune*). Filed by the City of South Bend in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, the lawsuit seeks damages associated with the investigation and cleanup of the substances, which include "PCE," a chemical solvent commonly used in dry cleaning that "poses a risk to human health and the environment." The city discovered the contamination while conducting an analysis of environmental releases in and around Ignition Park South, the lawsuit states. It identified Spin Techs Inc., formerly Sherman's Quality Cleaners, 702 W. Indiana Ave., as the source.

CITIES: DUKE GETS OK TO BUILD 17MW SOLAR PLANT AT CRANE - The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission has given Duke Energy of Indiana the green light to begin work on a solar energy project at the Naval Weapons Support Center Crane (Grant, *Washington Times-Herald*). The project will mean the construction of a 17-megawatt solar power facility on the Navy base. The project was approved following an agreement between the company and Indiana Office of the Utility Consumer Counselor. The plant will be on 145 acres in the southeast portion of the Crane base. It will be the second-largest solar operation in the state (behind only the Indianapolis Power and Light facility at the Indianapolis Airport), and it will be the largest solar project on the Duke Energy Indiana system. With the approval of the IURC, Duke is expected to begin the installation of 76,000 solar panels yet this month. "We expect construction to begin shortly," said Duke Energy Indiana spokesman Lew Middleton. "We hope to have the project done and be putting solar energy on the grid by early 2017."

CITIES: SHELBYVILLE COMMISSION TO DECIDE KRONE ZONING - The Shelbyville Plan Commission will hold a special meeting Monday evening to decide on two issues related to the proposed Krone North America headquarters project (Walker, *Shelbyville News*). A review of a preliminary plat for the 140-acre site is on the agenda. Also, the plan commission will look at rezoning the site from Business Highway to General Industrial use. Krone announced in March it will relocate its North American headquarters from Memphis, Tennessee, to Shelbyville, investing $12.5 million in the project and creating more than 100 new jobs by 2021. The plan commission will continue what the Shelbyville Common Council began last Wednesday. At that meeting, the council approved an ordinance on first reading to change the zoning for the property, a change that was done at Krone's request. "They want to protect

their investment," Mayor Tom DeBaun said during the council's pre-meeting. Based in Germany, Krone manufactures agricultural equipment used in the production of hay and forage. The new headquarters operation in Shelbyville is expected to be up and running by the start of 2018.

CITIES: NEW STADIUM FOR LAFAYETTE - A longstanding ballpark in Lafayette will soon be replaced by a new one (Brown, *Inside Indiana Business*). The Lafayette Journal & Courier reports the city has plans to demolish the 80-year-old Loeb Stadium and build a new facility in the same location. The architecture firm that designed Kokomo's Municipal Stadium, Indianapolis-based American Structurepoint Inc., has signed an initial agreement with the city to design the new Lafayette facility, according to the publication. Lafayette Mayor Tony Roswarski and members of Lafayette Board of Parks and Recreation have traveled to Kokomo to inspect the stadium, which opened last year. Roswarski tells the Journal & Courier he doesn't expect to seek permission for a special tax to pay for the new stadium, which he expects to cost less than Municipal Stadium. "Realistically, you're probably in that $10 million range," he told the publication. "We'll be able to do it within our normal city budget." Demolition would not begin until after the 2017 Colt World Series. The publication says the stadium is expected to be complete by 2019.

CITIES: MIDDLEBURY CONSIDERS ANNEXATION AFTER REQUESTS - The Middlebury Town Council introduced an ordinance to annex roughly 35 acres into the town at their meeting on July 5 at the request of Jayco, Patrick Industries, Myrrh Properties and L&W Engineering (Nowak, *Elkhart Truth*). The council held a public hearing on the annexation before introducing the annexation ordinance. No public comments were made on the annexation and nothing was said about Jayco's acquisition by Thor Industries last week. Most of the land to be annexed is owned by Jayco. The company owns 40 parcels of land that are already within the Middlebury town limits. The annexation would bring in six more parcels into the town. The other companies requesting annexation own small parcels of land that are surrounded by property owned by Jayco. The council plans to give formal approval to the annexation at their July 18 meeting.

CITIES: NEW CASTLE MAY CONVERT RAIL LINE TO TRAIL - New Castle officials think a portion of an abandoned rail line on the city's south side could be put to better use (Green, *New Castle Courier-Times*). Council member Rex Peckinpaugh recently broached the subject of the old railroad line that runs parallel to Cherrywood Avenue, noting parts of it were overrun with tall grass, weeds and other growth. Peckinpaugh is hopeful privately held tracts of land from the former railroad line will eventually be given to the city. "For one thing, the little bit of land involved doesn't do much for the property owners, and right now they're responsible for its upkeep and maintenance, which can be a hassle," he said. "I'd really like to see them donate that property back to the city because it would be very easy to convert the former rail bed, it's pretty smooth and level, into some sort of a trail. Hopefully, that wouldn't be too expensive."

COUNTIES: LAKE COUNCILMAN SEEKS JAIL DEATH PROBE - A councilman in northwestern Indiana's Lake County is calling for a federal investigation into a man's death at the county's jail. Lake County Councilman Jamal Washington also wants the public release of a video of jail employees restraining and stunning 39-year-old Gregory Thomas Smith before his March 2015 death from cardiac arrest. Washington tells the *NWI Times* the video shows corrections officers pushing Smith to the floor

and holding him down as he pleads for help and complains he cannot breathe. His family is suing the county over his death, which came after he was arrested for speeding.

COUNTIES: LAKE PONDERS PAY RAISES - It's beginning to look like an early Christmas for more than 900 county government employees (*NWI Times*). Lake County Council members Thursday debated the size of a mid-year pay raise for most of the county's full-time staff. No vote could be taken on salaries before Tuesday's regular meeting. Council President Ted Bilski, D-Hobart, proposed a 3 percent across-the-board raise costing $388,000 for the remainder of this year and $900,000 for all of 2017.

COUNTIES: LAFAYETTE'S SWORD RECOVERED - When it was stolen from his statue two months ago, some may have wondered how Marquis de Lafayette would be able to take his horse by the reins, making Redcoats redder with blood stains without it (*WRTV*). Thankfully, just before the original Broadway cast of the hit musical 'Hamilton' leaves for other endeavors, the sword has been found and will return to the hand of the Tippecanoe County Courthouse statue. On May 11, a security worker at the courthouse noticed that the stainless steel sword from the Lancelot of the Revolutionary Set was missing, even though it was bolted in place in 2008 after the statue's previous sword went missing in 2006. The Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Office says the three-foot long sword was recovered at a home in Lafayette, and that information was sent to the county prosecutor's office to determine whether charges will be filed. The sword was not damaged, and there was no immediate word on whether the person inside the house told officers to 'casse toi'.

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YOUNG DIDN'T MEET TRUMP, WON'T ATTEND RNC: Rep. Todd Young, R-9th CD, didn't see presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump when he was on Capitol Hill on Thursday and won't be catching the real estate developer and reality TV star at the party convention (Schoeff, *Howey Politics Indiana*). In an HPI interview, Young said that he had another meeting during Trump's visit with House GOP members earlier in the day. He also said that he will not go to Cleveland for the Republican convention that likely will formally nominate Trump to be the party's standard bearer. Young, who is running for the Senate, joins a growing list of Republican lawmakers and other party leaders who are staying away from the convention as it anoints the bombastic and controversial Trump. "I'm going to stay home with my family and visit with constituents and maybe have other engagements in Indiana," Young said on the sidelines of an Indiana Society of Washington, D.C., reception Thursday evening. Young participated in the 2012 GOP convention out of "curiosity" and to meet the delegates. But he didn't see a need to go to Cleveland, especially after being advised that his time could better be spent elsewhere. "Most people say 'no' [don't attend the convention]," Young said. "They said, 'You should spend time with your family.'" Young would not offer an endorsement of Trump. "I'm going to let the process play out," Young said. "None of this is for me to decide." He also would not say whether he would like to see Indiana Gov. Mike Pence join Trump on the national ticket. "It has to be right for Gov. Pence and his family," Young said. He's not worried about the possible repercussions for the state GOP if Pence should abandon his re-election bid to join Trump. "We have such a deep bench in Indiana," Young said. "I have high confidence that should this happen, we'll have a very strong person in there to fill the void." Young said he will concentrate on his own race against Democrat Baron Hill for the Senate seat being vacated by the retiring Republican Sen. Dan Coats. He's not concerned about possible damage Trump could do to races down the ballot. "I'm feeling very confident," Young said. "I want to be the senator for all Hoosiers." Young was reticent to address questions surrounding Trump, but he was eager to criticize presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton. "Hillary Clinton is an incredibly flawed candidate and most Hoosiers I encounter recognize that," Young said. "As a [former] Marine Corps intelligence officer, I think [Clinton's email system] is an issue of great significance and pertinence as Hoosier and American decide who should be their commander in chief."

PENCE SAYS 'NOTHING'S BEEN OFFERED': Indiana Gov. Mike Pence reiterated on Thursday that "nothing's been offered and obviously nothing's been accepted" — though he said earlier that he is "providing them with information as requested" (*NBC News*). After a spray of questions from the press corps on Thursday, Pence appeared comfortable in taking on questions about controversies spurred by his potential running mate. At a county fair north of Indianapolis, Pence called Sen. Jeff Flake "a very good friend" after a reporter asked him about Flake's reported confrontation with Trump in a private meeting with other senators over some of Trump's controversial statement in the last year. Pence noted that he has not "agreed with everything that [Trump has] ever said" but eased into his defense that the party needs to "come together around our nominee." And asked about Cruz's unleashing of criticism on the day of the Indiana primary two months ago — in which Cruz called Trump, in part, a "pathological liar" and "amoral," Pence attributed the tough words to the "competitive primary process, saying, "In NASCAR, they say rubbing is racing. Competitive primary, things can get a little tough sometimes." He also expressed hope Cruz would join in supporting Trump: "I think it's important for every Republican to get on board with Donald Trump.

BOSMA, ROKITA, REPUBLICANS WEIGH GOV BIDS: Two months after Hoosiers gave Donald Trump a pivotal primary election victory, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee could be on the brink of sending the Indiana governor's race into chaos (Schneider & Eason*, IndyStar*). Gov. Mike Pence in a matter of days has vaulted into the top tier of candidates to become Trump's running mate in the U.S. presidential race, with some national Republican strategists going so far as to call him the most likely pick. Back home, that's left ambitious Hoosier politicians and party insiders alike scrambling over what might happen next: The prospect — unprecedented in modern Indiana history — that the 22-member Indiana Republican State Committee could have to pick a replacement candidate for governor. Most have been weighing their chances and cultivating support behind the scenes, but Thursday, two prominent Republicans formally threw their hats into the ring. One was Indiana House Speaker Brian Bosma, who told CNN he was the best candidate to build on the economic success of Pence and former Gov. Mitch Daniels before him. The other is U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita, who issued a statement saying he would seek the nomination if Pence dropped out. "I believe my conservative record of accomplishment as a two-term secretary of state and in the U.S. House offer a stark contrast to the policies of John Gregg," Rokita said in an email to IndyStar. "Having won two competitive statewide elections by large margins, I believe we can unify Republicans around a campaign that can win in November." His colleague in Carmel, U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks, also has been generating buzz. Although she hasn't formally expressed interest, she could shore up support among moderate Republicans in GOP-heavy Hamilton County. But it's Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb who figures to have the easiest path to the nomination. For one thing, he's already the lieutenant governor — legally next in the line of succession to take office if something were to happen to Pence. As a former party chairman, he also has deep ties to the people who ultimately will be making the decision. One of them is Kyle Hupfer, Holcomb's campaign treasurer. In a phone interview Thursday, Hupfer insisted that Holcomb's focus right now is on governing and helping Pence win re-election. But, he added, Holcomb would be "uniquely positioned" to replace Pence, "because of his experience, and because of his past relationships with the state committee." Tom John, a central committee member, said he's heard as many as four other names floated, including state Auditor Suzanne Crouch, Evansville Mayor Lloyd Winnecke and state Sen. Jim Merritt. Daniels, now the president of Purdue University, has even come up, John said.

5 DALLAS PD OFFICERS MURDERED BY SNIPERS: Snipers opened fire on police officers in the heart of Dallas, killing five officers and injuring six others during protests over two recent fatal police shootings of black men, police said, in a week that bore dark echoes of the tumultuous civil rights era (*Associated Press*). Three people are in custody and a fourth suspect was exchanging gunfire with authorities in a parking garage downtown, Dallas Police Chief David Brown said early Friday morning. The suspect is not cooperating and has told negotiators he intends to hurt more law enforcement officials, the chief said. The gunfire broke out around 8:45 p.m. Thursday while hundreds of people were gathered to protest fatal police shootings this week in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and suburban St. Paul, Minnesota. Brown told reporters the snipers fired "ambush style" upon the officers. Mayor Mike Rawlings said one member of the public was wounded in the gunfire. Protests were also held in several other cities across the country Thursday night after a Minnesota officer on Wednesday fatally shot Philando Castile while he was in a car with a woman and a child. The aftermath of the shooting was livestreamed in a widely shared Facebook video. A day earlier, Alton Sterling was shot in Louisiana after being pinned to the pavement by two white officers. That, too, was captured on a cellphone video.

CLINTON UP 9% IN PEW POLL: Voters are highly interested in the presidential contest between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, but they're also largely dissatisfied with their options, according to a national Pew Research Center poll released Thursday (*Politico*). Clinton leads Trump in a head-to-head matchup, 51 percent to 42 percent, with 7 percent undecided, according to the poll. In a three-way race among Clinton, Trump and Libertarian nominee Gary Johnson, Clinton maintains her margin of victory

over Trump, topping both candidates with 45 percent support. Trump follows at 36 support, with Johnson at 11 percent and 8 percent remaining undecided. Trump holds a nine-point advantage over Clinton among white voters, 51 percent to 42 percent, but Clinton dominates among African-American (91 percent to 7 percent) and Hispanic (66 percent to 24 percent) voters. Both candidates have high negatives, and only 43 percent of Democrats and leaners and 40 percent of Republicans and leaners are satisfied with their choices for president. The survey was conducted entirely before July, meaning Comey's announcement has no bearing on the results.

COMEY SAYS SOME CLINTON STATEMENTS 'NOT TRUE': FBI Director James Comey on Thursday acknowledged that some of Hillary Clinton's public statements about her use of a private email server as secretary of state were not truthful, as a top Republican said he would ask the agency to probe whether Clinton had previously lied to lawmakers under oath (*Politico*). While Comey said that Clinton never lied to the FBI during its investigation of whether she mishandled classified information, during an extended exchange with Rep. Trey Gowdy (R-S.C.), Comey affirmed that the FBI's investigation found information marked classified on her server despite previous public statements from Clinton that she had neither sent nor received any items marked classified. "That is not true," Comey said. "There were a small number of portion markings on, I think, three of the documents." Asked whether Clinton's earlier testimony that she did not email "any classified material to anyone on my email" and "there is no classified material" was true, Comey responded, "There was classified material."

TRUMP COY ON SERVING A FULL TERM: The traditional goal of a presidential nominee is to win the presidency and then serve as president (*New York Times*). Donald J. Trump is not a traditional candidate for president. Presented in a recent interview with a scenario, floating around the political ether, in which the presumptive Republican nominee proves all the naysayers wrong, beats Hillary Clinton and wins the presidency, only to forgo the office as the ultimate walk-off winner, Mr. Trump flashed a mischievous smile. "I'll let you know how I feel about it after it happens," he said minutes before leaving his Trump Tower office to fly to a campaign rally in New Hampshire. It is, of course, entirely possible that Mr. Trump is playing coy to earn more news coverage. But the notion of the intensely competitive Mr. Trump's being more interested in winning the presidency than serving as president is not exactly a foreign concept to close observers of this presidential race. Early in the contest, his rivals, Republican operatives and many reporters questioned the seriousness of his candidacy. Told of Mr. Trump's noncommittal comment, Stuart Stevens, a senior adviser to Mitt Romney in 2012 who has become one of Mr. Trump's most vocal critics, said that Mr. Trump was "a con man who is shocked his con hasn't been called" and that he was looking for an emergency exit. "He has no sense of how to govern," Mr. Stevens said. "He can't even put together a campaign."

TRUMP LASHES OUT AT GOP SENATORS: Donald Trump's private meeting Thursday with Senate Republicans — designed to foster greater party unity ahead of the national convention in Cleveland — grew combative as the presumptive presidential nominee admonished three senators who have been critical of his candidacy and predicted they would lose their reelection bids, according to two Republican officials with direct knowledge of the exchanges (*Washington Post*). Trump's most tense exchange was with Sen. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.), who has been vocal in his concerns about the business mogul's candidacy, especially his rhetoric and policies on immigration that the senator argues alienate many Latino voters and others in Arizona. When Flake stood up and introduced himself, Trump told him, "You've been very critical of me." "Yes, I'm the other senator from Arizona — the one who didn't get captured — and I want to talk to you about statements like that," Flake responded, according to two Republican officials. Trump

said at the meeting that he has yet to attack Flake hard but threatened to begin doing so. Trump also called out Sen. Mark Kirk (R-Ill.) — who withdrew his endorsement of Trump last month, citing the business mogul's racially based attacks on a federal judge — and said he did not approve of the senator's action, the officials said. Characterizing Kirk as a loser, Trump vowed that he would carry Illinois in the general election even though the state traditionally has been solidly Democratic in presidential contests. Kirk did not attend the meeting with Trump. Trump also singled out Sen. Ben Sasse (R-Neb.), who has refused to support Trump and has emerged as perhaps the most vocal advocate for a third-party candidate. Sasse declined to speak with reporters as he left the meeting.

20 VETS COMMIT SUICIDE DAILY: Roughly 20 veterans a day commit suicide nationwide, according to new data from the Department of Veterans Affairs — a figure that dispels the often quoted, but problematic, "22 a day" estimate yet solidifies the disturbing mental health crisis the number implied (*Military Times*). In 2014, the latest year available, more than 7,400 veterans took their own lives, accounting for 18 percent of all suicides in America. Veterans make up less than 9 percent of the U.S. population. About 70 percent of veterans who took their own lives were not regular users of VA services.

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: Eleven Dallas PD officers shot, five murdered. Our nation is losing grip this morning. We are a nation awash in guns and intolerance. There is a cleaving of trust between people who believe they are being left behind and marginalized, and embattled institutions and authorities moving into polarizing, ideological positions. This is a time for leadership that doesn't appear to be emerging. - *Brian A. Howey*



Campaigns

DEMOCRATS PRESS YOUNG ON TRUMP MEETING: U.S. Rep. Todd Young said this week he wouldn't attend the U.S. House's meeting with Donald Trump. However, today's news reports spotted Congressman Young at the same time and location of the House meeting with the presumptive GOP presidential nominee (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Is Congressman Young applying #YoungsLaw to his meeting with Donald Trump? Young has said he would support the Republican nominee for President – even if it's presumptive nominee Donald Trump. Or at least that's what his campaign spokesperson said. But where's Todd Young on his public support for Trump? Would he support the possible Trump/Pence ticket? "Indiana Rep. Todd Young, who is running for the Senate, was seen emerging from the club, but he said he was meeting there with friends and wouldn't acknowledge being at the meeting with Trump."

– Roll Call, 7.7.16 "While he has relied on his flacks to communicate his support for Donald Trump, Todd Young was spotted at the event he denied attending," said Drew Anderson, communications director. "Why would Congressman Young publicly dodge his meeting with Donald Trump? Does Young think Hoosiers don't have common sense to know what's going on? Indiana deserves better than to have Empty Suit Todd Young as their senator. "

FORMER INDY MAYORAL CANDIDATE, CONSULTANT SENDEN DIES: Brad Senden, a Democrat who challenged Indianapolis Mayor William Hudnut, died over the weekend (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Sendnr was a well-known political strategist in Indiana during the 1980s and 1990s. He ran an aggressive, intelligent race against Hudnut in 1987, though obviously a lost cause. He advised Floyd Fithian in his 1982 U.S. Senate against Sen. Dick Lugar and was U.S. Rep. Jill Long's general consultant in the 1989 special election that she won against great odds. He later went to California for a couple of decades where he became one of the premier experts on school financing and handled dozens of school referenda. He returned to Indianapolis when he retired 3 years ago. "I remember him as a first-rate strategist, level headed, and very witty," said HPI columnist and Democratic consultant Chris Sautter.

Presidential 2016

PENCE TALKS VEEPSTAKES IN FRANKLIN: Gov. Mike Pence said he looks forward to "strongly advocating" for presumed GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump as speculation grew Thursday that he could be chosen as the real estate mogul's running mate (Schneider, *IndyStar)*. Pence said he has provided the Trump campaign with information as part of the vetting process for prospective vice presidential candidates. He didn't reveal what information was requested, and referred questions about the process to the Trump campaign. Trump has said he is considering as many as 10 people for the job. "Our team has made an effort to be supportive of the process they are going through I believe with a number of leaders around the country," Pence said after making a campaign stop at Greek's Pizzeria in Franklin. In speaking with reporters, Pence emphasized no offer had been made by Trump, though he confirmed plans to attend the Republican National Convention this month in Cleveland. "I'm excited about the opportunity we have in the state of Indiana and across this country to take a new direction," Pence said, "to steer our national government in the direction of growth, strong military – stronger America at home and abroad – and really the kind of leadership that I truly do believe, to borrow a phrase, will make America great again…"

GINGRICH SAYS HE'S BEING VETTED BY TRUMP: Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich confirmed Thursday night that he is being vetted to serve as Donald Trump's running mate in the upcoming presidential election (*Politico*). Speaking with Fox News' Greta Van Susteren, Gingrich said that if asked to serve as Trump's vice president that he would, adding that currently "five or six people" including himself are being vetted for the slot. "If Trump offers the position and is serious about it, which I think he would be after our conversations, Callista and I would feel compelled to serve the country," the former congressman said, mentioning his wife.

SANDERS POISED TO ENDORSE CLINTON: Bernie Sanders is poised to endorse Hillary Clinton at a campaign event Tuesday in New Hampshire, provided that final disagreements in the Democratic platform can be resolved during a weekend party meeting in Orlando, people familiar with the talks say (*CNN*). For three weeks, Sanders has been steadily walking closer to throwing his full support behind Clinton, but has been withholding a formal endorsement until the platform is written. He repeated his pledge to help defeat Donald Trump again Thursday in an interview with Bloomberg View's Al Hunt. "We have got to do everything that we can to defeat Donald Trump and elect Hillary Clinton," Sanders said. "I don't honestly know how we would survive four years of a Donald Trump as president."

STATE DEPT REOPENS CLINTON PROBE: The State Department is re-opening an internal investigation into whether Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and her top aides mishandled classified information, Fox News confirmed late Thursday (*Fox News*). The investigation, which was first reported by the Associated Press, focuses on how classified emails to and from Clinton's private server were categorized at the time they were sent. The State Department started its review in January after declaring 22 emails from Clinton's private server to be "top secret." The investigation was halted after the FBI began investigating Clinton's so-called "homebrew" email setup last April. On Wednesday, Attorney General Loretta Lynch said there would be no indictments resulting from the FBI probe. "Given the Department of Justice has now made its announcement, the State Department intends to conduct its internal review," State Department spokesman John Kirby said in a statement. "Our goal will be to be as transparent as possible about our results, while complying with our various legal obligations."

RYAN WANTS CLINTON SECURITY CLEARANCE REVOKED: Speaker Paul Ryan is asking for Director of National Intelligence James Clapper to block Hillary Clinton from accessing classified information for the rest of her White House run (*CBS News*). "I am writing to formally request that you refrain from providing any classified information former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton for the duration of her candidacy for president," he said in a letter to Clapper on Wednesday. The Wisconsin Republican said that he decided to make the request after FBI Director James Comey revealed Tuesday that Clinton had sent and received emails containing classified information through her private email servers during her four years leading the State Department. "As a former vice presidential nominee, I am keenly aware that Secretary Clinton is set to begin receiving classified intelligence briefings after the Democratic National Convention," Ryan said. "Given the FBI's findings, denying Secretary Clinton access to classified information certainly constitutes appropriate sanctions."

TRUMP MEETS WITH CRUZ: Donald Trump on Thursday held a private meeting with Ted Cruz, his defeated primary rival who has thus far refused to endorse him (*Politico)*. It was not immediately clear what the two discussed in the meeting, which was described by two sources who were briefed on it. But it comes less than two weeks before the start of the Republican National Convention, where — despite resistance from a group of Cruz-friendly delegates — Trump is expected to formally secure the party's nomination. It is not yet known whether the Texas senator will speak at the convention, or even if he will attend. During the final weeks of the primary contest, Trump and Cruz clashed repeatedly — with Trump at one point suggesting that Cruz's father was involved in the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

200 HOUSE REPUBLICANS MEET WITH TRUMP: House Republicans came face-to-face Thursday morning for the first time with Donald J. Trump (*Politico)*. And most seemed to like what they saw,

although there were few new converts to his cause. With his daughter, Ivanka Trump, and Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Preibus in attendance, the billionaire real estate tycoon met with the full House GOP conference at RNC headquarters. Rank-and-file Republicans are trying to suppress their displeasure with his controversial campaign and rally behind Trump before the GOP convention this month. GOP sources say there was a "full house" for the meeting, with at least 200 lawmakers attending. Conservative CNBC commentator Larry Kudlow introduced Trump. A mostly restrained and deferential Trump hit on a number of safe Republican themes during his speech: tax reform, protecting the 2nd Amendment, repealing Obamacare, and the likelihood the next president will determine the balance of power on the Supreme Court. He preached unity and bashed both Hillaryand Bill Clinton.

CRUZ TO SPEAK AT RNC: Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, who was Donald Trump's chief rival during the tumultuous Republican presidential primary, said Thursday he has accepted Trump's offer to speak at the Republican convention but stopped short of making an endorsement (*NBC News*). "We had a positive and productive meeting this morning with Donald Trump. Donald asked me to speak at the Republican convention, and I told him I'd be happy to do so," Cruz told reporters in Washington. It marks a notable shift for Trump, who said just weeks ago his former rivals who haven't endorsed him wouldn't be invited to speak at the convention.

IU PROF DOESN'T THINK PENCE MAKES SENSE FOR VP: Electorally, Mike Pence doesn't make much sense for vice president spot, IU political science professor Gerald Wright said (Hughes, *Indiana Daily Student*). "I was sort of surprised and I'd be very surprised if he actually is the choice," Wright said. "Now, that's if you had a normal presidential candidate making a decision. With Donald Trump, you have no idea what he's going to do, absolutely none. Nobody's been able to figure that out." Electorally, choosing Pence would theoretically lock up Indiana in November. But Wright said if a Republican candidate doesn't already have Indiana locked up he doesn't stand much of a chance anyway. There's also the fact that the faction of the party Pence appeals to, social conservatives, is not a problem for Trump. His problem is with economic conservatives and small business types, Wright said. Wright said he thinks someone like New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie would be a more logical choice for Trump electorally. Christie also backed Trump shortly after he dropped out of the race himself. Pence backed Texas Sen. Ted Cruz prior to the Indiana primary. "That probably is another factor that Trump takes very seriously," Wright said. "He takes politics very personally with all the tweeting and stuff. I think he wouldn't forget that, and that alone would be enough to take him off the list."

ST. JOSEPH GOP APOLOGIZES FOR CANDIDATE'S BEHAVIOR AT FAIR: St. Joseph County Republican Party officials apologized to 4-H fair officials and the public Wednesday for a judicial candidate's behavior, and said they might officially "unendorse" him if such behavior continues (Parrott, *South Bend Tribune*). A day after The Tribune reported that Republican Circuit Court judge candidate Doug Bernacchi was kicked out of the St. Joseph County 4-H Fair Friday for how he acted in a dispute with a GOP booth volunteer, county party chairman Roy Saenz invited news media to a press conference at party headquarters. "After looking into the facts, we believe that the candidate behaved in a manner inconsistent with the expected behavior and values of the St. Joseph County Republican Party," Saenz said, reading from a prepared statement. "Any comments made by the candidate in person or online are not reflective of the party, but are solely that of the candidate." Bernacchi is running against Democrat John Broden in the Nov. 8 election.



Congress

DONNELLY SAYS U.S. NEEDS TO STAY IN AFGHANISTAN: Sen. Joe Donnelly believes the U.S. has to maintain its military presence in Afghanistan for the immediate future (de la Bastide, *Anderson Herald-Bulletin*). Donnelly, D-Ind., returned Tuesday from a bipartisan trip to Afghanistan, Pakistan and Israel as a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. During a Thursday conference call with the Indiana media, Donnelly said his goal is to make sure Americans and our allies in the war on terrorism are safe and secure from terrorist attacks. "The past year has been difficult in Afghanistan," he said. "We can't turn our backs there." Donnelly said an American military presence is needed in Afghanistan to prevent it from becoming a safe haven for terrorists. "Without an American presence it becomes very difficult for Afghanistan," he said. Currently there are 9,800 American troops in the country, a number that Donnelly supports over the proposal by President Barack Obama to lower that number to 8,400.

DONNELLY MIDEAST TRIP FOCUSED ON COUNTERTERRORISM: After returning from a bipartisan trip to Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Israel, U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly (D-IN) highlighted U.S. counterterrorism efforts in the Middle East and Asia, the senator's office stated in a news release (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Donnelly, who serves on the Senate Armed Services Committee, said, "Terror attacks on our homeland are often inspired or orchestrated by violent extremist groups based overseas. I traveled to Israel, Pakistan, and Afghanistan to discuss shared security concerns with foreign leaders and review U.S. and partner nation counterterrorism operations firsthand. While we face complex security challenges, what I saw on this trip confirmed without a doubt that our nation has the best, most advanced military in the world, working every day to keep us safe. I had the honor of spending Independence Day with some of the brave Hoosiers deployed now in Afghanistan, protecting our security, and defending our freedoms. We owe these men and women a tremendous debt of gratitude for their service. It is also clear that in order to defeat violent extremism, we need a coherent, comprehensive counterterrorism strategy, both at home and abroad." Donnelly traveled with a bipartisan delegation, led by Senator John McCain (R-AZ), and that included Senators Lindsey Graham (R-SC) and Ben Sasse (R-NE).

RYAN WON'T RUSH GUN BILL: A high-profile gun bill pushed by House Republicans leaders remains in limbo because a key bloc of conservatives opposes it and GOP leaders can't muster the votes to pass it (*CNN*). Democrats pounced on the issue Thursday, tying up the House floor for hours with another push for votes on measures to expand background checks and prevent those on the terror watch list from buying guns. House Speaker Paul Ryan acknowledged that he had work to do with his own members to get consensus on his legislation, which is part of anti-terrorism package of measures he and other leaders

drafted and planned to vote on this week. "We're not going to rush it," the Wisconsin Republican said at a news conference. "We're going to get it right. And that's what we're working on with our members."

COATS SAYS 10% OF MEDICARE PAYMENTS IMPROPER: Senator Dan Coats (R-Ind.), chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, today delivered his 47th Waste of the Week speech and highlighted $59 billion in improper Medicare payments (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Coats said improper payments are payments that are not justified and can occur because of fraud or bureaucratic mismanagement. In fiscal year 2015, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), which administers Medicare, improperly paid out $59 billion for health services. "CMS is one of the worst offenders in the federal government for improper payments, totaling $59 billion in a single year," said Coats. "To put this in perspective, $59 billion represents nearly 10 percent of the total amount Medicare spent that year." Last month, the Medicare trustees projected that Medicare Part A will be insolvent by 2028. "The mismanagement of Medicare is no longer an issue that will have to be dealt with only by young Americans," Coats continued. "Within 12 years, hardworking Americans who are already retired, or are close to retirement, will be likely faced with the harsh reality of a bankrupt Medicare program, unless we reform it. Twelve years is not much time for current and future retirees to plan and budget for health care alternatives separate from a bankrupt Medicare program."

