

Trump brings 'the show' to Indiana

Coming WTHR/HPI Poll will reveal if billionaire's momentum continues to build here

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY**

INDIANAPOLIS – Hoosier voters, fearful and angry about an uncertain future, were treated to a stream of consciousness from billionaire Republican presidential frontrunner Donald J. Trump Wednesday afternoon at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. It kicked off what could be a volatile and historic pre-primary ramp up with the eyes of the nation on the outcome.

A big

Trump win on May 3 will put enormous pressure on the Indiana Republican establishment, which selected a slate of delegates that appear to be supporting U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz and Ohio Gov. John Kasich earlier this



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump wows about 4,000 supporters at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. (HPI Photo by Mark Curry)

month. As he had in recent weeks, Trump complained about a "crooked" and "rigged" system, though he didn't specifically point to allies of Gov. Mike Pence, who appear to be engineering an unfriendly delegate slate.

But Trump, who met with Gov. Pence before the rally at the Govern-

or's Residence, told the crowd, "You've got a governor, Gov. Pence, who's really fighting hard for you." If the

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A tough nation to govern

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY**

BLOOMINGTON – It's hard to believe that Lee Hamilton was running his final race for Congress 20 years ago, coming two years after a near upset in the 1994 Republican tsunami. When he began his 34-year career in the U.S. House, America's population was 130 million people. Today, with a potential presidential nomination for Donald Trump, he surveys a nation of 320 million, with white Americans poised to be in the minority in just a few decades.

In a sobering conversation with editors from the Indiana Democratic Editorial Association on Saturday, Hamilton laid out a sprawling and troubling over-



"I think we're going to see unprecedented voter turnout."
- Secretary of State Connie Lawson, noting that early voting in the state is double that of 2012.



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view of what is driving politics today. At the presidential level, there is the Republican Donald Trump, who hasn't always been a Republican, and the Democrat Sen. Bernie Sanders, who up until this cycle had been a socialist. Both feed off a simmering stew of fear and discontent. And in Hamilton's old 9th CD, a Tennessee millionaire is trying to buy his way into Congress. If he succeeds, Joseph Albert "Trey" Hollingsworth III would be the richest member.

"It's a little scary," Hamilton observed of Hollingsworth. "It shows you the impact of money. It's a big problem in politics."

In the presidential race, Hamilton observes what he describes as a "breathtaking gap" between campaign rhetoric and policy substance. "What they say on the campaign trail can stick with them" in office, Hamilton said.

With 200 million more people now than when he entered Congress in 1964, Hamilton observed, "This is a very tough country to govern." The next president, he said, will "find 50% of the American people dead set against him or her. Look at the number of people who dislike her," he said of Hillary Clinton. "It's well over 50%. That's astounding."

When President Obama took office in January 2009, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell didn't seek a partnership or areas of potential collaboration. "He said the No. 1 priority was to beat the president," Hamilton said. "Obama has met with obstructionism like I've never seen before." And this from a Congress that hasn't been able to pass a budget since the mid-1990s. "And they get away with it," Hamilton said. "They fool you and me." Obama, in turn, has relied on governing via executive order. "So he's turned to what he can do, which is what he can do by himself."



Hamilton said he attended a national security conference and foreign policy experts agreed that the No. 1 security threat against the United States "is our dysfunction at home."

Modern politics

As a candidate, Hamilton said the mood of the voter is the most important element to understand. "Politicians ask, not 'can I get elected?' It's 'what's the mood of the voter?' Today, a big segment of voters are mad. They're really angry. Trump and Sanders have tapped into that."

Fueling that anger are fundamental changes in the economy as manufacturing processes become more productive, require fewer people, and more and more jobs are automated. There has been wage stagnation, the middle class is

no longer getting regular pay raises, and "the idea that our children will do better than we did has faded. A lot of that anger is about the future of the country. But you can't name another country that is doing better than we are," Hamilton said. In an echo from President Jimmy Carter in 1979, Hamilton cited economic "malaise."

And, as had faced Carter and every other modern president, the Middle East takes an overwhelming amount of time and energy from any president. "It consumes them," Hamilton said of the post World War II presidents.

Hamilton walked through what a president faces. "I once sat down the President Lyndon Johnson. He would say, 'What are the facts? What are the American interests? What tools do I have to deal with the problem?'"

Harry McPherson, a senior aide to President Johnson laid out such a scenario with the young Indiana congressman listening and watching. "McPherson laid it out. He said, 'Now Mr. President, here are the pros

and cons." And LBJ responded, "Therefore, Harry, what do I do next?"

"They have to act," Hamilton said. "And it's really tough."

Facing President Obama today and the next president in January is that very Middle East that now finds ISIS festering. It is a region with virtually no leadership, no jobs, bleak living and no future for its children. "Even if we defeat ISIS, something else will pop into its place," Hamilton said.

The 2016 election

If Donald Trump isn't nominated and the Republican Party as we know cleaves into pieces, that's good news for Democrat, right?

"I don't think it's in our interest," Hamilton said. "I believe in the two-party system, but the parties have weakened. They used to be a place where there would be an array of views and then they would build consensus. We've lost that."

"If he becomes the nominee, they have a problem," Hamilton said of Trump. "If he's denied, they've got a big problem. But many don't want to solve the problem. They want to give an ideological speech. The hardest thing to do is build consensus."

Hamilton found himself serving with five Republicans and five Democrats on the Sept. 11 Commission. One was Ed Meese, a former attorney general and aide to

President Reagan. "I didn't think I could deal with him," Hamilton said. But of the 60 recommendations, a third of them involved law enforcement "and Ed drew up most of them." The commission found consensus.

Hamilton called former Ways & Means Chairman Wilbur Mills the greatest legislator of the century. When building the Medicare/Medicaid legislation in 1965, the Arkansas Democrat reached out to Republicans, saying, "What are the 10 to 15 things the Republicans want in the bill?" When his staff reported back, Mills reacted, "I think we can accept half of them." The legislation passed with 70 to 80 Republican votes. "He could legitimately say it was bipartisan."

"Contrast that with Obamacare," Hamilton said. "There was no Republican support for it. It's just been exceedingly difficult to implement. The contrast is stunning. Building a consensus is a tough job."

Thus, in the twilight of his long and productive life, Lee Hamilton finds a rapidly changing nation demographically, with the subsequent fear and loathing prompting all sides to dig in, all listening to ideological media instead of the centrist voices of Edward R. Murrow or Walter Cronkite.

"How do you deal with immigration without talking to Mexico?" he asked. "Or nuclear armaments without talking to the Russians? Or climate change without the Chinese? You can't do it by yourself." ❖

Lugar sees 'outsiders with no experience'

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY**

INDIANAPOLIS – The Hoosier elder statesman bookend to Lee Hamilton is former senator Dick Lugar, who discussed the notion of anger and outsiders fueled by it at his alma mater of Denison University last week.

"Most of the notable anti-Washington candidates of the past four decades were experienced governors who vowed to bring to the federal government the successful practices and programs that they had honed in their states," Lugar observed. "Among these were the winning candidacies of Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush. All communicated detailed programs and legislative visions during their campaigns. In contrast, the most successful outsiders of this cycle, Donald Trump and Ted Cruz, have no experience as a governor or mayor. Ted Cruz occupies a Senate seat, but his tenure has been short and he has devoted his time to institutional opposition rather than legislating."

As for linking "anger" with populism, Lugar explained, "Frequently, candidates have excused their incivility by saying that they are giving voice to an angry

majority. Elections create storylines and myths, in part because reporters and commentators need points of reference. This year, one of the dominant storylines has been the rise of the angry voter. Implicit in this storyline is that voter anger is justified and will only be relieved by overturning the system.

"I have no doubts that some voters are motivated by their anger and some of this is justified by failures in our political culture," Lugar continued. "But the results of this anger are not always validating. Anger disconnected from a realistic reform agenda and lacking in respect for pluralistic views is not a political virtue. It is possible for anger to be real and heartfelt, but simultaneously misguided and destructive. We know from numerous lessons of history that popular anger can be manipulated in ways that lead to intolerance, civil unrest, violence, and self-destructive national policies."

Lugar cited four "establishment" virtues: Civility, experience, studiousness, and compromise."

"Yet in this election cycle we have seen these virtues not just deemphasized, but scorned," Lugar said. "Civility is equated with weakness, experience with corruption, studiousness with pedantry, and compromise with a lack of principles. Instead, candidates have run on vacuous and sometimes cartoonish proposals that lack any political realism or programmatic details." ❖

Trump, from page 1

Pence team had been worried about Trump cleaving away another swath of the GOP after a year of controversial legislation and laws, it didn't happen Wednesday. New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, who accompanied Trump at the Governors Mansion but was not at the rally, may have helped smooth over concerns about the delegate process as Indiana chooses 57 delegates for the Republican National Convention in Cleveland this July.

Pence spokeswoman Kara Brooks said of the governor's meeting with Trump, "Gov. Pence was pleased to welcome Mr. Trump back to Indiana and hear firsthand his plans for the country. The governor was also grateful for the opportunity to describe Indiana's economic success and expressed his desire to have a partner in the White House who will help advance pro-growth economic policies, reduce burdensome regulation and curb the size and scope of government. With more than 130,000 new private sector jobs created since he took office, Gov. Pence believes addressing these issues is critical in order for Indiana to continue to be a great place to live, work and raise a family."

The New York Times take on the meeting this morning was this: Mr. Trump could be a difficult fit for Mr. Pence to endorse, but establishing a connection could prevent the governor from endorsing Mr. Cruz in the primary. Pence is expected to meet with Cruz before tonight's Republican Spring Dinner. Any Pence endorsement could alienate right-leaning voters he cannot afford to lose in his general election race against Democrat John Gregg.

