



Pence prepares for GOP torch

Jumps into Statehouse stalemate as Viewpoint poll shows 66% disapprove of Democrat walkout

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY**

KOKOMO - Tuesday seemed like a good cop, bad cop day in Hoosier Republican governance.

At the Indiana Association of Cities & Towns, Gov. Mitch Daniels didn't apply the proverbial 2x4 over the donkey's head, as many GOP partisans were seeking.

Daniels referred to the 37 Democrats holed up in Illinois as his "colleagues" and said that his "door is open." Daniels added, "There may be indications this might be resolved."

House Republicans released an American Viewpoint Poll (March 20-22, 800 likely, +/- 3.5%) to HPI today showing that 66 percent disapprove of the walkout, including majorities "in every region of the state" along with 94 percent of Republicans, 65 percent of independents, and 69 percent of generic ballot undecided voters."



U.S. Rep. Mike Pence talks with supporters in Kokomo on Tuesday. He was well received by 250 people at the Howard County Lincoln-Reagan Dinner. (HPI Photo by Brian A. Howey)

It showed 57 percent of Democrats approved.

If there was a stick beyond this poll, it was his talk of a "Plan B" in place and "a Plan C beyond that, a special session." He suggested legislators not make any "summer vacation plans." In an impromptu press conference after his speech, Daniels said, "I don't know how the Speaker and caucus could have been any more fair or accommodating. Hot headed words might be in order but I don't think they'd be productive. I will also say I think the public has come to a highly negative conclusion about those who went AWOL without any encouragement or

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Seeking profiles in courage

By **LUKE MESSER**

SHELBYVILLE - Maybe it is just the sunshine, but I found myself looking for a reason this week to believe the end of the statehouse stalemate may soon be upon us.



It took me a while to find it. But, after an hour or two, I stumbled upon the old John Kennedy book, "Profiles in Courage." As nearly every American knows by now, this 1956 Pulitzer Prize-winning biography describes acts of bravery and integrity by eight United States senators throughout our nation's



"It's a little under 600 days before the election."

- Jackie Walorski, on declaring for the 2nd CD on Tuesday.



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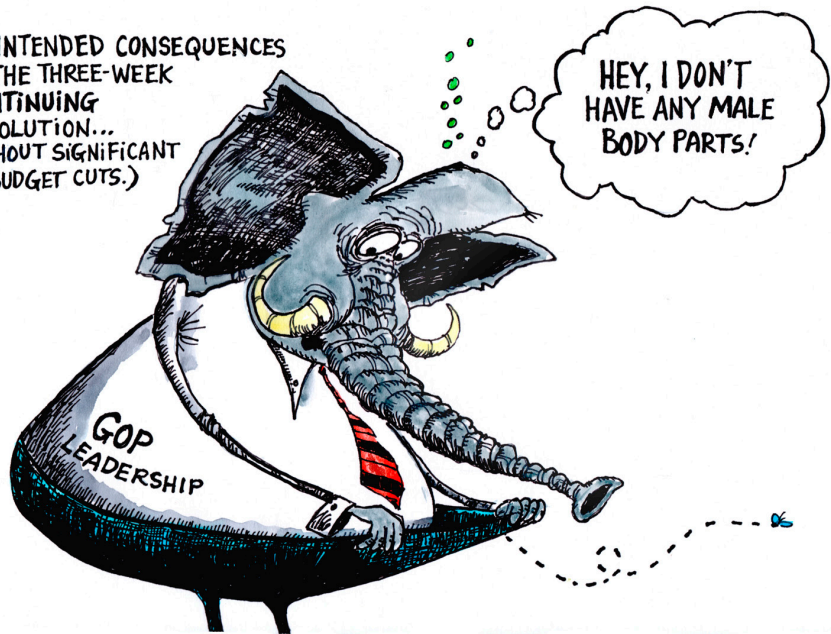
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first 180 years.

The book profiles senators of both political parties who crossed party lines and/or defied the public opinion of their constituents to do what they felt was right even though they might suffer severe criticism and losses in popularity because of their actions.

Fifty-five years later, the book remains one of the most definitive books ever written on political courage. In today's America, we all know what it means to be a "profile in courage."

Speaking in the mid-1950s, Kennedy wrote that, "today the challenge of political courage looms larger than ever before." In the forward to a 1964 reprint of the book, the President's brother Robert Kennedy noted these are "not just stories of the past but a hook of hope and confidence for the future. What happens to the country, to the world, depends on what we do with what others have left us."

For today's generation of Hoosier leaders, those words have rarely rung truer. What will we do with what

others have left us? As we enter the second month of the statehouse standoff, who will step forward and demonstrate a profile in courage?

Make no mistake about it. This deadlock will not be easy to break. Feelings are raw on both sides. Both sides seem to believe they are fighting on the side of the angels. Both sides seem to think that the other is suffering severe political consequences.