COATS SUPPORTS IMMIGRATION BILLS: Sen. Dan Coats (R-IN) on Wednesday voted in favor of advancing two bills - the Stop Dangerous Sanctuary Cities Act and the Stop Illegal Reentry Act - that would encourage American cities that harbor illegal immigrants to comply with federal law and punish individuals who repeatedly enter the United States illegally (*Howey Politics Indiana*). According to the senator's office, both bills were drafted in response to the tragic death of Kathryn "Kate" Steinle, who was shot in San Francisco on July 1, 2015 by Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez, an illegal immigrant from Mexico. Sanchez had previously been deported five times and had seven felony convictions. Despite this criminal record and a detainer request placed on him by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the San Francisco Sheriff's Department released Sanchez from its custody in April 2015. In releasing Sanchez, the Sheriff's Department cited a San Francisco city ordinance that directed it to decline to honor the ICE immigration detainer. "Current federal law does not do enough to punish state and local governments who have ignored federal immigration enforcement efforts," said Coats. "By refusing to cooperate with federal immigration authorities, sanctuary cities are putting American citizens at risk. The ordinances that sanctuary cities have in place prevent law enforcement from doing their jobs. We need to stop rewarding sanctuary cities that provide a safe haven for illegal immigrants." Both bills failed to receive the 60 votes needed to advance.

COATS COMMITTEE TO HOLD HEARING ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP: U.S. Sen. Dan Coats (R-IN) today announced that the Joint Economic Committee, which he chairs, will hold a hearing on Tuesday, July 12 (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "Encouraging Entrepreneurship: Growing Business, Not Bureaucracy" will feature numerous witnesses, including Dr. Tim Kane, economist and research fellow at Hoover Institution in Standford, Calif.; Tom Walker, president and CEO of Rev1 Ventures in Columbus, Ohio; and, Jamie Richardson, vice president, government and shareholder relations, White Castle System, Inc.

WALORSKI DISCUSSES VETERAN ADDICTION AT OPIOID CONFERENCE: U.S. Rep. Jackie Walorski (R-IN), a member of the conference committee that negotiated final details of comprehensive

legislation to combat opioid and heroin addiction, on Wednesday spoke in support of measures she authored to protect veterans from opioid overprescription (*Howey Politics Indiana*). A news item published by the congresswoman's office stated that following the committee meeting, Walorski signed the conference report, which included her provisions. "Veterans are more vulnerable to addiction, and I've seen the problem firsthand, with veterans coming into my office often carrying a large bag of pills," said Walorski, a member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. "This crisis has gotten so bad that the DEA raided and began investigating several VA facilities, including one in my home state of Indiana. The Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Marion raised DEA suspicions after it purchased more prescription drugs than any other VA facility in the Northern District of Indiana. For too long, the VA has relied too heavily on the prescription of opioids. There needs to be more oversight of prescribing practices at VA facilities, and the VA needs to explore effective, non-opioid treatments."

ROKITA ADDRESSES STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION: U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita (R-IN) addressed over 130 members of the Indiana State Teachers Association at the annual National Education Association conference in D.C. on Wednesday (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Rep. Rokita spoke about the recently-enacted Every Student Succeeds Act, a news release stated, noting that he was a primary author of the bill, leading the bill's passage in the House and negotiating with both the Senate and the President. The President signed the bill into law in December, 2015. "I want to thank ISTA and its members for their support of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which aims to bring joy back to teaching not only in Indiana, but across the country. Your phone calls, petitions, and face-to-face meetings with legislators encouraging positive reforms were a big help in making sure we passed the law, and making sure that it is properly implemented," said Rokita.

BROOKS STATEMENT ON MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATION: The House on Wednesday passed H.R. 2646, the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act, a proposal to reform care and treatment options for people struggling with mental illness and their families (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Rep. Susan Brooks (R-IN), a cosponsor of H.R. 2646, issued the following statement after passage: "Mental illness is a disease, and we need to start treating it like one. For the last 50 years, we have failed people struggling with mental illness by shrouding the disease in stigma, eliminating treatment and care options, and shutting families and loved ones out of care for people with serious mental illness. Our jails and emergency rooms are overflowing with people in need of mental health care, and there is a shortage of options and beds for people struggling with serious mental illness. The way we approach mental health care has to change, and this bill shifts support to evidence-based treatment and care methods that will work better for people struggling with mental illness and their families while expanding access to treatment to those who live in rural areas or underserved communities using innovative technologies to connect doctors to patients. These reforms are long overdue, and I will continue to work to ensure that mental health is a priority in Congress."

BUCSHON STATEMENT ON MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATION: On Wednesday, the U.S. House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed H.R. 2646, the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act, a comprehensive overhaul of the nation's mental health treatment system (*Howey Politics Indiana*). U.S. Rep. Larry Bucshon, M.D. (R-IN) released the following statement after voting to pass H.R. 2646: "Our mental health system is broken and ineffective. Patients and their families are being left behind as they struggle to find help," said Bucshon. "Every American deserves the opportunity to live out his life and pursue his potential with hope and dignity. This landmark legislation helps make sure that patients with mental illness have access to the treatment they need when they need it. It reforms the delivery of care

by focusing on evidence-based treatment and retailoring mental health programs and resources. As a physician, I'm proud of our work to pass this well-crafted legislation that will bring relief to families and will continue my work to make sure every American has access to quality, affordable healthcare."

General Assembly

ALEC TO MEET IN INDY: The American Legislative Exchange Council is having its 43rd annual meeting in Indianapolis July 27 to 29 (*Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). The nonpartisan group is an organization of legislators from around the country focusing on limited government, free markets and federalism. ALEC pushes model legislation nationwide, including efforts in the past to institute voter ID, Stand Your Ground, fracking and Right to Work laws. The Indiana state chairs are Rep. David Wolkins, R-Warsaw, and Rep. David Frizzell, R-Indianapolis. The group comes with its share of controversy, as it has been criticized for accepting private corporate donations to push specific legislation. ALEC is legally a tax-exempt charity.

RAATZ APPOINTED TO EASTERN INDIANA PLANNING COMMISSION: State Sen. Jeff Raatz (R-Centerville) was recently appointed by Gov. Mike Pence to the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (EIRPC) (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The EIRPC will allow member counties to apply for U.S. Economic Development Administration and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development grants, which typically come from a regional group. The commission is set to create an economic development plan for the region through the USDA Rural Development's Stronger Economies Together initiative, which includes the Purdue Center for Regional Development. The EIRPC represents Fayette, Randolph, Rush, Union and Wayne counties and was formed after the dissolution of the Eastern Indiana Development District.



State

GOVERNOR: PENCE TO SPEAK TO AMERICAN LEGION - Gov. Mike Pence will offer remarks at the 98th Annual Convention of The American Legion, Department of Indiana. Later in the day, the Governor will offer remarks and take part in Sons of The American Legion, Indiana Detachment, Laying of the Wreath at the Indiana State Police Memorial and Eternal Flame to honor those troopers and employees of the Indiana State Police who have lost their lives in the line of duty. 2:00 p.m. EDT – Governor Pence to

offer remarks at the 98th Annual Convention of The American Legion, Department of Indiana. Marriott East Hotel – 7202 E. 21st St., Indianapolis. 4:00 p.m. EDT – Governor Pence to offer remarks and take part in Sons of The American Legion, Indiana Detachment, Laying of the Wreath to honor those troopers and employees of the Indiana State Police who have lost their lives in the line of duty, Indiana State Police Memorial and Eternal Flame – 8660 East 21st St., Indianapolis.

ABORTION: ACLU CHALLENGES HEA1337 - Indiana now is seeing the impact of the U.S. Supreme Court decision that in late June struck down Texas abortion regulations (Banta, *Bloomington Herald-Times*). Ken Falk, legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana, said a lawsuit the organization filed on Thursday challenging a new Indiana abortion regulation was "very much so" influenced by the opinion the court issued in Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt. And Dawn Johnsen, Walter W. Foskett Professor of Law at Indiana University's Maurer School of Law and a reproductive rights expert and advocate, said it's likely just the beginning. "I think this is exactly the kind of challenge we can expect to see in states across the country following Whole Woman's Health," Johnsen said Thursday afternoon. The high court's decision means that lower courts, when applying the new precedent set in Whole Woman's Health, can't just defer to a state that says it enacted a law for the purposes of promoting women's health. Now, courts must give a meaningful, close review to see whether that claim is true — whether a law actually benefits women who might seek an abortion, or whether it simply serves as an obstacle. That's a change in the "undue burden" standard in 1992's Planned Parenthood v. Casey ruling, in which the high court said laws impose such a burden if they are enacted with the purpose of placing "a substantial obstacle in the path" of a woman seeking an abortion. And it's directly referenced in the federal lawsuit the ACLU filed on behalf of Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky challenging new regulations that, as of July 1, require women in Indiana to obtain an ultrasound at least 18 hours before receiving abortion care. "There are no medical benefits to the performance of the ultrasound 18 hours before the abortion as opposed to immediately prior to the abortion, and the requirement does nothing except make it more difficult for women to obtain an abortion," the complaint filed Thursday reads.

EDUCATION: BSU PROF CALLED SPY BY IRANIAN HARDLINERS - In June of 2015, Ball State University professor Ken Holland joined a delegation of senior U.S. higher education representatives on an educational diplomacy trip to Iran (*Muncie Star Press)*. Nine months later, a group photo of the delegation — at the center of which stands Holland — was published on the Mashregh News online website affiliated with the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, above a caption reading, "Photographing with American spies in Iran." The headline of the accompanying story was, "The hospitality of Iranian universities for top spy," a reference to the leader of the delegation. Other photographs of the group bore captions like, "A week full reception of the America's influence," "Meetings with university officials to our country infiltrators America should sound alarm bells … " and "Are the American Board of giving gifts to the University of Shiraz the real purpose of the visit to Iran?" Now, the international news agency Reuters is reporting that such claims published by conservative media sources in Iran have hampered the initiative to increase academic cooperation between the two countries.

EDUCATION: SBOE MEETS IN MUNCIE - The Indiana State Board of Education on Wednesday approved Charter Loans for 2016-2017 first year schools, approved the final multilingual proficiency rules while also approving the recommendation to contract with two different consultants to support Gary Community School Corp and Edison Learning (*Howey Politics Indiana*). According to a news release, the board voted unanimously to approve Charter Loans for 2016-2017 first year schools. The loan program is

for authorized charter schools that do not receive a pro-rata share of property tax revenue. By law, the loans are not to exceed 10 years. In 2015, the program was given a biennial appropriation of $50 million. In October of 2015, the SBOE awarded approximately $40 million in loans, and held over $10 million for new startups in 2016-2017. The Board also voted unanimously to approve the final multilingual proficiency rules.

DEVELOPMENT: BIOCROSSROADS TOUTS VENTURE COMPETITION SUCCESS - As it begins the application process for its fifth annual New Venture Competition, BioCrossroads is celebrating the success the competition has brought to startup businesses (Brown*, Inside Indiana Business*). Indiana's life sciences initiative says 16 startups have been able to raise $21 million in funding since the competition began in 2012. The competition has given more than $240,000 thus far to startups. The winner of each competition not only receives a cash prize of $25,000, but access to the staff and resources of the Indiana Seed Fund II.n The New Venture Competition is open to early-stage biotechnology, pharmaceutical, medical device, diagnostic, ag-biotech and health information technology companies. Applications are being accepted through August 15 and finalists will present their ideas to judges before the Indiana Life Sciences Summit in October.

HEALTH: STATE FIRST IN COUNTRY TO TEST NEW HEART TREATMENT - Five patients in Indiana are the first in the country to receive a heart treatment that triggers cell growth within the heart to heal damage (Sheridan, *Indiana Public Media*). The medical trial in Indiana could revolutionize heart surgery, affecting an estimated 100,000 people in the United States each year. The core matrix is part of an FDA trial, and it is the first valve that allows a patient's stem cells to regrow new tissue. Cardiovascular Dr. Marc Gerdisch helped pioneer the procedure and says the valve lets cells communicate with one another. "If you were to think of an apartment building it would be the girders and the conduit and the pipes and the apartments would be the cells and the cells have no way to communicate with each other or the outside world without that structure," Gerdisch says.



Nation

WHITE HOUSE: OBAMA 'HORRIFIED' DALLAS PD MURDERS - President Barack Obama says America is "horrified" over the shootings of police officers in Dallas and there's no possible justification for the attacks (*Associated Press*). Obama is speaking from Warsaw, Poland, where he's meeting with leaders of the European Union and attending a NATO summit. Obama says justice will be done and he's asking all Americans to pray for the fallen officers and their families. He also says the nation should

express its gratitude to those serving in law enforcement. Snipers opened fire on police officers in the heart of Dallas Thursday evening, killing five officers and injuring six others during protests over two recent fatal police shootings of black men. Obama said earlier there was no contradiction between supporting law enforcement and making certain biases in the justice system are rooted out.

WHITE HOUSE: OBAMA TROUBLED BY PD SHOOTINGS - President Barack Obama mourned the deaths of two black men who were shot by police officers this week, pointing to their killings as evidence of larger racial and cultural issues that he said should concern "all fair-minded people" *(Politico*). "We have seen tragedies like this too many times," he said. "All of us Americans should be troubled by these shootings. These are not isolated incidents. They are symptomatic of a broader set of racial disparities that exist in our criminal justice system." "To be concerned about these issues is not political correctness," Obama continued. "It's just being American and wanting to live up to our best and highest ideals." A visibly emotional Obama delivered the statement from Warsaw, Poland, where he had just arrived aboard Air Force One for a NATO summit, his final one in office.

POLICE: PD ACTION SHOOTINGS INCREASE - As the use of deadly force by police once again roils the nation, the number of fatal shootings by officers increased from 465 in the first six months of last year to 491 for the same period this year, according to an ongoing two-year study by The *Washington Post.* This year has also seen more officers shot and killed in the line of duty and more officers prosecuted for questionable shootings. Two years after a white police officer fatally shot a black teenager in Ferguson, Mo., the pace of fatal shootings has risen slightly, while the grim encounters are increasingly being captured on video and stoking outrage.

TEXAS: MAYOR CITES 'HEARTBREAKING MORNING' IN DALLAS - Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings, along with Dallas Police Chief, David Brown, briefly addressed members of the media in the early hours of Friday morning. Brown focused on the efforts of the officers to bring in a fourth suspect and updates on the previous three (*Associated Press)*. Rawlings spoke more about the state of the city, "This is still an active crime scene," Rawlings continued, "and we are determining now how big that crime scene is." Once the size of the crime scene is determined, Rawlings is asking residents who work in downtown Dallas to avoid the area. He said updates will be posted on dallascitynews.net in regards to if buildings would be even open to work in Friday. "We've got to support our police force and [let] them do their job, and to make sure that we get to the bottom and the root cause of all this," said Rawlings. "It is a heartbreaking morning."

MINNESOTA: GOV. DAYTON CITES RACE IN PD SHOOTING - Following a fatal police shooting in a quiet suburb that rapidly rippled across the nation, Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton said in no uncertain terms Thursday that Philando Castile ended up dead at least in part because he was black (*Washington Post*). Dayton's remarks came after fatal encounters between police and black men seized the eyes of the nation on consecutive days. First was the shooting of Alton Sterling in Baton Rouge early Tuesday morning — captured on video by a bystander. Then, on Wednesday evening, Castile, a 32-year-old school cafeteria manager, was killed during a traffic stop near St. Paul, in Falcon Heights, where his distraught girlfriend broadcast his final moments in real time on Facebook. "Would this have happened if those passengers, the driver and the passengers, were white?" Dayton said, a day and a half after Castile

was killed. "I don't think it would have. … I think all of us in Minnesota are forced to confront that this kind of racism exists."

World

NEXT BRITISH PM WILL BE FEMALE: The race to be Britain's next prime minister was whittled to two on Thursday, with Conservative Party lawmakers ensuring that the country will have a female head of government — the nation's first since Margaret Thatcher stepped down more than a quarter century ago (*Washington Post*). The contest will pit the home affairs secretary, Theresa May, against Energy Minister Andrea Leadsom in a race that features contenders who were on opposite sides of last month's European Union referendum. In a vote among 330 Tory members of Parliament, May was on top, with 199 votes, compared to 84 for Leadsom. A third candidate, Justice Secretary Michael Gove, was knocked out after securing 46 votes.

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Local

CITIES: REED TO HEAD FWPD - Steve Reed will take over as chief of the Fort Wayne Police Department on Aug. 1, Mayor Tom Henry announced Thursday (Gong, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). Replacing outgoing Chief Garry Hamilton, Reed has been a part of the department since 1993, serving as assistant police chief since January 2014. Reed has also served as director of training at the Fort Wayne Police Academy, deputy chief of the southwest division, captain of the investigative division, sergeant of internal affairs, homicide team sergeant and detective. Reed also served as a patrol officer for the Butler City Police Department and a confinement officer for the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department before joining the FWPD. "Steve is a true professional and a man of integrity who is ready for this leadership position," Henry said. "He has been with the FWPD for 23 years, he has strong communications skills and has the respect of the men and women of the FWPD."

CITIES: HOGSETT SON ARRESTED - Mayor Joe Hogsett's son William was arrested last week on marijuana possession and other drug-related offenses, according to the Rushville Police Department (*IndyStar*). William Hogsett, 18, was arrested about 10:45 p.m. Friday on initial charges of possessing marijuana and possessing drug paraphernalia, Rushville Assistant Police Chief Todd Click told IndyStar on Thursday. He was booked into Rush County Jail and released after posting $5,000 bond, according to the

Rush County Sheriff's Office. Taylor Schaffer, Hogsett's spokeswoman, said the mayor "appreciates the seriousness of this matter." "Of the many things Joe Hogsett is responsible for, the most important is serving as a father to his family," Schaffer said in an email to IndyStar. "Joe will continue to spend the coming days with his teenage son as he and his family address this disappointing incident."

CITIES: SHERIDAN COUPLE MOVING BECAUSE OF CONTROVERSIAL FLOAT - A black Sheridan resident and his girlfriend say they are moving out of town because of a controversial float in the annual 4th of July parade (Thomas, *WRTV*). Bobby Taylor has lived peacefully and uneventfully in Sheridan for the past three years. Now he's putting his house up for sale, and he says it's because he no longer feels safe after a float depicting President Barack Obama, with the words "Lying-African" underneath, took part in the town's Independence Day parade. "I talked to the Realtor," Taylor said. "I don't feel safe here." The 43-year-old says he didn't attend the parade, but that he was hurt to his core by the words on the float.

CITIES: SOUTH BEND EXTENDS FREE WI-FI TO WEST SIDE - "We want to make sure that income is not barrier to being able to get online," South Bend mayor Pete Buttigieg says (Powell, *WSBT-TV*). "We hear about a lot of people, especially young people who may have devices but they don't have data plans. This is a way to help them get that first step into the digital economy." The new hotspots let youth log onto their personal devices. Some users don't have regular access to internet. The mayor's effort to close the digital divide means more hotspots are on the way. "To be a full citizen, you need to have that kind of access," he says. "Now we've got this here in the rec centers and we'll be looking for other opportunities perhaps to partner with schools or to look at other city parks or shared resources."

CITIES: LAFAYETTE APPROVES BODY CAM FEES - The Lafayette City Council approved a $150 fee to obtain copies of police body camera footage (Paul, *Lafayette Journal & Courier*). The fee is a maximum set by the Indiana General Assembly in a bill signed this year that governs the retention and release of video captured on body-worn cameras. The fee covers man hours and costs to review, redact and make copies of the video, Councilman Jerry Reynolds said. Reynolds noted agencies often charge fess for public records, such as police reports and death certificates, and body camera footage should be no different. "The biggest thing is the technology that we have today that makes it so good and so clear," Reynolds said, "that if people really want it, they're going to pay to have it done." In April, Lafayette police Capt. Brad Bishop said the agency had already produced and stored a significant amount of footage after rolling out 115 body cameras for patrol officers earlier that month. "If there's four or five officers on the call, and they're there for over an hour, it's a ton of video," he said at the time. Making the footage any cheaper could increase the frequency of requests and could potentially bog the department down, Reynolds said.

CITIES: FORMER INDY MAYOR LAUNCHES IUPUI FELLOWSHIP - Former Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson has launched a fellowship program at the IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs at IUPUI (Brown*, Inside Indiana Business*). The Peterson Fellows program will give a SPEA graduate student a one-year paid internship with the mayor's office in Indianapolis. The immersive internship will see the recipients working on select projects within the mayor's office that will address specific challenges in the city. Peterson, a member of the school's dean's council, says he established the program to give students hands-on experience in local government. Peterson Fellows will work a minimum of 800 hours during

their internship with the city, during which they will work in other city departments beyond the mayor's office. The first Peterson Fellow, Andre Zhang Sonera, began his internship in mid-June after graduating with a bachelor's degree in civic leadership. The Peterson Fellows program will be managed by Tim Moriarty, special counsel to Mayor Hogsett.

CITIES: GALVESTON NIXES RESERVE OFFICER PROGRAM - Galveston's Town Council narrowly voted to eliminate the police department's reserve program in order to cut costs, months after two officers departed the force, which left only a town marshal to patrol the town of 1,300 residents (Middlekamp, Kokomo Tribune). Council members voted 3-2 to dismantle the program indefinitely. The program has seven officers who haven't worked for most of the year because they aren't provided insurance, which the town hasn't had to fund in 2016 because the past board canceled those costs. John Hart, council president, said even though the town isn't paying for insurance costs this year, he said eliminating the program will insure no reserve officers will "abuse the equipment." The town has to make up for its budget falling short by about $250,000 this year after an incorrect submission to the state by the past town council and clerk-treasurer. The council is currently discussing the budget for 2017 and will mull a possible tax increase to add revenue.

CITIES: LAWRENCE RESIDENTS OUTRAGED AT SHORTAGE OF PARAMEDICS - Many Lawrence residents are upset over the shortage of paramedics and the impact it's having on ambulance service (Milz, *WTHR-TV*). Over the July 4th weekend, the city had just one ambulance in service. Republican Councilor Tom Shevlot said Lawrence has been losing EMTs and paramedics to other cities that pay more and it's caused a ripple effect. "We're asking firefighters to staff ambulances, so we're creating a heavier workload on them and it's costing more money because we're having to pay overtime," he said. Fire Chief Dino Batalis said it's also dangerous. "Pulling firefighters off engines and ladders and going in with three people (versus the national standard of four) is not a safe environment for our firefighters," he said. Several months ago, Batalis came up with a plan to give EMTs and paramedics a $2-an-hour raise, so they'd make $15.33 and $17.64 respectively. "The $2 increase just gets us on same playing field," he said. "It's by no means higher than anyone else." While two council committees initially signed off unanimously, when it came time for the full council vote, they nixed the plan, citing concerns over funding it.

CITIES: HAGERSTOWN RESIDENTS SEEK MORE INFO ON CHICKEN FARM - Neighbors of a proposed chicken farm near Hagerstown continue to have concerns about thousands of farmyard fowl that could soon move into the area (Weik, *New Castle Courier-Times)*. Chris Conwell and his wife Tamara organized a fact finding meeting June 29 so that neighbors of Aquilla King could find out more about his plans to raise 14,000 egg laying chickens on his property. Hagerstown Building Commissioner Bob Bullock spoke at the meeting regarding King's building permits. King was not invited to the meeting. As of Wednesday morning, another meeting date had not been schedule. Conwell said he and his wife took the lead on the conversation between King and other neighbors. The biggest concerns about King's proposed chicken farm are that property values will drop, the farm could attract large numbers of flies, and run off water could contaminate private well water supplies, Conwell said. "There are legitimate concerns," Conwell said, adding that "Mr. King has been more than cooperative." Conwell said members of the group are in the process of contacting the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) to make sure that the soil on King's farm was adequate to contain and absorb the amount of manure that may be generated by thousands of chickens.

COUNTIES: ALLEN, FORT WAYNE LOOK TO GROW ORTHOPEDIC INDUSTRY - With the world's largest cluster of orthopedic medical device manufacturers less than 50 miles away in Warsaw, it's only natural that Allen County would want a piece of the action (Leininger, Fort Wayne News-Sentinel). The city and county will throw a total of $600,000 into a potential pot of $4.8 million in hopes of making that happen. The Allen County Commissioners last month agreed to provide $25,000 over each of the next six years to Warsaw-based OrthoWorx for development of a program intended to assist in the development and manufacture of new medical devices. The city of Fort Wayne will contribute $75,000 annually for six years, spokesman John Perlich said. That's a total of $150,000 from the county and $450,000 from the city, in proportion to their share of county economic development income taxes. OrthoWorx was founded in 2009 with the help of a Lilly Endowment Grant to promote the industry and Warsaw's leadership role in it.

COUNTIES: AFFORDABLE RENTALS HARD TO FIND IN ELKHART - More than 47 percent of the 20,200 rental households in Elkhart County pay upwards of 30 percent of their annual income on housing expenses, according to the 2014 American Community Survey (Quiggle, *Elkhart Truth*). That affects their ability to afford other necessary items, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In Elkhart County, the average rental property costs more than $700 a month. The Elkhart-Goshen metropolitan area had an average hourly wage of $19.26 in 2015, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 17 percent below the national average. A renter making the average hourly wage for this area would spend 22 percent of their earnings every month on housing costs if they paid the average of $700 per month for a rental unit. Depending on insurance, retirement and taxes, that number could easily balloon to over 30 percent of their monthly earnings. "It just creates havoc on renters financially," said Tom McArthur, director of the Elkhart County Habitat for Humanity. According to an Elkhart County housing needs assessment completed in 2014, the city of Elkhart has a deficit of 1,700 and 1,450 housing units for extremely low- and very low-income households, respectively.

COUNTIES: BROWN TO REVIEW ZONING ORDINANCE - The Brown County Area Plan Commission plans to meet July 19 to start the process of reviewing and updating the county's zoning ordinance (*Brown County Democrat).* The seven-member board, which makes recommendations to the county commissioners regarding the commissioners' land use ordinances, was in agreement that the current ordinance is in need of revision. APC Attorney David Schilling said some of the current land use designations are almost a half-century out of date. At suggestion of board member Mary Jo Spiegel, the board members agreed to review the current ordinance and come to the July 19 meeting with 10 priority areas - from cell towers to tourist homes - that they feel need to be better addressed in the ordinance. Plan Commission Director Chris Ritzman said the APC has about $30,000 available in 2016 to hire a planning consultant, which may not be available in 2017. That sum includes a $10,000 grant from the national Realtor organization MIBOR. Ritzman told the board that a consultant would not write the new ordinance for them, but would be an expert in the general process who could guide them in avoiding legal pitfalls and common mistakes.

COUNTIES: VIGO PLANNING COMMISSION DENIES CELL TOWER REQUEST - The Vigo County Planning Commission voted against placing a cell tower near a neighborhood after residents complained (Schinaia*, WTWO-TV*). The discussion centered on if the tower should be placed a few hundred feet from a residential neighborhood in Northern Vigo County. And many issues were addressed including the

safety of those living there. A representative with Orbit Communications Systems said the tower would not be a health risk to residents. But, Community members strongly disagreed saying they don't want an eyesore that could devalue the resale of their homes. And they still had concerns about unknown health risks. But in the end the vote was almost unanimous against the cell tower, which thrilled residents. Orbit Communications plans to do more research in Northern Vigo County. And possibly pick another tower location preferably one that's commercially zoned.

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Pence on brink of Trump ticket?

A Trump-Pence ticket potential roils the Indiana political scene

By BRIAN A. HOWEY

INDIANAPOLIS – In an election cycle that couldn't be any more bizarre, surreal, toxic or polarizing, the next unpredictable chapter could return to Indiana in the next several days as Donald Trump bromances with Gov. Mike Pence.

The two will link up at 5:30 p.m. next Tuesday at the Columbia Club, where the Manhattan billionaire will host a high-dollar ($250,000 to $2,700) fundraiser, coming just three days before the Indiana governor faces a drop dead ballot deadline. The Trump campaign is indicating it will make a decision next week, a change from an earlier stance that the veepstakes would end at the RNC in Cleveland. Pence campaign spokesman Marc Lotter confirmed that Pence will attend. His political future lies in the magnificent brain of the mercurial Trump, who has flipped and flopped through an array of policy issues and political stances.



Gov. Mike Pence and Donald Trump meet at the Governor's Residence in April before Pence endorsed Ted Cruz. (IndyStar Photo)

NBC News is reporting that the vice presidential

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A political indictment

By BRIAN A. HOWEY

INDIANAPOLIS – Hillary Clinton will not face criminal charges over her private server email controversy. But in announcing that prosecution won't happen, FBI Director James Comey couldn't have been more damning of the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee.



If anything took a hit, it was confidence in the system that Republican presumptive nominee Donald Trump calls "rigged."

"Our judgment is that no reasonable prosecutor would bring such a case," Comey announced on Tuesday morning in yet another surreal moment in the 2016 presidential race.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



"I will admit that I'm a Mike Pence fan. He is so well rounded, served as governor and I think he's a great conservative. So I don't think he could go wrong."

- U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst, who dropped out of the Trump veepstakes Wednesday

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It was an unusual press conference to begin with, coming, literally, at the time that Hillary Clinton was boarding Air Force 1 with President Obama for their first joint campaign appearance.

The lead-up to that recommendation is enough fodder to fuel Trump and Super PAC TV ads against Clinton for the rest of the cycle.

"Although we did not find clear evidence that Secretary Clinton or her colleagues intended to violate laws governing the handling of classified information, there is evidence that they were extremely careless in their handling of very sensitive, highly classified information," Comey said of the former secretary of state. "There is evidence to support a conclusion that any reasonable person in Secretary Clinton's position, or in the position of those with whom she was corresponding about those matters, should have known that an unclassified system was no place for that conversation."



Comey noted that 113 emails were classified, and eight were top secret.

The hits kept coming. "Only a very small number of the emails containing classified information bore markings indicating the presence of classified information," Comey continued. "But even if information is not marked 'classified' in an email, participants who know or should know that the subject matter is classified are still obligated to protect it."

Then there were the hackers. "We do assess that hostile actors gained access to the private commercial email accounts of people with whom Secretary Clinton was in regular contact from her personal account," Comey said. "We also assess that Secretary Clinton's use of a personal email domain was both known by a large number of people and readily apparent."

And Comey talked about "sophisticated adversaries," saying, "She also used her personal email extensively while outside the United States, including sending and receiving work-related emails in the territory of sophisticated adversaries. Given that combination of factors, we assess it is possible that hostile actors gained access to Secretary Clinton's personal email account."

This comes after Clinton had repeatedly said there were never classified emails on what we now know were multiple servers outside of the security purview, with Clinton insisting in 2015, "There were no security breaches."

Yikes.

Washington Post "Fix" blogger Chris Cillizza observed, "It's hard to read Comey's statement as anything other than a wholesale rebuke of the story Clinton and her campaign team have been telling ever since the existence of her private email server came to light in spring 2015. She did send and receive classified emails. The setup did leave her, and the classified information on the server, subject to a possible foreign hack. She and her team did delete emails as personal that contained professional information."

Bloomberg Politic's Mark Halperin called it "a political indictment" of the former secretary of state.

U.S. Sen. Dan Coats, who serves on the Senate Intelligence Committee, said, "While the FBI is not recommending indictment for Secretary Clinton, the agency's investigation is a harsh indictment of her decision-making and judgment while serving in one of the most important positions in the U.S. government. Whether it was gross negligence or blatant disregard, it is undeniable that Secretary Clinton broke federal law and mishandled classified information, putting American lives at risk and endangering our national security."

Comey's puzzling conclusion that no "reasonable prosecutor" would bring charges had people across the spectrum shaking their heads.

For a generation now, we've watched the Bill and Hillary soap operas spread a wide swath of personal destruction to friends, aides and allies. But on Tuesday morning, that wake seemed to catch up with Sec. Clinton. She leads in the polls in most swing states, but not by much. Her national leads, other than one ABC/Washington Post outlier poll released last week, are close to the margin of error.



It gave Trump a predictable opening, a rare occurrence. "The system is rigged," Trump tweeted. "General Petraeus got in trouble for far less. Very very unfair! As usual, bad judgment."

The lack of criminal charges will keep Clinton in the race. An indictment might have forced her out, leaving a Democratic National Convention scenario of nominating the socialist Bernie Sanders, or perhaps the best scenario for Democrats, enticing Vice President Joe Biden into the race. So this is actually a better scenario for Republicans than an indictment.

But there is no doubt that the "establishment" took another big hit. So does the trust factor that has prompted 69% of voters in a recent NBC/Wall Street Journal to say they don't trust Clinton. And that is fuel for the Trump fire. Or as Trump put it in Cincinnait last night, "The FBI did me a favor. I would rather face her than almost anybody else."