Until the WTHR/HPI Heartland Project Poll comes out next week, many Hoosiers and national observers are flying blind into the Indiana primary. It is one of the few states where there has been no public polling. Nate Cohn's "Upshot" column in the New York Times earlier this week used a computer model and suggested Trump is "estimated to win around 40% of the vote."

But Cruz is expected to work the state hard, with surrogates such as his father, Rev. Rafael Cruz, already making a half dozen appearances around the state. Cruz has powerful evangelical and pro-life allies such as Indiana Family Institute President Curt Smith, Terre Haute attorney Jim Bopp Jr., and former legislator Eric Turner, who are all at-large delegates. Cruz will be a "special guest" at tonight's Indiana Republican Spring Dinner, the only candidate of the three to accept the invite. Gov. Pence appeared with Rev. Cruz at the Clark County Lincoln Day last Friday.

Kasich will be in Indiana next Tuesday. "We have a solid team in Indiana," Kasich said of his committee that includes State Rep. Mike Karickhoff, Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard, Evansville Mayor Lloyd Winnecke and IceMiller attorney Melissa Proffitt. "I appreciate all their work to share my positive and solutions-driven message across the Hoosier State. Thanks to the support of common-sense conservative leaders like them, I am the only candidate who can win against Hillary Clinton in the fall."

Other notable Kasich supporters include Howard County Republican Chairman Craig Dunn, former congressman Dan Burton, former Lt. Gov. John Mutz and State Sen. Jim Merritt.

There was early speculation that Kasich might play well in neighboring Indiana, with the Cincinnati and Dayton media markets hitting a small swath of southeastern Indiana. But until the WTHR/HPI poll is published, the strengths of the three candidates are unclear.

Indiana will have 57 delegates with a winner-take-all statewide and by congressional district system. The significance of Chairman Jeff Cardwell's slate, approved last week by the Indiana Republican Central Committee,

is centered on a potential second, third or beyond ballot, when Hoosier delegates will be able to vote for whom they want. Cardwell and Dunn have said that there was no litmus test on who became a delegate.

Cohn called Indiana a critical state, though NBC Meet the Press moderator Chuck Todd said on Wednesday's "Morning Joe" that the Hoosier impact might not be so compelling.

An emphatic Trump win here, with much of the GOP establishment aligned against

him, would fuel a rebound narrative after his big 60% win in New York on Tuesday night and his expected strong performance in the mid-Atlantic states next Tuesday, many of which are in the gigantic New York City media market. Such a narrative was in doubt after Cruz won a big victory in Wisconsin three weeks ago.

Having said all of that, Sabato's Crystal Ball analysts Kyle Kondik and Geoffrey Skelley were hardly ready to declare Trump the presumed nominee. "Donald Trump did what he needed to do in New York on Tuesday night," they wrote. "He easily eclipsed 50% of the vote statewide and in most of the congressional districts, giving him 90 of the Empire State's 95 delegates (as of Wednesday morning). His path to winning a delegate majority remains open, but it is perilous." (See the analysis on Page 6.)

The Washington Post reported on Wednesday that an internal Trump campaign analysis believes he can have



Gov. Mike Pence greets Donald Trump and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie Wednesday afternoon at the Governor's Mansion.

1,400 delegates lined up for first ballot.

"What is clear today is that there will be a contested convention," Sen. Cruz said on Wednesday.

What is certain is that after the mid-Atlantic states of Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Delaware, Maryland, and Connecticut vote on April 26 – and Trump has comfortable leads in all five states – all political eyes will be on Indiana May 3 as it is the only state voting that day.

Some 4,000 people packed the fairgrounds pavilion and saw scenes that have transfixed the nation for the past six months. Trump supporters formed concentric circles around several protesters with people snapping cell phone shots. But instead of goading on violence as he had in the past, Trump said, "Get him out of here, but don't hurt him, of course." He added, "We have the safest rallies at the safest places of anywhere in the country."

When another protester amped up, Trump observed, "I say get 'em out and he leaves."

Tangible results!

Trump at one point gave his most stirring battle cry: "We're going to build that wall, believe me that wall is going to be built," and the frenzied crowd chanted, "Build that wall! Build that wall!"

He cited the loss of hundreds of Carrier jobs in Indianapolis, another consistent theme, and vowed to impose a 35% tax on the company's exports back to the U.S. "I've been talking for a long time about Carrier," Trump said, adding that if he becomes president, "I'll call up the head of Carrier and say congratulations, you're moving to Mexico. ... I hope you enjoy the plant. I hope you enjoy the hot weather, but you're leaving Indiana and we're going to protect the state of Indiana. Now within 24 hours they're going to call back: 'Mr. President we've decided to stay. We're coming back to Indianapolis.'"

On the Chinese dumping of steel into the U.S. at the expense of the northwest Indiana cluster, Trump said, "That's not fair trade, that's stupid trade and we're not going to do it any more."

In his foreign policy segment, Trump again vowed to resort to waterboarding torture techniques of captured ISIS and al-Qaeda terrorists. "We will get rid of ISIS so fast that your head will spin. 'Lyn' Ted' gave a 'weak, pathetic' answer on waterboarding. They said what do you think about waterboarding Mr. Trump? I said, 'I love it!'"

And Trump turned to the news media, urging the crowd to look upon reporters and photographers, labeling them the "enemy."

"Do we like the media?" Trump said, with a resounding "No!" in response. "Do we hate the media?"

The crowd roared "Yes!" Many in the crowd turned to the press platform, snapping photos, but no one became rude or threatening. Hoosier hospitality held.

The speech was high on proclamations and complaints, and devoid of policy. A person could have left the rally and returned and would have missed only a portion of the stream of thought. But the message was clear. When he brought up Russian President Putin, Trump said, "We get smaller and smaller, weaker and weaker. Our country is being taken advantage of. I would never use the word our country is going to die, but it will be a very different place."

Trump promised the thousands of Hoosiers that he will cut epic deals, rebuild the military, build the wall on the Mexican border, and make American "great again." The details must await a later day.

And he did ask for votes, like a seasoned political pro he is not. "You're going to say that was the single and most important vote you ever cast," Trump said. "...



Remember, make America great again. Go out and vote."

Indiana hasn't had a Republican presidential primary that mattered since President Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan battled for the state in 1976, with Reagan winning 51.2 to 48.7%.

This year, it will matter and Hoosier voters will have a front row seat and a key role in the voting booth.

Indiana Democrats react

Indiana Democratic Chairman John Zody reacted to the Trump visit, saying, that he brings "a dangerous brand of politics. Already Trump's statements have been irrational and reckless. We hope it doesn't get worse here."

U.S. Rep. Andre Carson said that Trump "isn't making a hostile takeover of the party. It follows years of extreme ideology. He's the Republican Party without the wrapping paper." And Carson said that Trump's call to ban all Muslims from entering the U.S. is one of "prejudice" and "his remarks are toxic. Our nation is not at war with Islam, we are war with people who want to do us harm."

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Republican nomination very much in doubt

By KYLE KONDIK and GEOFFREY SKELLEY

CHARLOTTSVILLE, Va. – Let’s get the easy part out of the way first. Bernie Sanders went into the New York Democratic primary with essentially no path to catching Hillary Clinton in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination, and he leaves it with even less of one after Clinton’s victory. Unless Clinton is somehow forced from the race, she will be the nominee.

Now, on to the Republicans, where the outcome remains very much in doubt. Donald Trump did what he needed to do in New York on Tuesday night. He easily eclipsed 50% of the vote statewide and in most of the congressional districts, giving him 90 of the Empire State’s 95 delegates (as of Wednesday morning). His path to winning a delegate majority remains open, but it is perilous.

As things stand after New York, Trump is at 847 delegates (846 bound, 1 unbound based on The Green Papers’ count and the AP’s congressional district results). There are 620 remaining bound delegates, which means Trump needs to win 63% of them to get to 1,237 bound backers. To just attain 1,237 delegates regardless of bound status, Trump must win about 56% of the remaining 700 delegates.

1. Do more than just win all five states next Tuesday (April 26)

Five Northeastern/mid-Atlantic states vote next Tuesday, and Trump appears to be a favorite in all of them: Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island. However, in four of these five states, just winning won’t be sufficient. In Connecticut, Trump can sweep all 28 delegates. Given the results in neighboring Massachusetts and New York – Trump won just under 50% in the former and far over in the latter – that seems like a real possibility. If Trump wins a majority of the vote in Connecticut, he will get all 13 statewide delegates. The other 15 delegates are awarded winner-take-all by congressional district. Trump could very well win all five, although John Kasich could perhaps challenge him in the affluent 4th Congressional District. Trump just about maximized his delegate haul in New York; can he do it in Connecticut, too?

Trump should also do very well in Rhode Island, but it awards its delegates in a very proportional manner, so all three candidates will almost certainly win delegates there. The best Trump practically could do is to win 10 of the state’s 19 delegates, but nine is a more realistic goal.

Maryland is winner-take-all statewide and by congressional district. A realistic goal for Trump is winning all the statewide delegates and six of the eight congressional districts, or 32 of 38 delegates. Anything worse than that narrows Trump’s path to a majority. Kasich could be Trump’s main challenger in the Washington, D.C., suburbs, which were hostile to Trump in Virginia’s March 1 primary.

Finally, there’s Pennsylvania. Trump is leading there by a significant amount in recent polls. But only 17 of the state’s 71 delegates are pledged to the statewide winner. The other 54 are directly elected and officially uncommitted. So Trump needs to put on a show for the Pennsylvania uncommitteds by not just winning, but winning big. The one state where winning by a single vote would be just fine for Trump is Delaware, which is a straightforward, winner-take-all state. There’s little reason to think he won’t do that.