In prior writings, I have made my position very clear. I think what the Democrats are doing is constitutionally prohibited and morally wrong. In a free society, elections have to matter, and I believe the Democrats should show back up to work and vote. In the last few weeks, like many Hoosier Republicans, my emotions on this topic have ranged from anger to laughter to sadness.

Yet, I talk to bright, thoughtful Democrats with feelings just as strong on the other side.

Something has to give. Though unlikely, if a budget is not passed by June, state government will



start to shut down. At that time, the general public will most likely become far more engaged. But, our state has no time to waste, not even a few months, in working to jumpstart our economy, further improve our schools and build better opportunities for the next generation of Hoosiers.

I offer no silver bullet solution to the current im-

passee. If the answer was easy, we would already be back to work. But, this much is clear: our state needs a few profiles in courage.

Maybe it's just the sun, but I have a feeling we are going to find them. ❖

Messer is a former Republican Indiana legislator.

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anybody pouring gas on that fire."

Asked if he has had direct or indirect contact with House Democrats, Daniels responded, "No. No. They need to talk to the Speaker of the House and their House colleagues. I'm not going to insert myself in-between those two caucuses."

And then there was U.S. Rep. Mike Pence, now in the heart of his Indiana Lincoln Day tour that is the thrust of his gubernatorial listening tour.

At the Howard County Republican Lincoln-Reagan Dinner in Kokomo, Pence observed, "I think today is the one-month anniversary of the day they hightailed into Illinois and it seems to me as I travel around the state I hear more and more Hoosiers say they made their point and now it's time for them to get back to work. I just think when you have the privilege of being elected to represent communities in Washington and Indianapolis, job one is just show up for work. It's time to come back to the people's business."



During his speech to the party faithful, Pence looked out to State Reps. Mike Karickhoff and Heath Van Natter and praised them for showing up to work in "intolerable conditions."

The GOP faithful lept to their feet, applauding. Pence looked at the two legislative neophytes and quipped, "You thought you'd never get a standing ovation just for showing up for work."

In Evansville on Monday night, the message was the same. "It's high time the Democrats in Illinois high-tailed it back to Indianapolis," Pence thundered, drawing cheers and whistles, according to an account in the Evansville Courier & Press.

What these Hoosier Republicans were witnessing was the beginning of the passing of the torch from Daniels to Pence. There is virtually no doubt that Pence will seek the governorship.

During his speeches, when he intones, "We are seriously considering running for governor of the State of Indiana," the crowd rises to its feet.

"What is a congressman from Columbus doing all the way up here in Howard County?" Pence said, setting up his semi-declaration.

He talked of a DC insider wondering why he chose the gubernatorial angle, as opposed to the presidential campaign many urged him to build. "How could you think about running in Indiana?" Pence quoted the man. "I said, 'You obviously have never been to Indiana.'"

And he sets the stage for his wife, Karen, who will join him on the Lincoln Day circuit later in the week. He tells the joke of a governor a generation ago driving with his wife and stopping for gas. A grease monkey attendant comes out to fill the tank and the First Lady leaves the car and greets him with hugs and kisses.

After they leave, the governor asks, "What was that all about?"

"Oh gosh, I thought you recognized him," the First Lady says. "That was Dave, my boyfriend in high school."

The Governor ponders, "I was just thinking, what if you had married Dave?"

"If I had married Dave," the First Lady says without missing a beat, "Dave would have been governor."

Bauer's smudge pot

Earlier Tuesday, House Minority Leader B. Patrick Bauer spoke from afar like a Laotian guerilla. "Members of the House Democratic Caucus remain resolved in our commitment to fight the radical agenda aimed at Indiana's middle class," Bauer said without the Col. Kurtz radio static. "We are equally resolved in our willingness to negotiate, and we will continue to reach out and try to negotiate. We are fighting to preserve collective bargaining rights for Indiana workers. We are fighting to protect Indiana public school teachers from losing their collective bargaining rights. We are fighting to save our public schools from being gutted so private schools can be funded with taxpayer money. We are fighting to prevent the sale of taxpayer-owned public school buildings to private companies for just a dollar."

Republicans described a "moving target" and even Democrats wondered what the end game would be. "Let me reiterate those goals for their benefit. Until the attacks



on collective bargaining are off the table, we will remain steadfast. Until the attacks on local control of local wages through the use of project labor agreements are resolved, we will not back down. Until the schemes to dismantle public education are resolved, we will continue to fight for the best possible education for Hoosier children."

Daniels seemed faraway from that testy day in March 2005 when Bauer and the Democrats walked, with the governor famously calling them "car bombers."

Daniels seemed matter-of-fact and almost sanguine.