These past few days we've watched Trump stumble over his Star of David tweet criticized as anti-Semitic that obscured Clinton's Saturday interview with the FBI. He defended it again last night. And then came his praise of Saddam Hussein, in Trump's view a killer of terrorists and not a perpetrator of genocide on the innocents.

Now Clinton credibility has sustained another broadside. Both Trump and Clinton have a long history of manipulating the facts and, well, lying.

Are these the leaders we deserve? ❖

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nomination appears to be between Pence and former House speaker Newt Gingrich, who appeared with Trump at a rally in Cincinnati on Wednesday. "In one form or another, Newt Gingrich is going to be involved with our government, that I can tell you," Trump said. "He's going to be involved. He's smart, he's tough, he gets it. I'm not saying it's Newt, but if it's Newt, nobody's going to be beating him in those debates, that's for sure, right? Nobody. Nobody's beating Newt in the debates."

Battle for the White House
RCP Poll Averages

Election 2016	Clinton	Trump	RCP Average
RCP Poll Average	44.9	40.3	Clinton +4.6
4-Way RCP Average	41.1	36.4	Clinton +4.7
RCP Electoral Map	210	164	
Battlegrounds	**Clinton**	**Trump**	**RCP Average**
Pennsylvania	46.0	43.7	Clinton +2.3
Florida	46.5	42.8	Clinton +3.7
Ohio	44.3	41.8	Clinton +2.5
Virginia	43.8	39.8	Clinton +4.0
North Carolina	44.0	43.3	Clinton +0.7
Georgia	40.8	45.0	Trump +4.2
New Hampshire	44.5	41.8	Clinton +2.7

NBC describes a "vocal camp" inside Trump Tower pushing for Pence. U.S. Sens. Bob Corker and Joni Ernst dropped out on Wednesday, with Ernist saying, "I will admit that I am a Mike Pence fan. He is so well rounded, served as a governor and I think he's a great conservative. So I don't think he could go wrong."

Pence has the backing of key Trump family members and campaign manager Paul Manafort, who "cannot control a Gingrich, whereas he can control a Pence." Asked by NBC News this weekend if he would "like" the VP job, Gingrich responded bluntly: "Listen, we'd be willing to consider it. Like is a pretty strong term."

Several influential Hoosier Republicans speculate that Pence may know he's on the inside track. Rex Early, Trump's Indiana campaign chairman, said on Wednesday, "I think it's 60/40 that Pence gets it. He's got so many things going for him. Trump needs the Cruz people. Cruz finished second out of 17 and the Cruz people wonder if Trump is truly a conservative. They don't have to worry about Mike. When you look at all the things he can add, no one can touch him." In Early's view, Gingrich and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie would have a tendency to upstage the boss.

Pollster Kellyanne Conway, who polls for Pence and now Trump, told NBC News, "When Hillary Clinton promised to put the coal industry out of work in West Virginia, her shocking comment reverberated westward, across at least six or seven states, all which Pence could help in picking up one, two, three points right through the Midwestern states, where Romney bombed spectacularly." In his gubernatorial race, Pence has made coal a key issue.

But if a Pence veep nomination comes off the rails, there could be lasting damage to his already precarious reelection rematch against Democrat John Gregg.

Pence interviewed for the Trump "show" to become his apprentice vice presidential nominee over the holiday weekend, in a meeting described as "warm and productive." Lotter told HPI, "They talked about policies that are working in Indiana and the future of this country. Nothing was offered and nothing was accepted."

It is a position that dozens of Republicans wouldn't touch with the proverbial 10-foot pole. But after FBI Director James Comey's stunning press conference Tuesday morning where he passed on indicting Hillary Clinton while inflicting enormous damage to her trust factor and credibility – perhaps the best scenario for the Republican Party – the notion of a Trump/Pence ticket is no longer a fool's errand. There is a path to victory.

The scenario is unprecedented in the last half century. Rarely has a vice presidential nominee gone to someone already on the ballot, though Barry Goldwater picked U.S. Rep. William Miller in his 1964 landslide loss to President Lyndon Johnson and Democrat Walter Mondale selected U.S. Rep. Geraldine Ferraro in 1984. Unprecedented is an Indiana gubernatorial nominee prepared to bolt the ticket. A similar circumstance occurred in 1860 when Henry Lane was nominated and elected, only to resign, elevating Lt. Gov. Oliver P. Morton to the governorship, who then appointed Lane to the U.S. Senate.





Democrat John Gregg with Steelworkers Local 1999 President Chuck Jones (top photo) and Gov. Pence campaigning at the Shelby County Fair Tuesday. (HPI and Fox59 Photos)

This has placed Pence in yet another peculiar position. He is now vying for two jobs. On Sunday, Gregg observed, "I find it more than a little appalling. I mean, he's telling everybody he wants to be governor. Now he's trying to bail out." And on Tuesday at the Steelworkers Local 1999 where he met with soon to be laid-off Carrier workers, Gregg said, "I think what's interesting is the governor is obviously interviewing for one job while he's got his foot back here acting like he wants to keep this job, and the truth is this job is too important to just have as a stepping stone."

Pence would say on Sunday, "My focus is Indiana. I'm here today running for reelection as governor of the state of Indiana." On Tuesday at the Shelby County Fair, Pence put it this way: "I love my job and I love my country. And we haven't been asked to consider any other job than the one we have. So I'm out here at the Shelby County Fair working to earn reelection as governor of the state of Indiana, and that will continue to be our focus. I would have to refer you to the campaign for whatever process they're involved in. I would just tell you as a family, we were truly grateful to spend time with the Trumps this past weekend."

Steelworkers Local 1999 President Chuck Jones put it in this perspective: "Him and Trump. That'd be a hell of a team. All we need to do on that is throw a circus tent up and get a couple of elephants and couple lions and we'd have a hell of a circus going on."

So this is a double-edged sword. A wink and a nod from Trump and Pence is back on the national stage, one he was forced from in March and April when he bungled the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. If Pence is left holding an empty bag, he will look like an ambitious politician spurned.

He seeks to join Trump, described by James Dobson as a "baby Christian," whose dedication to right-to-life issues is malleable, and whose positions on the proposed Muslim ban have been described by Pence as "offensive" and "unconstitutional." Pence would be taking orders from a presidential nominee who is open to LGBT rights, something he has resisted as governor.

Peter Wehner, a senior fellow for the Ethics and Public Policy Center, who worked in the Reagan and both Bush administrations, observed of evangelicals backing Trump, "This fulsome embrace of Mr. Trump is rather problematic, since he embodies a worldview that is incompatible with Christianity. If you trace that worldview to its source, Christ would not be anywhere in the vicinity. Time and again Mr. Trump has shown contempt for those he perceives as weak and vulnerable, 'losers,' in his vernacular."

"What Mr. Trump admires is strength," Wehner continued. "For him, a person's intrinsic worth is tied to worldly success and above all to power. He never seems free of his obsession with it. In his comments to that gathering of evangelicals, Mr. Trump said this: 'And I say to you folks, because you have such power, such influence. Unfortunately the government has weeded it away from you pretty strongly. But you're going to get it back. Remember this: If you ever add up, the men and women here are the most important, powerful lobbyists. You're more powerful. Because you have men and women, you probably have something like 75, 80 percent of the country believing. But you don't use your power. You don't use your power.'"

Trump and Pence are on a power play.

Conservative New York Times columnist David Brooks wrote in June, "Some conservatives believe they can educate, convert or civilize Trump. This belief is a sign both of intellectual arrogance and psychological naïveté. The man who just crushed them is in no mood to submit to them. Furthermore, Trump's personality is pathological.



Gov. Mike Pence and Lt. Gov. Holcomb at the latter's swearing-in ceremony in March, as Speaker Bosma and Sen. Merritt (upper left) look on. (HPI Photo by Mark Curry)

It is driven by deep inner compulsions that defy friendly advice, political interest and common sense. Incapable of understanding themselves, they are also incapable of having empathy for others. They simply don't know what it feels like to put themselves in another's shoes. Other people are simply to be put to use as suppliers of admiration or as victims to be crushed as part of some dominance display. Therefore, they go out daily in search of enemies to insult and friends to degrade."

At this point, Pence's ambition appears to have trumped what have long been his publicly conveyed core values.

The Pence dominoes

Pence's flirtation with Trump has now roiled the Indiana Republican Party, with dozens of influential members watching in amazement that the governor may bolt. If he does, it must occur by July 15, and is already setting in motion a churning jockeying toward an unprecedented void.

To date, Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb, House Speaker Brian Bosma, U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita, U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks, State Sen. Jim Merritt, Republican Chairman Jeff Cardwell, Evansville Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, former Indianapolis mayor Greg Ballard and Auditor Suzanne Crouch have expressed interest and are making or receiving phone calls. Some want Purdue President Mitch Daniels to return.

Indiana statute and state Republican Central Committee rules involving a potential gubernatorial ballot vacancy would require candidates currently on the ballot to resign their nominations.

The Trump campaign is signaling it will unveil the vice presidential nomination next week, possibly in Indianapolis next Tuesday.

Fifth CD Republican Chairman Kyle Hupfer, who heads the Rules Committee for the state GOP, told Howey Politics Indiana that if Gov. Pence were to resign by July 15, the state committee would have 30 days to select a new nominee. Because a nominee cannot be on the ballot for two offices, any potential replacement would have to resign their current office by July 15. That impacts Holcomb, Bosma, Brooks and Rokita. Candidates currently on the ballot for other offices can drop off the ballot only if they die, move or are convicted of a felony crime.

As the NWI Times' reporter Dan Carden noted, it's less risky than it sounds. For example, if Holcomb withdrew as the GOP nominee for lieutenant governor and didn't win the party's nomination for governor, the Republican State Committee simply could insert Holcomb back on the ballot to fill the party's lieutenant governor vacancy. Likewise, a caucus of precinct committeemen in congressional and state legislative districts could fill ballot vacancies by renominating a candidate who withdrew but was unsuccessful in the GOP governor's race. Gov. Pence could even try to manipulate the outcome by immediately resigning as governor once Trump picks him for vice president. That would elevate Holcomb to the state's top job and make it seemingly impossible for the Indiana Republican Party, which Holcomb led from 2010 to 2013, to deny him the nomination.

Bosma, who has already signaled that he will seek the governorship in 2020, told HPI, "That is my understanding, yes," on Hupfer's interpretation of rules and statute. Asked if this would change a potential gubernatorial candidacy if Pence vacates the nomination, Bosma responded, "If selected, of course. Presumably all of this will come together in a timeline that facilitates ballot replacements without someone stepping down prior to their selection."

On Monday, Bosma said, "It's still pretty speculative at this point, but if he is picked, I will seek to be our party's candidate. I have received a number of calls this weekend encouraging me to do so." Holcomb told HPI Monday night, "I'm focused on my full-time job and supporting the governor by keeping the state moving forward. If anything changes, we'll but in touch, which is exactly what I've told everyone who reaches out to me."

At this stage, Holcomb would be an early frontrunner as several Central Committee members tell HPI there is a "next man up" sentiment. Bur Holcomb has not been a strong fundraiser as state Republican chairman and as a U.S. Senate candidate. Bosma is the other power center, having raised well over $10 million for the House Republican Campaign Committee, has a statewide

network and a 71-member caucus with vast loyalty.

It's important to remember Bosma's body of work. In 2008, Gov. Mitch Daniels won reelection with 58% of the vote, but didn't pull in a House majority. He was saddled with Speaker B. Patrick Bauer for two more crucial years. It was Bosma (with the help of Chairman Holcomb) who recruited House candidates, took a majority in 2010 just in time for redistricting, then super-sized it with a 69-member super majority in 2012 and increased it to 71 in 2014.

In an April 2015 Howey Politics Indiana Poll conducted by Bellwether Research's Christine Matthews, key players in the Pence dominoes all have low fame. Bosma's fav/unfavs stood at 11/13% with 53% name ID. Holcomb stood at 5/3% with 48% name ID, though that has certainly gone up since his Senate candidacy and ascension to LG. Rokita stood at 12/7% with 49% ID.

Another scenario conveyed to HPI by an informed source has Brooks entering, possibly with Pence's imprimatur. If Pence endorses and transfers his gubernatorial war chest to an annointed one, it's game over.

At this point, Central Committee sources tell HPI, there is no reliable head count on how the committee would vote. "There will be a lot of bloody noses and ruffled feathers," one committee member told HPI. "No one is going to commit to anyone until they know what's happening and who's in."

Epilogue and forecast

The Pence veepstakes has the same feel of potential that I felt in 1988 when U.S. Sen. Dan Quayle emerged late as a leading contender. I remember telling my Elkhart Truth colleagues on the Monday before the Republican convention began that Quayle had a real shot. I have a similar premonition today, though George H.W. Bush is far more predictable and conventional than Donald Trump.

Perhaps Trump and Pence already have a deal and just aren't saying. Trump may be stroking various bases. For Pence's sake, a deal is critical. If it collapses, there could be incalculable damage to the Pence reelect, as ambition leaps over the traditional "stay the course." Pence can say he is honored and it's a testimony to the hard workin' Hoosiers, but what has been on display here is naked ambition for a politician in a tough reelection battle.

If Pence ascends, I look for Holcomb and Bosma to be the power centers, with Holcomb an early favorite. But don't underestimate Bosma's statewide network and his fundraising ability. The longer the replacement period runs, the stronger Bosma is likely to become. If Pence endorses Brooks or Holcomb, that could be a game changer. There has been considerable tension between Pence and Bosma and the governor would not likely endorse him.

Worth repeating in this surreal era of trashed conventional wisdom is this mantra: Anything can happen. Anything. ❖



Early ready to place bets on Gov. Pence

By MAUREEN HAYDEN
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INDIANAPOLIS - As speculation swirls around Gov. Mike Pence's chances of becoming Donald Trump's running mate, the man who managed Trump's successful primary campaign in Indiana is ready to place his bets.

"I'm 100 percent for Mike getting job, and I think it's an 80 percent chance that he's going to get the job," said veteran political strategist Rex Early.



Early offers the caveat that he's had no contact with the presumptive Republican presidential nominee. Nor has he talked to anyone on the Trump campaign, for that matter, about his choice of a running mate.

"It's pure speculation on my part," he said. "I don't know anything."

But he's happy to feed the din of speculation now that the Indiana governor and six-term congressman is mentioned on the VP short-list, having met with Trump over the weekend at a golf course in New Jersey.

On Wednesday, chatter about Pence's chances got even louder when two other widely presumed choices, Sens. Bob Corker, R-Tennessee, and Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, took themselves out the running after meetings with Trump earlier in the week.

As of late Wednesday, the likely list appeared to be winnowed to two high-profile, hard-charging politicians - former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, who endorsed Trump after dropping his own bid for the White House earlier this year.

Ernst told Politico that she advised Trump to pick Pence: "He is so well rounded, served as a governor, and I think he's a great conservative. So I don't think he could go wrong," she was quoted as saying.

Early, a former chairman of Indiana's Republican Party, agrees with her assessment, though for another reason. Pence's appeal is in his relatively small political stature and lack of star power, he said. Early likened it to President George H.W. Bush's pick of the largely unknown junior senator from Indiana, Dan Quayle, as his running mate in 1988. "You don't take somebody who will outshine you," he said.

Craig Ladwig, director of Indiana Policy Review, a conservative think tank where Pence worked before going to Congress, sides with Early on that estimation.

He called Pence a "natural politician" who loves to campaign and also knows how not to make too many waves. But Ladwig said he's not sure that Pence's traditional conservatism adds much to the ticket, given the clamor among Trump supporters for radical change. "He's a wonderful fellow," he said. "But there's not much demand for wonderful fellows."

Political pundits hail Pence as a reasonable pick because of his traditional conservatism and popularity among evangelical Christians – characteristics that could neutralize some of Trump's perceived negatives.

But Ron Johnson, head of the evangelical Pastors Alliance of Indiana and a longtime Pence ally, said he isn't so sure that Trump would be influenced by Pence's point of view. "We're grabbing for straws here," he said. "We're looking for some glimmer of hope. I'm not sure having Mike Pence as your running mate is the straw that will work."

Pence, meanwhile, is allowing rumors to flourish - by saying little about them. On Tuesday, while campaigning for re-election as governor at a county fair, he told reporters that he is "ready, willing and able to help Donald Trump anywhere he asks us to help him."

Typically presidential candidates keep details of their vice presidential searches under wraps. But just as the Trump campaign has defied conventional wisdom and tradition, it's hard to read the political tea leaves.

Trump is scheduled to visit Indianapolis on July 12 for a fund-raiser at the private Columbia Club, a bastion of traditional Republicanism.



Gov. Pence with GOP chairs Clark, Early, McDaniel, Durnil, Cardwell and Holcomb.

Early said he believes Trump might announce Pence as his vice-presidential pick then, affirming a tweet that Trump sent over the weekend, having met the governor and his wife, Karen: "Very impressed, great people!"

Corker, having met with Trump, told reporters that the candidate will make his pick before July 15.

That's also the final day for Pence to withdraw from the Indiana gubernatorial race, allowing the Indiana Republican Party to select a replacement to face Democratic challenger John Gregg in November.

However, Trump has also downplayed a deal with any potential vice presidential pick, telling Fox News: "I'm actually looking at about 10 people - some names that haven't surfaced yet." ❖

A vice president named Mike Pence?

By MARK SOUDER

FORT WAYNE – The next step in this presidential campaign – at least the next logical step though both likely presidential nominees regularly slip in missteps that rather overwhelm normal progression – is the selection of vice presidential running mates.

There isn't a lot of worldwide precedent for vice president with a king or queen. With Trump or Hillary occupying the throne, one conjures up a vision of a graying Prince Charles with great-grandchildren bouncing on his knee when he isn't opening up a home and garden show somewhere.



On the other hand, this is the first time in my lifetime when the presumptive presidential nominee of both parties could blow up before they even become eligible for impeachment. Voters might actually think more about the back-up plan more than normal. I will focus on the Republicans, where accepting the veep slot entails far more risk. Trump has interjected some new variations of how to avoid consideration.

Method 1: Haley's Comet. Disappear rapidly and only be identified by the trail of your departure. Gov. Nikki Haley of South Carolina began denying that she'd accept the job long before it became apparent that Trump would be the nominee.

Method 2: Love's Goodbye. If your name is floated, say you don't even want to be in the same room with the person. When a credible float was given to star Congresswoman Mia Love of Utah, she immediately announced that she could see no benefit to the people of Utah of her even attending the convention.

With no inside information at all, if Trump has an "inside" even in his own head, and assuming political logic (risky), here is my order of likelihood for Trump's veep: 1) Who knows, 2) Pence, 3) Fallin, 4) Gingrich, 5) somebody who already said "no" like Kasich, or 6) Christie.



Gov. Mike Pence campaiging with Ted Cruz in Marion on May 2.

While the Trump campaign does not follow a normal political strategy, it is not that they aren't politically savvy. Campaign manager Paul Manafort and Roger Stone were celebrated for less than above-board methods of destroying anyone who opposed them, but Stone and Manafort, Trump's Svengalis, are seldom outsmarted. Lewandoski is a junior clone. The three aren't the same as in traditional clones, but rather are methodological clones. They unsettle, use unorthodox methods that may or may not be ethical, challenge the outer boundaries of any rule or convention, and only are predictable if you try to assume unpredictability, and then they will hammer you with a traditional blow. They either win or flame out.

They also fight among themselves because they each one thinks he is the smartest. They also fight among themselves less than it appears to outsiders. They take turns getting fired so they can speak more "freely." Then they influence the candidate, the others, and the media with public declarations. Some of those declarations are purposely not as appears (i.e. a form of secret code) and some are straightforward. It definitely keeps everyone unsettled and uncertain of how to respond. The trio fits Donald Trump perfectly. It is impossible to tell what idea is his and what belongs to one of the trio.

Lewandowski floated Pence's name this past weekend for a purpose. Did he disagree with the others involved in the decision-making? Was it a media misdirect? Or was it a traditional float to see what the reactions would be? The answer of course is "yes," it was probably a bit of everything.

I listed Mike Pence first because I think his choice makes most political sense for Trump for many reasons, and they (including Trump) are politically smarter than generally given credit for. Just because I don't care for the group, Trump or his advisors, doesn't mean that I don't respect their abilities to dominate media for political purposes. In discussing the Pence competition, it clarifies why our governor makes so much political sense for Trump.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie: A New York/New Jersey ticket is a Democrat strategy, and a poor one even for them; has no foreign policy experience; alienated conservatives during the primary; does have the huge Trump plus of having demonstrated the ability to be led around like a dog on a leash, barking when told to bark, yet a lapdog when told to shut up.

Newt Gingrich: While a brilliant idea guy, hard to imagine fitting both egos in the White House even counting the extra space in the Executive Office Building; former speaker but didn't leave on a high note; tends to say what he thinks, not what Trump thinks.

Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin: Former congresswoman, current governor of Oklahoma, not likely to upstage Trump, pro-Israel (Diane and I were in Israel on an AIPAC trip with her), a successful female with a good life story; in Congress was well-liked but very conventional; in other words, a safe choice but likely wouldn't add as much as Pence.

Mike Pence: Backed Cruz, popular among evangelicals, held a leadership post in the House (friendly with Speaker Paul Ryan), served on the International Relations Committee, hugely popular among friends of Israel because he is one of its greatest champions (do not underestimate this or the particular timing of Lewandowski even just floating his name), while the gay rights issue hurts him among liberals it actually counter-balances that Trump is pro-gay rights, like Fallin has a strong pro-NRA record.

Furthermore, Pence speaks well and calmly. He smiles rather than glowers. Proved while serving with Speaker John Boehner that he could swallow a lot out of loyalty, even when he disagreed. That certainly has been calculated into the Trump analysis. Pence is good at raising money among social, economic, and pro-Israel conservatives. Could be turned lose to fire up conservatives. He's not good at being an attack dog, but Trump seems to want to do that himself. Regardless, anti-Hillary venom is probably something others will keep well covered.

Even in health care, Pence is an asset. With Trump being out there having preferred an alternative the Bernie Sanders approach (to the left of Clinton), while some conservatives didn't like Pence's Indiana compromise, Pence's plan is something that Trump and most conservatives would likely be able to live with.

Mike Pence is the logical choice for veep. Why Pence would take it, or let it disrupt his gubernatorial campaign to even consider, is less clear. ❖

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No surprise in a Trump/Pence ticket

By RICH JAMES

MERRILLVILLE – You've got to wonder what's going through the head of Gov. Mike Pence. I suspect he is giddy about the possibility of being the running mate for Donald Trump, who will be the Republican presidential candidate unless something terribly unforeseen happens in the next week or so. Being considered as a vice presidential candidate does a lot for one's ego. I suspect there is something special about being a heartbeat away from being the most powerful man on the globe.



We know Pence in the past talked about running for president but backed away and instead did the sure thing in running for governor. Other than the late Bob Orr, I can't remember anyone looking more like a governor than Pence. And, unfortunately, too many people still vote based on a candidate's looks.

I suspect Pence could be a help for Trump. The social conservatives aren't enamored with Trump. Pence, being an ultraconservative, would help bring that faction of the party into the fold. And, yes, I've got to think that Pence is interested or he wouldn't have accepted Trump's invitation for a visit last weekend.

It wouldn't shock me if Trump picked Pence. The others that he ought to be considering are some of those 16 folks who were part of the presidential sweepstakes. And Trump insulted most of them. What's that saying about not burning bridges?

The fact that Pence is being considered reminds me of a Hoosier who ended up being vice president. When George H.W. Bush was running for president in 1988, he was lagging in the polls. It seems that Bush was doing poorly particularly among young people and women. In an effort to increase his appeal among those two groups of folks, Bush selected the young, good-looking Dan Quayle. And, of course, Bush won.

Besides both being quite conservative, Quayle and Pence both served in the U.S. House of Representatives. ❖

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Gregg posts $3.025M in 2Q; Pence raises $4.1M

By BRIAN A. HOWEY

INDIANAPOLIS – Democrat John Gregg will report raising $3.025 million for the second quarter and will have $5.833 million cash on hand. Gov. Mike Pence raised $4.1 million. Pence has $7.4 million cash on hand.



"As the campaign enters this next phase, we will continue to be aggressive," Marty Obst, executive director of Pence's re-election campaign told the IndyStar on Wednesday. Of Pence's $4.1 million haul, $2.6 million were from direct contributions, with the remainder from in-kind contributions.

"These might change a little because treasurer has not finalized numbers yet," Gregg communications director Jeff Harris told HPI. "The key take away is we started last year trailing Pence by $3.5 million in cash on hand and we have cut that down to $1.6 million this quarter. He is showing $7.4 million on hand to our $5.8 million. He had a $2.6 million advantage after the first quarter, so we cut his cash advantage by $1 million this quarter."

The Republican Governors Association spent $1.47 million on behalf of Pence in June. The Fort Wayne Journal Gazette reported the RGA has put in more than $3 million this election cycle. The Democratic Governors Association has given $526,000 to Gregg's campaign but hasn't run any ads.

Gregg campaign manager Tim Henderson told the Associated Press Gregg would have outraised Pence without the help of the RGA, which has donated more than $2 million in ads and cash to Pence. Finalized numbers do not have to be reported to the Indiana Secretary of State's office until July 15, but large donations are reported more quickly. Records show Pence swept up nearly $200,000 in large donations toward the end of June, much of it coming from businessmen. Gregg has collected large sums from labor unions, who are perhaps his strongest financial backer. The most expensive race in state history was in 2004, when Daniels and Democratic Gov. Joe Kernan spent a combined $33 million on the governor's race.

Gregg attack ad

Gregg went on the offensive Tuesday, launching his first ad criticizing Gov. Mike Pence (Kelly, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette). The ad accuses Pence of being "asleep at the switch" when thousands of Carrier and UTEC employees found out their jobs were being shipped to Mexico. The Gregg campaign put the ad up Tuesday and sent a fundraising email out to keep it up. "Even though Gov. Pence found time to meet with Donald Trump, Ted Cruz, and other big-name out-of-state politicians, he still won't meet with workers who are losing their jobs at Carrier," the email said. The Pence campaign shot back, saying Gregg is trailing in the polls and fundraising, and calling the ad "woefully inaccurate." Shortly after the Carrier/UTEC announcement, Pence met with union leaders and company executives, and successfully negotiated with the company to repay economic development incentives, among other things. But he has not met with rank-and-file workers losing their jobs. "Carrier made its decision because of federal regulations, which will only get worse under John Gregg and Hillary Clinton," said Marc Lotter, deputy campaign manager for Pence.

Republican Central Committee members

If Gov. Mike Pence drops off the ballot, selecting a replacement will fall to the 24-member Indiana Republican Central Committee.

Here are the members: Chairman Jeff Cardwell, Vice Chair Misty Dees Hollis, Secretary Barb McClellan, Treasurer Dumezich, 1st CD Chair Chuck Williams, 1st CD Vice Chair Rebecca Holwerda; 2nd CD Chair Deb Fleming, 2nd CD Vice Chair Nick Barbknecht, 3rd CD Chair Barbara Krisher, 3rd CD Vice Chair Bill Davis, 4th CD Chair Craig Dunn, 4th CD Vice Chair Barbara Knochel, 5th CD Chair Kyle Hupfer, 5th CD Vice Chair Judy Buck, 6th Chair Mark Wynn, 6th CD Vice Chair Ginger Bradford, 7th CD Chair Tom John, 7th CD Vice Chair Jennifer Ping, 8th CD Chair C. Richard Martin, 8th CD Vice Chair Brenda Goff, 9th CD Chair Jamey Noel, 9th CD Vice Chair Beth Boyce, National Committeeman John Hammond III, National Committeewoman Marsha Coats.

Statewides

Lucas, Dumezich to chair Hill finance

Republican attorney general nominee Curtis Hill announced that Forrest Lucas, founder of Lucas Oil Products, Inc., and Dan Dumezich, current treasurer of the Indiana Republican Party, will serve as co-chairs of the campaign's finance committee. "Forrest Lucas and Dan Dumezich are both recognized nationally for their success in business and their commitment to public service," said Hill. "Forrest's courage and determination to take a risk in building Lucas Oil paid off not only for his family, but for the dozens of causes and organizations that benefit from his constant generosity." Lucas said, "Curtis Hill brings the good sense and integrity that is so badly needed in this very important position of attorney general. He brings new and fresh ideas to the debate and has a proven record of success on behalf of the citizens of Elkhart County." Dumezich added, "As a state representative and longtime supporter of Republican candidates, I can't think of anyone better to help Indiana fight back against excessive federal government overreach and ensure that our state and its people are safe from drugs, crime and violence.

Congressional

8th CD recount nears

Eighth CD Democrat David Orentlicher, who trails Ron Drake in the razor close May 3 Democratic primary, says a "precount" is about to begin, with a recount just days away. "Our pre-recount inspection begins this Thursday, July 7, in Brazil with a review of the Clay County voting records," Orentlicher said. "We'll also be in Newport and Terre Haute later that day for a review of the Vermillion and Vigo County voting records. By taking a look at the voting records before the recount, we can speed up the recount process." Orentlicher added, "After our pre-recount inspection in the three counties, we can begin the actual recount in all 19 counties. That will probably start on either Friday, July 8, or Monday, July 11. And once we get into the counting, we'll have a better sense of how long the entire process will take. Most likely, we'll know by Friday, July 22, or Friday, July 29, how the recount will change the vote totals."

Drake told HPI last week, "I have indicated multiple times that every day that goes by is one day less to campaign. Orentlicher has said all the way through the campaign that his goal is to turn the district blue but it seem he is attempting to overturn the will of the people. I won that primary. It would seem that his primary concern is not the district, where he parachuted in to and has no ties, it would seem his interests is his own personal interest."

General Assembly

O'Donnell rematch with Rep. Slager

Highland attorney Thomas O'Donnell is answering the Democratic Party's call for another round with state Rep. Hal Slager, R-Schererville (NWI Times). Indiana Democratic Chairman John Zody recently conducted a caucus of Democratic precinct committeemen in the 15th House District who nominated O'Donnell, 53, a Dyer resident. He will run in the Nov. 8 general election for the legislative seat representing Dyer, Schererville and part of Griffith, St. John and unincorporated St. John Township. O'Donnell, who has been in law practice since 1987 and who served 12 years on the Lake County Council, is making his second bid for a seat in the Indiana General Assembly. O'Donnell and Slager first ran against each other in 2012 after the Republican-controlled Indiana General Assembly redrew the boundaries of the 15th District to center on the Tri-Town area, following population shifts over the previous decade. Slager won with 51 percent of the vote. Slager won again in 2014 against Democrat Jim Wieser with 59 percent of the vote. ❖



Historic gender gap shaping up

By GEOFFREY SKELLEY
Sabato's Crystal Ball

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. – With four months to go in the 2016 general election campaign, national polls suggest that it's quite possible that the Hillary Clinton-Donald Trump clash may well set a new record for partisan differences between the sexes. Since Clinton effectively sewed up the Democratic nomination on June 7, the average gender gap in 22 national polls is 24.4 points and the median gap is 26 points, slightly ahead of the exit poll era record set in 2000, as shown in Table 1 below. This sample only included poll results for questions asking respondents about just Clinton and Trump, thus excluding those that asked the horse race question with Libertarian Gary Johnson and/or presumptive Green Party nominee Jill Stein included. This choice largely reflects the fact that early polls tend to overstate the performance of third-party or independent candidates, which in turn affects the major party candidates' totals.

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Table 1: Potential record-setting gender gap in 2016

Year	Gender gap
*2016**	*24*
2000	22
2012	18
1980	17
1996	17
1988	15
2004	14
1984	13
2008	12
1992	5
1972	2
1976	0

Notes: *Mean gender gap in 22 national surveys taken since June 7 based on responses to head-to-head Clinton-versus-Trump questions. Polls from the following are included: ABC News/Washington Post, American Research Group, CBS News, CNBC, CNN/ORC, Fox News, IBD/TIPP, Monmouth University, Morning Consult, NBC News/SurveyMonkey, NBC News/Wall Street Journal, Public Policy Polling, Quinnipiac University, Rasmussen, and USA Today/Suffolk University. Special thanks to CNBC, Rasmussen, and SurveyMonkey for responding to requests for crosstab data. Other national polls taken since June 7 are not included due to lack of gender crosstab data or because they did not include a Clinton-versus-Trump head-to-head question (i.e. the horse race questions named Johnson and/or Stein in the question).