2. Win Indiana (May 3)

The anti-Trump forces appear to be hoping to re-run their successful Wisconsin strategy in Indiana, another Midwestern state that awards its delegates winner-take-all statewide and by congressional district. That means the statewide winner, in all likelihood, will win the lion’s share of the delegates. Cruz is very clearly gunning for Indiana, and Trump may not have a path to a delegate majority without it. The New York Times’ Nate Cohn wrote an informative analysis of Indiana that begins by arguing, “It may be Indiana or bust for Donald Trump.” He’s probably right. We think Indiana is fairly similar to Missouri, a Midwestern state with a southern orientation. Missouri also happened to be the closest primary in this year’s race; Trump won statewide by about 0.2 percentage points as both he and Cruz got about 40% of the vote. Cruz will almost certainly have to clear 40% to beat Trump in Indiana, and he very well could.

3. Win at least a majority of delegates in the confusing West Virginia primary (May 10). There’s little question that West Virginia, an almost entirely white state with lower-than-average levels of median income and education, is tailor-made for Donald Trump. Only three of the state’s 34 delegates are bound to the statewide popular vote winner. The rest are directly elected on the ballot, as



State	Date	Total del.	Bound	Unbound	Trump bound	Trump unbound	
Before New York:					756	1	
New York	4/19/2016	95	95	0	90	0	
Connecticut	4/26/2016	28	28	0	28	0	
Delaware	4/26/2016	16	16	0	16	0	
Maryland	4/26/2016	38	38	0	32	0	
Pennsylvania	4/26/2016	71	17	54	17	14	
Rhode Island	4/26/2016	19	19	0	9	0	
Indiana	5/3/2016	57	57	0	45	0	
Nebraska	5/10/2016	36	36	0	0	0	
West Virginia	5/10/2016	34	34	0	20	0	
Oregon	5/17/2016	28	28	0	10	0	
Washington	5/24/2016	44	44	0	19	0	
California	6/7/2016	172	172	0	118	0	
Montana	6/7/2016	27	27	0	0	0	
New Jersey	6/7/2016	51	51	0	51	0	
New Mexico	6/7/2016	24	24	0	11	0	
South Dakota	6/7/2016	29	29	0	0	0	
A roadmap to 1,237 for Donald Trump					TOTALS	1,222	15
						1,237	↓

in Pennsylvania. Trump's threadbare organization faces a stern test in educating the state's voters on this confusing process. Our roadmap above has Trump winning only 20 of 34 West Virginia delegates, which is perhaps conservative for Trump, but it reflects the uncertainty in a state that otherwise seems quite favorable to him.

4. Be competitive in Oregon (May 17), Washington (May 24), and New Mexico (June 7). There are limited data to work with for Oregon and Washington, two states that both use mail-in voting, though the demographics suggest neither is great territory for Trump. While Oregon uses an almost purely proportional system based on the statewide vote, Washington's district system is akin to New York's: If someone wins a majority in a district, that candidate wins all three district delegates; otherwise, they are awarded 2-1 to first and second in most cases. But the Evergreen State's statewide delegates are awarded proportionally with a 20% threshold. New Mexico could be very competitive. Trump doesn't need to win all these states, and we suspect he probably won't win either of the Pacific Northwest states. But he needs to get some delegates.

5. Win California and capture two-thirds or more of its delegates. California, which along with four other states votes on the final day of the primary calendar, awards 159 of its 172 delegates via winner-take-all by

congressional district. This will be a 53-district battle for three delegates in each. The well-respected Field Poll recently found evidence that Cruz may challenge Trump not only in some conservative parts of the state, such as the Central Valley, but also in Los Angeles County. Meanwhile, it's possible that Kasich could peel off some wealthy, highly educated districts in the Bay Area.

6. BONUS: Win Nebraska (May 10), Montana (June 7), or South Dakota (June 7). At this point, we're assuming that Cruz will capture the winner-take-all states of Nebraska, Montana, and South Dakota. This is based primarily on Trump's general underperformance in much of the Great Plains and Interior West. Additionally, both Nebraska and South Dakota are closed primaries, which have overall been a boon to Cruz (Montana is not, and perhaps Trump could be more competitive there).

Conclusion: There's one description of all five of Trump's steps above: Challenging but possible. This also describes Trump's chances of getting to the magic number of 1,237 by the end of the primary season. If he does not make it but is close, perhaps within 100 delegates or less, it's possible that he could persuade some uncommitted delegates (like members of the Pennsylvania contingent) to come to his side. But if he's considerably short, by 100 delegates or more, then his path to victory is likely closed. ❖

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New York sets up Indiana primary

By **MARK SOUDER**

JAMESTOWN, N.Y. – I am writing this column on beautiful Chautauqua Lake. It begins what is called the “Southern Tier,” the area of New York that abuts Pennsylvania. Its mountains are scenic, but for the most part, it is America that has been left behind.



In 1874 two Methodists established the Chautauqua Movement here. It promoted Sunday School initially and then moved to all adult education through tent meetings, retreats and communities in general. The movement died out years ago.

I grew up in a furniture retailing family. Jamestown, with its New York hardwoods, was once the second largest producer of furniture in America until time finally passed it by, hammered first by the non-union South and then by foreign imports. So it's gone. Lucille Ball is from here, and the Luci-Desi Museum is its primary tourist draw. Of course, not too many people walk around saying “I love Lucy” anymore.

There is a wonderful, quaint Amish Trail to the northeast, on the back roads between Jamestown and Buffalo. But these aren't the Amish of northern Indiana, with freshly painted barns and prosperous farms neatly subdivided. These Amish are trying to scrape by in the hardscrabble land, with no RV jobs to provide the family financial cushion like in the Elkhart region.

This zone, much like the much-faded industrial shell of old cities between the New York Turnpike and the Southern Tier (e.g. Auburn, Seneca Falls), has the look and feel of Trump territory from the moment you enter until you leave.

Unlike boisterous Buffalo and sprawling metro New York City, these people aren't brash, loud, pushy, obnoxious Trump people; they are largely somewhat beaten down. Down but still living vibrant lives. Tonight at the Bob Evans almost everyone looked like rural or passed-over city poor. As I met people such as these over the last week, I learned that they could become angry or fired up talking about politics, but anger was not the dominant characteristic. People were nice. They smiled, they held open doors, they chatted. They

talked about the past. They wished the past would come back.

It made us sad.

Last fall when my presentation on “Tammany Hall, Baseball and the Battle of Bull Run” was selected for the 19th Century Conference of SABR (Society of American Baseball Researchers) at the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, I had not considered that it was during the New York primary. Diane's brother lives in the Albany suburbs, so we generally extend our trips to the Cooperstown conference. Since we are retired, we can wander. People don't know me here, so I can ask casual questions, even direct ones, and not get spun. And I usually don't say I was a politician, or at least not until I'm leaving.

Combining our travels throughout the state with having watched local news in almost every non-NYC television market, two to three local newspapers per day (something I love to do when traversing our nation since I was a kid), and both local and NYC radio, it was a near complete immersion during the final week's sprint of the New York primary.

Here are some thoughts as the presidential circus invades Indiana:

1. Candidates were everywhere. In every media market in upstate New York, the five candidates were either in the area we were on the day before, the day of, or the day after. The free media was massive. Diane was relieved that my ignorance of allowing for this hadn't destroyed our trip. The political umbrella was suffocating enough without attending. At the end of the day, it didn't matter. Trump and Hillary won.

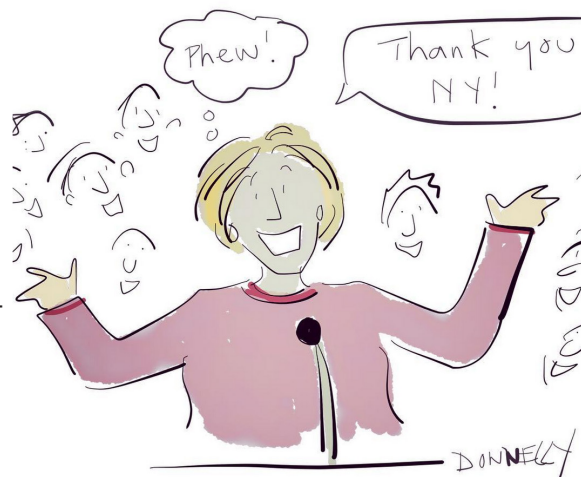
2. There wasn't much paid media by Republicans.

Hillary and Bernie hammered away at each other every few minutes, but Republicans were nearly invisible. I only heard a few Trump ads on radio, which could have been written by a C student in sixth grade – a string of simplistic words. I saw three Trump yard signs, one for Kasich and none for Cruz. Dozens for Hillary. Bernie signs were everywhere. Yard signs, big signs, hand-painted signs. Passion in posters. And they weren't college kids. It didn't matter.

3. This campaign isn't about big ideas, little ideas, or

any ideas, on both sides.

4. Pragmatism prevails among Democrats. Hillary's ads and the comments of her supporters were straightforward: She delivers for us. Her African-American and Hispanic bloc voting is extraordinary. She split the white vote evenly with Bernie. But years ago when Bill Clinton claimed to be the first black president, it was his way of saying “we will deliver for you.” They did. And there is not



a @neverHillary movement.

5. Trumpism is visceral frustration. One survey of Trump voters at a rally, where supporters were given extreme socialist quotes from Bernie but attributed to Trump, says it all. Most Trump supporters defended Trump's supposed socialist comments. They didn't know they were socialist, and didn't care. They emotionally feel that Trump will stand up to those in power, whose success they view as having come at their expense.