The Indiana governor is constitutionally weak, where a simple majority vote can overturn a veto while a supermajority is needed for legislative quorum. But in Indiana governor's almost always win special sessions. Deep in the warrens of the Republican House and Senate there were plots and schemes of matching desired reforms with bills that had already passed out of one of the chambers.

Senate Appropriations Chairman Luke Kenley talked about a grandiose biennial budget bill that might be adorned with the education reforms. A government shutdown on June 30 and the wicked public reaction that could easily be themed and presented to voters in October 2012 serves as the anvil.

Bauer has to know that there is the distinct possibility of a Madison ending - a shrewd maneuver in the 11th hour that saves the GOP day.

Pence tried to apply historical context. In no other strata of government is a walkout seen as a proper tool.

"I don't think denying a quorum is a legitimate legislative tactic," Pence said, citing the U.S. and Indiana constitutions. "There is only one incident on Capitol Hill I can remember and it only occurred for a couple of hours."

It involved the "stolen vote" case a couple of Congresses ago. Republicans walked off the floor for a couple of hours. "In the midst of the recent debates on health care reform, Cap-and-Trade and economic issues, it never occurred to use not to show up for work," Pence said of the intensively partisan atmosphere that had settled on Capitol Hill with the advent of the Obama presidency.

Pence has not conferred with Daniels about the stalemate in Indianapolis. But it now appears that it is Pence who is attempting to apply what Gov. Evan Bayh once described as stoking up the "white hot heat of public



Rep. Pence and wife Karen on Election Night 2004 at Hinkle Fieldhouse. (HPI Photo by Brian A. Howey)

opinion."

Daniels seemed to be willing to wait them out.

"Nothing I can do to make the Democrats earn their pay," the governor said. "I couldn't if I wanted to dictate what the speaker does with regard to running his House. It is separate, obviously, constitutional. The one thing I can do is - the Democrats wreaked the process - is to call them back into special session which I won't hesitate to do. I just hope very much that it won't come to that."

That being said, the word from the tip of Daniels tongue to the marble halls is not to plan a vacation in June or July. Maybe even August.

Asked by HPI if he had direct or indirect contact with any of the Democrats, Daniels responded, "No. no. They need to talk to the Speaker of the House. He runs that, and to their House colleagues. I'm not going to insert myself in-between those two caucuses. I don't know what I would contribute if I did. It's been 30 some days. Come back and earn the pay. Right now you're forfeiting your right to participate."

Asked by WIBC's Eric Berman about previous session end game discussions, Daniels accentuated the differences. "If we were involved in discussing specific policies inside the process" then such discussions were proper. "This is not the way the House operates at all. Only the speaker has the right to fine, only the caucus has the right to censure. I'm just going to leave it with them. They are the right people to mediate."

What about Gov. Pence?

The current stalemate and the prospect of a Pence governorship poses intriguing scenarios.

Gov. Daniels has steered clear of many of the social issues he has famously called for a "truce."

Pence makes it abundantly clear that all issues will be on the table if he takes the reins. Several sessions ago Then-Speaker Bauer denied Pence the courtesy of speaking on the House floor.

In January when Speaker Bosma allowed Pence to speak there, Bauer sat off to the side, silently watching. Senate Minority Leader Vi Simpson called Pence's speech one of the "most partisan" she had ever heard by a non-member.

In Kokomo on Tuesday, Pence told the faithful, "We have also fought for values. Fight for life and fight for the taxpayers. We will deny all federal funding to Planned Parenthood and we will fight that until it is in law as a victory for life." Toward the end of his speech, Pence talked about "Freedom of faith and freedom of religion" as he talked about a Congressional debate on whether "In God We Trust" should remain the national motto, adopted in 1956.

"You know why we ought to reaffirm our national



motto. Because God is. He rewards those who seek him." The audience responded with dozens of "amens" and then burst into applause.

Pence urged the crowd to "Stand up, with and firm." Some began to lift out of their seats and Pence said, "No, not physically."

"Stand up for what you believe in," he said, urging them to write letters to the editor, Tweet, Facebook or call talk radio. "Talk to your neighbors and friends."

"Stand with" he said of leaders willing to take on the social issues. "There is rough sledding ahead. There will be heavy lifting." Conservative leaders "need you to stand with them."

And, finally, "stand firm," Pence said. "Stand firm on that foundation" of faith. "It is the unshakeable foundation. If we should prevail around Him, the best days of Howard County, Indiana and America are yet to come. He

is not done with America yet."

Epilogue

As Pat Bauer and the Democrats sit in Illinois, they will be pondering a "Gov. Pence" like no other governor they have ever seen, heard or even contemplated.

Gregg update

Former House Speaker John Gregg was to meet with Democratic Governor Association people this week and will travel to Lake County next week. Bainbridge Clerk-Treasurer Jason Hartman has set up a draft Gregg website at runjohnrun2012.com.