Overall, 16 of the 22 surveys found the gap to be 20 or more points, which is notable simply because the 2000 election was the only cycle where the national exit poll found at least a 20-point gap. On the low end, a June 15-20 Morning Consult poll found the divide at just eight points. In fact, Morning Consult's polls have routinely found a noticeably smaller gender gap than other pollsters, releasing four of the six post-June 7 polls with a gender gap smaller than 20 points. On the high end, a June 17-20 American Research Group survey showed a 44-point gap in gender voting intentions. The ARG poll tied for the largest lead for Trump among men in any poll (14 points) and it had the largest lead for Clinton among women (30 points), thus the huge (and likely exaggerated) chasm. This large disparity in gender gaps is just one more reason to look at polling averages and medians rather than one poll at a time.

The gender gap is nothing new

The gender gap has long been an electoral reality in American politics, whether in presidential races or down-ballot. In most elections, men tend to vote more Republican and women tend to vote more Democratic. Based on the national exit polls, there has been a notable divide in how men and women vote in every presidential election going back to 1980, when Ronald Reagan helped convert a significant segment of men, but not women, to the Republican Party. In fact, outside of 1992, every contest since 1980 has featured a gap of at least 10 percentage points. The all-time record in the exit poll era (1972-present) is 22 points, observed in the 2000 election cycle, when Al Gore won women by 11 points and George W. Bush won men by 11 points. Table 2 below shows partisan gender voting data in the exit poll era.

Table 2: Gender vote in presidential elections, exit polls 1972-present

There are always questions about what causes the gender gap. Fundamentally, ideological and policy differences explain it to some degree, with women generally favoring more government intervention in areas such as health care. For instance, an April poll by Pew found that more women (41%) than men (36%) thought the Affordable Care Act has had a "mostly positive" effect on

the country. Women also tend to favor more liberal immigration policies. A June The Economist/YouGov survey showed that 49% of women believed that illegal immigrants should be allowed to stay in the county and eventually apply for citizenship, versus just 41% of men. These are just two examples of issue areas where women and men demonstrate notable differences in their views.

But these existing divides appear to be exacerbated by the two major-party standard bearers in 2016. Clinton is the first woman to win a major-party nomination, and given the power of identity politics, it's not hard to imagine her winning over at least some women because of that status. At the same time, she's had trouble with male voters, even in the Democratic primary: In the 27 states with entrance or exit polling for primaries and caucuses, Clinton did worse among men than women in every single Democratic contest versus Bernie Sanders, with a median performance of 11 points worse. Meanwhile, Trump has a history of misogynistic remarks that hurts him with women voters. And his appeal to blue-collar white voters may particularly boost him among men but at the expense of women in that racial demographic: The most recent Quinnipiac poll showed Trump winning handily among white men but actually trailing among white women. The only Republican in the exit poll era to lose among white women was Bob Dole in 1996, when he faced Bill Clinton.

All in all, we could see the largest gender gap in the modern history of U.S. presidential elections in November. Should that happen, never before will Venus have been quite so far away from Mars. ❖

Year	Men		Women		Gender
	Dem	GOP	Dem	GOP	gap
1972	36	62	37	61	2
1976	50	48	50	48	0
1980	36	55	45	47	17
1984	37	62	44	56	13
1988	41	57	49	50	15
1992	41	38	45	37	5
1996	43	44	54	38	17
2000	42	53	54	43	22
2004	44	55	51	48	14
2008	49	48	56	43	12
2012	45	52	55	44	18



Voter self interests

By JACK COLWELL

SOUTH BEND – Voters don't always vote in their own self-interest. Sometimes, in anger or ignorance or a combination thereof, they vote to rescind their nose to spite their face. So it was in Britain, where a majority of voters chose to leave the European Union.

Now, already, buyer's remorse settles in as Britons see their stock market crash and the value of their pound and their investments plummet. A prior forecast for growth is replaced by fears of lost jobs and recession. The nation's credit ranking tanks. Trade deals must be renegotiated from a position of weakness. There is concern over whether Scotland and Northern Ireland will remain in the United Kingdom. Then England loses to Iceland 2-1 in the European Soccer Championships.



Iceland? Iceland! Little Iceland? Little Iceland! Blame it on the Brexit voters? They are blamed for everything else. Rightly so, in most cases. So, maybe they even made their national team colder than Iceland.

Britons were warned of the consequences, although not of the ultimate indignity in soccer. Financial experts warned of the effect on the economy. The mainstream news media warned of the dangers, even as media segments selling sensationalism focused instead on fears of immigrants and conspiracy theories. "Establishment" political leaders warned of the dangers of "Ignore the World: Britain First." Academic experts warned of what rejecting the facts, the truth, would mean.

A majority of voters, however, scoffed at the warnings. They listened to the claim that rejection of European unity would make Great Britain great again. That would be huge. Maybe reclaim lost parts of the British Empire? India? Canada? Pennsylvania? Maybe more like now losing Scotland and Northern Ireland.

They listened to claims that they were cheated in EU trade deals, even as they were one of the most prosperous EU nations. Now, they will have to negotiate new trade deals, bargaining from a weakened state. They listened to stories of hordes of immigrants coming to take their jobs, their land and their lives. They chose to believe the worst, reject the facts.

They listened to the voices of anger. They would cut off their EU participation to spite their leaders, the establishment, the lying news media.They listened to "leave" advocates who now belatedly admit they really can't keep their promises. Those promises plastered at campaign sites now are described as just "a series of possibilities."

Voter remorse isn't unusual, here as well as there, although not often involving nation-shattering consequences. Most of us can think of some election when voters, angry at some local prosecutor, sheriff, judge or mayor over one decision, voted the official out, only to find that the slogan-slinging incompetent they elected made them mad over every decision.

An Indiana example was when Republican primary election voters decided that Sen. Dick Lugar had been a statesman too long and voted him out. They instead voted for Richard Mourdock. Richard Mourdock!

There actually were some African-Americans who voted for segregationist George Wallace. They were angry, too, about Washington bureaucrats. But did they vote in their own self-interest in supporting that segregationist? There were angry Democrats in Florida who voted for Ralph Nader for president. They elected George W. Bush. Was that what they wanted in their self-interest? There were angry Republicans who voted for Ross Perot. Was the election of Bill Clinton what they deemed to be in their self-interest? Voters, angry over taxes and lack of government services, can be fooled by the claim of clueless politicians that some great and grandiose program can be paid for simply by "eliminating waste, fraud and abuse." The slogan certainly is simple.

Now, we have voter anger with Uncle Sam, who used to be a symbol of national unity, national strength. Now Sam is portrayed in ridicule as a symbol of Washington. Is it in our self-interest to vote to cut off Sam's nose to spite that place? ❖

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Hoosier tourism lags

By MORTON MARCUS

INDIANAPOLIS – The award-winning Indianapolis Airport is a great place to watch people and think about whatever you happen to think about. I was thinking about travel, tourism and retirement, which led me to consider how little our state does to encourage people to visit and retire here.



Our Indiana highway map has lots of ads about where you might go, but doesn't help you get where you want to go. Most state highway maps include good maps of the largest cities. Indiana shows you only Indianapolis. Either we have no other cities or we are ashamed of them. But how can there be room for city maps when we have sold one whole side of our map to advertisers? Many states have impressive, sparkling clean "welcome centers" as you enter the state. Indiana has a fine showplace off the highway in Hammond, but

that's it. Our other "welcome centers" are adjuncts to smelly toilets. Our website is okay, but look for yourself and see what others have done.

For decades Hoosier officials charged with promoting travel and tourism have bemoaned the low level of funding they receive. In addition, it's virtually impossible to gather statistics on travelers and their activities. Firms in the travel and tourism business don't want to cooperate with government, to reveal information they believe will help only their competitors and increase their taxes.

Nationally, the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) maintains a Travel and Tourism Satellite Account on the industry with funding from the Office of Travel and Tourism Industries. Those data don't (can't) distinguish between money spent by Americans on the road or Aussie visitors at the 500 race. What the numbers tell us is that travel and tourism accounted for 5% of all economic activity (GDP) in 2015, down from 5.8% in 2000. Although at an all-time high in 2015, travel and tourism output grew by only 11% since 2000 while the national economy advanced 30%.

Which brings us to a weak "study" of the best places to retire by Bankrate.com. Four of the five top places in the nation are in the D.C. suburbs. Carmel ranks 137th of 196 U.S. cities, Anderson 160th, and Indianapolis 176th. No other Hoosier places are mentioned. But that's what is out there and what people will read. We haven't heard a word from candidates for governor or the legislature about their plans to attract more travelers, tourists or retirees to Indiana. Perhaps they're too busy worrying about who uses which restroom. ❖

Indiana economy not as good as it could be

By MICHAEL HICKS

MUNCIE – It is election season and the Op-Ed pages are filled with commentaries on the good and bad features of the Hoosier economy. As an economist, I have a somewhat different perspective.



Today, the Hoosier economy is performing much better than it should be expected to. In nearly every metric Indiana outperforms the nation as a whole. Job growth is strong, incomes rise, the labor force expands, GDP and investment all grow briskly. Viewed through the short-term prism, Indiana's growth is the envy of most of the nation.

The credit for much of this unexpected prosperity lies both in significant policy changes of the last decade and serendipity. Quite simply, as the Great Recession began to ebb, Indiana had its fiscal and regulatory policy house in order. This meant the recovery was stronger, and broader than it should have been. Objectively viewed, growth in Indiana's economy is much faster than expected. The problem is that we start so far behind.

Indiana incomes continue to be much below the nation as a whole, and cost of living differences don't get close to making up the difference. The simple reason for lower income is that Indiana continues to suffer low educational achievement. This is due to historically poor educational performance and the inability of the state to attract educated workers to our cities.

A little analysis of the impact of this is helpful. Given Indiana's educational attainment (the share of adults with a bachelor's degree) our per capita income should be roughly $1,500 less than it currently is. One interpretation of this is that Hoosiers are $1,500 richer than they should be, in part because of serendipity and a strong business climate. But that's not the important lesson from these data. If over the past half century Indiana managed to boost educational attainment from where it is now, to the national average, incomes would be higher by $5,500 per person.

In other words, we are currently doing better than we should be expected to, but are much worse off than we should be. So, the policy debate of the 2016 general election should be about changing this. That is no easy task, for it means boosting the share of adults with a college degree from 22.5 percent to the national average of 28 percent. Along with this, we need to elevate every other metric from high school graduation rates to professional degrees. I will take two broad efforts.

First, we have to continue our educational reforms in ways that deliver results. We need a Department of Education that cares about both success for all students; in public and private schools, and is focused on something other than preserving the status quo.

Second, we have to make more of our cities into places that people want to live in and move to. We simply cannot raise educational attainment without population growth. The Regional Cities Initiative is a strong first step, but we need to go much further.

Without more vigorous attention to education and population growth, Indiana's long-term prospects will never match the short-run success we are currently enjoying. ❖

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Matt Tully, IndyStar: The potential political marriage between Donald Trump and Mike Pence actually makes sense. It's also a reminder that Pence's focus has never truly fixed on Indiana. First there was Gene Simmons of KISS fame. And then came Andrew Dice Clay, Meat Loaf and La Toya Jackson. And now, starring as Donald Trump's latest apprentice, is one Michael R. Pence. Formerly known as the governor focused squarely on the state of Indiana and on his reelection campaign (his words), our governor is now thinking about joining Team Trump. Or at least he is letting the world believe he is thinking about joining Team Trump. Either way, his flirtation with the developer turned reality TV star turned politician is just the latest in a long series of actions that have made clear Pence's inability or unwillingness to focus on and adjust to the role of governor. I understand ambition and wanting to move up in the world. Neither of those things is a sin. But if Pence is willing to ditch Indiana in the midst of a gubernatorial reelection campaign for a running-mate slot with Trump — well, that shows his level of commitment to the job of being governor. And, there is the dichotomy of a man signing up with the likes of Donald Trump after spending decades portraying himself as driven so much by his moral compass, religion, family values and conservative principles. Give me a break. ❖



Jeff Ward, Muncie Star Press: Running as Donald Trump's vice president could be the perfect job for Gov. Mike Pence, but not so great for Indiana. Pence met last weekend with Republican nominee Trump, presumably to gauge his chances of becoming Trump's running mate. What came of that meeting is unknown, so maybe this is all academic and Trump told Pence, "Thanks for the interest, but no thanks." The Washington Post lists Pence as a long shot behind Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, who ran a failed primary campaign, endorsed Trump and is often viewed by his side at public events. I can't see Trump sharing the stage, before, during or after the election, with someone like Gingrich or Christie, who seem to enjoy the white-hot media spotlight. I doubt Trump would want to be upstaged by his running mate. Egos, and such. Which is why Pence would be perfect. He's not as verbose as Christie or as brash as Gingrich. Pence would dutifully play the role of VP contender, without shifting the focus off Trump. We already know where Pence stands, since he endorsed Trump after Cruz was knocked out of the race. An added benefit, Pence would find himself one step closer to the presidency, which is something others say he's long contemplated. His name was mentioned as a presidential contender while still serving in the House. A Pence candidacy could help bridge the gap between Trump and evangelicals and social conservatives, who are unsure exactly where Trump stands on gay rights and abortion. And that's where a Pence candidacy as VP candidate could hurt Indiana. It's precisely those issues that continue to reinforce the erroneous image of Indiana as a backward looking, unwelcoming state. Should Pence be Trump's choice, the national media will focus on Pence's first administration as governor. It would be like ripping the scab off a healing wound. Hoosiers will be forced to endure close scrutiny — again — of issues that we've grown weary of discussing. ❖

Eric Bradner & Tom LoBianco, CNN: The prospect of Donald Trump tapping Indiana Gov. Mike Pence to serve as his running mate has both national Republicans and local party members salivating -- but for different reasons. Pence is deep in Trump's vice presidential vetting process, tasking two aides with coordinating with the campaign and flying over the weekend with his wife, Karen, to meet with Trump in New Jersey. After meeting Trump, Pence told aides Wednesday he expects "business as usual" in the governor's office -- but also indirectly confirmed that he'd accept the vice presidential nod if offered, and would remain Indiana governor through November's election, rather than resigning his post to focus on the campaign. "Even if I become vice president, I can fill out my term," Pence told staffers, according to an Indiana Republican familiar with the discussions. Pence meets Trump's stated needs, a veteran Washington insider who could shepherd Trump's agenda through Congress, where he rocketed to prominence as a member of the Republican leadership. He also fulfills desires from national GOP elites: unflappable message discipline and a bridge to social conservatives and top-dollar GOP donors. It also makes for a good fit for Indiana Republicans, who are ready for Pence to go after a tumultuous first term in Indiana that has opened up a chance for Democrats to claim the governor's office. If that means sending Pence on the road with Trump, all the better. Removing Pence from the governor's race, several senior Indiana Republican officials, aides and operatives said, would allow the state GOP to escape from the turmoil of years of social battles over same-sex marriage and religious freedom. Pence would accept the vice presidential nomination if he's asked, several sources who have spoken with him or have been briefed on his meeting with Trump said, arguing he could help Trump with the party's most conservative factions. For Trump, there'd also be symbolism in tapping Pence. Indiana was the state that clinched the Republican nomination for him. The deeper damage to Pence was among women voters -- one area of weakness for Trump that Pence would be precisely the wrong candidate to help with. Still, a leader in the national conservative movement said Pence would be a "solidifying" choice for Republicans not yet sold on Trump. The conservative said Pence -- a devoutly religious man -- would need to be sure he feels "called by God" to abandon the governor's office to run for vice president. ❖

Trump posts $51M in June

NEW YORK — Donald Trump's fundraising sprang to life in June, pulling in a $51 million for the month and smashing totals from all previous months. The campaign said slightly more than half of which came from the team's burgeoning digital and small-dollar operation, between the campaign itself and its joint venture with the Republican National Committee. But Trump's skeletal campaign still trails far behind Hillary Clinton relied on the Republican Party and the billionaire's own wallet for about half its haul. By comparison, Clinton raised $68.5 million: $40.5 million to the campaign, and $28 million to the Democratic National Committee and state parties through the Hillary Victory Fund. Four years ago, the Republican nominee, Mitt Romney, raised more than $100 million in June.



Justice closes Clinton probe

WASHINGTON — U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch on Wednesday confirmed that the investigation into Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server while she was secretary of state will be closed without criminal charges. The announcement brings to a formal end a probe that for months dogged the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee's campaign. "Late this afternoon, I met with FBI Director James Comey and career prosecutors and agents who conducted the investigation of Secretary Hillary Clinton's use of a personal email system during her time as Secretary of State. I received and accepted their unanimous recommendation that the thorough, year-long investigation be closed and that no charges be brought against any individuals within the scope of the investigation," the attorney general said.

Pence exit would set off scramble

NEW ALBANY — If Gov. Mike Pence actually is snagged as VP for presidential candidate Donald Trump, what would that mean for Indiana?

"I don't know what's going to happen, and anybody who tells you they know what's going to happen — it's just impossible to know," self-published political columnist Brian Howey said (Beilman, News & Tribune). But the unknowns aren't keeping experts from making a few educated guesses. For one, Pence leaving his re-election bid mid-campaign will turn the governor's race upside-down. "It completely changes the whole dynamic because [Democrat opponent] John Gregg has positioned his campaign on kind of a referendum on Governor Pence," Howey said. "And with Pence gone, that changes everything. We'll have to wait and see who replaces Pence on the ticket." "I can tell you that, in my opinion, Eric Holcomb has the overwhelming support" of committee members, Clark County GOP chairman and state committee member Jamey Noel said. Another favorite is House Speaker Brian Bosma, who raised a lot of money for House Republicans while Holcomb hasn't, Howey said. Whoever is chosen, Democrats would no longer have Pence's track record to campaign against, Noel said. "They would have to totally scrap that idea and re-engineer whatever their strategy is to beat Eric Holcomb," he said.

Trump angry, defiant in Cincy

CINCINNATI — Donald J. Trump on Wednesday offered a defiant defense of his campaign's decision to publish an image widely viewed as anti-Semitic — saying he regretted deleting it — and vigorously reaffirmed his praise of Saddam Hussein, the murderous Iraqi dictator (New York Times). In the span of 30 minutes, an often-shouting Mr. Trump breathed new life into a controversy that was sparked on Saturday by his posting of an image on his Twitter account of a six-pointed star next to a picture of Hillary Clinton, with money seeming to rain down in the background. The image was quickly, and broadly, criticized for invoking stereotypes of Jews. Mr. Trump deleted it two hours later, and replaced the star image with a circle. " 'You shouldn't have taken it down,' " Mr. Trump recalled telling one of his campaign workers. "I said, 'Too bad, you should have left it up.' I would have rather defended it." "That's just a star," Mr. Trump said repeatedly.

Trump says Knight will speak at RNC

CINCINNATI — Former Indiana basketball coach Bob Knight called Donald Trump "the most prepared man in history" to be president during an April rally in Indiana (IndyStar). The legendary coach will have another chance to speak on the behalf of the presumptive Republican nominee. This time, it'll be with the nation watching. Trump announced Wednesday during his speech in Cincinnati that Knight will indeed speak at the Republican National Convention.

Hogsett press aide placed on leave

INDIANAPOLIS — Mayor Joe Hogsett's press secretary was placed on administrative leave this week following accusations he kicked a woman's car (WRTV). Shavon Wilson says she is getting an attorney, and wants to file charges against Dan Goldblatt, Hogsett's press secretary.Wilson is accusing Goldblatt of exploding in an act of road rage and kicking her car near the intersection of Pennsylvania and Washington streets downtown. She claims she was slowing down at a yellow light when Goldblatt started to cross the street. She claims he then kicked her car angrily.

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PENCE REPLACEMENTS WOULD HAVE TO RESIGN NOMINATIONS: Indiana statute and state Republican Central Committee rules involving a potential gubernatorial ballot vacancy should Gov. Mike Pence opt out and join a national ticket with presumptive presidential nominee Donald Trump would require candidates currently on the ballot to resign their nominations (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The Trump campaign is signaling it will unveil the vice presidential nomination next week after the Manhattan billionaire met with Pence on Saturday and U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst of Iowa on Monday. That might correspond for Pence with a Trump fundraising event at the Columbia Club in Indianapolis at 5:30 p.m. July 12. Pence, who will be campaigning at the Shelby County Fair at 5:30 today, described his Saturday meeting with Trump, saying, "What I could tell you this was a very enjoyable personal time between two families and we got to know each other a lot better, and nothing was offered, nothing was accepted." He added, "I love my job. I love my country. I'm not going to get into hypotheticals." Fifth CD Republican Chairman Kyle Hupfer, who heads the Rules Committee for the state GOP, told Howey Politics Indiana that if Gov. Pence were to resign by July 15, the state committee would have 30 days to select a new nominee. Because a nominee cannot be on the ballot for two offices, any potential replacement would have to resign their current office by July 15. That could be a dicey proposition for House Speaker Brian Bosma, Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb, U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita, and State Sen. Jim Merritt, who are all currently on the ballot. Bosma told HPI this morning "That is my understanding, yes" on Hupfer's interpretation of rules and statute. Asked if this would change a potential gubernatorial candidacy if Pence vacates the nomination, Bosma responded, "If selected, of course. Presumably all of this will come together in a timeline that facilitates ballot replacements without someone stepping down prior to their selection." Three other potential candidates mentioned, current Republican Chairman Jeff Cardwell, Evansville Mayor Lloyd Winnecke and former Indianapolis mayor Greg Ballard are not currently on the Indiana ballot. Candidates currently on the ballot for other offices can drop off the ballot only if they die, move or are convicted of a felony crime.

RESIGNING NOMINATIONS NOT AS RISKY AS IT SEEMS: It's less risky than it sounds (Carden*, NWI Times*). For example, if Holcomb withdrew as the GOP nominee for lieutenant governor and didn't win the party's nomination for governor, the Republican State Committee simply could insert Holcomb back on the ballot to fill the party's lieutenant governor vacancy. Likewise, a caucus of precinct committeemen in congressional and state legislative districts could fill ballot vacancies by renominating a candidate who withdrew but was unsuccessful in the GOP governor's race. Gov. Pence could even try to manipulate the outcome by immediately resigning as governor once Trump picks him for vice president. That would elevate Holcomb to the state's top job and make it seemingly impossible for the Indiana Republican Party, which Holcomb led from 2010 to 2013, to deny him the nomination.

TRUMP MULLING PENCE, GINGRICH: As Donald Trump widened his pool of potential running mates this weekend, two candidates -- Mike Pence and Newt Gingrich - have seen their stock rise inside Trump Tower with less than two weeks until the Republican National Convention in Cleveland (*NBC News*). "Pence and Gingrich are the two that most fulfill Trump's acknowledgement that he wants to find a governing partner, someone who can pass legislation," an individual familiar with conversations about the vice presidential search told NBC News. While discussion has intensified over the merits of the two potential picks, there is still vigorous debate within the campaign over other contenders in the mix,

including Sen. Joni Ernst of Iowa, Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie. And sources close to Trump caution that the decision ultimately lies with a candidate often known to place more emphasis on his own instincts than on the advice of others. But inside the campaign, there's a vocal camp advocating for Pence, the governor of Indiana, who some believe could solidify Trump's support across the Midwest. Sources also tell NBC News that Gingrich, who is actively being vetted for the role, has built a close working relationship with many in Trump's inner circle -- particularly Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner, Ivanka's husband and now-key confidante to the presumptive nominee, speaking with both frequently and sometimes multiple times a day. Gingrich, who maintained this weekend that he had yet to speak with Trump about the VP slot, has straddled a role as a trusted adviser to Trump while also publicly critiquing some aspects of his candidacy. And despite his close communication with Trump's family members -- and campaign chair Paul Manafort himself - some within the campaign remain cool to him as a potential pick because of what's seen as his uncontrollability as a campaign surrogate. One source within the Trump campaign suggested that Manafort may not be enthusiastic about a Gingrich pick because he "cannot control a Gingrich, whereas he can control a Pence." Asked by NBC News this weekend if he would "like" the VP job, Gingrich responded bluntly: "Listen, we'd be willing to consider it. Like is a pretty strong term." Gingrich added that it remains Trumps job to "quit screwing up" and said that -- to take the VP job -- he needs assurances that he'd be aiding a president who is "deadly serious in a disciplined way about doing this." Sources involved in the process confirm Gingrich remains privately uncertain that he wants to take the job. Kellyanne Conway, a senior advisor to Manafort and part of the campaign's polling team, contended that Pence would give Trump the chance to take key states like Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa and Pennsylvania. Coal mining remains a major part of southern Indiana's economy. "When Hillary Clinton promised to put the coal industry out of work in West Virginia, her shocking comment reverberated westward, across at least six or seven states, all which Pence could help in picking up one, two, three points right through the Midwestern states, where Romney bombed spectacularly," Conway said.

WINNECKE MULLS GOVERNOR BID IF PENCE BOLTS: Lloyd Winnecke is getting calls from Indiana Republicans who want the second-term Evansville mayor to consider a bid for governor if Mike Pence leaves office to run for vice president on the Donald Trump ticket (Evans, *Evansville Courier & Press*). "Over the weekend, Mayor Winnecke has indeed received calls encouraging consideration to run for governor in the event that the current GOP ticket changes," said Winnecke's chief of staff, Steve Schaefer, in a message posted to the mayor's "Friends of Mayor Winnecke" Facebook page. "He is giving those requests their due consideration, but it is important to note that Mayor Winnecke has not made any proactive efforts to seek the position of governor or as a (lieutenant governor) running mate. Regardless of those discussions, Mayor Winnecke's primary focus is doing the job to which he was elected and will always do what is in the best interest of the city of Evansville." A Courier & Press request for direct comments from Winnecke was denied Tuesday afternoon.

FBI'S COMEY RECOMMENDS NO CRIMINAL CHARGES FOR HILLARY: FBI Director James Comey said Tuesday that he would not recommend charges against Hillary Clinton over her use of private email servers while secretary of state, removing a huge shadow hovering over her presidential campaign (*CNN*). But Comey administered an extraordinary tongue-lashing to Clinton and her aides, rebuking them for being "extremely careless" in the handling of classified information and saying the presumptive Democratic nominee should have known an unclassified email system was no place to conduct sensitive government business. The FBI director pointed out that the probe was tasked with examining whether Clinton or her aides had mishandled classified information either intentionally or in a grossly negligent way. "Our judgment is that no reasonable prosecutor would bring such a case," Comey announced after a lengthy recap of the investigation apparently designed to protect the integrity of his agency in a highly charged political atmosphere. Comey's decision not to recommend charges likely removes the threat of

prosecution in the middle of Clinton's campaign for the presidency, but the political fallout will continue. His explicit criticism of Clinton's conduct offered her enemies a trove of fresh ammunition for their assault on her character, honesty and trustworthiness — one of her biggest vulnerabilities. In a stunning moment of Washington theater, Comey stepped up to the microphone to deliver the FBI's findings just over two hours before Clinton was due to climb aboard Air Force One to travel to her first campaign event with President Barack Obama.

TRUMP BLASTS FBI FOR 'RIGGED' SYSTEM: Donald Trump weighed in on the FBI's announcement that it would not recommend charges be brought against Hillary Clinton by declaring the system "rigged" (*Politico)*. "The system is rigged. General Petraeus got in trouble for far less. Very very unfair! As usual, bad judgment," Trump tweeted Tuesday morning, making reference to the disgraced former CIA director who resigned in the wake of an extramarital affair with his biographer with whom he had shared classified information. Trump reiterated his claims of a rigged system in a subsequent tweet. "FBI director said Crooked Hillary compromised our national security. No charges. Wow! #RiggedSystem," he wrote.

PENCE CAMP CALLS LATEST GREGG AD 'WOEFULLY INACCURATE': Democratic candidate for governor John Gregg launched a television ad Tuesday that Republican Gov. Mike Pence's campaign is calling a "woefully inaccurate attack" (*Statehouse File*). The Pence campaign's complaint follows one that came a week ago from the Indiana Democratic Party about an ad attacking Gregg. Following a meeting with Indianapolis Carrier Corporation employees Tuesday afternoon, Gregg publicly discussed the new campaign ad and Pence's economic record. Earlier this year, Carrier announced that it was closing down many of its operations in Indiana and moving to Mexico. "And under Gov. Pence, good-paying jobs are harder and harder to find," that ad says in part. The ad accuses Pence of "being asleep at the switch" after Carrier made the announcement to relocate jobs to Mexico. In a press release from the Mike Pence for Indiana campaign, Campaign Manager Marc Lotter called Gregg's ad an attempt to distract Hoosiers from Gregg's previous health insurance scandal and failed jobs record. "John Gregg is desperate to distract Hoosiers from the fact that he lined his pockets at the expense of taxpayers, while Speaker of the House, providing himself and his family taxpayer funded health insurance for life," Lotter said in a statement. "Carrier made its decision due to federal regulations, which will only get worse under John Gregg and Hillary Clinton." Lotter said Pence met with union leaders, company executives and state and local officials following the announcement in an attempt to "convince the company to reverse its decision and protect Hoosier workers," according to the press release.

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: FBI Director James Comey's press conference was just bizarre. While absolving Hillary Clinton on criminal charges, he issued what essentially was a political indictment, fodder for an array of TV ads we'll see throughout the rest of the campaign if Trump can raise money to get on the air. This was the best case scenario for Republicans. A Clinton indictment would have brought Vice President Biden into the race and that would have been game over. Now Trump finds a wounded Clinton. Can he seize this opportunity? Donald Trump responded with a rambling diatribe last night in Raleigh, where he took aim at Comey instead of Clinton and ended up praising Saddam Hussein. - *Brian A. Howey*



Campaigns

8TH CD 'PRECOUNT' SET TO BEGIN: 8th CD Democrat David Orentlicher, who trails Ron Drake in the razor close May 3 Democratic primary, says a "precount" is about to begin, with a recount just days away (Howey Politics Indiana). "Our pre-recount inspection begins this Thursday, July 7, in Brazil with a review of the Clay County voting records," Orentlicher said. "We'll also be in Newport and Terre Haute later that day for a review of the Vermillion and Vigo County voting records. By taking a look at the voting records before the recount, we can speed up the recount process." Orentlicher added, "After our pre-recount inspection in the three counties, we can begin the actual recount in all nineteen counties. That will probably start on either Friday, July 8, or Monday, July 11. And once we get into the counting, we'll have a better sense of how long the entire process will take. Most likely, we'll know by Friday, July 22, or Friday, July 29, how the recount will change the vote totals." Drake told HPI last week, ""I have indicated multiple times that every day that goes by is one day less to campaign. Orentlicher has said all the way through the campaign that his goal is to turn the district blue but it seems he is attempting to overturn the will of the people. I won that primary. It would seem that his primary concern is not the district, where he parachuted in to and has no ties, it would seem his interests is his own personal interest."

FIRST GREGG ATTACK AD: Democratic candidate for governor John Gregg went on the offensive Tuesday – launching his first ad criticizing Gov. Mike Pence (Kelly, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette). The ad accuses Pence of being "asleep at the switch" when thousands of Carrier and UTEC employees found out their jobs were being shipped to Mexico. The Gregg campaign put the ad up Tuesday and sent a fundraising email out to keep it up. "Even though Governor Pence found time to meet with Donald Trump, Ted Cruz, and other big-name out-of-state politicians, he still won't meet with workers who are losing their jobs at Carrier," the email said. The Pence campaign shot back, saying Gregg is trailing in the polls and fundraising, and calling the ad "woefully inaccurate." Shortly after the Carrier/UTEC announcement, Pence met with union leaders and company executives, and successfully negotiated with the company to repay economic development incentives, among other things. But he has not met with rank-and-file workers losing their jobs. "Carrier made its decision because of federal regulations, which will only get worse under John Gregg and Hillary Clinton," said Marc Lotter, deputy campaign manager for Pence.