6. I'm sick of the whining by Trump people about delegates. In Wisconsin, Cruz received 531,000 votes and 36 delegates. In New York, Trump received 518,000 votes and 89 delegates (at the time I'm writing this). However, it is doubtful that Trump will give back some of his delegates because the rules continue to work in his favor.

7. I was shocked by the Cruz loathing in New York. Cruz was still ahead of Kasich even after his "New York values" comment, but his campaigning here seemed

to take him further down. Kasich appears to have defeated Cruz in 25 of the 27 congressional districts. Cruz only led Kasich in Brooklyn and in the Bronx.

8. Parts of Indiana have similarities to New York, but Indiana is not New York. We have a different collective make-up and different primary rules. For example, the candidate receiving the plurality statewide and by district does not have a 50-percent threshold to get all the delegates. The Cruz/Kasich divide suddenly becomes really, really important if we are the key to a second-ballot convention.

9. If Trump wins Indiana by the margins projected a month ago, it would mean it is all over but the shouting. Though there would still be a lot of shouting. ❖

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Sec. Lawson predicts 'unprecedented' vote

By MAUREEN HAYDEN

INDIANAPOLIS – A fiercely competitive presidential primary may be pushing Hoosiers to vote early in record numbers. The tally of ballots cast, by mail and in person, in the first week of early voting was more than double what it was in the 2012 presidential primary.

Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson attributes the rise to the rare situation in which Indiana now finds itself holding a contested primary election that could shape the presidential race. "I think we're going to see unprecedented voter turnout," said Lawson, the state's chief election officer.

Driving the numbers: The quest for the Democratic nomination between Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. And the fight for the Republican bid, among celebrity mogul Donald Trump, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and Ohio Gov. John Kasich.

Because of Indiana's late place in the primary season, Democrats haven't seen a competitive contest since 2008, when Clinton narrowly beat then-candidate Barack Obama. For Republicans, this is the first seriously contested presidential primary race in 40 years.

Indiana has been moving to make early voting much easier, pushing both absentee ballots sent by mail and in-person votes cast at local clerks' offices and voting centers.

And Hoosiers seem to be taking advantage of it, according to the most recent comparison numbers available from the state election division.

Eight days after voting opened April 5, 60,302 people had voted. That compares to just under 29,000 for

the same eight-day period in 2012, the last presidential election year. County officials on the front line of early voting are seeing evidence of the intense interest.

"Back in 2012, we'd see five to 10 people a day," Vigo County Clerk Dave Crockett said of early voters. "Now we're averaging 45 to 48 people a day. That's a lot, and that's good."

Clerks like Crockett have been pushing early voting, concerned about the potential for long lines on election day, when polls open at 6 a.m. and close 12 hours later. In 2014, the county moved away from voting by precinct and to centralized voting centers, reducing the number of polling places from 83 to 19. But turnout for midterm primary elections in 2014, with few contested offices across the state, was at a near-record low of only 13 percent of eligible voters casting a ballot.

The coming primary, on May 3, will look much different, given the presidential contest and the national media attention about to descend on the state. That's why Elkhart County Clerk Wendy Hudson sent out postcards to every voter in her county early this month, urging them to vote early to avoid frustratingly long lines that might drive them away.

"**The first day those** postcards hit the mailbox, we had people coming in to vote," she said. She was happy to see it, given the intensity of the presidential election and the high interest among voters. "I tell people, come in early in order to make sure you get to vote and avoid the explosion of voters on election day," Hudson said.

Details on how to vote early, including locations of voting centers, are available online through the "Voter Information Portal" at the secretary of state's website, www.in.gov/sos/elections. ❖

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Young, Stutzman followed debate script, but money is the story

By BRIAN A. HOWEY

INDIANAPOLIS – For those who watched Monday night’s U.S. Senate debate between Todd Young and Marlin Stutzman, it seemed like a replay of a similar event in Kokomo last January. The only element missing was Eric Holcomb, who exited the race in March to become lieutenant governor.

There were a few barbs thrown in this time, as the two Republican House colleagues sparred over the “conservative budget,” subsidies for the Stutzman farms of LaGrange County, and Stutzman’s \$800,000 house in Virginia (which, by Washington standards, is somewhat modest and not a “mansion.”)

Many of the other themes were similar. Young talked about “advancing conservative principles” instead of making ideological statements. Stutzman repeatedly told viewers that “Washington is broken.”

Young and Stutzman traded shots over the 2013 government shutdown which Stutzman supported, with Young repeatedly suggesting that Stutzman’s imprimatur of the move deprived the Department of Homeland Security funding. “I would never defund these agencies,” Young said. “It is absolutely unfathomable to defund such an agency.” Stutzman pointed to the sequester after the shutdown, saying, “My opponent backed the cuts” to the Department of Defense. When the candidates were allowed to bring up a topic, Stutzman attempted to call Young out on votes for the “conservative budget,” which is essentially the product of the Republican Study Committee. “I helped draft the conservative budget,” Young said.

Stutzman responded, “I’m confused. The congressman says he voted for the conservative budget. He’s never voted for a conservative budget. I’ve voted for it every time.”

Stutzman added, “I asked Todd Young and questioned him about the debt ceilings. He talked about Baron Hill’s record and he didn’t talk about his own.” Asked in a post-debate press conference if Young was “ducking” the

issue, Stutzman responded, “Yes.”

Asked about the exchange, Young invoked President Harry S Truman’s famous quote about the truth and “giving them hell,” and told reporters, “I invite the press to check our records.”

But this Indiana Debate Commission statewide broadcast was almost certainly statistically minuscule. Both seemed to use the appearance to not only burnish their cred with Republican voters, but to provide the proper soundbites for broadcast news. That’s why Young repeatedly talked about his career in the U.S. Marine Corps, and that he upset U.S. Rep. Baron Hill in 2010. It was, as one Republican observed, “aimed at the low information voter” who might have stumbled upon the broadcast.

While the two did end up with different perspectives on the government shutdown in 2013, and Young voted John Boehner in as speaker three times (compared to twice for Stutzman), the IndyStar reported that Stutzman has voted with his party an average of 97.5 percent of the time when issues have divided Democrats and Republicans, according to Congressional Quarterly. Young has voted with Republicans an average 96.5 percent of the time on party-line votes.

On the morning after, one thing became clear: Stutzman is not going to be able to tap into the Super PAC money that appears to be giving Young the home-stretch momentum. Young is benefitting from hundreds of thousands of dollars of ads from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Senate Leadership Fund, a key ally to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, who is wary of a “Sen. Stutzman” bucking his leadership. On Tuesday morning, the Club For Growth began running ads in the 3rd CD on behalf of State Sen. Jim Banks, taking aim at Kosciusko County farmer Kip Tom.

Club For Growth had endorsed Stutzman, but after campaign staff shakeups last fall, it did not attempt to bundle money for him last December. Club President David McIntosh told Howey Politics in late March that decisions would be made in early April. Now well within the third week of this critical month, it appears the Club is going to sit this race out. “Money follows winners,” one influential Republican told Howey Politics.

The other problem facing Stutzman is that the presidential race finally showed up in Indiana this week, front runner Donald Trump is preparing to spend much more here than in earlier states, and the Senate race begins to take a back seat to the big leagues. The Senate TV ads won’t have the same kind of pop now when they compete for air time and attention with Trump, Ted Cruz and John Kasich. HPI commentator and former congressman Mark Souder observed, “The media is going to be obsessed with Trump.” Oxygen fueling this Senate race is



thinning out.

Little wonder that Marlin and Christy Stutzman looked tight prior to the debate, though the Howe farmer's friendly demeanor came through during the hour broadcast. In contrast, Young and his campaign team had a swagger. In repeating his Marine Corps and election history against Democrat Baron Hill time and again, the Bloomington Republican acted like the Big Man on Campus, like a Marine confident that victory is around the corner.

There are wild cards that could help Stutzman. CNHI's Maureen Hayden reported that early-voter turnout has doubled that over 2012. In the first eight days this month, 60,302 people had voted compared to just under 29,000 for the same eight-day period in 2012. "I think we're going to see unprecedented voter turnout," said Secretary of State Connie Lawson, the state's chief election officer.

There is wide speculation that Trump is fueling this early voting surge, though some is probably attributable



U.S. Rep. Todd Young during the debate while U.S. Rep. Marlin Stutzman and wife Christy arrive at the WFYI-TV studios.

to Democrat Bernie Sanders, who is feeding off the same economic discontent. The critical question is, will Trump's anti-establishment, anti-Washington sentiment carry over to Stutzman? And will evangelical voters turning out for U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz match up with Stutzman?

By early next week, the WTHR/HPI Heartland Project Poll will bring the first reliable statistical data to this race, and this fascinating cycle. For now, it's gut feelings, body language and gross rating points.

On Wednesday, the Associated Press broke a story that Stutzman had paid for a family vacation to Los Angeles with campaign funds. The news came on the same day that Stutzman picked up the endorsement of U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, who said, "We cannot continue to elect politicians who will support the status quo. We need leaders who will fight to dismantle the power structure in Washington and return our government to the people."

The Stutzman campaign told HPI that the candidate had reimbursed the campaign for hotel expenses.

Primary Horse Race Status: Leans Young.

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Surveying the GOP Senate race

By JACK COLWELL

SOUTH BEND – While the national news spotlight will focus on the presidential nomination races in the Indiana primary election on May 3, there is another race in that election with possibly major impact nationally. That’s the contest for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate.

Two Republican congressmen, Todd Young of Bloomington and Marlin Stutzman of Howe, seek their party’s nomination for a Senate seat sure to be hotly con-



tested in the fall, when control of the Senate will be at stake.