Gregg told HPI last week that he was "encouraged and enthused" about the reception by party leaders and activists to a 2012 bid. ❖

Pence on Planned Parenthood is prudent fiscal, social policy

By DAVID McINTOSH

WASHINGTON - Indiana's Congressman Mike Pence is leading the charge in Congress to ensure that in these challenging economic times, the federal government is not

only spending taxpayers' money responsibly, but also ensuring our spending reflects our humanity and values.

That's why Congressman Pence's proposal to prohibit funding to the family-planning organization Planned Parenthood should be adopted by the Congress and President Obama. Along with 60 co-sponsors, Congressman Pence introduced the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act in Congress ear-



lier this year.

This bill provides for the prohibition of taxpayer funds to organizations which perform abortion services. The ensuing debate has espoused passionate discourse on both sides of the political aisle. But as the Congress works to determine which federal programs to cut and by how much, Congressman Pence's Abortion Provider Prohibition Act is a common-sense approach to both a fiscal and moral

dilemma.

The federal debt and deficit are reaching devastating proportions. The debt now stands at over \$14 trillion and climbs with every passing minute. This fiscal year's budget deficit is more than \$1.6 trillion. Now in Congress, Democrats and Republicans are entrenched in a debate over what programs to cut and by how much. The Congress desperately needs to review its spending priorities and examine each and every dollar spent of taxpayer money to ensure its use reflects the highest degree of effectiveness, efficiency, and ethics.

Eliminating federal grants from Planned Parenthood will certainly not, exclusively, solve our fiscal challenges. Rather, it is important for Members of Congress to demonstrate their seriousness and commitment to restoring fiscal order; to be willing to review every single federal expenditure for its worth and value. Federal grants to Planned Parenthood, and other family planning organizations, are but one component of a need to review all federal expenditures in order to be serious about deficit and debt reduction. Taken with other wasteful and inefficient spending programs, our nation's skyrocketing financial liabilities can be mitigated by stringent and deliberate review of all federal programs, including family planning grants.

Beyond the fiscal considerations of providing federal dollars to Planned Parenthood, it is equally important to consider the ethical and moral dimensions of subsidizing abortion-providers. If there is one element of the abortion debate which attracts widespread agreement, it is that taxpayer dollars should not be used to perform abortions. This has been codified in Congress with the Hyde Amendment and with President Obama's own executive order during the health care reform debate.

Critics have charged that Congressman Pence's



proposed law is disingenuous in that federal dollars are already prohibited from paying for abortion services and defunding Planned Parenthood is simply an attack on women's rights.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

These critics fail to understand the fungible nature of grant money to a private organization. While federal money may not be used directly for abortion services at Planned Parenthood, any federal dollars provided to the organization will increase the amount of money available for Planned Parenthood to provide abortions.

For example, suppose that in the absence of any federal grants, Planned Parenthood, nationally, allocated \$1 million to HIV/AIDS screening, \$1 million to gestational diabetes screening, \$1 million to prenatal care, and \$1 million to abortion services. If the federal government provides, as it currently does, a subsidy for Planned Parenthood to perform these HIV/AIDS screenings, gestational diabetes screenings, and prenatal care, Planned Parenthood is then able to reallocate what they would have spent on those services in the absence of federal money to other services, such as abortion.

If the federal government were to provide a \$1 million grant to Planned Parenthood for HIV/AIDS screening, Planned Parenthood could then potentially take the private

money they had allocated for HIV/AIDS screening and reallocate it toward abortion services. In short, subsidizing any activity of Planned Parenthood, even non-abortion services, will increase the available resources the organization has to spend on abortions.

Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers have a simple choice. If they wish to continue to provide abortion services, they should not be recipients of federal dollars. If they wish to be recipients of federal grants, they need to cease their abortion services.

Even with the existing laws of the Hyde Amendment and President Obama's executive order, federal grants to any abortion provider for any service will, indirectly, be used to increase expenditures for abortion services. Congressman Pence's leadership on this issue represents a keen understanding of the fiscal challenges before the Congress, and the honor that comes with spending the taxpayer's money in a way that best advances the ideals and principles of our humanity. ❖

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Daniels could fire up campaign 'in days'

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY**

INDIANAPOLIS - The last couple of Mondays have been blue for those of you seeking a Mitch Daniels presidential campaign.

This past Monday, the National Journal and Politico's Ben Smith were speculating that a Daniels campaign "is looking less, and less likely."

Smith wrote of the Tim Durham case, "Daniels hasn't returned campaign donations from a controversial donor, and his wife is openly against a run."

On March 14, Chris Cillizza of the Washington Post came to a similar conclusion after the governor's March 13 appearance on NBC's Meet the

Press. He observed that it didn't appear that Daniels "is overly excited about the prospect of a national bid."