STEELWORKERS TAKE AIM AT PENCE: The union that represents Carrier's workers in Indianapolis took aim this week at Gov. Mike Pence and Donald Trump *(WRTV)*. The union says the governor's office has agreed to meet with them, but there's still nothing on the calendar. "If you want to take credit for all those jobs coming to Indiana, and we're losing jobs due to corporate greed – I've got issues with that," said Chuck Jones, of the United Steelworkers Union Local 1999. The governor's office was surprised by

the claim from the United Steelworkers Union Local 1999. The office says it has not received any requests from the union. Pence's office also pointed out that the governor met with representatives from Local 1999 in March. Carrier plans to being layoffs next year, and has rejected all offers to keep jobs at the plant, including the Steelworkers' plan to save $25 million. The company has said it wants $65 million in savings. Since meeting with the governor back in March, the union hoped the governor would help them apply more pressure on Carrier's parent company, United Technologies. "It ain't about union – these are human beings," Jones said. "They live in Indiana, and he ought to do everything he could to try to save these jobs in the state." The governor's campaign says Pence made sure Carrier's parent company refunded more than $1 million in tax credits and grants and secured the future of 400 research and development jobs. "He's very committed that these workers are transitioned in the best way possible, and to growing jobs for all Hoosiers to transition to," said Pence campaign spokesman Marc Lotter. The union is backing Democrat John Gregg for governor. During the primaries they endorsed Democrat Sen. Bernie Sanders over Trump. "[Pence] and Trump would be a hell of a team," Jones said. "All we need is a circus tent up – a couple of elephants – hell of a circus going on."

O'DONNELL REMATCH WITH SLAGER SET: Highland attorney Thomas O'Donnell is answering the Democratic Party's call for another round with state Rep. Hal Slager, R-Schererville (*NWI Times*). Indiana Democratic Chairman John Zody recently conducted a caucus of Democratic precinct committeemen in the 15th House District who nominated O'Donnell, 53, a Dyer resident. He will run in the Nov. 8 general election for the legislative seat representing Dyer, Schererville and part of Griffith, St. John and unincorporated St. John Township. O'Donnell, who has been in law practice since 1987 and who served 12 years on the Lake County Council, is making his second bid for a seat in the Indiana General Assembly. O'Donnell and Slager first ran against each other in 2012 after the Republican-controlled Indiana General Assembly redrew the boundaries of the 15th District to center on the Tri-Town area, following population shifts over the previous decade. Slager won with 51 percent of the vote. Slager won again in 2014 against Democrat Jim Wieser with 59 percent of the vote.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY JUDGE CANDIDATE KICKED OUT OF FAIRGROUNDS: St. Joseph County 4-H Fair officials Friday ordered a man running for judge to leave the fairgrounds after he was involved in a dispute that upset some fair vendors (Parrot, *South Bend Tribune*). Republican Doug Bernacchi, candidate for county circuit court judge, was asked to leave and agreed to do so peacefully, said Jim Caldwell, fair board president. When contacted by The Tribune today, Bernacchi said he had not argued with anyone. The disturbance was created when he vomited after eating some fudge and cotton candy that he bought at the fair, he said. "No one kicked me out," Bernacchi said. But Republican Party and fair officials said Bernacchi was forced to leave.

MORE UNHAPPINESS WITH LAKE DEM DELEGATE PROCESS: Matt Gibson bid at the state Democratic Party convention in Indianapolis last month to be a delegate for presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton during the party's national convention in Philadelphia in late July (Lavalley, *Post-Tribune*). The effort was for naught. A bruising political battle between Lake County Democrats, among other factors, left Gibson off the slate. He is serving as Pamela Mishler Fish's campaign manager in her bid to unseat State Rep. Ed Soliday R-Valparaiso, but with an interest and involvement in politics that started in high school, Gibson said his recent experience at the state convention left him jaded and bitter. The slate, he said, is comprised of seven people from Lake County and one from LaPorte County, but doesn't include anybody from Porter County, disenfranchising voters who cast ballots for Clinton in the May primary. While there isn't anybody from Porter County on the delegate slate for Clinton, Jeff

Chidester, chair of the Porter County Democratic Party, said Beverly Shores Town Council President Geof Benson and Michael Millsap, director of United Steelworkers District 7, who is representing the county's steelworkers, represent the county for Sanders. "I think (Gibson) is mad because of the way the process worked and I understand that," Chidester said, adding he's never been to a national convention and Gibson still has may years ahead of him to accomplish that. "He can be disillusioned but people who didn't make it probably weren't fully aware of how the rules really work."

PORTER COUNTY GOP FAILS TO FILL TWO BALLOT SLOTS: Two Porter County Democrats are unopposed in the November general election after the county's Republican Party failed to slate candidates for those spots (Lavalley, *Post-Tribune*). Porter County Commissioner Laura Blaney, D-South, who is seeking her second term as a commissioner, is unopposed, as is Porter Superior Court Judge Julia Jent, who was first elected to that post in 1996. Both parties had until noon Tuesday to fill empty spots on the ballot for the upcoming election. Only the Republican Party had open candidate slots. "We were not able to slate anyone," said Republican Party Chair Michael Simpson. "We actively looked for a number of people and I met with several people but nobody was bitten by the bug to run for office."

BLIND DELEGATE SEEKS HELP TO ATTEND DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION: An Evansville man plans to attend the Democratic National Convention as a Delegate, but he'll need help getting there (Hagain, *14News*). The Democratic Party selected Rob Kerney to represent Indiana in Philadelphia later this month. Kerney, 49, has been blind since 1991. His mission during the convention is to find ways to make voting easier for the visually impaired. But the trip is out of the reach of his pocketbook. "As a blind person, disability council is very interested in me to see what's being done there," said Kerney. "I'm part of the group that's went and talked to the Election Commission about the inaccessible voting machines, and the inaccessible voting sites. Without people's help, there's probably no way I'm gonna be able to go."



Presidential 2016

PENCE CALLS MEETING WITH TRUMP A 'PRIVILEGE': Gov. Mike Pence called a meeting with presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump a "privilege" this week (Heinz, *WRTV*). The New York real estate mogul posted on Twitter that he was "very impressed" during his meeting with Pence and his family. Nevertheless, Pence has said his sights remain set on Indiana. "Today, as you can see, I'm running for re-election for governor," Pence said. "The greatest privilege of my life is to serve as governor of the state I love, and we'll let the future take care of itself." If given the opportunity to run

alongside Trump – and if Pence accepted – it would be the first scenario of its kind in Indiana. Because state law would prohibit Pence from running both for governor and vice president, the choice of a new Republican candidate for governor would be in the hands of the GOP State Central Committee.

PENCE 'RINGS MOST BELLS' FOR TRUMP: Gov. Mike Pence is widely regarded as the best choice to become Donald Trump's running mate, several Republican strategists told IndyStar, and his recent visit with Trump signals he is willing to join the ticket (*USA Today*). But Pence's future — and the state's gubernatorial race — could depend on whether the presumptive Republican presidential nominee is listening to anyone other than himself. "The Republican Party has a deep bench of qualified vice presidential candidates," said Michael Caputo, a former Trump adviser. "Some of them ring certain bells and others ring other bells. I think Mike Pence rings the most bells of all." Pence, Caputo said, would bring executive experience, a respected congressional record and reassurance to conservatives who may be wary of Trump's positions on several issues. "Trump wants to choose somebody who has experience to get things done in Washington," Caputo said. "Not only was (Pence) in Congress, he was a leader in Congress at a time when Republican leadership of Congress was still highly regarded. So that, plus being CEO of a company called Indiana, that means something to Donald Trump." Yet, Trump also values unpredictability. That's why Susan Del Percio, a Republican strategist in New York, thinks Trump is likely to pass over Pence despite what she regards as the Indiana governor's upsides. "Gov. Pence would be an outstanding VP choice for any Republican candidate," Del Percio said. "I don't believe it's the way Donald Trump is going to go. I think he looks at this more as a casting call — how a VP candidate will look during his speeches — and he wants someone he can send out and who will do what he asks." "From every indication, he's in a real serious race for governor, and he's going to have a tough re-election," said Republican pollster Christine Matthews, president of Bellwether Research and Consulting. "So, if he's up for that, then good for him. If he wants some relief from that, then I could see the appeal of hopping on a Trump ticket."

CLINTON RESPONDS TO COMEY: Tuesday was supposed to be one of the shining moments of Hillary Clinton's campaign, featuring the much-anticipated campaign trail debut of President Barack Obama in North Carolina — a rally intended to put Republicans across the country on notice that Democrats, led by Clinton, were on offense (*Politico*). But Federal Bureau of Investigation Director James Comey muddied those plans with a blockbuster Tuesday morning press conference that announced that he would recommend no charges against Clinton over her private email arrangement to the Department of Justice, while nonetheless taking Clinton to task for her and her staff's "extremely careless" handling of sensitive information. Even if her own address wasn't hacked, he said, "it is possible that hostile actors gained access to Secretary Clinton's email account." Any sigh of relief coming from Clinton's Brooklyn headquarters was a wary one, as the campaign and its allies puzzled through their responses to the mixed-news announcement in the hours before she was scheduled to take off on Air Force One with Obama for their debut joint campaign rally. "We are pleased that the career officials handling this case have determined that no further action by the Department is appropriate," said Clinton spokesman Brian Fallon. "As the Secretary has long said, it was a mistake to use her personal email and she would not do it again. We are glad that this matter is now resolved."

COMEY'S 7 DAMNING LINES ON CLINTON: Here are seven quotes from FBI Director James Comey on Hillary Clinton (*CNN*): **1. "Extremely careless":** "Although we did not find clear evidence that Secretary Clinton or her colleagues intended to violate laws governing the handling of classified

information, there is evidence that they were extremely careless in their handling of very sensitive, highly classified information."

2. "Should have known": "There is evidence to support a conclusion that any reasonable person in Secretary Clinton's position, or in the position of those with whom she was corresponding about those matters, should have known that an unclassified system was no place for that conversation."

3. "Especially concerning": "None of these emails should have been on any kind of unclassified system, but their presence is especially concerning because all of these emails were housed on unclassified personal servers not even supported by full-time security staff, like those found at agencies and departments of the United States government -- or even with a commercial email service like Gmail."

4. "Still obligated to protect it": "Only a very small number of the emails containing classified information bore markings indicating the presence of classified information. But even if information is not marked 'classified' in an email, participants who know or should know that the subject matter is classified are still obligated to protect it."

5. "Generally lacking": While not the focus of our investigation, we also developed evidence that the security culture of the State Department in general, and with respect to use of unclassified email systems in particular, was generally lacking in the kind of care for classified information that is found elsewhere in the government.

6. "Hostile actors": "We do assess that hostile actors gained access to the private commercial email accounts of people with whom Secretary Clinton was in regular contact from her personal account. We also assess that Secretary Clinton's use of a personal email domain was both known by a large number of people and readily apparent."

7. "Sophisticated adversaries": "She also used her personal email extensively while outside the United States, including sending and receiving work-related emails in the territory of sophisticated adversaries. Given that combination of factors, we assess it is possible that hostile actors gained access to Secretary Clinton's personal email account."

TRUMP SAYS CLINTON BRIBED LYNCH: Donald Trump on Tuesday accused Hillary Clinton of trying to "bribe" Attorney General Loretta Lynch by raising the possibility that she might keep Lynch in her position if she's elected president, even as Lynch's department oversees a case examining Clinton's use of a private email server (*Washington Post*). The claim of a potential job offer, apparently based on a news report and erroneously attributed to Clinton herself, marked an extraordinary escalation in Trump's

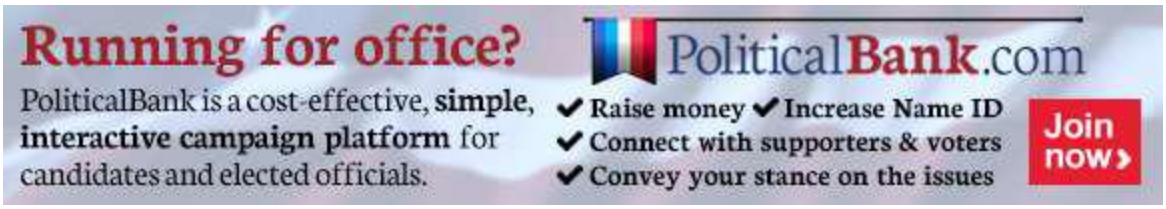
rhetoric against his Democratic rival on the day the FBI director said his agency will not recommend criminal charges against Clinton for using the private server. At a rally here in Raleigh, Trump said that "at least according to what I saw on television, which you can't always believe," Clinton "said today that we may consider the attorney general to go forward. That's like a bribe isn't it? Isn't that sort of a bribe? I think it's a bribe." "It's a bribe!" he growled few moments later .

OBAMA CAMPAIGNS WITH HILLARY: President Barack Obama vigorously vouched for Hillary Clinton's trustworthiness and dedication on Tuesday, making his first outing on the campaign stump for his former secretary of state just hours after his FBI director blasted her handling of classified material (*Associated Press*). Shirt sleeves rolled up in campaign form, Obama declared, "I'm ready to pass the baton." "I'm here today because I believe in Hillary Clinton," he said. "I have had a front-row seat to her judgment and her commitment." The energetic Obama-Clinton appearance in North Carolina was a show of Democratic unity in a state Clinton is hoping to put back in the party's column. But the moment wasn't what her campaign and the White House imagined during the long primary season.

CLINTON TO PROPOSE COLLEGE LOAN HIATUS: Hillary Clinton plans to promise a three-month moratorium on repayment of federal student loans to allow time to refinance or restructure high-interest debt, part of a larger package of education-related proposals intended to appeal to young voters (*Washington Post*). Clinton will propose the hiatus on loan repayment Wednesday, according to preview material obtained by The Washington Post. She plans to campaign in Atlantic City, N.J., to draw attention to her campaign's claims that Republican opponent Donald Trump has cheated workers on his way to business success.

RYAN BLASTS TRUMP OVER TWEET: Donald Trump needs to "clean up" his social media act, House Speaker Paul Ryan said Tuesday. The declaration comes after the latest instance of the presumptive Republican nominee drawing a backlash for one of his tweets, namely the six-pointed star on a field of money next to Hillary Clinton's face and the words, "Most Corrupt Candidate Ever!" (*Politico*). "Look, anti-Semitic images, they've got no place in a presidential campaign. Candidates should know that. The tweet's been deleted. I don't know what flunky put this up there. They've obviously got to fix that," Ryan told WTMJ's Charlie Sykes on his radio show. "We've got to get back to the issues that matter to the public."

TRUMP PRAISES SADDAM HUSSEIN: Republican Donald Trump is again praising former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's ruthlessness, saying he killed terrorists "so good" (*Associated Press*). Trump was speaking at a rally Tuesday in North Carolina when he turned to the former Iraqi leader. "Saddam Hussein was a bad guy, right? … But you know what he did well? He killed terrorists. He did that so good," Trump said. "They didn't read 'em the rights, they didn't talk. They were a terrorist, it was over." Trump has previously said the world would be "100 percent better" if dictators like Hussein and Libya's Moammar Gadhafi were still in power. Prior to the U.S. invasion, Iraq was listed by the State Department as a state sponsor of terrorism. Democrat Hillary Clinton's senior policy adviser Jake Sullivan responded in a statement, "Donald Trump's praise for brutal strongmen seemingly knows no bounds."



Congress

RYAN CRITICAL OF COMEY DECISION ON CLINTON: House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) expressed incredulity Tuesday after FBI Director James Comey announced that the agency would not recommend charges be filed against Hillary Clinton for her handling of emails through a private server while she was secretary of state (*Politico*). "While I respect the law enforcement professionals at the FBI, this announcement defies explanation," Ryan said in a statement. "No one should be above the law." Even as Comey announced that "no reasonable prosecutor" would bring the case against Clinton, Ryan remarked that even "based upon the director's own statement, it appears damage is being done to the rule of law." "Declining to prosecute Secretary Clinton for recklessly mishandling and transmitting national security information will set a terrible precedent," Ryan continued.

COATS SEES FBI ON CLINTON 'HARSH INDICTMENT': U.S. Sen. Dan Coats (R-IN), a member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, issued the following statement regarding the announcement by Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Director James Comey that the agency is not recommending charges against former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton regarding her decision to store and transmit classified information from her personal system (*Howey Politics Indiana*): "While the FBI is not recommending indictment for Secretary Clinton, the agency's investigation is a harsh indictment of her decision-making and judgment while serving in one of the most important positions in the U.S. government. Whether it was gross negligence or blatant disregard, it is undeniable that Secretary Clinton broke federal law and mishandled classified information, putting American lives at risk and endangering our national security. Handling our nation's most important secrets is a high privilege that should never be taken lightly. The FBI confirmed today that Secretary Clinton put her own personal interests above the national security interests of our country. Secretary Clinton is campaigning for the office of president on the basis of her record, but her disregard for the rules and procedures that guide federal officials undermine the claim that her experience makes her best qualified to lead our country."

DONNELLY CONFERENCE CALL TODAY ON MIDEAST TRIP: U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly will hold a conference call this afternoon with Indiana media to discuss his trip to Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Israel (*Howey Politics Indiana*). An email distributed by his office noted that Donnelly traveled with a bipartisan delegation, led by Senator John McCain (R-AZ), as part of his work on the Senate Armed Services Committee on U.S. counterterrorism efforts. Donnelly spent the Fourth of July in Afghanistan with Hoosier servicemembers to thank them for their service. He also met with U.S. military commanders on the ground, including General John Nicholson, about the status of the international military mission in Afghanistan. Donnelly also traveled to Pakistan to meet with the country's civilian and military leadership and assess in-person Pakistan's efforts to combat terrorism along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border. In

Israel, Donnelly met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu about the U.S.-Israel counterterrorism partnership, including ongoing negotiations on a new 10-year military aid package.

BROOKS, BUCSHON, WALORSKI OPIOID CONFERENCE TODAY: Three Hoosier U.S. representatives, all Republicans, are gathering today as part of a conference meeting of the House and Senate to discuss proposals to address heroin and opioid abuse (*Howey Politics Indiana*). A news release stated that Rep. Susan Brooks (IN-05) will join colleagues, including Reps. Larry Bucshon (IN-08) and Jackie Walorski (IN-02) from the House and Senate at the conference meeting. Both the House and Senate passed legislation earlier this year. The committee will work toward an agreement resolving legislative differences between the House and Senate packages to address heroin and opioid abuse. The final agreement must be approved by both the chambers before it reaches the President's desk. Brooks introduced H.R. 4641 with Rep. Joe Kennedy (D-MA). This legislation establishes a task force comprised of people with chronic pain, people in recovery, medical providers, hospitals, state medical boards, pain advocacy groups and federal agencies involved in oversight of pain management and the prescribing of pain medication. Bucshon introduced H.R. 4981, the Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Expansion and Modernization Act, alongside Paul Tonko (D-NY), which amends the Controlled Substances Act to expand access to medication-assisted opioid addiction treatment, ensures patients have access to a wider range of comprehensive, evidence-based treatment options, and minimizes the potential for drug diversion.

FBI 'DECISION DEFIES COMMON SENSE,' MESSER SAYS: U.S. Rep. Luke Messer (R-IN) released the following statement after FBI Director James Comey recommended that former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton not be prosecuted for her "extremely careless" mishandling of classified information: "The FBI's investigation proved that Secretary Clinton recklessly mishandled classified national security information, misled the American public, and displayed a consistent pattern of dishonesty and poor judgment. While I respect the law enforcement professionals at the FBI, this decision defies common sense – no one should be above the law, not even Hillary Clinton," said Congressman Messer. "The American people deserve better."

General Assembly

TOMES, INDOT TO UNVEIL 38TH PARALLEL SIGN: State Sen. Jim Tomes (R-Wadesville) and the Indiana Department of Transportation will on Friday unveil "38th Parallel Veterans of the Korean War Memorial" signage to be placed on Interstate 69, north of Morgan Avenue, in Evansville (*Howey Politics Indiana*). This latitude formed the border between North and South Korea before the Korean War, which began after North Korea crossed the 38th Parallel to invade South Korea. The 38th Parallel North latitude line runs through Evansville where the sign will be placed to commemorate the war.



State

GOVERNOR: PENCE ANNOUNCES 77 JOBS - Two technology companies, Brite Systems and Site Strategics, announced plans today to expand their operations here, together creating up to 77 new high-wage jobs over the next few years and continuing a trend of tech growth in Indiana (*Howey Politics Indiana).*"Indiana has built one of the strongest environments in the nation for job creation, which is supporting today's exciting growth in the tech industry," said Gov. Mike Pence. "Compared to other tech hubs around the country, Indiana provides an affordable, fiscally-predictable and limited-regulation business climate. Innovators, entrepreneurs and job creators like Brite Systems and Site Strategics continue to choose Indiana for growth, helping our state create more than 147,000 new Hoosier jobs in just the last three and half years." Brite Systems, an information technology (IT) services company specializing in consulting and software development, will invest $128,000 to grow its employee base and its office at 101 W. Ohio St. in downtown Indianapolis. Founded in 2006, the minority-owned business works to resolve client issues, which range from small business IT needs to large institutions that operate many software applications. Brite Systems' expansion plans will allow the company to meet the demands of its growing number of clients throughout the nation.

ECONOMY: MAJOR INCREASE IN STATEWIDE BUILDING PERMITS - The Indiana Builders Association says single-family building permits throughout the state saw a major increase in May (Brown, *Inside Indiana Business*). Data from the U.S. Census Bureau and the Department of Housing and Urban Development says 1,426 permits were issued in May, up 20 percent compared to the same month last year. The number of permits for May 2016 were also up 5 percent compared to April. The IBA says the number of permits for the first five months of 2016 are up 16 percent compared to the first five months of 2015. "The improved housing market is encouraging and we look forward to continued growth in housing production in the second half of 2016," said Rick Wajda, chief executive officer of the IBA. The IBA says the National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index saw a two-point increase to 60 in June, which is the highest number since January. Anything over 50 means more builders view conditions as good rather than poor.

ECONOMY: GREAT LAKES STEEL UP 3.2% LAST WEEK - Raw steel production in the Great Lakes region shot up to 693,000 tons last week, a 3.2 percent increase compared to 671,000 tons the week before (Pete,*NWI Times*). Nationally, steel output so far this year continues to trail the anemic 2015 pace by about 260,000 tons. In 2015, steel production in the United States declined by 10.5 percent from the year before to 78.9 million tons, according to the World Steel Association. Overall U.S. steel output fell by 1.1 percent last week, according to an American Iron and Steel Institute estimate. Total U.S. raw steel production last week was about 1.737 million tons, down from 1.757 million tons a week earlier. Most of

the raw steel production in the Great Lakes region takes place in the Chicago area, mainly Lake and Porter counties in the Calumet Region.

DEVELOPMENT: STATE RECRUITS IN U.K. AFTER BREXIT VOTE - "Brexit or not, you'll always be front of queue for business in Indiana," reads an ad to be shown in Hampshire, England (Pitrelli, *Statehouse File*). The state will show the ad to an Indiana delegation attending the 2016 International Farnborough Air Show. International job creators play an important role in Indiana's economy, with nearly 800 foreign owned establishments operating here today, including more than 50 U.K.-based businesses," said Victor Smith, Indiana Secretary of Commerce in a statement. Britain's vote to leave the European Union impacted global markets and caused the British pound to fall to its lowest level in decades. The decision is expected to impact investment and long-term business commitments to the U.K. This is the third consecutive year an Indiana delegation has attended the air show.

EDUCATION: INDIANA COLLEGES RANK HIGH IN MIDWEST - On the eve of the release of Forbes annual America's Top Colleges for 2016, the publication announced its rankings of the Best in the Midwest, and Indiana is well represented (McGowan*, Inside Indiana Business*). The top 10 in the country are: Stanford University, Williams College, Princeton University, Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Yale University, Pomona College, Brown University, Wesleyan University and Swarthmore College. The University of Notre Dame rates highest in Indiana, the Midwest and 13th in the nation. Schools from Indiana ranked as follows in the Midwest: 1. University of Notre Dame; 15. DePauw University; 19. Indiana University, Bloomington; 21. Purdue University, West Lafayette; and, 23. Earlham College.

COURTS: STATE SUPREME COURT TO HEAR ESPN VS. NOTRE DAME - The Indiana Supreme Court will hear arguments in a case over whether private university police departments must comply with public records laws (Brosher*, Indiana Public Media*). ESPN sued the University of Notre Dame over the issue last year. The lawsuit came after the University of Notre Dame Security Police refused to hand over records for an ESPN report examining how campus police interact with student athletes. ESPN took the university to court, arguing that although it's a private institution, Notre Dame's police department is a public entity authorized by the state. The Indiana Court of Appeals ruled in favor of ESPN in March. Notre Dame appealed that decision. The university argues its police department doesn't meet the definition of a public agency.

COURTS: NEW JUDGE IN IBM CASE - A new judge must oversee the state of Indiana's long-running fight with IBM Corp. over the company's failed effort to privatize state welfare services, Indiana's highest court ruled Tuesday (Callahan, *Associated Press*). In its order, the state Supreme Court said Indiana is entitled to a change of judge and added that its opinion "is final and effective immediately." Indiana and IBM sued each other in 2010 after then-Gov. Mitch Daniels cancelled IBM's $1.3 billion contract to automate much of Indiana's welfare system. That contact was pulled in late 2009, less than three years into the 10-year deal, following complaints from welfare clients and others about long wait times, lost documents and improper rejections. In March, the state Supreme Court ruled that IBM had breached its contract. That ruling upheld a February 2014 state Court of Appeals finding that reversed a Marion County judge's ruling that Indiana had failed to prove IBM breached its contract.

AGRICULTURE: LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS FRET OVER PROPOSED FED REGS - Indiana livestock producers and lobbying groups are objecting to a possible higher standard for animal treatment on organic farms (Ropeik, *Indiana Public Media*). Some worry the proposed federal regulations could be a gateway to higher costs for all farmers - organic or not. The proposed changes aim to make sure certified organic cows, chickens, pigs and other animals are raised and killed more humanely. The rules focus in part on how much space animals have to do their normal behaviors. For chickens, that means access to open dirt, and room to perch. Bob White, at the Indiana Farm Bureau, says food processing companies wouldn't be the ones paying to renovate farmers' chicken houses if the rules changed: "It's gonna be you, the producer, that has to implement it — you, the producer, that has to bear the cost," says White, who oversees retail agriculture for the Farm Bureau. The USDA estimates a $3 to $6 million a year cost for organic broiler chicken farmers - like in Northeast Indiana - to comply with the proposed changes.

AGRICULTURE: CHEAPER TO SAVE ASH TREES THAN REPLACE - Cities and towns with "urban forests" such as parks and streets lined with trees could spend less money by taking steps to save emerald ash borer-infested trees early rather than wait until they can only replace them, Purdue University researchers concluded in a study (*Indiana AgriNews*). A five-member team co-led by Cliff Sadof, professor of entomology, and Matt Ginzel, associate professor in the Department of Entomology and Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, developed a model to help foresters predict the progression of ash decline over time. This model helps them use early reports of damaged trees to alert the community to the imminent threat posed by the borer. The percentage of damaged ash trees in a city typically doubles every year. "Damaged trees are often not noticed until they have lost 30 percent of their canopy. Unfortunately, by then it's usually too late to save them from EAB," Sadof said.

MILITARY: SHAW TAKES COMMAND AT GRISSOM - The 434th Air Refueling Wing at Grissom Air Reserve Base has a new commander (Brown, *Inside Indiana Business*). Col. Larry Shaw, who succeeds the recently-retired Col. Doug Schwartz, will take command during a formal change of command ceremony on Saturday. Shaw is a command pilot who completed his pilot training at Grissom in 1997. He has held several positions at Grissom including assistant chief pilot, chief of tactics, chief of mission development and operations officer. Shaw has most recently served as deputy director of air, space and information operations at Robins Air Force Base in Georgia. A Grissom spokesperson says he has been deployed to serve in support of Operations joint Endeavor, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and more. Col. Schwartz had commanded the unit since 2014 and retired after 35 years of service.

POLICE: 100 TICKETED IN FIRST YEAR OF 'SLOWPOKE' LAW - State police say troopers issued more than 100 tickets to drivers in the year since a law took effect requiring drivers to move over from the left lanes of highways in favor of faster vehicles (*Associated Press*). The law allows police to issue tickets to left-lane drivers who don't budge when they should reasonably know another vehicle is overtaking them. State police report troopers wrote at least 1,535 warnings and 109 tickets under the law since last July. State police Capt. David Bursten said the intent isn't to penalize drivers for not yielding to others going 95 mph, but to discourage inconsiderate drivers who think they own the left lane and help avoid traffic backups. The mandate does not apply during traffic congestion or bad weather.

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ILLINOIS: EMANUEL SAYS 'I TOLD YOU SO' ON TAX HIKE - In short order, Chicago taxpayers have been asked to pony up an additional $838 million in property taxes and those bills are now hitting mailboxes (*Chicago Sun-Times*). When asked if he had any words of consolation for taxpayers being hit with sticker shock, Mayor Rahm Emanuel's response was basically, "I told you so. I was clear that the period of time in which we put our politics ahead of our responsibility had ended," Emanuel said. "That we were gonna do the tough things necessary to put our fiscal house in order."

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CITIES: SHERIDAN PARADE FLOAT HAD OBAMA ON TOILET - Don Christy doesn't care what you think about his parade float. To him, the words "Lying African" in front of a depiction of President Barack Obama was funny (Ryckaert, I*ndyStar*). Many, however, are questioning the city officials, police and organizers who allowed the 73-year-old Christy to drive the display in Monday's Fourth of July parade in Sheridan, a rural community of 2,900 in northern Hamilton County near Indianapolis. "I'm not a Democrat. I'm not a Republican," Christy told IndyStar. "I'm a patriot." Christy wore a prison jumpsuit and a blonde wig while driving a golf cart through the parade. The cart's roof displayed signs in support of Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump. On the front was the head of a stuffed animal with a sign reading "African Lion." On the back, a doll with an Obama mask was propped in a toilet with a sign reading "Lying African." Christy said he tries to do something funny and outrageous in the parade every year. Last year, he dressed as a gay person, he said. "Me and a guy got married (during the parade)," Christie said. "It was funny."

CITIES: $11M RICHMOND PROJECT TO RESTORE HISTORIC BUILDING - Indianapolis-based Flaherty & Collins Properties says a major project in downtown Richmond will not only provide affordable housing for seniors but will also restore a historic building (Brown, *Inside Indiana Business*). The nearly $11 million Music City Place will provide 50 apartment homes in the city's former YMCA building. Richmond Mayor Dave Snow says the development has been a "top priority and a critical project" for the city. He says Music City Place will be a game changer for the rejuvenation of downtown Richmond, especially with the revitalization of the YMCA building, which he calls a "barricaded eye sore." Flaherty & Collins and Western Wayne Affordable Housing will serve as co-developers, while Flaherty & Collins will continue as property manager when the project is completed. The project is being funded by Alliant

Capital and the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority. Flaherty & Collins says the entire project will take 15 months to complete.

CITIES: CUMMINS HELPS COLUMBUS POLICE SPEED UP HIRING - The Columbus Police Department has unveiled a streamlined version of its officer-hiring process that department officials say has reduced the amount of time it takes to hire a new officer by as much as two to three months (Convington, *Columbus Republic*). Police Chief Jon Rohde presented a change order to the Columbus Board of Works that outlined the new hiring process, which he said has eliminated 60 to 94 days from the time it takes to select and swear in a new officer. The announcement came after Rohde and Columbus Mayor Jim Lienhoop swore in a new officer, Marcus Clark, only 11 days after another officer retired. Rohde said the change in the department's hiring process came after he reached out to Cummins Inc. employees last fall and asked them to conduct a Six Sigma study into how long it took the department to fill open positions. The results of the study found that the most time-consuming portion of CPD's personnel process was down time in between the different phases of the hiring process, such as written tests, physical tests, interviews, background checks, polygraph tests, medical tests and board hearings.

CITIES: PROGRAM HELPS HOMELESS IN LAFAYETTE - The Shelter Plus Care program is helping the chronically homeless get off the streets and into housing, and so far it has helped 70 homeless people in the last eight years (Moberger, *WLFI-TV*). Lafayette's city leaders approved another year of the state funded program that hopes to help 20 more people. Adam Murphy is in charge of the city's Homeless and Community Services, and he said the program's success in Lafayette is getting the state's attention. "We're actually getting to the point in Lafayette where it's going to be difficult to be chronically homeless," said Murphy. All thanks to the Shelter Plus Care program. "It literally takes people off the street and into housing, so that we can help them work through their issues," said Murphy. He said the program takes the 20 most vulnerable or "chronically homeless" people, giving them housing and mental health resources. Up to this point there has been a 76 percent success rate. Murphy said 24 percent either dropped out of the program, were arrested or voluntarily left.