Which one would be more likely to keep the seat being vacated by Republican Sen. Dan Coats under GOP control?

- Young, a more traditional Republican conservative with business and party organization backing who says getting things done is more important than just railing about how bad things are?
- Or Stutzman, a Tea

Party favorite who has battled with Republican leaders in Congress and runs as an “outsider” deploring how bad things are with the “insiders” in charge?

Each gave up “sure bet” reelection to the House in order to seek instead election to the Senate, with its greater prestige and longer terms.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, knowing the importance of the Indiana race in efforts to retain a Republican majority, has taken sides. He’s for Young. Or, in accord with his warning that Tea Party candidates viewed as too extreme could again frustrate hopes for a Senate majority, as happened in 2010 and 2012, he’s against Stutzman.

Stutzman told CNN that McConnell is retaliating against him for voting against former House Speaker John Boehner and is calculating that Young would be sure to “vote ‘yes’ for Mitch McConnell.”

Young has endorsements from the Indiana and U.S. Chambers of Commerce and a number of long-time Hoosier Republican leaders. He is well ahead in fundraising. The Senate Leadership Fund, a PAC started by allies of McConnell, is running television and digital ads for Young, a lawyer and former Marine Corps captain.

Stutzman, a farmer with a steady political rise from Indiana House to Indiana Senate to Congress, is endorsed by the Club For Growth, the big-spending political organization that was instrumental in the

defeat of Republican Sen. Dick Lugar by challenger Richard Mourdock in the party’s 2012 primary. The group hasn’t provided as much financing for Stutzman as once expected, pulling back after problems in Stutzman’s campaign organization, but it could do more in the final weeks of the campaign.

That 2012 Indiana primary and the fall defeat of the self-destructing Mourdock by Democratic Sen. Joe Donnelly has been cited by McConnell in his strategy to keep the Republican majority this time. He said winning calls for no more “Christine O’Donnells, Sharron Angles, Richard Mourdocs and Todd Akins.” All were past Republican Senate nominees who came across as too “far out,” politically and/or otherwise, as they lost key races.

It’s no secret that Indiana Democratic leaders would like to see what McConnell doesn’t want: Stutzman as the Republican nominee. They envision him as a good target, potentially another Mourdock.

Stutzman sees just the opposite, a strong chance to win in the fall with support of irate voters displeased with the political system and direction of the country, like the ones now stirred to anger by Donald Trump.

But first, in the May 3 Republican primary, what will Trump voters, anti-Trump voters, enthusiasts for Ted Cruz, backers of John Kasich and those deciding to vote for others still listed on the presidential ballot do when they see the choice for the Senate nomination.

Will some vote only for president? How many will decide on the basis of which senatorial candidate seems to have the best chance to win in the fall? How many will look for the one more likely to seek compromise or the one more likely never to compromise, even if a government shut-down looms?

The decision, however it is made, could well affect control of the U.S. Senate. ❖

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**YOUR FRIENDS ALL HANG
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Self funders, senators top 1st quarter story

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY**

BLOOMINGTON – The so-called “\$64,000 question” – or in this case the \$64 million question – has been answered as 9th CD Republican candidate Joseph Albert “Trey” Hollingsworth III and his wealthy father Joe Hollingsworth Jr., pumped close to \$1.5 million into his insurgent campaign. A well-funded organized pushback, however, is on the way.

According to Federal Election Commission reports posted Friday, Trey Hollingsworth has put \$1.1 million into his campaign, and his rich non-Hoosier daddy pumped \$370,000 into the murky super PAC “Indiana Jobs Now.”



Given that his father is the sole donor to the Super PAC, it seems even more curious now that Trey has maintained for so long not to know anything about the Super PAC’s activities. Howey Politics Indiana has reported that “Trey

For Congress Inc.” shared an Alexandria, Va., address with the Senate Conservative Fund. His campaign posted B-roll on its website last winter that have been used in both his campaign TV ads and the Super PAC ads.

Former Angie’s List CEO Bill Oesterle told Howey Politics Indiana he will be funding an ad campaign against Hollingsworth. “The idea that someone could come in and buy an Indiana House seat is obscene,” Oesterle said. And former U.S. Rep. Lee Hamilton, who held the seat for 34 years, speaking to the Indiana Democratic Editorial Association on Saturday, said of Hollingsworth, “It’s a little scary. It shows the importance of money and that’s a big problem in politics.”

The two open seats (CD’s 3 and 9, where the incumbents are both running for U.S. Senate) is where the action will be on the May 3, and some interesting trends are emerging. State Sen. Liz Brown (CD3) and Attorney General Greg Zoeller (CD9) both began their races as at least nominal frontrunners. In the past quarter, however, both saw precipitous drops in fundraising, with Brown bringing in only \$19,000 (down from \$53,000 last quarter), and Zoeller only \$49,000 (\$101,000 last quarter). This is the point in the cycle when serious candidates show consistency, and the prospects of either winning on May 3 look a lot dimmer now.

That means CD3 now looks to be a horse race between State Sen. Jim Banks and Kosciusko County farmer Kip Tom. Tom again raised more money than Banks, and has now passed him for the cycle, too, this despite the fact that Banks has now raised nearly \$184,000 through the Club For Growth, and Tom hasn’t self-funded any amount after early speculation that he would. While most observers give Banks an edge, this will be a closely watched

matchup.

CD9, on the other hand, has become a case study in self-funding. When all is said and done, it appears likely that Hollingsworth and his father will have spent around \$2 million trying to buy the congressional seat. It’s very possible that the gambit pays off. But as the media increasingly scrutinizes his residency and funding, 9th District observers think it is giving many voters pause. If Hollingsworth does falter as a result, State Sen. Erin Houchin appears to be in the best position to capitalize. While Zoeller’s fundraising has faded, Houchin put up another fundraising quarter over \$100,000 (she has outraised Zoeller every quarter to date), still has nearly a quarter million in the bank, and has most aggressively taken on Hollingsworth as the race nears election day.

In the 9th CD where Hollingsworth, Zoeller, Houchin, State Sen. Brent Waltz and Bob Hall are running in what HPI calls a “tossup race,” none of the other candidates has close to the money Hollingsworth has. Houchin posted \$132,000 for the quarter, \$373,000 for the cycle and has \$242,000 cash on hand; Waltz raised \$92,000 for the quarter, \$258,000 for the cycle and has \$79,000 cash on hand; Zoeller \$49,000, \$281,000 and has \$89,000 on hand; and Hall raised \$7,600 for the quarter and cycle and has \$1,800 cash.

Here are first quarter FEC, cycle and cash on hand totals:

CD1: U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky (D): \$81K Raised Quarter, \$565K Raised Cycle, \$387K COH; Willie Brown (D): No report filed. **Primary Horse Race Status:** Safe Visclosky.

CD2: U.S. Rep. Jackie Walorski (R): \$226K Raised Quarter, \$1.059M Raised Cycle, \$861K COH; Jeff Peterman (R): No report filed. Lynn Coleman (D): \$109K Raised Quarter, \$164K Raised Cycle, \$128K COH; Doug Carpenter (D): No report filed. **Primary Horse Race Status:** Safe Walorski, Safe Coleman.

CD3: Kip Tom: \$300K Raised Quarter, \$718K Raised Cycle, \$98K COH; State Sen. Jim Banks (R) : \$279K Raised Quarter, \$715K Raised Cycle, \$317K COH; Pam Galloway (R): \$45K Raised Quarter, \$319K Raised Cycle, \$51K COH (Includes \$3.6K from candidate this quarter, \$210K from candidate this cycle); Liz Brown (R): \$19K Raised Quarter, \$261K Raised Cycle, \$90K COH (includes \$75K from candidate this cycle); Mark Baringer (R): No report filed; Kevin Howell (R): No report filed. Todd Nightenhelser (D): \$0.8K Raised Quarter, \$0.8K Raised Cycle, \$0.5K COH; John Forrest Roberson (D): No report filed; Tommy Schrader (D): No report filed. **Primary Horse Race Status:** Leans Banks, Leans Nightenhelser.

CD4: U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita (R): \$177K Raised Quarter, \$831K Raised Cycle, \$1.314M COH; Kevin Grant (R): No report filed. John Dale (D): No report filed. **Primary Horse Race Status:** Safe Rokita.

CD5: U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks (R): \$191K Raised Quarter, \$1.021M Raised Cycle, \$1.258M COH; Stephen

MacKenzie (R): \$42K Raised Quarter, \$42K Raised Cycle, \$5.7K COH; Mike Campbell (R): No report filed. Angela Demaree (D): \$34K Raised Quarter, \$64K Raised Cycle, \$39K COH (Includes \$1.5K from candidate for cycle); Allen Ray Davidson (D): \$1.4K Raised Quarter, \$1.8K Raised Cycle, \$0 COH (campaign has \$1.2K in debt). **Primary Horse Race Status:** Safe Brooks, Leans Demaree.

CD6: U.S. Rep. Luke Messer: \$190K Raised Quarter, \$1.081M Raised Cycle, \$698K COH; Charles Johnson, Jr. (R): No report filed; Jeff Smith (R): No report filed. Danny Frank Basham, Jr. (D): No report filed; George Thomas Holland (D): No report filed; Bruce Peavler (D): No report filed; Ralph Spelbring (D): No report filed; Barry Welsh (D): No report filed. **Primary Horse Race Status:** Safe Messer.

CD7: U.S. Rep. Andre Carson (D): \$127K Raised Quarter, \$656K Raised Cycle, \$928K COH; Wayne Harmon (R): No report filed; Cat Ping (D): No report filed; J.D. Miniear (D): No report filed; Danny Godfrey (D): No report filed; Pierre Pullins (D): No report filed. **Primary Horse Race Status:** Safe Carson.