Cillizza asked, "So, what exactly is he after?"

So when Daniels met the Indiana press Tuesday afternoon, he was asked about the speculation in the National Journal.

Well, he said, "I didn't talk to anybody from the National Journal."

Are you less likely to run? "No more likely and not less likely," he responded.

As for First Lady Cheri Daniels, she indicated to the Indianapolis Star that no decision has been made, but it will be one by the "complete family."

"At this point, I guess I'm still thinking it's awfully early to have any real strong opinion about it," Cheri Daniels said. "But I think it's obviously a great honor to have people even talking about you for that position. Again, we just have an awful lot to think about."



Gov. Mitch Daniels meets with reporters at the IACT conference on Tuesday in Indianapolis. (HPI Photo by Brian A. Howey)



Still, she said the impact on the Daniels' family would "definitely be a reason" if the governor decides not to run. "It would not be the sole reason," she added. "I mean, there's so many things to consider that I think most people don't even think about."

Does the legislative stalemate have an impact on that decision?

"I'm not thinking about anything right now except how we eventually get action and votes on the items that I think make Indiana better," Daniels said. "It really helps clarify in a way because while that's all hanging fire, it doesn't pay me to think about anything else. I've said a couple dozen times what comes first is my duty in this job I was hired to do. If deadlines pass they do."

The original time frame for a Daniels bid was to come after the Indiana General Assembly's sine die on April 29. But thanks to B. Patrick Bauer, that is looking more and more like June 29 or July 29.

HPI asked Daniels at what point is the point of no return?

"A lot less than people say I did," he responded. "As I pointed out from at least a year ago for as long as people have been coming around suggesting this, they all said I had to start right away and happily that wasn't the case. Not just me, folks who are more certain to run haven't even started their efforts formally."

Indeed, former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty just announced his exploratory committee on Tuesday - the first in.

"We're going to have a much shorter primary and less expensive and who knows maybe even a little more civil," Daniels said. "When the drop dead-date is I don't know but a lot of smart money has been wrong if you see what I mean."

The one Hoosier who has actually run a presidential campaign is Mark Lubbers, who managed Sen. Dick Lugar's 1995-96 effort.

How long would it take for a Daniels campaign to muster up?

"MD could be up and running in a few weeks," Lubbers said. "Obviously each day would see new growth, but all the key infrastructure elements, including legal, compliance, fundraising, social media, communications, could be up and running in a matter of days."

What has changed since 1995-

96 and this cycle?

"Fundraising laws are different," Lubbers said. "Internet makes travel and organization different. Broadcast TV (is) less important. Blogging eliminates news 'cycles.' Unresearched reporting requires rapid action team to correct misreporting."

Our sense?

We've long said the window for a run opens in early May and extends through June, maybe July 4. There are Bush money and "assets" waiting on the sidelines, but the rest of the field's slow adaptation takes some pressure off there. Daniels has assets waiting in Iowa and New Hampshire.

Daniels maintained a sense of humor on the whole presidential race, compared to testier periods. The governor noted that there has been much speculation about all the "jockeying for position" in the emerging presidential race.

"I really like my position because if anyone is in a jockeying position, its me," the 5-foot-7 governor said. It took a few seconds for the laughter to follow. "Kind of a long fuse on that one," Daniels observed.

Kind of like his decision on whether to run for president.

Republican Race Is Wide Open

<i>Who would you most like to see nominated?</i>	All voters %	Rep/ In R %
Mitt Romney	16	21
Mike Huckabee	14	20
Sarah Palin	11	13
Ron Paul	8	8
Newt Gingrich	7	11
Tim Pawlenty	2	3
Mitch Daniels	2	2
Rick Santorum	2	2
Haley Barbour	2	2
Chris Christie (Vol.)	1	2
Other	1	1
None/DK/Too early	<u>33</u>	<u>15</u>
	100	100

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Armey to honor Daniels

Daniels will receive the "Legislative Entrepreneur Award" from FreedomWorks for his efforts to restrain government spending and proposal for an automatic taxpayer refund at 2:30 p.m. today in the Statehouse North Atrium. Former U.S. House Majority Leader Dick Armey will present the award. ❖

Book deal for Daniels

Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels' book deal doesn't mean he's running for president (Associated Press). "The idea of writing a book came together well before anybody suggested to me that I was a candidate for anything," he said Monday. Daniels has signed with Sentinel, a conservative imprint of Penguin Group (USA).