CITIES: LOGANSPORT ADDS DEPUTY MAYOR - Logansport officials say reinstating an executive position better legally protects the city while one opposes because he feels current circumstances make for a possible conflict of interest (*Logansport Pharos-Tribune*). City council voted to reinstate the office of deputy mayor Monday night, July 5. Mercedes Brugh has been working under the title since January after Mayor Dave Kitchell appointed her late last year before taking office. The position's duties had been carried out by a city community development director since 2010. The ordinance the council passed cites state law allowing for a deputy mayor "to exercise the duties and responsibilities of the Mayor in the Mayor's absence."

CITIES: CHICKEN OWNERS UPSET OVER PROPOSED BAN IN COLUMBUS - The Columbus City Council voted Tuesday night to table a controversial ban on backyard animals until October (Williams, *WRTV*). A number of animals are included in the ban, including chickens, causing some to cry "fowl" at the city council. Over the last few years it's been a fast-growing trend: Keeping chickens in your backyard, even if you live in a neighborhood. But members of the Columbus city council - including Councilor Frank Miller - say chickens and other farm animals do not belong within city limits. Miller says

they can be loud, they give off a smell and he has concerns over disease. He says the vote to move farm animals outside city limits is one that many people - including neighbors of chicken owners - support.

CITIES: BEECH GROVE POLICE DITCH FB PAGE AFTER LAWSUIT - After getting sued by the ACLU, the Beech Grove Police Department is taking down its Facebook page (MacAnally, *WTHR-TV*). The police and city Facebook page will go blank by noon Wednesday, after a lawsuit filed last week by the ACLU on behalf of two Beech Grove women who claimed the sites violated their First Amendment rights. The women say the city removed their social media comments, then blocked them. A city attorney says it happened when people posted comments not related to crime. In some cases, the comments were seen as inflammatory and not true. "We find there are some fascinating constitutional issues we could litigate in this case, but can't justify the cost to the taxpayers, so we're going to try to get this resolved," said Beech Grove City Attorney Craig Wiley.

CITIES: BLOOMINGTON POLICE ESTABLISH LGBTQ LIAISON - The Bloomington Police Department hopes to build on its positive relationship with the LGBTQ community through a new liaison program (Costello,*Indiana Public Media*). Detective Sergeant Dana Cole and Sergeant David Alley will be resources for members of the LGBTQ community who may feel uncomfortable reaching out to the department. Members of the community can instead contact Cole and Alley directly. The officers are planning to get the word out with a booth at the upcoming Bloomington Pride festival, and are looking into hosting an LGBT self-defense seminar. "We've never felt here like we were terribly out of touch, we've never felt like we've seen a tremendous amount of problems, but we'd be naive to assume there aren't any problems," says Capt. Steven Kellams, "And also what we want to do is develop this kind of program and relationship with the community so that in the future we can get in front of any problems which might come up."

CITIES: CHARLESTOWN APPROVES NEW REVENUE STREAM - Charlestown residents could see an increase in their property tax bill next year after the city council voted to create a capital investment fund (DePompei*, News 7 Tribune*). The resolution, which passed 4-1, allows the city to levy a tax at a rate not to exceed 5 cents for every $100 of assessed property value. The money collected would go into a Cumulative Capital Improvement Fund, or CCDF. Mayor Bob Hall said the tax rate will be decided during budget sessions for 2017. If levied at its cap, the city could collect somewhere between $85,000 and $95,000 in revenue. "It can and will be used for the developments that we're looking at doing … in downtown, in the downtown revitalization project," Hall said.

CITIES: HOPE SEEKS GRANT FOR FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER - The town of Hope is looking for a grant to hire another police officer, bringing the town's police force up to four (*WCSI*). Marshal Matt Tallent explains that the grant from Police One would allow the town to have 24-hour a day coverage from town police: The grant would cover the officer's salary for three years, and the town would have to agree to pay the officer for at least one year after that. The town also applied last year but was not approved, Tallent said.

COUNTIES: FLOYD, CLARK TRAIL MAY HOUSING GROWTH - The number of permits for new homes in Indiana jumped in May, but Floyd and Clark counties have not been a part of the monthly trend (Hu, *Louisville Courier-Journal*). Indiana's year-to-year count of building permits increased 20 percent in May, signaling growth in the state's housing market, according to a news release from the Indiana Builders Association. And the state trend was up five percent over the previous month. Floyd County had the same number of single-family building permits - six - this May and last May. Clark County's planning and zoning office issued 13 home building permits this May compared to 19 for the month last year. However, Floyd County issued 14 single-family building permits in April. Clark County also gave out 14 in April.

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PENCE'S UNPRECEDENTED BRINKSMANSHIP WITH TRUMP: Gov. Mike Pence is now involved in an unprecedented and epic game of political brinksmanship as he flirts with a vice presidential nomination on the Republican presidential ticket with Donald Trump. It has prompted his Democratic opponent John Gregg to accuse him of preparing to "bail out" of the race (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "What I could tell you this was a very enjoyable personal time between two families and we got to know each other a lot better, and nothing was offered, nothing was accepted," Pence told reporters on Sunday at Connor Prairie in Fishers. "I love my job and I love my country, but I'm not gonna get into hypotheticals," Pence said when pressed whether he was accept a veep nomination. Pence praised Trump, saying that he would "provide the kind of leadership that will strengthen our nation, restore our prosperity, and provide the kind of appointments to the Supreme Court that we'll be pleased to support." Trump tweeted on Monday, "Spent time with Indiana Governor Mike Pence and family yesterday. Very impressed, great people!" A number of informed and reliable Republican sources tell Howey Politics Indiana they believe that while Pence hasn't secured the nomination, he is under very serious consideration. "I honestly think that Pence has a good shot," said Rex Early, Trump's Indiana campaign chairman. Early remembered GOP political operative Stuart Stevens a former Keith Bulen ally, as saying "Rule No. 1, never get a lieutenant governor or vice president who gets more press than the nominee. That takes Gingrich and Christie out of the picture." Early added that Trump may be interested in the fact that Pence endorsed and voted for Ted Cruz in the Indiana primary. "There's still the feeling that Trump is not conservative enough. I think Pence brings back the Cruz people." If Pence doesn't ascend to the national ticket, he stands to damage his already precarious reelection bid, with recent polls showing his reelect at an ominous 36% while his job performance and head to head numbers are below 50%.

TRUMP 'IMPRESSED' WITH PENCE: "Spent time with Indiana Governor Mike Pence and family yesterday. Very impressed, great people!" - Presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, tweeting about his Saturday visit with Gov. Mike Pence and First Lady Karen Pence in New Jersey (*Howey Politics Indiana*). No vice presidential nomination was offered, but Trump is speaking in Cincinnati on Wednesday and will have a fundraiser in Indianapolis on July 12. Pence reelection campaign spokesman Marc Lotter told HPI the meeting was "warm and productive." In order for Pence to be replaced on the gubernatorial ticket, an Indiana Republican Central Committee caucus notice would have to occur this week to choose a replacement. Pence is being vetted along with Newt Gingrich, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions. The Trump family appears to be leaning toward Pence.

TRUMP VEEPSTAKES IN FINAL STRETCH: Donald Trump's vice presidential search will culminate in picking a winner among a clash of styles after winnowing down his list of potential Republican running

mates (Bradner, *CNN*). Does Trump want to double the bombast by picking a brash straight-talker who mirrors his own style, like New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie or former House Speaker Newt Gingrich? Does he prefer someone whose Washington experience and message discipline would counter his freelancing, like Indiana Gov. Mike Pence? Or does he want to elevate a rising star, like Iowa Sen. Joni Ernst or Arkansas Sen. Tom Cotton? Just two weeks from the Republican National Convention, Trump's vice presidential search -- and speculation about who he'll pick -- is at a fever pitch. Trump met in person over the holiday weekend with Pence and Ernst, and kicked up speculation when he praised Ernst and Cotton on Twitter. And on Wednesday another oft-mentioned potential running mate, Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee, will campaign with Trump in North Carolina. But Trump's campaign has been quiet about who he'll pick -- and when he'll make an announcement. His former campaign manager, Corey Lewandowski, who is now a CNN political contributor, told CNN's Brianna Keilar Sunday on "State of the Union" that the key to Trump's selection will be his comfort level. "It's really going to come down to the personal relationship that he and Mr. Trump could have to find out if they could work well together," said Lewandowski, who was fired last month. He emphasized the importance of Trump tapping a politician with ties to Washington, who could help advance his legislative agenda in Congress. "Having someone who has those relationships in Washington is going to be a critical component of his presidency," he said. Pence and his wife Karen met with Trump at his New Jersey golf club on Saturday. The huddle came as a source told CNN some in Trump's inner circle are pushing for Pence. Michael Caputo, a former adviser to Trump's campaign, echoed that sentiment in an interview with CNN's John Berman on Monday. "I am a Mike Pence guy," Caputo said. "First of all, he puts away some of the problems we have with the conservatives in the party who fear that Donald Trump is too moderate on certain policy issues."

GREGG SAYS PENCE SEEKING TO `BAIL OUT' OF GOV RACE: Democratic gubernatorial nominee John Gregg greeted parade-goers in Lawrence on the Fourth of July, but first, he accused Pence of interviewing for one job while he's campaigning for another (Shella, *WISH-TV*). "I find it a little, I find it more than a little appalling," he said. "I mean, he's telling everybody he wants to be governor. Now he's trying to bail out." Pence knows that he is running a risk.. "My focus is Indiana," he said. "I'm here today running for re-election as governor of the state of Indiana."

BOSMA WILL RUN IF PENCE VACATES; HOLCOMB COMMENTS: Indiana House Speaker Brian Bosma calls the current veepstakes involving Gov. Mike Pence, speculative, but told *Howey Politics Indiana* he will run if there's a vacancy. "It's still pretty speculative at this point, but if he is picked, I will seek to be our party's candidate," Bosma said on Monday. "I have received a number of calls this weekend encouraging me to do so." Bosma and Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb are expected to emerge as the leading contenders to replace Pence if the 18-member Indiana Republican Central Committee caucuses on July 14 to select a replacement. U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita is also making calls about a potential bid. Bosma told HPI earlier this year that he is preparing to run for governor in 2020. Holcomb told HPI Monday night, "I'm focused on my full time job and supporting the governor by keeping the state moving forward. If anything changes, we'll but in touch, which is exactly what I've told everyone who reaches out to me." Other Republicans exploring a potential gubernatorial bid include Republican Chairman Jeff Cardwell, U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita and State Sen. Jim Merritt.

FBI INTERVIEWS CLINTON FOR MORE THAN 3 HOURS: The F.B.I. interviewed Hillary Clinton on Saturday morning for its investigation into whether she or her aides broke the law by corresponding through a private email server set up for her use as secretary of state, a controversy that has dogged her presidential campaign and provided fodder for her political rivals (*New York Times*). The voluntary

interview, which took place over three and a half hours at the F.B.I. headquarters in Washington, largely focused on the Justice Department's central question: Did the actions of Mrs. Clinton or her staff rise to the level of criminal mishandling of classified information? It could take weeks or longer to reach a decision, but news that Mrs. Clinton, the Democratic Party's presumptive nominee, had been questioned in the J. Edgar Hoover Building three weeks before her party's convention quickly reverberated. The Republican National Committee called the step "unprecedented," while Mrs. Clinton's expected opponent in the race for the White House, Donald J. Trump, wasted little time before weighing in. "It is impossible for the FBI not to recommend criminal charges against Hillary Clinton," Mr. Trump wrote on Twitter on Saturday. "What she did was wrong!" The interview had been weeks in the making as law enforcement officials and Mrs. Clinton's team coordinated schedules. Democrats also hoped that holding the interview on a holiday weekend might ease the anticipated storm. In a telephone interview with Chuck Todd on MSNBC after her meeting, Mrs. Clinton said, "I've been eager to do it, and I was pleased to have the opportunity to assist the department in bringing its review to a conclusion."

NEXT 2 WEEKS CRITICAL FOR HILLARY: The FBI interviewed Hillary Clinton for three hours Saturday, the presumed final step of its investigation into whether the former secretary of state or any of her top aides exposed government secrets because of her decision to exclusively use a private email server while serving as the nation's top diplomat (Cillizza, *Washington Post*). Assuming that the long-awaited Clinton interview does indeed signal the imminent end of the investigation, the timing could get very interesting, very quickly. The Democratic Party's national convention opens in Philadelphia on July 25 — 23 days from today. Until Clinton is formally nominated by the convention delegates, she is only the presumptive nominee. And depending on when the FBI decides to announce its finding, it could badly complicate Clinton's attempts to build momentum going into and coming out of the convention. There has long been an assumption in political circles that the FBI would need to interview Clinton and make public the findings of their investigation before the convention. The reason? If Clinton was indicted for her role in creating and maintaining her private email server, she would almost certainly be forced to leave the race. Nominating someone still under an FBI investigation seemed like a massive risk. Assuming that logic is right, then the next two weeks will be critical for the presidential race. The FBI won't announce anything Sunday or July 4. Which means the agency will have between July 5 and July 25 to make public its decision on the case. That's not a long time. All of this is moot if the FBI finds that Clinton did nothing criminal in the email controversy. Republicans will still push it as an issue, but for most of the country it will be considered a settled matter.

INDIANA ABORTIONS DECLINE: Federal courts have rejected Indiana's attempts in recent years to prohibit entities that perform abortions from obtaining state funding, and to end the distribution of abortion pills at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Lafayette by requiring it to meet the same standards as surgical abortion clinics (Davies, *Associated Press*). But the number of abortions performed in Indiana has dropped from 10,031 in 2010 to 8,118 during 2014, according to the most recent reports from the state Health Department. Abortion opponents attribute that decline, in part, to laws adopted in recent years requiring that pregnant women be given an opportunity to view an ultrasound image and hear the fetal heartbeat before an abortion. Abortions in the state are now only available at six clinics in Indianapolis, Merrillville, Bloomington and Lafayette since a doctor stopped performing abortions at clinics he operated in Fort Wayne, South Bend and Gary in the past couple years.

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: Gov. Mike Pence is an ambitious politician who has long had his eyes on the White House. He now appears to be the favorite candidate to join the ticket with Donald Trump. This

could be the career opportunity of a lifetime and if offered in a time frame that would allow the Indiana Republican Central Committee to select a replacement, the Governor should seize it. The next two days could add yet another epic twist to what has already been an unpredictable election cycle*. - Brian A. Howey*



Campaigns

LIBERTARIANS SECURE FULL SLATE IN CLARK COUNTY: The Libertarian Party of Clark County has secured a full slate of county-level candidates for the first time in the party's 15-year history, according to a news release (Rickert, *News & Tribune*). "I'm ecstatic," Clark County Libertarian Party Chair Kelley Curran said in the release. "The strong party foundation laid in Clark County was ready and waiting as dissatisfaction with the two older parties grew. This year, that dissatisfaction and our party have blossomed." Curran, Greg Hertzsch and first-time candidate Curt Nicholson are running for the three at-large seats on the Clark County Council. They will face Democratic incumbent candidates Kevin Vissing and Joe Hubbard, as well as former council member Perry Smith. Hertzsch ran for Clarksville Town Council in the fall. On the Republican side, Clark County Coroner Terry Conway, Mike Popplewell, Jr. and Doug Reiter are vying for the three seats. Current Republican Clark County Council member Kelly Khuri announced several months ago her candidacy to run as Clark County Coroner in fall on the Libertarian ticket. Khuri lost re-election in the May primary for her council seat and said in a May interview that she had been dissatisfied with her party and felt the Libertarian Party better matched her political values. She will face Edwin Coots in fall. Also on the Libertarian ticket are Thomas Keister, for District 71 State Representative and Russell Brooksbank for 9th District.

Presidential 2016

NYT CRITIQUES PENCE, OTHER CONTENDERS: The New York Times critiqued the potential Trump vice presidential nominees: **Gov. Mike Pence of Indiana:** Why Trump would choose him: Mr. Pence, the popular governor of a Rust Belt swing state — President Obama narrowly won Indiana in 2008; Mitt Romney, the Republican candidate, won it 2012 — is a favorite among social conservatives, and could help reassure a Republican base still skeptical about Mr. Trump's credentials. Mr. Pence has twice toyed with a presidential run, and is locked in a close re-election fight with John Gregg, a Democrat and former speaker of Indiana's House of Representatives, making a place on Mr. Trump's ticket potentially more appealing. Possible downside: Mr. Trump talks of expanding the electoral map and attracting a broad

coalition to beat Mrs. Clinton, including some disaffected Democrats, link those who originally supported Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont. But Mr. Pence's socially conservative stances, especially on gay rights, could turn off some of those voters. He also endorsed Senator Ted Cruz of Texas in the Republican primary, but failed to deliver his home state.

Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey: Why Mr. Trump would choose him: After dropping out of the Republican primary contest, Mr. Christie was one of Mr. Trump's earliest endorsers — the sort of loyalty that goes far in his world. Mr. Christie has since emerged as a key figure behind the scenes, including running Mr. Trump's transition team. Mr. Trump has said he would like to choose someone with government experience, and Mr. Christie's leadership of a traditionally Democratic state, where he has pushed legislation through the New Jersey State House, could help in working with a deeply divided Congress. Mr. Christie himself is also brash enough to handle the outsize personality at the top of the ticket. Possible downside: Mr. Christie is still dealing with fallout from the George Washington Bridge lane-closing scandal. Mr. Trump has also seemed dismissive of Mr. Christie at times on the campaign trail, once ordering him back to the plane after the governor had finished introducing the Manhattan businessman. And Jared Kushner, Mr. Trump's son-in-law, who wields an increasingly influential role behind the scenes on the campaign team, has a fraught relationship with Mr. Christie, who as a prosecutor helped send his father to jail.

Newt Gingrich, former House speaker: Why Mr. Trump would choose him: A former speaker of the House and Republican congressman from Georgia for two decades, Mr. Gingrich brings the governing experience and Washington know-how that Mr. Trump says he wants in a running mate. Mr. Gingrich also seems eager for the job, and has the intellectual bona fides and dynamic personality to handle someone like Mr. Trump as his running mate. Possible downside: Mr. Gingrich was perhaps the most public face of partisan warfare with the Clintons during the 1990s, and was ultimately forced to resign his speakership after an ethics violation and poor showing from Republicans in the 1998 midterm elections. He is also a thrice-married convert to Catholicism.

Senator Joni Ernst of Iowa: Why Mr. Trump would choose her: A Harley-riding mom from a socially conservative state, Ms. Ernst electrified the Republican establishment with her election to the Senate in 2014, and quickly emerged as one of the party's rising stars and fresh faces. During her Senate bid, she garnered attention with an ad about pig castration and her promise to make the politicians in Washington "squeal" — an outsider ethos that matches that of Mr. Trump. She is an Iraq war veteran and retired National Guard lieutenant colonel, which could bring military and foreign policy experience — two areas in which Mr. Trump is lacking. And as a woman, she could help him shore up his standing with female voters among whom Mr. Trump trails far behind Hillary Clinton in polls. Possible downside: Elected to the Senate just two years ago, Ms. Ernst lacks a deep breadth of national governing experience. She was a disciplined if carefully managed candidate during her Senate bid, and it is unclear if she can withstand not just the media scrutiny of being the vice presidential pick, but also the general chaos of the Trump

TRUMP'S 'STAR OF DAVID' TWEET: After several days spent parsing the meeting between Bill Clinton and Attorney General Loretta Lynch on the tarmac in Phoenix, news that Hillary Clinton had at last been interviewed by the FBI over the issue of the email server she used at the State Department should have given Donald Trump a welcome break from the spotlight (Bump, *Washington Post*). And then Trump

tweeted. On Saturday morning, Trump's presidential campaign posted a detail from a recent Fox News poll on the social media network. The survey showed that a majority of Americans -- 58 percent -- thought use of the word "corrupt" to describe the presumptive Democratic nominee was accurate. This, Trump figured, made Clinton the "most corrupt candidate ever," as the tweet suggested. (For what it's worth: 45 percent of Americans thought the word applied to Trump.) So that was the tweet, which included a picture of Clinton and, to her right, a six-pointed star with the words "Most Corrupt Candidate Ever!" superimposed over a backdrop of a pile of money. It didn't take long before people on Twitter noticed that the tweet might be interpreted as anti-Semitic. Trump tweeted the message again, this time replacing the star with a circle to highlight his new title for Clinton. But the damage had been done.

CLINTON UP 5% IN USATODAY POLL: Democrat Hillary Clinton now leads Donald Trump by five percentage points, 45.6% to 40.4% (Rounding would make the lead six points.) That's closer than two months ago, when she led in the *USA TODAY* survey by double digits, 50%-39%. Since the poll last spring, both candidates have consolidated their claims to their parties' nominations but neither has seen a significant bump in his or her standing. Indeed, Clinton's support has dropped by almost five points.

TRUMP TO INTERVIEW ERNST: Donald J. Trump said on Twitter on Monday that he would meet in New Jersey with Senator Joni Ernst, Republican of Iowa, as he screens potential running mates in a series of meetings (*New York Times*). One person briefed on the process, who was not authorized to speak publicly, said that the campaign began vetting Ms. Ernst in recent days as a possible vice-presidential pick. Jason Miller, a senior communications adviser for Mr. Trump, declined to comment. A spokesman for Ms. Ernst could not be reached, but in a statement on Monday, Ms. Ernst confirmed that she had met with Mr. Trump. Ms. Ernst is a retired National Guard lieutenant colonel and a veteran of the Iraq war.

TRUMP DENIES BEING ANTI-SEMATIC: Hillary Clinton's campaign bashed Donald Trump on Monday for his "use of anti-Semitic imagery" in a weekend tweet, adding that the presumptive Republican nominee has showed a pattern that "should give voters major cause for concern" (*Politico*). The tweet – which has since been deleted – featured a picture of Clinton on a backdrop of money next to a six-sided star that read "Most Corrupt Candidate Ever!" It drew widespread backlash almost immediately, as the shape resembles the Jewish Star of David. "Donald Trump's use of a blatantly anti-Semitic image from racist websites to promote his campaign would be disturbing enough, but the fact that it's a part of a pattern should give voters major cause for concern," said Sarah Bard, Clinton's director of Jewish outreach, in a statement. "Now, not only won't he apologize for it, he's peddling lies and blaming others." Trump himself denied the tweet having any anti-Semitic connotations, blaming the media for portraying a "sheriff's star" as anything other than that.

BOOKER BEING VETTED: As speculation over Hillary Clinton's running mate intensifies, New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker this weekend went from flatly denying he's under consideration to referring questions about vetting to the Clinton campaign (*CBS News)*. "I'm just referring questions about the vice presidency to the woman who is going to have to make this decision," he said on CNN Sunday. "You should talk to the Clinton campaign. What I do know is that on the Democratic side, there are many fabulous candidates--people that could be really strong vice presidential candidates." CNN's Brianna Keilar tried to get him to elaborate, saying: "That is not a no, sir. That is not a no." "That is exactly what it is,"

Booker responded. "It's telling you if you have a question like that, please direct it to the Clinton campaign."

CLINTON, TRUMP HAVE DIFFERENT VEEP CRITERIA: Donald Trump wants a running mate who has what he lacks — political experience. Hillary Clinton is putting a premium on diversity as she searches for a No. 2 (*Associated Press*). Yet the presidential rivals are running strikingly similar processes for tapping their vice presidential picks: relying on prominent Washington lawyers to comb through the background of top contenders, seeking guidance from a small circle of trusted advisers and family members, and weighing their personal chemistry with prospects. Trump, a wealthy businessman who has never held public office, is mulling a small number of political veterans. He's seriously considering former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions and Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, according to people with direct knowledge of the vetting process. "We're vetting a lot of good people and we have a lot of interest in people that want to leave high positions and do this," Trump said Thursday. The presumptive Republican nominee appears less concerned about diversity. His campaign chairman has said publicly that Trump is not interested in choosing a woman or minority for the sake of appealing to a particular segment of the electorate. The confirmed contenders are all white men over age 50. Clinton has said she wants a running mate who is well-prepared to become president. But Democrats say she's also giving priority to diversity and has been weighing women, Hispanic and black candidates — a nod to the voting blocs Democrats need to win in presidential elections. Top contenders for the Democratic ticket include Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, one of Washington's most prominent female lawmakers; Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julian Castro, a telegenic 41-year-old Hispanic politician; and Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine. New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker, one of two black senators, was also being considered, though it's unclear whether he is still in the running.

GINGRICH CALLS VEEP SPECULATION 'WILD': Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich on Saturday downplayed talk that he could be tapped as Donald Trump's running mate, calling it "wild speculation" (*CNN)*. "None of you should bet on all this. It's wild speculation. I suspect if it did come to anything, we'd have to have a very, very long talk," said Gingrich, who was referring to his wife, Callista. "And then, depending on that talk, of course then I'd have to sit down with Donald and have another long talk." He also offered his take on what he called the "Trumpian phenomenon." "When you look at great populist leaders -- and I always tell people to understand Trump, assume that he is one-part Andrew Jackson as a disruptor, one part Theodore Roosevelt with manic energy, and one part P.T. Barnum with constant selling. That blend of those three explains the Trumpian phenomenon," Gingrich said.

CLINTON BRINGS IN $70M IN JUNE: Hillary Clinton's campaign reported Friday that it had raised more than $68.5 million for Hillary for America, the Democratic National Committee and state parties in the month of June (*Politico)*. Of that total, $40.5 million went to the campaign, while the remaining $28 million went to the DNC and state parties through the Hillary Victory Fund and the Hillary Action Fund, putting Clinton's total cumulative fundraising at $288 million for the campaign and $90 million for the joint fundraising agreements. Clinton begins July with more than $44 million on hand, with an average donation of $48 to the campaign itself. Clinton's campaign began the month of June with more than $42 million on hand, while Donald Trump's campaign reported just $1.3 million but has ramped up fundraising efforts in recent weeks. Trump's campaign has not reported totals for June as of Friday afternoon.

OBAMA TO CAMPAIGN WITH CLINTON TODAY: When Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama publicly reconciled eight years ago at a celebrated summer rally in Unity, New Hampshire, the two recent rivals were still closer to being opponents than friends (*Politico)*. While both candidates were set on healing the Democratic Party after a divisive primary, the lead-up to the event was fraught. Did their show of warmth — a kiss on the tarmac in Washington, D.C., as they boarded a chartered plane together — appear genuine? Would their praise for each other — "she rocks," gushed Obama, seeking to win over her supporters — seem too forced? When President Obama takes the stage at the Charlotte Convention Center with Clinton on Tuesday afternoon for their first joint rally of the 2016 campaign, it will be most notable for how far the two leaders of the Democratic Party have come in the eight intervening years. "It is as far from fraught as can be," said Obama's former chief strategist, David Axelrod, of Obama's long-anticipated campaign trail debut. "He's been chomping at the bit to get out there. There's so many reasons why he feels strongly about this — part of it is his genuine respect for her, part of it is his feelings about the alternative. There's no half-hearted warrior here."



Congress

COATS SUPPORTS NETANYAHU CUTS TO PA PAYMENTS: In a news release distributed July 1, U.S. Sen. Dan Coats (R-IN) issued the following on Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's response to terrorist attacks by the Palestinian Authority (*Howey Politics Indiana*): "U.S. Sen. Dan Coats, a member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, today issued a statement regarding [Prime Minister Netanyahu's] decision to deduct financial support for the Palestinian Authority (PA) in the wake of the recent terrorist attacks in the West Bank, including the murder of a 13-year old American-Israeli girl. 'I am outraged by this cold-blooded murder of an American-Israeli girl. I grieve for her family and loved ones,' said Coats. 'I have worked for several years to ensure that U.S. funds are not used by the PA to provide payments to terrorists or their families. I am glad Prime Minister Netanyahu also recognizes immediate action is required to deter the PA from rewarding families of terrorists for heinous crimes against the innocent. Similar action by the United States has moved forward this week with the passage of language through the Senate Appropriations Committee that would close an existing loophole that the PA has used to provide rewards and motivations for brutal terrorists at the expense of U.S. taxpayers. If the PA wants to avoid going broke and disintegrating, it can change their policy.' Last week, Senator Coats delivered remarks calling for the United States to take action on this very issue."

DONNELLY VISITS HOOSIER MILITARY IN AFGHANISTAN OVER FOURTH: U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly (D-IN), who serves on the Senate Armed Services Committee, visited Hoosier servicemembers serving in Afghanistan yesterday, the Fourth of July (*Howey Politics Indiana*). In a statement emailed to media, Donnelly said, "It was an honor to spend Independence Day with Hoosiers who are serving in Afghanistan and working nonstop to keep our country safe and protect our freedoms. I couldn't be more

proud of these men and women and wanted to thank them in person for their service and sacrifice." Donnelly traveled to Afghanistan with a bipartisan delegation that also visited Israel and Pakistan.

DONNELLY MEETS WITH NETANYAHU: U.S. Senators Joe Donnelly (D-IN), John McCain (R-AZ), Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and Lindsey Graham (R-SC) issued the following statement on their meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem on last week (*Howey Politics Indiana*): "We appreciate the opportunity to engage in another productive and serious discussion with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu about the complex challenges facing the Middle East and the world more broadly. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the innocent Israelis who lost their lives in terror attacks this week, including the family of Hallel Ariel, a 13-year-old Israeli-American girl who was stabbed to death in her bed by a Palestinian terrorist... The enduring alliance between the United States and Israel remains vitally important to achieving our shared goals of confronting the evolving threat of terrorism, addressing instability in the Middle East, and stopping Iran from achieving nuclear weapons or provoking further conflict and strife... The capabilities of Israel's military, the strength of its intelligence services, and the will of its people not only protect Israel and the region—they help protect peace and stability around the world. We remain committed to Israel's security and will continue to ensure it has an effective missile defense system and the qualitative and quantitative capabilities to address all the threats it must face."

ROKITA STATEMENT ON PASSING OF ELIE WIESEL: On Sunday, U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita (R-IN) released the following statement regarding the passing of Holocaust Survivor and Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel: "Professor Wiesel, through his tireless advocacy, fought hard to ensure that we never see a repeat of the horrors he witnessed during the Holocaust. His legacy is one of compassion and determination, and we mourn his passing while also staying mindful of the great works he has left us."

GUN REFORMS BEFORE HOUSE THIS WEEK: The House will vote on gun-control legislation this week as part of a broader package of counterterrorism measures, but it will do little to end the political discord between Republicans and Democrats over how Congress should respond to the recent mass shooting in Orlando (*Washington Post).* House Speaker Paul D. Ryan (R-Wis.) on Friday announced there would be a vote this week on legislation that incorporates a broad swath of Republican proposals to counter radicalization in the United States. They include the creation of a new government counterterrorism office; plans for a nationwide exercise to determine the threat posed by foreign fighters and U.S. citizens traveling to train with terror groups; authority to revoke the U.S. passports of people who belong to or have helped terror groups; and an alert system to notify the FBI whenever someone who has been on a watch list in the past five years purchases a gun. "This counterterrorism legislation provides new tools to protect our homeland, including a provision to prevent terrorists from buying guns," Ryan said in a statement.



State

CRIME: INDIANA TOPS NATION IN BLACK HOMICIDES - Indiana has the highest rate of black homicide victims in the country, according to a study conducted by the national nonprofit Violence Policy Center (Disis, *IndyStar*). The study uses FBI homicide data to rank states according to their black homicide victimization rates. According to the study, there were 213 black homicide victims in Indiana in 2013, or 34.15 victims per 100,000 people. That is double the national black homicide victimization rate and eight times the overall homicide rate nationwide, according to the center. Last year, the study found Indianapolis had the sixth-highest rate of black homicide victims in the country based on 2012 data. The states with the second and third highest rates were Missouri and Michigan, respectively. The Violence Policy Center says it advocates for gun control, adding that it approaches violence as a "public health epidemic." Paul Helmke, director of the Civic Leaders Center at the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University, called the study "something that as a state we should be embarrassed by." "Generally, I think it shows that we probably have too many gangs and too many drugs and too many guns in this state," Helmke said.