CD8: U.S. Rep. Larry Bucshon (R): \$142K Raised Quarter, \$615K Raised Cycle, \$517K COH; Richard Moss (R): \$19K Raised Quarter, \$52K Raised Cycle, \$38K COH. David Orentlicher (D): \$103K Raised Quarter, \$204K Raised Cycle, \$200K COH; Ron Drake (D): No report filed. **Primary Horse Race Status:** Safe Bucshon, Safe Orentlicher.

CD9: Joseph Albert Hollingsworth III (R): \$409K Raised Quarter, \$1.103M Raised Cycle, \$118K COH (Includes \$400K from candidate for quarter, \$1.086M for cycle); State Sen. Erin Houchin (R): \$132K Raised Quarter, \$373K Raised Cycle, \$242K COH; State Sen. Brent Waltz (R): \$92K Raised Quarter, \$258K Raised Cycle, \$79K COH (Includes \$75K from candidate this quarter/cycle); Attorney General Greg Zoeller (R): \$49K Raised Quarter, \$281K Raised Cycle, \$89K COH; Bob Hall (R): \$7.6K Raised Quarter, \$7.6K Raised Cycle, \$1.8K COH. Shelli Yoder (D): \$109K Raised Quarter, \$353K Raised Cycle, \$296K COH; Bill Thomas (D): No report filed; James McClure (D): No report filed; Bob Kern (D): No report filed. **Primary Horse Race Status:** Republican Tossup, Safe Yoder.

U.S. Senate

Stutzman repays campaign for L.A. trip

A Facebook page belonging to the wife of Rep. Marlin Stutzman touted the family's visit to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California, with photos showing the two children by the conservative icon's grave and the couple in front of a "humble" wooden table where Reagan signed a massive tax cut (Slodysko, Associated Press). Although a caption on one of the photos describes the trip as a "family vacation," documents obtained by The Associated Press show that Stutzman's Senate campaign paid more than \$2,000 for the four airline tickets

to Los Angeles and covered expenses for a van rental and Hilton hotel room during the August trip. Federal Election Commission guidelines forbid the use of an official campaign fund for personal expenses. On Wednesday, Stutzman campaign manager Josh Kelley said the candidate repaid the campaign fund last week for the family's portion of the trip after the AP began asking questions about it. Kelley said Stutzman, R-3rd, was told last August by a campaign attorney that the trip was a "legitimate" campaign expense because Stutzman's wife and children joined him at some political functions, but he decided to repay it "in the interests of full disclosure." The pictures from the Reagan library were taken down several days after the AP inquired.

The California visit represents just a small part of the hundreds of thousands of dollars in flights, vehicle charges, meals and hotel stays that Stutzman's campaign fund has paid for since the Republican went to Washington in 2010 on a pledge to oppose special interests, the AP's review found. The fund has spent over \$300,000 on such charges, roughly three times more than Rep. Todd Young. Regarding the six-day California trip, Kelley declined to elaborate about the political events he said the family attended, other than to say that some included donors and constituents. Kelley said the Hilton expense was incurred in Indianapolis the night before the California trip but provided no specifics. "It was a campaign trip," said Kelley, who earlier told the AP "it is irresponsible to imply that Marlin Stutzman has not always done his best to be in compliance with all FEC rules and regulations."

"The damage comes not just from how it looks but also the timing of this," IPFW political science Prof. Michael Wolf told the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette. Indeed, the story is posted on most news websites around the state today.

Congress

3rd CD: Forum gets beyond testy start

A forum for Republican congressional candidates started with the hint of a skirmish Wednesday (Francisco, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette). "I am very proud of my public service," state Sen. Jim Banks said. "Kip is running a negative television advertisement against me, calling me a career politician, which is unfortunate." But that's about as contentious as things got among the five candidates who participated in the program at Allen County GOP headquarters. When it was his turn to speak, Kosciusko County farmer Kip Tom made no mention of Banks' comment. Tom said he is "the outsider in this race." He said the nation's founders "intended for public service never to become a career. They intended for citizen legislators to lead our country."

9TH CD: Hollingsworth puts in \$200k more

Joseph Albert Hollingsworth III has put another

\$200,000 of his own money into the race, according to an FEC itemized posting.

Democrats debate in Jeffersonville

Three Democratic candidates in the 9th Congressional District demonstrated just how wide the political spectrum runs in southern Indiana — even within one party — during a public forum Wednesday (Bloomington Herald-Times). Bob Kern, James R. McClure Jr. and Shelli Yoder, all running for the seat being vacated by U.S. Rep. Todd Young so he can pursue a seat in the Senate, presented their stances. Yoder, a Bloomington resident who teaches at the Indiana University Kelley School of Business, took relatively progressive stances — siding with an increase in wages, public funding for women’s health centers and the Affordable Care Act. Born and raised in rural Indiana, Yoder said she understands what it means to be a Hoosier. “We’re common-sense people who do uncommon things,” she said. “We solve extraordinary problems. We band together when things are not going well in our communities.” She tied several issues back to Indiana’s economy, including infrastructure, education and access to affordable health care. “If there’s one thing that I hear throughout my travels in the 9th District, it is hearing from families who are piecing it together,” Yoder said. “I think we must begin addressing our wages not keeping up with the cost of living.”

General Assembly

SD3: Melton favored in rare primary

Northwest Indiana rarely has an open Senate seat where the incumbent officeholder has chosen not to run for reelection (Carden, NWI Times). But this year there are two: Senate District 3, representing Gary, Lake Station, New Chicago, Hobart, Merrillville and Crown Point; and Senate District 8, representing LaPorte, and portions of St. Joseph and Starke counties. Not surprisingly, the opportunity to win a four-year term at the Statehouse has attracted numerous candidates in both districts. Here’s a look at who is running: Eddie Melton: Sen. Rogers has endorsed Eddie Melton, of Merrillville, as her preferred successor. He was appointed last year by Republican Gov. Mike Pence to the State Board of Education and works as NIPSCO’s community relations manager. Melton said his Senate focus would be on luring high-paying jobs to the Region, promoting quality education, investing in infrastructure and supporting teachers, veterans and the elderly. “I will bring my local and national leadership experience to the Indiana General Assembly in order to work towards addressing the most pressing issues affecting Northwest Indiana,” Melton said. Darren Washington, who unsuccessfully challenged Rogers in 2012, said he hopes to carry on her legacy of leadership, particularly in regard to economic development, public safety and equality in education. “If we want effective legislation that will improve the quality of life for

Northwest Indiana residents, we need legislators working for the people, not just corporate interests, while in Indianapolis,” Washington said. Washington is president of the Calumet Township Board and former president of the Gary School Board. He works as a family case manager for the Indiana Department of Child Services. Dave Spott, of Hobart, a perennial candidate and former Republican, said he is running to attract new Region residents through high-paying jobs, quality health care and improved vocational education. The fourth candidate, Ethel Williams, of Gary, said she’s not actively campaigning after recently being hired at a county job. **Primary Horse Race Status:** Safe Melton.

SD8: Senate District 8 (Democratic)

Three Democrats are hoping to win their party’s nomination to succeed state Sen. Jim Arnold, D-LaPorte, who is retiring after 10 years in the Senate and a total of 50 years in state and local public service (NWI Times) Dan Cruz, of South Bend, is a business owner and former township board member. He plans to focus on economic development if elected to the Senate. “My experience in business and as a community leader has given me great insight into the needs of these communities,” Cruz said. “I am ready to take this insight to Indianapolis to fight for fairness, jobs and economic opportunity.” Maxine Spenner, a retired LaPorte teacher who was defeated by Arnold in the 2012 primary, is running again to ensure public schools and charter schools receive equal funding, public aid recipients do more to support themselves and senior citizens get well-deserved tax breaks. “I am a very caring person and would work for the good welfare of all Hoosiers,” Spenner said. Anthony “Tony” Underly, of New Carlisle, is a union electrician in his fourth race for the Legislature. He believes the General Assembly needs more “blue collar” workers as members. **Primary Horse Race Status:** Leans Cruz

(Republican)

Mike Bohacek, a LaPorte County commissioner, and Allen Stevens, a project supervisor at the Indiana Department of Transportation, are battling for the chance to try to flip this Senate seat to the Republicans. Bohacek, of Michiana Shores, believes the district isn’t getting a fair shake at the Republican-dominated Legislature, especially on road funding and economic development, because it is represented by a Democrat. Allen Stevens: of Hanna, also is focused on economic development and roads but believes his experience as a business owner and at INDOT makes him the better candidate to lead on those issues. This primary race has been surprisingly fierce with Bohacek bringing to light Stevens’ \$14,000 in unpaid property taxes, and Stevens pointing out that Bohacek used to be a Democrat and until recently was registered to vote in both Michigan and Indiana. **Primary Horse Race Status:** Likely Bohacek. ❖

Sen. Banks in a different battle

By **CRAIG DUNN**

KOKOMO – I freely admit to being a C-Span junkie. It's mandatory viewing at the Dunn house. Where else can you see non-stop, comedy action rolled up in a tragic mystery?

It is particularly interesting when Rep. Elroy Fussbottom steps to the microphone to lecture on the military or pontificates on what the United States needs to be doing in Afghanistan. Now, you and I know that the closest that Rep. Fussbottom has ever come to the military is curling up on his couch with a bag of Cheetos while playing "Call to Duty" on his Play Station. He wouldn't know the



difference between a whistling bullet and Gene Kelly whistling "Singing In the Rain."

I've always admired and respected elected officials who have answered their country's call to service. They bring a unique and informed perspective on issues that impact our nation.