The book, tentatively titled "Keeping the Republic: Limited Government, Unlimited Citizens," is set for release in September. Financial terms were not disclosed. Daniels, who served as the first budget director under President George W. Bush, said he expects to donate "much of the net proceeds" to charity. ❖



‘Boring’ Fort Wayne race may turn into pot boiler

By **MARK SOUDER**

FORT WAYNE - Fort Wayne has elected Democratic mayors for the last 16 years. Annexations have added thousands of Republicans. This year is sandwiched between 2010 and 2012, which should be the two best Republican years in modern times. It should be a Republican lock this year. Yet I agree with Brian Howey that Mayor Tom Henry is the current favorite. At least he’s an elected Democrat who shows up for work.

Ben Lanka of the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette coined apt descriptions of the three major Republican candidates: “The first runner” (Paula Hughes), “The Firecracker” (Liz Brown) and “Mr. Sunshine” (Eric Doden).



Paula Hughes served on the Allen County Council, and was a leader of the downtown business association. She announced early, raised quite a bit of money, and lined up key supporters such as Allen County Sheriff Ken Fries.

People who meet her, like her. Hughes is working hard. She has a political strategy. Her problem is best summed up by this statement: After almost a year of working to lock up the nomination, she didn’t.

Liz Brown was a surprise winner for at-large city council in 2007. On the city council, she criticizes all spending proposals, and discusses other issues. Actually she just critiques every single spending proposal. Brown is volatile, and, well, exciting. A firecracker. Her weaknesses include not being much of a team player, which can be an important skill for a mayor.

Eric Doden is “Mr. Sunshine.” He may be even more likeable than Paula, which is saying a lot. The Dodens are historically associated with DeKalb County. His resume doesn’t include a previous elected office or Fort Wayne leadership. His assets include listening, intelligence and ability. But in this race, that would put Doden a weak third except for his other asset: money. His family is wealthy and the major wealthy Republican businessmen are pouring money into his campaign. Doden’s campaign website looks like that of a wealthy businessman. Brown’s looks like a populist.

Several of the last Republican mayoral primaries are regularly featured on late-night WWW reruns, with

special adult content warnings. Each time the GOP came out solidly united into two factions, which of course doesn’t lead to victory in the fall election. Variations of the same divisions remain, including the fact that Fort Wayne has never elected a female as mayor.

Hughes is the only one contrasting her views to the others because she correctly senses two things: In spite of everyone calling this a toss-up, Brown is significantly ahead and Doden plans to throw lots of dollars into advertising at the end (or finish a weak third).

Brown is ahead, and would possibly top 50 percent right now, for multiple reasons: (1) she’s run and won city-wide; (2) she’s on TV regularly because of her council work; (3) she’s smart, articulate and photogenic, which are critical for TV; (4) she has a simple, consistent message; (5) she has a strong Catholic base; (6) she has a record of pro-life support; (7) she has a message that has attracted more of the Tea Party activists and new State Rep. Rob Morris, who had the best grassroots organization in the last election; (8) her base is in north to east side of the city, which will dominate the primary vote; and (9) her name is Brown.

The last point is often lost in politics, but name identification is increasingly hard to buy. In Allen County, Bill Brown upset incumbent commissioner Marla Irving, Therese Brown has won multiple offices easily, Larry Brown is a county councilman, and of course Liz Brown won city-wide. Sometimes I wonder if people think UPS trucks are mobile offices for Allen County government.

Doden has a strong campaign committee and impressive evangelical connections. Hughes has run by far the best underground campaign, and has impressive support. Brown is still vulnerable because there is no sign that she has raised money or built the kind of coalition needed to win in the fall.

The candidates running against Brown made the most common political mistake: they waited too long to start their media campaign. Only the leader can afford to wait. And had Brown started faster, it would be too late for them to recover.

I get asked all the time: why are campaigns so negative? Only the person behind, or those who aren’t sure, or those who fear losing their leads, need to run negatives. They run them because they work.

My prediction is this: if the Republican primary campaign in Fort Wayne stays all positive and sunny, with no major mistakes, Brown will easily win. I’m betting on another potboiler finish because at some point it tends to dawn on candidates: you can’t win the general election if you don’t win the primary. ❖

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Mixed bag for Walorski when it comes to rematch

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY**

KOKOMO - Jackie Walorski has declared her candidacy in a Congressional district that doesn't exist yet and almost 600 days before the next election. It could be a rematch against U.S. Rep. Joe Donnelly, who after defeating Walorski by 1.4 percent in 2010 is exploring U.S. Senate and gubernatorial bids.

Walorski spoke briefly at the Howard County Lincoln-Reagan Dinner Tuesday night and acknowledged she declared "a little under 600 days before the election."

But she said that she came within 15 votes of Donnelly in Kokomo and Howard County in 2010.

"Because of you we were one of the largest races in the country," an excited Walorski told the 250 gathered Republicans. "We stand here together

and we can take the 2nd District back." But with new maps soon (hopefully), Kokomo and Howard County likely will not be in the 2nd CD.