EPA: FEDS SAY STATE MUST ADDRESS 'SECONDHAND SMOG' - Indiana doesn't have an adequate plan to reduce ozone-causing pollution drifting into other states, the federal government determined in June (Groppe, *IndyStar*). As a result, the Environmental Protection Agency will impose a federal plan, unless the Indiana Department of Environmental Management improves the state's approach. The federal plan, which is expected to be finalized this year, would require reductions in summertime emissions of power plants starting in 2017 to reduce "secondhand smog." IDEM's commissioner for air quality told the EPA the expected May 2017 deadline for newly installed pollution controls is too aggressive. Assistant Commissioner Keith Baugues also said in comments filed on the pending federal regulation that other emission sources, such as vehicles, might need to be addressed for the fairest and most cost-effective way to fix Indiana's contribution to ozone in other states. IDEM spokeswoman Courtney Arango said Indiana can meet the proposed power plant emission cuts. "But it comes with a cost to ratepayers," she said. The EPA projects the regulation will have "minimal impact" on electricity prices. The rule focuses on power plants because that sector "has a substantial amount of cost-effective" reductions it could make by 2017, according to the agency. But the EPA could include other sectors in future regulations as ozone standards are tightened further.

ECONOMY: NW INDIANA IS STATE'S SECOND BIGGEST ECONOMY - Northwest Indiana accounts for nearly a tenth of the state's economy, and is part of the country's third-largest economy - a metro area with a larger economic output than big industrialized countries like Argentina, Taiwan or Poland (Pete, *NWI Times*). The Gary metropolitan area — Lake, Porter, Newton and Jasper counties — had a gross domestic product of $28.64 billion last year, according to a new report from the U.S. Conference of

Mayors and the Council on Metro Economies and the New American City. That's 8.7 percent of Indiana's gross state product of $328.3 billion and far more than any metro area in the state, except for Indianapolis. Together, the Gary and Indianapolis metros account for nearly half of Indiana's economy, the study found. The Gary metro generated nearly $8 billion more in economic activity last year than third-place Fort Wayne. The study found Northwest Indiana's gross domestic product is as large as the country of Yemen, and bigger than several countries, including Trinidad, Latvia, El Salvador, Syria, Estonia, Nepal, Honduras, Jamaica and Iceland.

DEVELOPMENT: EASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION LAUNCHES - It took four years and significant effort to again have a regional economic development organization in east-central Indiana (Tharp,*Richmond Palladium-Item*). The Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission now is officially representing Wayne, Union, Randolph, Fayette, and Rush counties in economic development activities. Board members representing the five-county group met in Connersville on Friday to elect officers and to become acquainted with each other. When all board seats are filled, there will be a total of 35 members representing the five counties. Wayne County Commissioner Ken Paust was chosen as board chairman. Mike Wickersham of Randolph County is vice chairman, and Dan Parker of Fayette County is the secretary. Mike Pavey of Rush County is treasurer and Alan Alcorn of Union County is a board member. Altogether, the officers represent 140,000 residents, Paust said. Wayne County Councilman Jeff Plasterer was named executive director of the new organization.

EDUCATION: TWO CAMPUSES UNITE TO CREATE PURDUE NORTHWEST - Purdue University Northwest includes around 15,000 students and is comprised of the former Calumet campus in Hammond and North Central in Westville (McGowan, *Inside Indiana Business*). Officials say when the academic year begins, it will be the fifth-largest school in the state. Purdue Northwest will offer nearly 70 undergraduate and graduate programs and the athletic teams will play under the name "Pride." Thomas Keon, who spent five years leading Purdue Calumet, will be chancellor of the school and its two campuses that are located 35 miles apart. Keon says the team is "unafraid to develop its own road map for success, which is absolutely vital for PNW to become the Purdue University and regional leader we aspire to be."

EDUCATION: FEDS GRANT $2.6M FOR IVY TECH HIRES - A $2.6 million federal grant will fund information technology and advanced manufacturing training efforts at Ivy Tech Community College (McGowan, *Inside Indiana Business*). The Ivy Tech Hires Program is focused on unemployed and underemployed students under the age of 30 and veterans transitioning to civilian life. The grant comes from the U.S. Department of Labor and will target students in northwest, northeast, southwest and central Indiana. The school says within those regions, nearly 33,000 IT jobs and more than 16,000 manufacturing jobs are expected to open up by 2020. Ivy Tech Hires involves two-week boot camps focused on soft skills for job readiness and 16-week industry-recognized certifications. Students can then continue at Ivy Tech to attempt to work toward higher degrees. The program involves collaboration with the Indiana Economic Development Association, TechPoint, Indiana Manufacturer's Association and the Indiana Automotive Council.



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WHITE HOUSE: OBAMA SINGS ON 4TH OF JULY - President Barack Obama, marking his final Fourth of July in the White House, said freedom isn't something that "just happens" but must be defended every single day (*CBS News*). Obama said it's important that people remember what "a miracle" the U.S. is and how "incredibly lucky we are that people generations ago were willing to take up arms and fight for our freedom." "Independence is not something that just happens," he said during brief remarks to several hundred people in the White House East Room after rain forced cancellation for the second straight year of an annual barbecue on the South Lawn for some 5,000 military service members, veterans and their families. "It's something that we have to fight for every single day," Obama said. "It's something that we have to nurture and we have to spread the word and we have to work on."

NASA: SPACECRAFT ORBITS JUPITER - NASA scientists on Monday night confirmed that Juno, a football-field-sized spacecraft designed to unlock some of the secrets of our solar system, successfully entered an orbit around Jupiter, the largest, oldest planet in our solar system, and one with some of the most powerful radiation scientists have ever seen (*Washington Post*). Juno completed a 35-minute engine burn that slowed the spacecraft so Jupiter's gravitational pull could sweep it into an optimal orbit. After traveling billions of miles, Juno hurtled into an area of space just a few miles wide, aiming to hit that target within the span of a few seconds. So yeah, that's a little tough. At 10:30 p.m. Eastern time, NASA began broadcasting from mission control to document the Juno spacecraft's insertion into an orbit around Jupiter. Although the video was live, the report wasn't exactly in real time. The spacecraft's signals take 48 minutes to travel 534 million miles to the Deep Space Network Antenna, in Goldstone, Calif.

NORTH CAROLINA: FEW CHANGES TO LGBT LAW - A North Carolina law limiting protections for LGBT people, which stoked a national debate over transgender rights when it was approved in March, was left largely intact Friday by North Carolina lawmakers who chose only to make a minor revision to the wide-ranging measure *(CBS News)*. The North Carolina General Assembly voted to restore workers' right to use state law to sue over employment discrimination. But the change won't enhance workplace protections on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity, nor does it affect other provisions decried by gay rights advocates, business leaders and other high-profile critics. The revision heads to the desk of Gov. Pat McCrory, who pushed for the change.

World

3 ISIS BOMBINGS IN SAUDI ARABIA: Suicide bombers suspected of links to the Islamic State struck for the fourth time in less than a week Monday, targeting three locations in Saudi Arabia in an extension of what appeared to be a coordinated campaign of worldwide bombings coinciding with the Muslim holy month of Ramadan (*Washington Post).* Initial reports suggested that there were relatively few casualties in the attacks at a U.S. consulate, a mosque frequented by Shiite worshipers and a security center in one of Islam's holiest sites, the historic city of Medina. The Saudi Interior Ministry told the state-run television station that four security guards died in the Medina attack and five were injured.

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CITIES: ALL EYES ON GREENWOOD HOUSING LAWSUIT - A lawsuit filed against the city of Greenwood could have wide ramifications on the ability of local governments to enforce architectural standards on new home (Sikich*, IndyStar*). The lawsuit questions how much leeway cities and towns have under Indiana law to regulate how new homes look. Municipalities enact standards to ensure new housing is of consistent quality, but many builders think increasingly stringent regulations are unnecessarily driving up the price of new homes. The legal wrangle stems from a disagreement between a local builder and Greenwood. In 2013, Arbor Homes began building a neighborhood with modestly priced, vinyl-sided homes called Briarstone under standards the city approved at the time. In September 2015, years after construction began, the city approved stricter architectural standards for new housing that called for more brick, larger garages and steeper, multi-tiered roofs. Since then, Greenwood has tried to apply the new standards to a number of neighborhoods under construction and in the planning stages, including Briarstone. Several builders have been negotiating with the city for exemptions to the new standards. City officials, though, never reached out to Arbor Homes, a builder known for constructing new homes on the lower end of the area's average price range.

CITIES: GOSHEN EXPECTS $3M BACK FROM STATE FOR ROADS - The city of Goshen will be receiving more than $3 million in local option income taxes back from the state, but there are certain restrictions for how the city will be able to use the money (Hernandez, *Elkhart Truth*). The state saved excess local option income tax money accumulated by local governments statewide over the years and recently announced it would distribute the money back. Elkhart County will receive a total of $28.77 million, which will be doled out among various entities. Goshen will get $3.48 million back. In anticipation to receiving the money, the Goshen City Council created a special distribution fund for the funds to be placed. There is no specific date for when the county or the city will receive the money. It is also not yet clear whether the state will be distributing more local option income tax funds in future years. According to the Indiana Legislature, 75 percent of the money received by counties and cities must be used for construction or maintenance of roads, a rule that Goshen mayor Jeremy Stutsman said the city won't have trouble following.

CITIES: SHARP RISE IN MUNCIE SANITATION BILLS LIKELY - Customers of the Muncie Sanitary District are likely to see a substantial rate hike in the near future (Roysdon, *Muncie Star Press*). During a meeting planned Thursday at Muncie City Hall, the district will hold a public hearing on the proposed rate increase, and the district board could then adopt the new rates. The increase could add as much as $5 a month to bills that are now about $18, and add hundreds of dollars to the bills of commercial properties. For several years, district officials have cited a 20-year project to separate storm and sanitary sewers as well as White River levee work for increases in rates and the purchase of properties, including a former flea market on East Main Street that the district last year bought for $395,000 when it had sold weeks earlier for $150,000. Muncie City Council member Dan Ridenour wrote a letter to the editor to encourage people to attend Thursday's meeting. "I did not know about it until I saw the public notice in the newspaper," Ridenour said in a subsequent interview with The Star Press. "I have no idea what it's about. This is all done kind of under the table."

CITIES: COLUMBUS CO. PLANS $30M PROJECT - After purchasing 38 acres north of the Edinburgh Premium Outlets, Columbus Container, Inc. has received initial approval to rezone the land from a commercial shopping to an industrial district (Weber, *Columbus Republic*). The cardboard product manufacturer expects to eventually construct a facility capable of providing substantial quantities of corrugated supplies for a few larger corporations, company spokeswoman Tammy Burton said. While no definitive plans have been drawn up at this time, Burton did give the commission what she described an estimate that the project was a $30 million investment. "It will certainly increase employment," said Burton, daughter of Columbus Container founder and chief executive officer Bob Haddad Sr. "This will have a substantial economic development impact."

COUNTIES: ROAD SIDE BOMB FOUND IN LaPORTE - A bomb squad safely blew up a roadside bomb that was found near the town of Trail Creek Monday, and now the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is helping with an investigation into who put it there and why (*NWI Times*). While cleaning trash from a ditch, a resident found an IED, or improvised explosive device, on the side of Welnetz Road in LaPorte County Monday afternoon and brought the device back home, believing it to be a homemade firework, LaPorte County Sheriff's Office Capt. Mike Kellems said. The IED consisted of two mason jars filled with pipe bombs and a flammable liquid, Kellems said. They were connected with a homemade fuse that would have to be manually lit to ignite the bomb, he said. LaPorte County deputies summoned the Porter County Bomb Squad to a home on Longwood Drive near U.S. 20.

COUNTIES: INMATE DIES IN MARION JAIL - An inmate was found unresponsive in his cell at the Marion County Jail on Saturday (*WRTV*). A spokesperson for the Marion County Sheriff's Office says Walter Gamble, 35, was declared dead shortly before 4:30 p.m. An investigation is underway into Gamble's death. Authorities say he was jailed on May 12 on charges of criminal deviate conduct, sexual misconduct with a minor, sexual battery and battery.

COUNTIES: CARROLL AUDITOR REDUCES HR HOURS UNTIL PAY INCREASED - Carroll County's council and commissioners have yet to meet in a joint session to discuss the future and present situation of human resources in the county (Middlekamp, *Kokomo Tribune*). The two government bodies are

instead calling on one another to make the next step in addressing the issue. Auditor Tom Gray has said that he is limiting human resources duties to two hours per week. He has previously said those tasks are not part of his job as county auditor, and he gave the county until June 30 to hike his salary by $8,000, which the council did not. Since Gray announced that in May, the council and its attorney have discussed possible legal action against Gray, citing his not following a county ordinance that says human resources fall under the auditor's office. Gray assumed office in April and is the fourth Carroll County auditor in three years. The county commissioners have said they're wanting to create a human resources position in next year's budget but that there's not much they can do this year.

COUNTIES: MADISON CLERK'S OFFICE CLEARED BY ACCESS COUNSELOR - The Indiana Public Access Counselor in an advisory opinion has determined the Madison County Clerk's Office didn't violate the state's open records law (de la Bastide, *Anderson Herald Bulletin*). DeShawn Redfield on May 4 filed a complaint alleging the clerk's office failed to provide requested court records in a criminal case involving Redfield. Counselor Luke Britt did ask Madison Circuit Court officials to take his opinion under advisement and reconsider its position pertaining to court record requests from the public. The complaint states that on Feb. 24 Redfield requested records including the court calendar for Madison Circuit Court Division 4 and the Chronological Case Summary for other cases set for the same day. Clerk Darlene Likens denied the request on May 19 under a trial rule and despite the denial attempted to locate the requested records. "The records you requested are administrative court records and are likely not in the custody of the Clerk's office," Britt wrote. "Your request would need to be addressed directly to Madison Circuit Court 4 for the records you seek."

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PENCE FLOATED AS TRUMP VP POSSIBILITY: Gov. Mike Pence said Thursday he has not talked to Donald Trump about becoming his running mate, but he also declined to rule out the possibility amid reports that suggest he is being vetted (Briggs & Cook, *IndyStar*). Pence is "in play" as a vice presidential pick for the presumptive Republican nominee, according to NBC News, which cited an anonymous source. The governor is among more than eight Republicans being vetted by the Trump campaign as a potential running mate, according to the *Washington Post*, which named former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie as the leading contenders. Earlier this week, deputy campaign manager Marc Lotter told *Howey Politics Indiana*, "I can tell you on the record that Gov. Pence has not and is not being vetted." Pence, when asked about speculation that he could become Trump's running mate, said he couldn't say whether he is under consideration. "You'd have to talk to their campaign about who they're looking at or who they're not looking at," Pence said after celebrating an announcement that Sallie Mae plans to bring nearly 300 new jobs to Indianapolis. Rex Early, Trump's Indiana campaign chairman, said he wasn't sure whether the speculation was accurate, but that he believed "it came from people that are in the know that Pence is still on his list." Trump has struggled to win support from the GOP's evangelical and conservative wing. Choosing Pence, a staunch social conservative, would be an effort to ease those concerns. The first-term governor also could help Trump navigate Congress, where Pence served for 12 years. "Pence would fill that bill," Early said. "Nobody can say Pence is not a conservative. And it seems to me like someone who knows their way around Congress would be good. Pence has been there, done that, and he's got the T-shirt to prove it." Trump on Thursday described Pence as "somebody we respect a lot" (*Associated Press*). A longer shot on Trump's radar is Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, a heavyweight on the right who could bolster Trump's tepid support among some conservative activists (*Washington Post*). But Pence is immersed in his reelection race and Trump is said to want a more electric politician at his side rather than a low-profile figure. The *Post* reported that Gingrich and Christie are the leading veep candidates. "Indiana is going to be supportive of Mike Pence running for whatever he wants to run for," said Jeff Caldwell, the state GOP chair who first met Pence in 1988 (*NBC News*). "He's a proven leader in the Republican Party, and he's one that brings people together at all levels." Trump is expected to visit Indiana on July 12 - the week before the Republican National Convention - for a fundraising event.

GOP CENTRAL COMMITTEE WOULD SELECT PENCE REPLACEMENT: What if Gov. Pence was selected as Donald Trump's running mate? It would be up to the 18-member Indiana Republican Central Committee to choose a replacement nominee (*Howey Politics Indiana*). In that scenario, Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb would probably be in the best position given his current role and his resume that includes chairing the Indiana Republican Party as well as serving Gov. Mitch Daniels' deputy chief of staff. House Speaker Brian Bosma and Senate President Pro Tempore David Long would almost certainly be considered. Bosma has already told HPI that he is a probably 2020 gubernatorial candidate. Trump said that he wants to announce his pick at the July GOP convention: "I do think I don't want to make a decision until the actual convention, not even before it. I mean until it" (*Associated Press*). So a new Indiana nominee would likely be made in late July.

JUDGE STRIKES DOWN INDIANA ABORTION LAW: A federal judge struck a blow against Indiana's latest abortion law Thursday - saying it infringes on a woman's right to choose (Kelly, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). U.S. District Court Judge Tanya Walton Pratt issued a preliminary injunction blocking the law from taking effect Friday. "The anti-discrimination provisions of HEA 1337 clearly violate the first of these principles in that they prevent women from obtaining certain abortions before fetal viability," the ruling said. "The woman's right to choose to have an abortion pre-viability is categorical; a State may not prohibit any woman from making the ultimate decision to terminate her pregnancy before viability." House Bill 1337 was passed by lawmakers earlier this year. It would bar women from having an abortion for the sole reason that the fetus has been diagnosed or there is a "potential diagnosis" of a disability. Other prohibited reasons include the sex, race and national origin of the fetus. North Dakota is the only state to ban abortions sought due to genetic fetal abnormalities. Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky filed suit in April in an attempt to block the ban before it even begins. Lawyers for the state argued lawmakers have an interest in "preventing discrimination" against fetuses slated for abortion based on certain characteristics. But Planned Parenthood argued the new regulations interfere with a woman's right to have an abortion in the first trimester of a pregnancy. Restrictions on abortion prior to a fetus's viability have been struck down by courts before, but none were specific to disabilities. There is an exemption in the law for a fetus with a "lethal fetal anomaly" that will result in the death of the child within three months after birth.

PENCE STATEMENT ON HEA 1337 RULING: In response to the U.S. District Court's preliminary injunction issued yesterday prohibiting the state from enforcing certain provisions of House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1337, Kara Brooks, spokeswoman for Governor Mike Pence, issued the following statement: "While disappointed in [yesterday's] ruling, Gov. Pence remains steadfast in his support for the unborn, especially those with disabilities. The Governor will continue to stand for the sanctity of human life in all stages, for the compassionate and safe treatment of women faced with an enormously difficult decision, and for the rights of citizens to determine appropriate medical safety standards and procedures through their elected representatives. While the judicial process continues, the Governor remains focused on growing the already robust Hoosier economy and providing a world class education for all our children."

GREGG REACTS TO HEA 1337: Democratic gubernatorial nominee John Gregg reacted to federal Judge Tanya Walton Pratt ruling the HEA1337 (*Howey Politics Indiana*): "HEA 1337 was always more about Mike Pence's personal ideology than science, medicine or common sense. State government should focus on growing the economy, raising wages, strengthening schools and fixing unsafe roads and bridges, not on private conversations between Hoosiers and their doctors. As someone who is personally pro-life, I believe this was an unnecessary, irresponsible, poorly thought-out law and am pleased it won't be going into effect tomorrow."

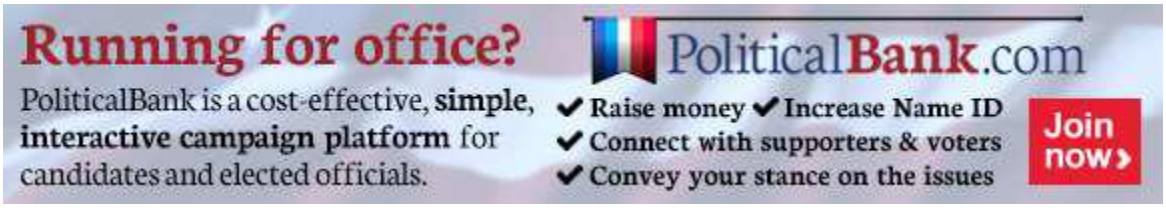
TRUMP 'RUNNING AGAINST 2 PARTIES': Republicans are trying to embrace Donald Trump -- but he isn't making it easy (Bradner, *CNN*). Just three weeks before the party plans to coronate Trump as its 2016 standard-bearer at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, the presumptive nominee is keeping up the infighting that has troubled the GOP's establishment for months. "It's almost -- in some ways, like, I'm running against two parties," Trump told conservative talk radio host Mike Gallagher on Thursday. In the past two days, Trump has abandoned decades of conservative orthodoxy on trade, launched into a battle with the GOP's traditional business-lobby allies and campaign financiers -- like the Chamber of Commerce -- and slammed his former Republican presidential rivals who haven't endorsed him, saying their political careers should be over. "They broke their word and in my opinion, they should

never be allowed to run for public office again because what they did was disgraceful," Trump said in Bangor, Maine, Wednesday, alluding to figures like Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and Ohio Gov. John Kasich, who signed a pledge to support the GOP nominee but have yet to endorse him. Kasich, for his part, on Wednesday released a letter on his campaign fundraising list highlighting a poll showing him faring better in the general election than Trump.

LYNCH TO ACCEPT PROSECUTOR DECISION ON CLINTON: Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch plans to announce on Friday that she will accept whatever recommendation career prosecutors and the F.B.I. director make about whether to bring charges related to Hillary Clinton's personal email server, a Justice Department official said. Her decision removes the possibility that a political appointee will overrule investigators in the case (*New York Times*). The Justice Department had been moving toward such an arrangement for months — officials said in April that it was being considered — but a private meeting between Ms. Lynch and former President Bill Clinton this week set off a political furor and made the decision all but inevitable. Republicans said the meeting, which took place at the Phoenix airport, had compromised the independence of the investigation as the F.B.I. was winding it down. Ms. Lynch said that the meeting with Mr. Clinton was unplanned, largely social and did not touch on the email investigation. She suggested that he walked uninvited from his plane to her government plane, both of which were parked on a tarmac at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. "He did come over and say hello, and speak to my husband and myself, and talk about his grandchildren and his travels and things like that," Ms. Lynch said at a news conference in Los Angeles on Wednesday, where she was promoting community policing. "That was the extent of that. And no discussions were held into any cases or things like that."

HONDA, ACURAS HAVE LETHAL AIRBAGS: Federal regulators on Thursday issued an urgent warning to owners of more than 300,000 Hondas and Acuras, saying they should not drive their vehicles until the Takata air bags are replaced (*Washington Post*). The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said a new round of tests on the Takata air bags installed in some model-year 2001-2003 Hondas and Acuras posed a much higher threat to drivers and passengers than first thought. The agency said the air bags needed immediate replacement. In collisions, the faulty Takata air bags can rupture and spray drivers and passengers with metal shrapnel. "With as high as a 50 percent chance of a dangerous air-bag inflater rupture in a crash, these vehicles are unsafe and need to be repaired immediately," Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx said in a statement. "Folks should not drive these vehicles unless they are going straight to a dealer to have them repaired immediately, free of charge."The NHTSA data released Wednesday said that in the following model years, the air-bag inflaters "contain a manufacturing defect which greatly increases the potential for dangerous rupture." 2001-2002 Honda Civic; 2001-2002 Honda Accord; 2002-2003 Acura TL; 2002 Honda CR-V; 2002 Honda Odyssey; 2003 Acura CL; and 2003 Honda Pilot.

HPI DAILY ANALYSIS: When your reelection campaign receives a check from a prominent Lake County Right to Life member, but the check is ripped in half, a political response is necessary. For Gov. Mike Pence, that response was the deeply flawed HEA1337. Even as it was being passed in the General Assembly, the immediate speculation was that it wouldn't pass constitutional muster. It was a political salve, and a continuation by the life movement to harass the abortion industry, much like throwing spaghetti against the wall and seeing what sticks. What is missing is a more thoughtful, comprehensive approach to preventing abortion, articulated a long time ago by former U.S. Rep. Tim Roemer, whose goal was to reduce abortion by 90% in a decade. - *Brian A. Howey*



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ELKHART DEMOCRATS SLATE 3: Three more Democrats will appear on the Nov. 8 ballot in Elkhart County (Vandenack*, Elkhart Truth*). The Elkhart County Democratic Party Central Committee met this week and slated Mandy Leazenby to run for one of three at-large seats on the Elkhart County Council and Aaron Mishler to run for the Elkhart County coroner's post. Last Saturday, Democratic Party precinct committeemen met and slated Carl Rust to run for the District 12 Indiana Senate seat. "We don't have that many candidates, but the candidates we have are good," Shari Mellin, chairwoman of the Elkhart County Democratic Party, said Wednesday. "They're smart people and they're dedicated people."

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NEVER TRUMP AIN'T HAPPENING: Anti-Trump activists plotting a coup at the national convention in Cleveland this month more likely face a drubbing of their own (*Politico*). Any attempt to block Trump would begin in the convention's rules committee, an 112-member panel of delegates where Trump's enemies had hoped to make a stand against the presumptive nominee. Through dozens of interviews and a review of public statements, however, POLITICO has determined that at least 72 members of the panel intend to smooth Trump's path to the nomination — not hinder it. Just six members say they'll work against Trump, and of those six, two said they'd bail on the effort if they don't find sufficient support. "If this has a shot, and if this continues to develop ... I will support the freeing of the delegates," said one of the committee members. It's a mismatch so yawning that anti-Trump delegates may find themselves unable to muster even the minimal support of the committee it would take to send their plans to the full convention, where all 2,472 delegates would be forced to weigh in.

RNC TO BE UNPREDICTABLE: With just more than two weeks until the Republican National Convention opens in Cleveland, Donald J. Trump's preparations for what is usually a polished and highly choreographed affair are looking a lot like his campaign itself: chaotic, freewheeling and unpredictable (*New York Times*). Much of the program remains in flux, including who will speak, how and when Mr. Trump will arrive, and what he will say when he does. And after months of promising that his convention would be special, and not "boring" like previous ones, Mr. Trump says he is now embracing a less-is-more approach. One thing there will be less of, which might come as a surprise to anyone expecting all

the brashness and ubiquity of Trump branding, is the candidate himself. "What they've asked me to do is to speak all three nights. I turned it down," he said in an interview from his Fifth Avenue office one recent afternoon. Not that people aren't clamoring to see more of him, of course. "Everybody wants that," he insisted. But he said he demurred at the risk of looking too self-absorbed. "I don't want people to think I'm grandstanding — which I'm not," he said, before adding, almost reflexively, "But it would get high ratings."

TRUMP HAS NO CAMPAIGN IN PA: Nearly everyone can agree that Donald Trump's path to the White House goes through Pennsylvania (*Politico*). But local party leaders in some of the state's most pivotal counties say there's been almost no outreach from his campaign so far, and there's scant evidence of any Trump-driven ground organization. What infrastructure is in place lags behind the Democratic coordinated campaign on behalf of Hillary Clinton. "The good news is, the level of enthusiasm for Mr. Trump in this county is the strongest I've ever seen for anyone," said Michael Korns, Republican chairman of Westmoreland County, the second biggest in western Pennsylvania and the site of a Trump speech on Tuesday. "The bad news is, the resources at our disposal are by far the worst I've ever seen in any campaign, at least in any presidential campaign." "The Trump campaign has not specifically reached out to me," said Bill Urbanski, the GOP chair of Wilkes Barre's Luzerne County, a populous county in northeastern Pennsylvania where, according to a recent Republican poll, Trump led by 17 points.

TRUMP COMMENTS ON SCOTUS ABORTION RULING: Donald Trump has finally broken his silence on the Supreme Court's ruling on abortion (*Politico*). Three days after the court overturned Texas' restrictions on abortion, Trump told radio host Mike Gallagher on Thursday that if he were elected president, the Supreme Court would never rule in favor of abortion. "You won't even have to question. You wouldn't even have to bother going to court. You're going to know the answers," Trump said. The presumptive Republican nominee also reiterated his pro-life stance, warning that Hillary Clinton would try to make the court more liberal if she's elected.

DITKA WON'T BE AT RNC: Hall of Fame head coach and tight end Mike Ditka is backing Donald Trump's run for the White House, but the ESPN analyst has declined an invitation to speak at the Republican National Convention (*CNN*). According to Kim Janssen of the Chicago Tribune, the 76-year-old three-time Super Bowl champion doesn't believe giving a speech would do much to aid the presumptive GOP presidential nominee: "I can help him, but I don't know if I can give a speech at the convention. I don't travel much anymore except between Chicago and Florida, and giving a speech at a convention isn't really my style. ... I spoke with Mr. Trump this afternoon, and he invited me. But I don't think I'm going to go."



Abortion

IDP ON COURT'S DECISION TO BLOCK HEA 1337: John Zody, Chairman of the Indiana Democratic Party, released the following statement after a federal judge blocked Mike Pence's HEA 1337 (*Howey Politics Indiana*): "In the final moments of this year's session, Mike Pence and Statehouse Republicans pushed an out of touch bill that served as more of an election year ploy than Hoosier Commonsense. It was a harmful piece of legislation that compromises the safety of women and families across our state, and was panned by legislators from both parties. And just like RFRA from last year, Mike Pence's decision to sign HEA 1337 has embarrassed the state. Today's ruling by a federal judge emphasizes just how out of touch Gov. Pence's ideology is with everyday Hoosiers and the law. The governor's political agenda has caused real harm to the state's already sluggish economy while also putting our reputations in further jeopardy. HEA 1337 is another reason why Hoosiers are ready to #FireMikePence this November."

SEN. LONG STATEMENT ON 'PRELIMINARY JUNCTION': Indiana Senate President Pro Tem David Long (R-Fort Wayne) made the following statement regarding the preliminary injunction against enforcement of House Enrolled Act 1337 (*Howey Politics Indiana)*: "The Attorney General has said he will review the ruling and confer with his clients in the case before deciding whether to pursue an appeal. I look forward to talking with Attorney General Zoeller in the days ahead and will reserve commenting in full until I've had the chance to do so. However, I will comment on one part of the Judge's decision. For the Court to equate fetal remains with any other common medical waste is deeply troubling. I hope that will not be the final position taken by the Court. I would also point out that this is a preliminary injunction and not a final decision on the matter."

SEN. BREAUX CALLS HEA 1337 'A COSTLY DISTRACTION': Indiana Senate Democratic Leader Jean D. Breaux released the following statement following the news that a preliminary injunction had been granted barring House Enrolled Act 1337, a controversial abortion bill, from becoming effective July 1. "This week's rulings from the Supreme Court and the US District Court are good news for women, their families, and the medical professionals with whom they make both private and personal health decisions. No woman should experience the burden of having to travel hundreds of miles for medical help or have the government interfere during the deeply personal and emotional circumstances surrounding a miscarriage. At the same time, I find myself and my colleagues becoming increasingly exasperated by the Republican supermajority's habit of embroiling us in costly lawsuits and using women's health choices to advance an out of touch agenda. Hoosiers recognize that proposals like HB 1337 only serves as a distraction from the central issues we're elected to address such as deteriorating infrastructure and lagging wages. How much more time, resources, and money will the governor and statehouse Republicans waste as they continue to use taxpayer dollars to defend their unconstitutional ideas?"

REP. LAWSON SAYS 'HEA 1337 IS A HORRIBLE LAW': Indiana House Democratic Floor Leader Linda Lawson from Hammond issued the following statement after a U.S. District Court judge issued a preliminary injunction blocking an onerous new anti-choice law (House Enrolled Act 1337) from going into effect on today: "HEA 1337 is a horrible law, and it deserves to be tossed into the trash. The legislation

was conceived hastily, and passed without any consideration for its impact on women across Indiana, which would be immense. In a just world, this ruling would put an end to the debate, but I fear more tax dollars will be spent on court actions that do nothing but placate a few who cannot help but insert themselves into the lives of others on decisions that should be kept personal and private. When the U.S. Supreme Court ruled earlier this week that an anti-choice bill in Texas was unconstitutional, many who supported that horrible bill described the decision as a setback for women's health. If they are that concerned about women's health issues, I would encourage them to stop poking their noses into the personal lives of women across this state. Instead, join with those of us who have fought for many years to improve health care for women. Help us support prenatal programs that encourage women to make sound, logical, healthy decisions. Help us fund programs that help women of all ages make choices that protect their lives. Help us help them by providing the means for them to get regular mammograms and pap smears, and testing for HIV and other STDs. The advocates of HEA 1337 have not shown much interest in those things in the past."