Tumbling out of a cot before sunrise, 7,000 miles from home, starts the day in a more brisk fashion than a stiff cup of coffee ever could. Lacing up the boots and slipping on the flak jacket and helmet is not something most congressmen have ever done to prepare for a work day. Even your harshest critic or opponent in politics can't do the damage a lone bomber driving a Toyota in Kabul can do. An elected official who has served their country in a war zone takes the opportunity to smell the roses, hug his family and look at the problems facing our country through a very different type of vision.

Jim Banks, Indiana 3rd CD candidate, is one of those rare elected officials who has smelled gunpowder and heard the boom of cannons. Civil War veterans used to refer to their combat experience as "seeing the elephant." Well, Banks has seen the elephant! As the only post-9/11 veteran in the race, Banks knows what the reality is on the ground in Afghanistan, where he served in 2014 and 2015 as a United States naval supply officer at Camp Resolute in Kabul. He has directly worked with both the Afghan army and the forces of the various nations that make up our coalition in Afghanistan.

While we Hoosiers slept comfortably in our beds, with our families safe and near, Jim hunkered down at Camp Resolute, his wife, Amanda, and his three daughters 7,000 miles away. Why did Banks choose to trade his pinstripe suit for desert camos? He is one of a rare breed who has placed service to his country ahead of service to himself. No matter what your politics, you have to respect that. Those of us who have watched Sen. Banks from the

start are not surprised at his willingness to serve.

In 2010, I began following the campaign and career of Indiana State Sen. Jim Banks. I love seeing young people in politics and Banks struck me as someone with a very bright future. He is intelligent and insightful. He was graduated from Indiana University and later earned his MBA from Grace College and Seminary. He understands business and has been a potent political force in the Indiana State Senate on issues affecting workforce development, education and pensions. He has worked tirelessly promoting veterans' issues through his work as chairman of the Senate Veteran Affairs and the Military Committee. In short, Banks has lived up to the potential that caught my eye back in 2010.

Jim Banks now finds himself in a battle of a different sort, the hotly contested 3rd District congressional race, featuring five opponents. Indiana's 3rd District is arguably the most conservative of the nine Indiana districts. It is chock full of Tea Party activists, social conservatives and pro-growth economic conservatives. Banks has successfully navigated the waters of this campaign and accumulated an impressive list of organizations that are backing his bid to replace Rep. Marlin Stutzman.

Freedom Works, Citizens United, Indiana Right to Life, Gun Owners of America, The Eagle Forum, Combat Veterans, Club For Growth and the Tea Party Express have all lined up to support Banks' campaign. It is an impressive list of endorsements that bodes well for the young senator.

From my perspective, Jim Banks appears to have the skill set necessary to be an effective congressman. His wide range of supporters and admirers throughout Indiana and the United States tells me that he has the ability to hit the ground running in Congress and will avoid much of the organizational learning curve. In short, he appears to be the right person for the job of representing the interests of Northeast Indiana in the halls of Congress.

While serving his country in Afghanistan, Jim Banks had the time to think about the future of our nation. There wasn't much else to do in Afghanistan but think. He had the opportunity to ponder the type of country that his three young daughters would someday inherit. Would they be the heirs of a bankrupt nation, financially destroyed by reckless government spending? Would they see economic opportunity thrown out the window in a seemingly relentless quest by the Obama administration to destroy our nation's institutions, traditions and historic paths to success? Would their very security continue to be endangered by a disastrous foreign policy and continued neglect of our armed forces?

Jim Banks knows that his daughters, like your children or grandchildren, will inherit the world that we leave them, for better or for worse. Banks has risen to meet the call of his country once before. He'll rise to the call of duty in Indiana's 3rd District this November. ❖

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More on income inequality and data

By **MORTON MARCUS**

INDIANAPOLIS – After a column on income distribution two weeks ago, I received numerous disapproving e-mails.

Be assured I am not a bloodless, unfeeling conservative who would rip the ragged covering from a homeless, shivering child on a winter's night. Nor am I a drug-crazed liberal preparing to equalize income, independent of effort and ability, in the name of an ancient goddess of justice.



Let's move on. Annual income alone does not signify poverty or affluence. Public policy should not rest on how much an individual or a household makes in a single year.

Down the street from each of us lives an elderly lady who has no income beyond her small Social Security check. However, she may not be poor. She may not suffer for anything other than companionship. She may have substantial savings, no mortgage, no household maintenance or utility expenses. She may be blessed with a son and a daughter-in-law, further down the street, who pay all those bills.

Near the local college campus could be condominiums filled with the sons and daughters of alumni who pay for their children's housing, utilities and credit cards. These students may hold low-paid jobs, but these "households of unrelated individuals" may not be "poor" in the conventional sense.

Out by the lake are the luxury homes of mediocre athletes who earn more in a year than you or I in a lifetime of diligent effort. Their bounty is reduced when 40-plus percent of that annual income is taxed away. Yet, shortly they may also lose the rest through poor money management, inappropriate charity, or dissipated consumption.

Close to downtown are formerly fine houses of the 1920s where some writers and artists get by on meager incomes. Occasionally one will get lucky, sell a manuscript, a painting, or a sculpture and be rewarded with a seemingly magnificent check. But the intervals between such sales can be extraordinarily irregular.

America abolished income averaging in 1986. Today only farmers and fishermen can meld together the lean and the fat years. That's why superstars enjoy deferred compensation. You cannot do that with overtime pay from a bonanza year if you have a white- or blue-collar job.

Certainly, persistent poverty is real and requires our determined, immediate attention. Clearly, people in some occupations earn outrageous amounts of money

over long periods of time, but those folks always live elsewhere, not in our houses.

If you want to learn more about income distribution and taxation, see the November 2014 report by the Congressional Budget Agency: <https://www.cbo.gov/sites/default/files/113th-congress-2013-2014/reports/49440-Distribution-of-Income-and-Taxes-2.pdf>

There you will discover that, from 1979 through 2011, the top one percent of all households saw their inflation-adjusted, after-Federal-tax incomes rise by 200 percent (it tripled) while for those in the bottom 20 percent of households realized a "meager" 48 percent increase.

Inequality, however, is not itself inequity. Further, a decrease in income disparities would not necessarily reduce poverty. If poverty is our real concern, let's get on with addressing the real issues. ❖

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Labor market outcomes & education

By **MICHAEL HICKS**

MUNCIE – Labor markets across the United States, including here in Indiana are edging ever closer to full employment, the happy condition in which there



is at least one job opening for every person who wishes to be employed. That, of course, ain't what you hear from presidential candidates, especially Mr. Trump, who claims the unemployment rate is maybe eight times higher. That claim is an astonishing fabrication, but fact checking Mr. Trump is like slicing Jello. It can be done, but why bother?

So, today there are about 159.3 million folks in the labor force, about 63 percent of men and women aged 18 through 65. This is more Americans now working than ever before, with about 7.9 million unemployed. Advertised jobs run at more than 5.5 million and monthly job turnover in the last three months averaged about 9.0 percent of jobs, or roughly 1.44 million workers each month.

The upshot of all these data is that there are roughly as many job openings as there are unemployed workers. However, the location, skills and compensation

of jobs and the pool of available workers don't necessarily match. The simple reality is that labor markets work much like other markets, in that the demand for workers in each time and place has to be equal to the supply of those workers. Any mis-match leaves both businesses and workers unsatisfied.

The national unemployment rate for college graduates is 2.6 percent. This is so low that businesses are now finding that they need to bid up wages and benefits to fill their open positions. So, if you are a college graduate, the current labor market is one ripe with opportunity and an increasing likelihood of compensation growth.

Workers with only a high school degree face an unemployment rate of 7.4 percent. At that level, there are far more workers than jobs, and firms face no pressure to raise wages or benefits. This market outcome makes the gulf between labor markets even more painful. My student workers, who are mostly college juniors and seniors, are heavily wooed by employers. These jobs have all kinds of perks from fitness centers to tuition reimbursements and nifty lunchrooms, expansive health plans and great retirement perks.

In contrast, workers with a high school degree are a commodity and are frequently treated as such. There's little market incentive for businesses to train these workers, offer any job perks or frankly do much to keep them. Exacerbating this are self-inflicted employment barriers. Workers of all ages with only a high school degree are more likely to smoke and suffer other costly health problems. In a world of mandatory health benefits, that is a real barrier to employment.

The continuing unease about job security and wages in the U.S. isn't because labor markets don't work well. Though imperfect, the larger restlessness felt across the nation and here in Indiana is that labor markets do a good job of sorting workers. The remedies for these outcomes don't lie in federal policy peddled by misanthropic liars. The only good fix is in our homes and schools. ❖

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An expensive Lake judge race

By RICH JAMES

MERRILLVILLE – Only in Lake County, perhaps, would a judge's race be the leader in the amount of money being spent. Such is the case for the Democratic nomination for Lake Circuit Court judge.



The two main candidates are incumbent George Paras and challenger Marissa McDermott. McDermott, who is making her first bid for office, is married to Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr.

While each candidate has raised and spent a considerable amount of money, it is the source of the money that is drawing the most interest.

And that especially is the case with Marissa McDermott, who has a long history of receiving money from campaign funds.

In terms of the judge's race, both candidates have spent more than \$100,000. The lion's share of McDermott's money has come from her husband, according to campaign finance records.

Mayor McDermott donated \$94,225 from his cam-

aign account to his wife.

Paras loaned himself \$59,000 to help fund his campaign. It's not the first time that payments to Marissa from the mayor's campaign fund have surfaced.

In late 2013, a complaint was filed with the Lake County Election Board alleging that Mayor McDermott violated state law by not detailing exactly what kind of work was done by his wife for money she received from his campaign fund.