Walorski told WSBT-TV Tuesday morning, "I am running for the United States Congress because I believe we need to get our country back on track. We need to get our economy moving again so businesses can create jobs; and I believe it's time to stop the reckless government spending that drives up the federal deficit, while passing on massive debt to our children."

A Donnelly adviser told Politico, "Jackie could not beat Joe in the best Republican year in more than 60 years — when every other targeted Democrat in the region was losing. She is a flawed candidate, and Republicans will only improve Democrats' chances of holding the seat if they renominate her."

In Walorski's favor is that the current 2nd CD has a rematch history. Republican U.S. Rep. Chris Chocola defeated Donnelly 140,496 to 115,513 in 2004. Donnelly returned the favor in 2006, upsetting Chocola 103,561 to 88,300. The predecessor to the 2nd CD - the old 3rd

CD - in 1984 and 1986 found U.S. Rep. John Hiler defeating Democratic challenger Tom Ward in a race so close it went into recount with Hiler barely prevailing. Ward's rematch in 1986 wasn't close.

It took John Brademas three tries before he finally went to Congress in 1958 in a predecessor to the 2nd CD in the South Bend area.

As for rematches, those tend to be long shots outside the 2nd, which along with the 9th has been the most competitive district, both changing parties three times under the current maps.

The most recent success occurred between the 2002 and 2004 election cycles in the 9th CD when U.S. Rep. Baron Hill defeated Republican Mike Sodrel, then lost to him in 2004 by just under 2,000 votes. Hill returned the favor by returning to Congress in 2006 with a 110,454 to 100,469 victory.

But other than those two cases in one CD, most modern Hoosier rematches were futile. Mike Pence twice tried to dislodge U.S. Rep. Phil Sharp, failing in 1988 and again in 1990.

Those are the major credible rematches.

There have been scads of beat-backs where entrenched incumbents like U.S. Reps. Pete Visclosky and Steve Buyer defeated the Mark Leyvas and David Sanders multiple times in uncompetitive districts. Pence has de-



Former state representative Jackie Walorski gave brief remarks at the Howard County Lincoln-Reagan Dinner Tuesday night in Kokomo after announcing her 2012 bid in the yet-to-be-determined 2nd CD. (HPI Photo by Brian A. Howey)



feated Democrat Barry Welsh three times and Melina Ann Fox twice, all by landslide margins. U.S. Rep. Dan Burton has handled Katherine Fox Carr several times.

Many expect to find a new 2nd CD much more hospitable to Walorski, who anted up in 2010 with a two-cycle strategy in mind. The current speculation is that Walorski will likely find heavily Republican Kosciusko County in the new 2nd, while parts of Democratic LaPorte County and Kokomo will be gone. That's why Donnelly is looking for other potential races.

The problem for Walorski (and freshman U.S. Reps. Larry Bucshon and Todd Young) is that no two election cycles are similar. Sodrel was able to upset Hill on the coattails of President George W. Bush's reelection. But two years later, a national Democratic wave that developed in reaction to the Iraq War debacle paved the way for Hill's return.

There is much speculation that there could be a Young-Hill rematch in a new 9th CD, and in a new 8th Bucshon could face Democrat Trent Van Haafen in a rematch of 2010, or former Congressman Brad Ellsworth, who opted out of that race for a U.S. Senate bid.

A new survey by Democracy Corps in 50 of the most competitive battleground Congressional districts, nearly all of which gave a majority to Obama in the last presidential election, shows the new Republican majority very much in play in 2012.

The Republican incumbents in these districts, 35 of them freshmen, remain largely unknown and appear very vulnerable in 2012 (depending on redistricting). In fact, the incumbents are in weaker positions than were Democratic incumbents even in late 2009, or Republican incumbents in 2007 in comparable surveys conducted by Democracy Corps.

These incumbents, identified by name, have an average approval rating of 35 percent across the 50 districts, with 25 percent disapproving. Another 38 percent were not able to give the candidates a rating, suggesting lack of visibility. This is about 10 points lower than the approval rating Democratic incumbents held in July of 2009 (with comparable disapproval rating).

More importantly at this early point, just 40 percent of voters in these districts say that they will vote to reelect their incumbent (asked by name in each district), while 45 percent say that they can't vote to reelect the incumbent.

This leads to a congressional race that is dead even in the battleground. After winning these seats by a collective 14 points in 2010, the Republicans now lead generic Democratic challengers by just 2 points, 44 to 46 percent, and stand well below the critical 50 percent mark. The race is dead even in the top tier of the 25 most competitive seats, 46 percent for the Democrats versus 45 percent for the Republicans. In the next 25 seats, the Republicans

have a slight 42 to 47 percent advantage.