ZOELLER: 'WE URGE CITIZENS TO RESPECT THE COURT EVEN IF DISAGREE' - In U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, Judge Tanya Walton Pratt granted the plaintiff's motion for a preliminary injunction in the case, Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky Inc. v. Commissioner, Indiana State Department of Health, et al. (*Howey Politics Indiana)* As the lawyer for state government, the Indiana Attorney General's Office had a duty to represent the defendants in the lawsuit and provide a defense for the HEA 1337 statute the Legislature passed, according to a news release. At a hearing June 14, the State had argued HEA 1337 does not violate the U.S. Constitution and no injunction was warranted. Now that Judge Walton Pratt has entered a preliminary injunction, the State's lawyers are reviewing the ruling and will confer with their clients and decide within the time allowed whether to appeal to the U.S. 7th Circuit Court of Appeals or any options and strategies involving further proceedings in the trial court. "We urge citizens to respect the Court even if they disagree with the ruling. The ability of plaintiffs to bring challenges and question the constitutionality of the statutes is an important safeguard in our system of checks and balances. This case involves issues that have been divisive among many; but the State's lawyers had a duty to present a defense and answer the Court's questions, and we appreciate the Court's issuing a ruling promptly and thus providing clarity to medical professionals and the public," Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller said.

RIGHT TO LIFE, IU SQUARE OFF: Groups opposed to legal abortion on Thursday juxtaposed Indiana University research on aborted or miscarried fetal tissue and the upcoming construction of IU's new medical education and research campus in Downtown Evansville (Martin, *Evansville Courier & Press*). IU filed a legal challenge to Indiana's controversial new abortion law, signed by Gov. Mike Pence. The law will take effect Friday, but shortly before a news conference in Evansville Thursday by Indiana Right to Life, U.S. District Judge Tanya Walton Pratt issued a temporary injunction, halting the law. The injunction was sought by Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky. IU's own legal challenge is still pending in federal court, before a different judge. The new law forbids the procedure based on a mother's objection to the fetus' race, gender or disability, and it also places new restrictions on doctors. IU officials say it would impair its scientists' academic freedom and shut down research of potential treatment of neurological disorders, such as autism and Alzheimer's disease. The law prohibits researchers for obtaining additional fetal tissue. IU, at its Stark Neurosciences Research Institute in Indianapolis, has conducted research using mixed cell cultures and components such as RNA and DNA, derived from fetal tissue. It acquires fetal tissue from the Birth Defects Research Laboratory at the University of Washington. Violators of the law, including researchers, could be prosecuted for felony crimes. "We think, at minimum, the folks of Evansville need to be fully aware and fully cognizant of what Indiana University is going to do when it comes to this community. And if they're going to do things like experiments on

aborted babies or using aborted baby tissue, that ought to be part of the discussion in the city," Indiana Right to Life President Mike Fichter said at Evansville Country Club.

Congress

DONNELLY FOCUSES ON OPIOIDS, MORE AT DEM RURAL SUMMIT: U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly (D-IN) spoke at a Senate Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee Rural Summit yesterday and led a panel with the Executive Director of the White House Rural Council on the challenges facing rural communities as well as potential pathways to success (*Howey Politics Indiana*). During his remarks, Donnelly discussed the opioid abuse and heroin epidemics, the need for improved health care infrastructure, and how to address shrinking job opportunities which are obstacles to rural success both in Indiana and in other rural communities across the country, according to a news release. Donnelly also spoke about the students of Austin High School in Austin, Indiana, where he recently gave the commencement address, as an example of optimism and resilience in the face of adversity. Two Hoosiers were among the participants at the summit: Tim Putnam, President and CEO of Margaret Mary Health in Batesville, and Nikki King, Administrative Fellow at Margaret Mary Health in Batesville.

ROKITA TAKES TO SKIES IN 'VETERANS AIRLIFT COMMAND': U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita (R-IN) took to the skies Wednesday to help a veteran in need (*WNDU-TV*). Veterans Airlift Command provides free air transport to combat-wounded vets for medical visits or to see family. Rokita is a pilot and often lends his time, skill, and aircraft to the program. On Wednesday, he flew army SPC Steven Moore back to his home in Mishawaka after a family member passed away in Virginia. Moore was blinded in one eye in 2004 by a roadside IED. Rokita says he makes between three and six such flights each year.

WALORSKI JOINS EFFORT TO PROTECT VETERAN CREDIT RATINGS: U.S. Rep. Jackie Walorski (R-IN) this week joined U.S. Reps. John K. Delaney (D-MD), Randy Hultgren (R-IL), and Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ) in introducing legislation to protect veterans' credit ratings and prevent unnecessary financial hardship due to delayed payments associated with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Veterans Choice Program. The slow disbursement of Veterans Choice Program payments has meant that potentially thousands of veterans have been adversely affected, having large and inaccurate medical debts wrongly listed in their name while the VA and private providers work through billing, reads a news release. This error can make it more difficult and more expensive for veterans to buy a home or car, rent a place to live, or be hired at a new job. The Protecting Veterans Credit Act (H.R. 5593) creates a one year credit reporting grace period for the resolution of debt from medical services received through the VA's Veterans Choice Program. "I have heard from too many veterans asking my office for help because the VA or a VA contractor hasn't paid their medical bills after receiving authorization for care through the Veterans Choice Program," said Rep. Walorski, a member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee.

General Assembly

BAUER RETIRES FROM IVY TECH: State Rep. B. Patrick Bauer, of South Bend, has retired from his longtime job as an Ivy Tech Community College administrator (*South Bend Tribune*). Bauer retired last week as Ivy Tech's vice president of external partnerships, Ivy Tech President-elect Sue Ellspermann said during a visit Tuesday to the college's South Bend campus. Bauer has worked for the statewide community college system since 2001, when he was hired as dean of extended services. Before that, he was a longtime employee of the South Bend Community School Corp. Bauer, a Democrat, has served as a member of the Indiana House of Representatives since 1970. He is running for relection this year. No Republican candidate is slated to run against him.

10 NEW LAWS TODAY: Indiana's Republican-controlled Legislature approved more than 200 new laws during this year's legislative session, and many will take effect today (Banta, *Bloomington Herald-Times*). They include measures governing the use of police body cameras and greatly increasing funding for infrastructure. Here is a look at 10 laws that go into effect today, some of which you've probably read about and others that might have gotten buried in coverage of other bills:

Tax-free savings accounts for Hoosiers with disabilities: Hoosiers with disabilities soon will have access to new tax-exempt savings accounts that will not interfere with the federal benefits they already receive. The Achieving a Better Life Experience Act, or ABLE Act, allows people with disabilities to set up tax-free savings accounts that don't affect eligibility requirements for public assistance. President Barack Obama signed the ABLE act into law in 2014; the Indiana law Pence signed allows Indiana to create the accounts for people with disabilities. Hoosiers can use the money in those accounts to pay for medical and dental care, education, employment training and housing. The law removes a cap of $2,000 in savings that people with disabilities currently can have in their name and increases the limits to $14,000 in annual contributions and $100,000 total.

Straight party ticket voting: Lawmakers didn't remove the option of pulling a single lever or checking a single box, but those who choose to do so in November will find they aren't quite done with their ballot. A new law that affects any election taking place after today leaves the straight party ticket option in place but makes it so that doesn't count for races in which voters are supposed to select more than one candidate. This fall, that means Monroe County voters who mark the straight party ticket box still will have to vote separately for candidates running for county council member at large.

Driving while intoxicated: Operating a vehicle while intoxicated is a serious crime that's about to get more serious, in some cases. Beginning today, any driver who causes the death of another person while driving above the limit or under the influence of a Schedule I or II controlled substance or otherwise intoxicated and who has had a previous OWI conviction within 10 years can be charged with a Level 4 felony. That's up from a Level 5 felony, and the law also changes the time between convictions, which previously was five years. There's also a provision about driving a boat while intoxicated: Any person who gets a motorboat OWI will receive an enhanced penalty if they have a previous conviction under a repealed version of the crime.

Traffic in residential complexes: There soon might be a potential for getting a traffic ticket in residential complexes. Under a new law, a city could issue tickets after taking three steps. The city first would have to adopt an ordinance allowing enforcement of traffic ordinances in residential complexes. Then the owner of any given complex could enter into an enforcement contract. The owner would then install signs notifying residents and visitors that they could receive tickets for traffic violations.

Keeping the lights on: Township assistance funds already help out with electricity bills, among other utilities, but starting today, township trustees can deposit assistance funds for electricity straight into a person's account with their service provider. This will be possible for those who receive "prepaid service," where payments for electrical use are charged against a prepaid balance in a service account. The law specifies that any funds from the individual who holds the account must be used before township funds, and allows townships to get their money back if any remains in an account after it's closed due to shut off service. It also requires service providers to give township trustees a monthly accounting statement detailing the deposit, expense and holding of township funds.

Body and dashboard camera recordings: Law enforcement agencies that use both body cameras and cameras in vehicles now have more requirements to follow when it comes to recordings. A new law requires those agencies to let crime victims (when the depicted events are relevant), owners and occupants of property depicted, people who suffer losses due to personal injury or property damage (again, if footage is relevant) and people depicted in a recording (or their relative or representative if the person should be dead or incapacitated) to view recordings from cameras at least twice. It also requires law enforcement agencies to let people inspect and copy a recording unless the public agency can demonstrate that release of the recording would pose a significant risk of harm to a person or the public, interfere with a person's ability to get a fair trial, affect an ongoing investigation or not serve the public interest.

Moving off the highway: One law means drivers who get into accidents on Ind. 37 and other highways will have to move their vehicles from travel lanes as quickly as possible. Drivers who don't do so will face a Class C infraction unless the driver is transporting hazardous materials or the accident killed, injured or trapped someone in the vehicle. According to a news release from Indiana State Police, the law is meant to "safely remove traffic hazards from the roadway so as to reduce secondary crashes, especially on multi-lane highways, that are often more severe and result in more injuries than the original crash."

Drug offenses: It's no secret that southern Indiana is part of the nationwide opioid abuse epidemic, which often leads people into heroin abuse. The region also has its fair share of issues with methamphetamine. Beginning today, the state is going to start cracking down on some drug offenses. A new law specifies that Level 2 controlled substance offenses are nonsuspendable if the offense involves methamphetamine or heroin and the person has a prior felony conviction for dealing in certain controlled substances — not including marijuana, hashish, hash oil, salvia divinorum or a synthetic drug. A nonsuspendable sentence would require a Level 2 felon to serve a minimum of 10 years with a 25 percent credit for good behavior. According to a fiscal impact statement on the bill, the state's Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis estimates that 3 percent of the Level 2 offenders sentenced for dealing in cocaine, heroin or methamphetamine will serve longer sentences under this change.

Unemployment insurance: People receiving unemployment insurance benefits already have access to reporting, counseling and training at one-stop centers such as the WorkOne in Bloomington. In a step that's different from other eligibility requirements lawmakers previously have tried to put on those receiving benefits, legislators this year passed a law that requires people to go through an orientation for services available at a one-stop center of their choosing.

Easier spirits: Sunday sales still aren't a full reality, but Indiana residents now have more options when it comes to buying alcohol on Sundays. That's because artisan distilleries, in addition to breweries and wineries, now can sell alcohol for carryout all seven days of the week. There were a host of other changes to alcohol laws as well, including an allowance for retailers to sell alcohol in some cases in a hotel owned by an accredited college or university; a new ability for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to apply for a three-way permit for a state park; and a requirement that liquor store owners who want to have a beer dealer's permit live in the state.

BANKS DISCUSSES NEW LAWS SUPPORTING STATE'S VETERANS: Beginning this Friday, new laws authored by State Sen. Jim Banks (R-Columbia City) supporting Hoosier veterans will take effect (Howey Politics Indiana). "During the 2016 session, the Indiana General Assembly enacted various initiatives to assist Hoosier veterans as well as those currently serving in the military," Banks said in a news release. "These bills, which focus on topics from education to financial assistance, will support Hoosier servicemembers during and after their service to our state and nation." These new laws include: Senate Enrolled Act 145, which requires the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) to work with Veteran Service Organizations to establish a set of standards for the unclaimed remains of deceased veterans. This law allows for the proper burial of veterans with no family members. Senate Enrolled Act 189, which provides that information concerning attendance records and academic progress for a student attending an adult high school who is a member of the military or children in military families must be submitted to the Department of Education by each school corporation and charter school. Senate Enrolled Act 295, which opens the Military Family Relief Fund (MFRF) to any veteran of any national conflict or war who is also an Indiana resident, and a current or honorably discharged member of the armed forces or National Guard.



State

GOVERNOR: PENCE, BEVIN LAUNCH I-69 OHIO RIVER CROSSING PROJECT - Gov. Mike Pence and Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin yesterday signed a Memorandum of Agreement to launch the I-69 Ohio River Crossing project (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The states announced a combined commitment of about $17 million in their capital plans to advance project development, a news release stated. "As the Crossroads of America, we know that roads mean jobs here in the Hoosier state," said Gov. Pence. "The partnership we are announcing today is a significant step in completing the vision of I-69 that will strengthen our transportation network and support economic investment and opportunity for generations of Hoosiers to come." Indiana and Kentucky will seek innovations from the private sector in expediting preliminary design and the required environmental review, with both states splitting costs and oversight. The MOA authorizes the Indiana Department of Transportation to publish a formal request for proposals later this summer. The environmental review and preliminary design will collect public input and study potential routes to connect the existing I-69 sections, the Robert D. Orr Highway south of Evansville and the upgraded Edward T. Breathitt Pennyrile Parkway south of Henderson. The review will also consider and collect public input on funding sources to build the project. Working cooperatively with the Federal Highway Administration, the states anticipate it will take about three years to complete the review and reach conclusions for the I-69 Ohio River Crossing route.

GOVERNOR: SALLIE MAE TO CREATE 300 JOBS IN INDY - Gov. Mike Pence, Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb, Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett and U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks (R-IN) joined executives from Sallie Mae yesterday to cut the ribbon on its recent expansion in Indianapolis, which will create up to 278 new jobs by 2018 (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "Here in the Hoosier state, we are committed to creating a pro-growth business climate, and today's news makes it evident that Indiana is a state that works," said Pence in a news release. Sallie Mae, which is the nation's saving, planning and paying for college company, will invest more than $15.7 million to expand its operations here. The new office will accommodate information technology and customer service departments, with new positions expected to offer average salaries 25 percent higher than the state's average wage. The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered Sallie Mae up to $2,375,000 in conditional tax credits and up to $100,000 in training grants based on the company's job creation plans. The city of Indianapolis supports the project in partnership with Develop Indy, a business unit of the Indy Chamber.

GOVERNOR: PENCE, FIRST LADY HONOR OUR FIRST GOVERNOR - Gov. Mike Pence and First Lady Karen Pence, Indiana's Bicentennial Ambassador, joined the Indiana Archives and Records Administration (IARA) in Clark County for an event commemorating one of Indiana's founders, Jonathan Jennings (*Howey Politics Indiana).* At the event, the Governor offered remarks about the significance of former Gov. Jennings' role in the founding of Indiana, and the First Lady spoke about the various activities that Hoosiers in Clark and Harrison counties are planning to recognize the history in the two counties and to celebrate Indiana's bicentennial across the state, according to a news release. Afterward, the Governor and First Lady laid a wreath on the former governor's grave. The event, held by the Indiana Archives and Records Administration (IARA), marked the final ceremony in a series of graveside memorials honoring constitutional delegates buried in Indiana.

GOVERNOR: CEREMONY MARKS 1816 CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION - Yesterday afternoon, Gov. Mike Pence and First Lady Karen Pence traveled to Corydon, Indiana's first state capital, to participate in a ceremony marking the 200th anniversary of the 1816 Constitutional Convention, of which former Governor Jennings served as president alongside 42 other delegates from around the then-Indiana Territory (*Howey Politics Indiana*). As part of the ceremony, the Governor and First Lady carried

the 1816 and 1851 constitutions out of the State Capitol Complex, where they have been on display since early June in the same place where they were completed and signed.

EDUCATION: ELLSPERMANN TO MAKE $300K - Ivy Tech's Board of Trustees has approved the contract for its new president — former Indiana Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann (*Indiana Public Media*). The contract between Ellspermann and Ivy Tech is for three years. During that first year, Ellspermann will receive an annual base salary of $300,000. She could be paid more but not less during the next two years. She is also eligible for an annual performance based bonus that can't not exceed $100,000, in addition to other perks and reimbursements. Ivy Tech trustee chairwoman Paula Hughes says, the 9-page contract was mostly molded on the policies for all college employees. "The two goals of the contract are: to simplify it — make it simple and straightforward — and to align it as closely as possible with current college policies," Hughes says.

STATEHOUSE: IFSSA WILL NOT LOWER MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATES - Indiana's Family and Social Services Administration announced last month it was lowering Medicaid reimbursement rates paid to health workers, such as registered nurses and occupational therapists, who provide services to homebound patients, but the state changed its mind after discussions with care providers (Fentem, *Indiana Public Media*). The changes were slated to go into effect July 1st. However, the state recently announced it was cancelling the planned cuts and keeping 2016 rates in place. Annual reimbursement rates are set using data from Medicaid cost reports submitted by providers themselves. Based on those, it looked like costs were going down in Indiana. However, Indiana Association for Home and Hospice Care Executive Director Evan Reinhardt says the proposed 2017 rates were based on three-year-old cost reports, and in the meantime, a lot has happened. The state agreed to freeze the 2016 rates while it examines the current reimbursement model.

STATEHOUSE: U.S. DISTRICT COURT E-LIQUIDS RULING FAVORS INDIANA - The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana ruled in a legal challenge to Indiana's statute regulating the manufacturers of liquids used in electronic cigarettes and similar devices, a news release stated, noting the ruling was in favor of the State of Indiana, meaning the statute can be enforced (*Howey Politics Indiana*). In the case Legato Vapors LLC. et al. v. David Cook, Chairman of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission et al, Judge Sarah Evans Barker denied the plaintiffs' motion for an injunction and motion for summary judgment that would have prevented enforcement of portions of the law involving manufacturers of the e-liquids for refillable or "open system" e-smoking devices. The Court found the challenged provisions are constitutional and will issue a final judgment in the case. As the lawyer for state government, the Indiana Attorney General's Office represented the state government defendants in the lawsuits and provided a defense for the challenged portions of the state statute. The State opposed the plaintiffs' motions; the State's legal position was that the provisions of the statute the Legislature passed do not violate the Constitution. If the plaintiffs seek to appeal, the State's lawyers will continue to defend the statute and the government defendants. Meanwhile, a separate legal challenge to the e-liquids statute, GoodCat LLC et al. v. Cook et al., still is pending before Judge Richard Young of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana.

TRAVEL: RECORD NUMBER EXPECTED ON THE ROAD THIS WEEKEND - For the third straight year, a record number of Hoosiers are expected to travel over the Fourth of July (Tuohy, *IndyStar*). The

AAA Hoosier Motor Club estimates 1,012,216 Indiana residents will journey at least 50 miles this holiday. This is the second straight year travelers topped the million trip mark for Independence Day. The Motor Club projects 890,842 residents will drive, an increase of 1.2 percent over last year, and 44,776 will take airplanes, a decrease of .2 percent. The rest will ride buses and trains. Nationwide, AAA projects a record number of July Fourth travelers - nearly 43 million. Low gas prices, air fares and hotel rates are being credited with the increase in travel, not just over the holiday but all summer. Gas prices are at an 11-year low for the holiday — an average of $2.28 a gallon for unleaded Wednesday in Indiana. The national average is $2.29.

JUSTICE: NAMES OF LESBIANS ON BIRTH CERTIFICATES - A U.S. district judge has ruled that the State of Indiana will have to list the names of both spouses in a same-sex marriage on birth certificates (*WTHR-TV*). The judge ruled that it's a discrimination issue. The state's attorney is reviewing the decision. Judge Tanya Walton Pratt says her decision is in keeping with Indiana's policy of doing what's best for children and families. She ruled Thursday in favor of eight lesbian couples who sued the state and county health departments. Pratt said the state's conduct was unconstitutional. Pratt wrote that there's "no conceivable important governmental interest" to justify treating female spouses of artificially-inseminated birth mothers different from male spouses of artificially-inseminated birth mothers. An attorney for the couples, Karen Celestino-Horseman, says the rulings puts the families "on the same level as opposite-sex couples."

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WHITE HOUSE: OBAMA SIGNS FOIA REFORM BILL - President Barack Obama signed a bill Thursday aimed at improving the government's often-sluggish responses to Freedom of Information Act requests (*Politico)*. As the president put his signature on the measure in the Oval Office, he portrayed the legislation as largely an effort to make permanent changes his administration instituted in the handling of FOIA requests. "Congress -- on a bipartisan basis -- has provided the tools -- legislation -- to codify some of the reforms we've already made and to expand more of these reforms so that government is more responsive," Obama said. "And I am very proud of all the work we've done to try to make government more open and responsive, but I know that people haven't always been satisfied with the speed with which they're getting responses and requests. Hopefully this is going to help and be an important initiative for us to continue on the reform path." The bill, called the FOIA Improvement Act, codifies a presumption of disclosure that Obama re-instituted at the outset of his presidency, but which requesters say has done little to make recalcitrant agencies fork over information. That presumption is now in law and may give requesters a stronger hand in court, although it's unclear how much stronger since similar court-authored precedents are already on the books. The bill also makes it harder for government to

withhold certain kinds of information that's more than 25 years old, although the impact of that provision was narrowed as the legislation pinged back and forth between the House and Senate.

PENTAGON: TRANSGENDER MILITARY BAN LIFTED - Defense Secretary Ashton B. Carter on Thursday removed one of the final barriers to military service by lifting the Pentagon's ban on transgender people serving openly in the armed forces (*New York Times*). "Effective immediately, transgender Americans may serve openly," Mr. Carter said. "They can no longer be discharged or otherwise separated from the military just for being transgender." The decision pushes forward a transformation of the military that Mr. Carter has accelerated in the last year with the opening of all combat roles to women and the appointment of the first openly gay Army secretary. He made his feelings on ending the transgender ban clear last year, when he called it outdated and ordered officials across the military to begin examining what would need to be done to lift it.

ENVIRONMENT: OZONE LAYER IN BETTER SHAPE - In a major new paper in the influential journal Science, a team of researchers report strikingly good news about a thirty year old environmental problem. The Antarctic ozone "hole" — which, when it was first identified in the mid-1980s, focused public attention like few other pieces of environmental news — has begun, in their words, to finally "heal" (*Washington Post*). "If you use the medical analogy, first the patient was getting worse and worse, and then the patient is stabilized, and now, the really encouraging thing, is that the patient is really starting to get better," said MIT atmospheric scientist Susan Solomon, lead author of the study, and former co-chair of the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. And moreover, that patient — the Earth's vital ozone layer — is getting better directly because of our choices and policies.

MISSISSIPPI: FEDERAL JUDGE STRIKES DOWN RFRA LAW - U.S. District Judge Carlton W. Reeves late Thursday night issued an injunction blocking a bill by the Mississippi legislature that would have allowed private citizens and some public officials professing a "sincere religious belief" to deny services to gays and lesbians (*Washington Post)*. Just minutes before House Bill 1523 was to take effect at midnight, Reeves eviscerated the bill — the most sweeping attempt by a state to undermine the U.S. Supreme Court's 2015 decision to legalize gay marriage — as being in violation of the First and Fourteenth Amendments. "The State has put its thumb on the scale to favor some religious beliefs over others. Showing such favor tells 'nonadherents that they are outsiders, not full members of the political community, and . . . adherents that they are insiders, favored members of the political community.' " Reeves wrote, citing precedent.



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CITIES: SOUTH BEND, MISHAWAKA, COUNTY TO SEEK FOOD, BEVERAGE TAX - Presenting a unified front is crucial if the cities of South Bend and Mishawaka and the St. Joseph County Council hope to convince the state legislature to give local bodies authority to pass a food and beverage tax (Dukes, *South Bend Tribune*). Even then, city and county officials face an uphill battle, whether they choose to collaborate or pursue the enabling legislation separately. That was the assessment of Rhonda Cook, director of government affairs and legislative counsel of the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns. She spoke at a special joint meeting Wednesday that included members of the St. Joseph County Council and the South Bend and Mishawaka councils. Cook provided an overview of food and beverage taxes that have been implemented in 13 counties and 14 municipalities. She also spoke of her agency's effort to lobby the General Assembly to pass legislation that would allow cities and towns the authority to adopt a tax without legislative approval.

CITIES: AUDIT FINDS $1M MISSING FROM ATTICA SCHOOL FUNDS - Many Attica residents are demanding answers after a state report revealed nearly $1 million in federal funds unaccounted for by Attica schools over a two-year period (Ellison, *Lafayette Journal & Courier*). The State Board of Accounts (SBOA) recently released an audit of Attica Consolidated School Corp.'s finances from July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2015. The audit, which was finalized April 13, cited numerous flaws in the district's system of checks and balances that resulted in the large amount of money left unaccounted for, creating a discrepancy of more than $940,000 in its financial reports. The audit noted that many deficits were caused by disbursements exceeding receipts, and reimbursements not being received by the end of the fiscal years. Among the 11 errors listed in the report were a $95,959 shortage in the School Breakfast Program, $414,113 missing in the National School Lunch Program, and a $337,415 deficit of Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies, according to the state auditors' two-year analysis of federal expenditures.

CITIES: ACLU SUES BEECH GROVE FOR DELETING COMMENTS FROM FB PAGE - The American Civil Liberties Union is suing Beach Grove on behalf of two Local women who say the city illegally censored their Facebook comments (MacAnnally, *WTHR-TV*). According to court papers last October mayor Dennis Buckley posted that crime reporting was down 9.6%. But Beech Grove crime watch member Kimberly Quick posted "I know from listening to others that drugs and vandalism have been quite rampant in our city." Her comment was removed. In another case Trump yard signs were stolen. Police posted it was actually not an issue because the sign was returned. But Kimberly Quick posted asking why sign theft was not a controversy when it was a crime. And she said police investigated theft of the mayor's signs. That post removed too and she was blocked. ACLU attorney Jan Mersz says "You run the risk of sort of arbitrary censorship. Which is at the heart of the First Amendment. The government's ability to pick and choose who gets to speak and Who gets to get heard." But, Craig Wiley, the lawyer for the city of Beach Grove says the two women challenging the city "made posts that were not related to crime and in some instances were inflammatory and not true. So they were taken down. There were also some post that they were not an issue of public concern."

CITIES: IPL PETITIONS TO INSTALL $100M POLLUTION CONTROLS - The Indianapolis Power & Light Co. has filed petitions to install $100 million worth of pollution controls at its Petersburg Generating Station so it may keep burning coal and meet environmental regulations (*Associated Press*). The

Indianapolis Business Journal reports that the utility company recently filed the petitions with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission. If approved, a residential customer's monthly bill could increase by 20 cents next year and up to $1.40 a month by the year 2021. Some are critical of the request for pollution controls, saying the Petersburg plant is old, inefficient and will likely need millions of dollars in upgrades every few years to meet a series of stricter environmental regulations. The utility stopped using coal earlier this year at two of its other plants in Indianapolis and Martinsville in favor of natural gas.

CITIES: EVANSVILLE PUBLIC HOUSING REPAIRS PLANNED AFTER PRIVATIZATION - The $18.2 million in renovations is part of the Evansville Housing Authority's deal with a private company to take over operations and maintenance of public housing in town (Evans, *Evansville Courier & Press*). Five apartment buildings will be renovated. The partnership is possible due to an Obama administration program that allows housing units to work with private companies to leverage tax credits for repairs. The housing authority is turning over the apartments to Indianapolis-based Flaherty & Collins Properties. Money from the federal government for more than patch repairs has all but dried up in the last two decades. Federal funding for Department of Housing and Urban Development capital projects has slightly dropped in the last decade, with a decline from $3 billion in 2001 to $1.975 billion last year. But nationwide, HUD estimates a $30 billion deficit in repairs for public housing. Since the mid-'90s, 300,000 blighted public housing units were demolished or removed from federal control due to lack of funds, according to HUD's website.

CITIES: FORT WAYNE RETAIL VACANCY AT 6-YEAR LOW - Retail vacancy is at its lowest in Fort Wayne since 2010 (Roberts, *WANE-TV*). The Zacher Company just published a survey saying downtown development has a lot to do with that low number. According to the retail market survey, retail vacancy is at 14.1 percent. This time last year it was nearly two percent higher. "We've seen a lot more new construction, which is good, than a lot more demolition," The Zacher Company Associate Broker Evan Rubin said. "That's making our retail availability rise, but our vacancies are being filled at the same time." Every year The Zacher Company releases its retail market survey. June 2016 saw the lowest vacancy rate since June 2010. Every area of Fort Wayne saw growth, but one section in particular drove the vacancy number down.

CITIES: $35M EXPANSION AT INDY CHILDREN'S MUSEUM - The Children's Museum of Indianapolis unveiled plans for a $35 million expansion (*WNDU-TV*). It will be called the Riley Children's Health Sports Legends Experience. Most of it is an outdoor attraction, featuring activities like football, basketball, golf, soccer and more. Museum President Jeffrey Patchen says with Indianapolis ranked as the unhealthiest city in the US again this year, the goal is to find a way to fight childhood obesity and inactivity. Colts Quarterback Andrew Luck was brought in to persuade contributors to get behind the expansion. The goal is to provide a fun experience that discourages childhood obesity.

CITIES: MAYOR HENRY URGES AQUA RATE REDUCTION - Mayor Tom Henry is urging the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to consider reducing the amount of Aqua Indiana’s requested sewer rate hike (Gong, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). Aqua Indiana is seeking a 29.8 percent increase to its sewer rates, something officials with the utility say is necessary to pay for improvements made over the past several years. “The rate will go against all of the capital expenditures that have been spent over the past six years on improvements to the system,” said Jeff Gard, Aqua Indiana’s Fort Wayne area manager. “As

a regulated utility, we have to spend the money on projects and then ask for recovery of those expenditures made to improve the system."

COUNTIES: QUASAR LOOKS TO DEVELOP FORMER DUKE PLANT IN VIGO - Wednesday the Vigo County Council called a special meeting to receive information about a $450 million project at the former Duke Energy Plant (Clifton, *WTHI-TV*). Quasar Energy Partners has plans for the facility that would re-purpose it to produce synthetic gas or "syngas" that will fuel new process units to make ammonia. Quasar Managing Partner, Nalin Gupta says the United States is one of the world's largest importers of fertilizer. He says most of it comes from places like Trinidad, the Middle East, and China. Gupta says the project his company is taking on could bring that business to the Midwest. Vigo County Council President, Rick Burger highlighted some of the benefits. He said, "$450 million investment... 110 jobs... Good paying jobs... Over the two-year construction of this plant, this ammonia plant... Will take about a thousand contracting jobs."

COUNTIES: TIPPECANOE SHERIFF COVERS BONUSES WITH PERSONAL CHECK - Tippecanoe County Sheriff Barry Richard planned to give six civilian employees $500 in specialty pay at the end of 2015, but he ended up shelling out $3,000 from his personal account to cover the bonuses (Wilkins, *Lafayette Journal & Courier*). The sheriff's office's specialty pay program is for sworn police officers, not for civilian employees, but Richard didn't know that. The specialty pay program was started by Tracy Brown, the former sheriff and current county commissioner. It is a stipend fund for officers with special skills, such as accident reconstructionist, polygraph operators, field training officers and other extra responsibilities, Brown said. Richard said he submitted specialty pay for six employees - dispatchers and civilian jail officers whom he determined had extra skills. Initially, the bonuses went through, giving the employees a bounty for Christmas shopping early in December. Brown said Heather Bulington, the county's payroll administrator in the auditor's office, called him in December, questioning the specialty pay procedure since the program is doled out only once a year. That's when Brown noticed the error. Civilian employees are not eligible for the specialty pay program. So Richard wrote the six employees personal checks from his account for $500.

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Dear Governor Pence:

Please be advised that your agency's Quarterly Progress Report is now available for completion. The report can be accessed through the COPS Office website at http://www.cops.usdoj.gov and is due on Jul 30, 2016. This progress report is used to monitor the implementation of your COPS-funded grant/cooperative agreement and your agency's community policing activities. Your cooperation in this collection is essential. We have made minor updates to some of the progress report questions; however, the changes should not significantly impact your reporting requirement.

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