It was revealed that Marissa received about \$300,000 over 10 years for her work on her husband's campaigns. There was no breakdown on what she did for the campaigns.

The complaint was dismissed. It turns out that there was talk several years ago about requiring more detail in the campaign reporting requirement, but nothing ever was passed into law.

During much of the time that McDermott was paying his wife, he not only was Hammond mayor, but also Lake County Democratic chairman. He easily was the leading fund-raiser in Lake County.

While there certainly was nothing illegal about the payments to Marissa, it's easy to question the ethics of taking money from your husband's campaign fund. ❖

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Marc Chase, NWI Times: Everywhere we look, tattered remains of civility and common decency litter our political landscape, in many cases trod into the mud by sitting or prospective government leaders. Presidential hopefuls verbally attack one another with impunity, apparently believing the American public appreciates such qualities in would-be heads of state. One even insults the American people as a whole, dubbing folks with whom he disagrees “losers” or threatening to build walls between countries and people who should be establishing more common ground. So it was refreshing to see one leading congressional conservative put a civil foot forward last Sunday during a visit to the largely liberal bastion of Lake County. Some of you will consider this source of civility an unlikely one. U.S. House Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., spoke this message during a VIP reception ahead of the Lake County Lincoln Day Dinner, the local GOP’s annual fundraising event. Gowdy’s committee is probing the U.S. State Department’s response to security concerns prior to the 2012 Benghazi terrorist attacks that killed U.S. Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens, Sean Smith, a U.S. Foreign Service information management officer, and two CIA contractors. Several government leaders have criticized Clinton, who is now the 2016 Democratic presidential front-runner, for the State Department’s denial of requests to beef up security at the U.S. consulate in Libya prior to the attacks. Clinton supporters have dubbed the efforts of Gowdy’s House committee an unfair witch hunt, aimed at soiling Clinton’s name and hindering her presidential bid. At the Lincoln Day gathering last weekend, Gowdy promised backstabbing would not be part of any report generated from the probe. Such a report is scheduled to be issued in mid-June, Gowdy said. And if GOP faithful attending the Lake County dinner, or anyone else in the public, expects an indictment aimed at sinking Clinton’s presidential aspirations, they’ll be severely disappointed, Gowdy said. ❖



John Krull, StatehouseFile: As the storm of protest over Indiana’s new law criminalizing many abortions mounts, a question keeps running through my mind: Why is this just a women’s issue? Before understandably outraged feminists scream for my head to be served to them on a platter, let me explain that I want to explore just how selective – and, frankly, misogynist – the war on reproductive rights is. The intellectual and moral premise behind laws restricting a woman’s right to choose whether she will bear a child is that abortion is an evil. Abortion is so morally offensive, opponents of reproductive rights say, that it must be outlawed – that pregnant women who opt not to carry a child to birth, regardless of the health of that child, must face severe penalties. That is the only way to honor life. Okay. For the moment, let’s accept that argument. Let’s assume that abortion is an evil – which, by the way, is something I don’t believe. In most other criminal acts, we also penalize people who contributed to the act.

We call them accessories and, in certain cases, they can be subject to the full weight of the law. Why don’t we do that with abortion? Why don’t we say to the man who has impregnated a woman but doesn’t want to commit to her or the child that he, too, will be subject to severe criminal penalties – like the 20-year prison sentence a woman in Indiana received last year for feticide because she felt alone in dealing with her pregnancy? Why don’t we direct the full weight of the law at the parents and other family members who shun and refuse to support, financially or otherwise, unwed pregnant women and the children they will be compelled to bear and raise? Why don’t we threaten them with jail time if they don’t step up? This new anti-abortion measure became a reality largely because men in the Indiana General Assembly voted for it and another man, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, signed it into law. Those men did so secure in the knowledge that the penalties within the new law never would apply to them. My guess is that rewriting Indiana code so they get to spend some time looking at the world through bars for disapproving of unwed mothers might alter their outlook. It would be interesting to see how men might look at abortion if the laws and the punishments applied to them, too – and not just “other” people. ❖

Richard Cohen, Washington Post: The other day I spied a high Republican official walking on the street and called out his name. He stopped, hit his smile app and exclaimed how glad he was to see me. “What are you going to do about Trump?” I asked. He paused and then uttered the dreaded word: unity. “We have to have unity,” he said. I got his message. He’s selling out. Richard Cohen writes a weekly political column for The Washington Post. In the coming weeks, Republicans everywhere will be seeking unity by embracing a front-runner. If that person is Donald Trump, they will be ignoring his utter lack of qualifications for the presidency, his harebrained schemes for controlling migration, his knack for insulting billions people at a time (Muslims, women, the disabled), his gaudy womanizing past, his lying, his exaggerating, his enthusiasm for torture and his ingenious view of the Constitution as a lease that can be broken. That paragraph, politically lethal if I were writing about someone else, encapsulates precisely why Trump is so hard to stop. He is, among other things, scandal-proof. At the moment, an army of journalists is scouring the land looking for whatever Trump has done that we might not yet know about. Trouble is, there is little that can be revealed. Call him a womanizer, and he shrugs. Say he lies, and he lies by saying he doesn’t. Confront him with the truth and, as he did by insisting on Muslim revelry in New Jersey following the Sept. 11 attacks, and he just perseveres. He cannot be shamed. It’s trite to liken Trump to a Kardashian, but I shall do so anyway. What they have in common is the determination to outlast our moral or political revulsion. ❖

Battle responds to EC Council

EAST CHICAGO — Councilman Robert Battle, D-3rd, met the deadline to respond to a petition for removal that was delivered to him at the Porter County Jail on March 31 (Czapkowicz, NWI Times). He remains held there on federal drug charges and is accused of fatally shooting Reimundo Camarillo Jr. on Oct. 12 in East Chicago. Battle had until Monday to respond to the notice that was delivered by City Clerk Adrian Santos on behalf of the City Council on March 31. Santos said an unidentified female delivered Battle's response to the East Chicago city clerk's office late in the afternoon on April 15 and that it was dated April 5. "It was addressed to the entire East Chicago Common Council," Santos said. The statement of charges that gives grounds to remove Battle from the council was drawn up by council attorney Stephen Bower. Bower said it stated that Battle is unable to perform his duties as councilman due to his incarceration. "He has not in fact attended any council meetings or voted since mid-October of last year," Bower said. "A major duty of councilmen is to attend public meetings and vote."

Daniels announces 5th tuition freeze

WEST LAFAYETTE — Purdue University President Mitch Daniels announced on Wednesday a tuition freeze for the fifth consecutive year (Lafayette Journal & Courier). Tuition and fees will remain flat through the 2017-2018 school year, Daniels announced to the Purdue Student Government. Resident tuition will stay stagnant at \$10,002 and out-of-state students will continue to pay \$28,804. International tuition will remain at \$30,804. "We're looking in every place, and I think there's plenty more to do,

to reduce the non-essential spending," Daniels said, adding that the essentials include teaching and research.

BMV expands hours for voter ID

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana's license branches will be open the day before the state's May primary and for longer hours on Election Day. The effort is to help voters get the official identification they'll need at polling places (Associated Press). Most of Indiana's Bureau of Motor Vehicles' branches are typically closed on Mondays, but they'll all be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, May 2, and from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3. BMV staff will only process new, amended or replacement ID cards, and renewed, amended or replacement driver's licenses and learner permits those two days. The ID cards and driver's licenses can be used for identification at polling places. License branches will resume regular business hours on May 4.

Scott Co. wants needle exchange

AUSTIN — Scott County is asking the state for permission to continue its needle exchange program for a second year. It was the first exchange of its kind in the state after an HIV outbreak last year (Indiana Public Media). People packed into a small meeting room Wednesday as the Scott County Commissioners considered whether to approve the health board's request to continue the program. Nearly 200 people in the county are living with HIV and many of them caught the virus by sharing needles. The county health department says the exchange played a key role in slowing the spread of HIV. Scott County Public Health Nurse Brittany Combs says she's signed about 400 people up for the exchange since it started and 186 consistently used the exchange over the past few months. "We're still getting new people all the time that sign up," Combs says. "And the good

news is that some people never come back because they go to rehab or quit using." "I would like to have a discussion from the law enforcement side of it about the drug abuse piece to maybe massage the way it's working a little bit," says Scott County Sheriff Dan McClain.

Cruz predicts contested RNC

HERSHEY, Pa. — Ted Cruz declared definitively on Wednesday that the fight for the Republican presidential nomination is "definitely headed to Cleveland," where, he said, "the people are going to prevail." "Nobody's getting 1237 [delegates] - Donald knows that. We're headed to a contested convention," Cruz told NBC News while shaking hands after his rally here in a state with 71 delegates up for grabs in next Tuesday's primary. "The reason why he has so many of his media surrogates repeating the mantra that the race has got to be over now is because he knows he cannot earn a majority of the delegates in Cleveland," Cruz continued, calling Trump "a fringe and marginal candidate."

Tubman replaces Jackson on \$20

WASHINGTON — A Treasury official says Secretary Jacob Lew has decided to put Harriet Tubman on the \$20 bill, making her the first woman on U.S. paper currency in 100 years (Associated Press). The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity in advance of Lew's official announcement, says that the 19th century abolitionist and leader of the Underground Railroad, would replace the portrait of Andrew Jackson, the nation's seventh president. The announcement is expected to provide details on other changes being made to the \$20, \$10 and \$5 bills. The decision to place Tubman's portrait on the \$20 likely means that Lew has decided to keep Alexander Hamilton on the \$10 bill, a victory for those who had opposed his initial plan to remove Hamilton.