For comparison, in July 2009, after the luster of President Obama's inauguration had begun to fade, the Democratic incumbents in our battleground of 40 districts had a 6-point advantage over a generic Republican challenger. Of these 40 Democrats, 36 lost their seats. And in June of 2007, in the top 35 most competitive Republican-held districts, the incumbents also held a 6-point lead. Of those 35 Republicans, 19 lost their seats. And of course, we know that in 2010, two-thirds of Democrats in McCain seats could not hold on. The Republicans in Obama seats are already at risk.

There is a great deal of uncertainty surrounding the new maps, which many expected to begin taking shape around this time. Senate Minority Leader Vi Simpson described them as "partisan hearings" in the Senate.

"There's no intent to shut anybody out," countered Senate President David Long, R-Fort Wayne. "Quite the opposite. We've welcomed them to join us (at the hearings). This is an attempt to reach out in an unprecedented way to get public input."

If House Democrats don't come back until just before the budget, the Indiana General Assembly essentially forfeits its role in the maps and a state commission dominated by Republicans will take over.

U.S. Senate

Gov. Daniels said on NBC's "Meet the Press" on March 12 that he will support U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar, calling the senator his political "role model." Daniels said, "If he wants another term, he ought to have it." The governor added that State Treasurer Richard Mourdock, also a

candidate for the Senate nomination, is a friend and that he won't campaign during the primary.

Lugar warned on Sunday that the U.S. is starting a treacherous descent down a slippery slope of interna-

tional diplomacy by getting involved in Libya (Politico). It doesn't make sense, he said, for the U.S. to help Libyan civilians when the citizens of countries like Bahrain, Yemen and Syria are also being oppressed. "We had better get this straight from the beginning," he said on CBS's "Face the Nation," "or there's going to be a situation where war lingers on, country after country, situation after situation, all of them on a humane basis, saving people." Lugar, the ranking Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Com-





mittee who has helped broker key nuclear weapons reductions with former Soviet Union countries, is one of the few Republicans who has spoken against using force in Libya. He said Sunday the success of the airstrikes against Moammar Qadhafi's air defenses hasn't convinced him that getting involved there is a good idea. Lugar warned that the U.S. is investing huge sums of money in a foreign endeavor at a time when the domestic economy is still struggling.

"It's a strange time," he said. "Almost all of our congressional days are spent on budget deficits, outrageous problems. Yet, at the same time, all of this passes, which is a very expensive operation." He cautioned that President Obama has authorized airstrikes without understanding who the strikes might empower in Libya. "We really have not discovered who it is in Libya that we are trying to support," Lugar said.

Mourdock did not take a public stand on the Libyan war.

Mourdock was endorsed this week by the Gun Owners of America. The organization said, "Mr. Mourdock believes that the Second Amendment protects a fundamental, individual right. He stands in stark contrast to his liberal, anti-gun opponent, Richard Lugar. First elected to the Senate in 1976, Richard Lugar has become the most pitiful of Washington denizens: a man who has forgotten what he stood for and who elected him. That fact couldn't have been more clear than when Barack Obama nominated two rabidly anti-gun women to the U.S. Supreme Court: Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan."

Mayoral races

Bloomington

Democrat: Mayor Mark Kruzan, John Hamilton, John Gusan. **2007 Results:** Kruzan (D) 5,937, Sabbagh (R) 3,729. **Outlook:** Hamilton announced Wednesday that, as Mayor, he would seek to reduce energy use in Bloomington by making more information available to tenants, homeowners, and the public. GreenScore will provide apples-to-apples comparison of energy use for apartment and commercial buildings in Bloomington, taking advantage of free tracking software available through the Environmental Protection Agency. "We know that just sharing important information with customers and the public can at times drive significant behavior changes," Hamilton said. "GreenScore is meant to share key energy efficiency data to help us all reduce our individual energy use." "In 2006, Mark Kruzan signed the U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Treaty," Hamilton noted. "Five years later, we need to increase the pace to pursue the goals of that agreement." Kruzan announced Tuesday that his goals include creating a "bicycle boulevard" on the west side of Bloomington as part of a plan he says would improve the quality of life in

the city about 60 miles south of Indianapolis. The Herald-Times reports that Kruzan hopes to drawing on a local tax increment financing district and federal funds to finance his plan. Kruzan says his proposed initiative would likely cost between \$1.5 million and \$2 million. Bloomington's planning director says the city will hire a consultant this year to begin work implementing the plan. **Horse Race Status:** Leans Kruzan

Elkhart

Democrat: Mayor Dick Moore. **Republican:** Elkhart County Councilman David Ashe, Harry Housour. **2007 Results:** Mayor Moore wants another four years in office. But two Elkhart men have their sights set on preventing him from reaching that goal (Weinhold, Elkhart Truth). The 2011 Republican mayoral primary features a pair of candidates eager to bring change to City Hall -- one with some local political experience, the other with none. David Ashe, a county councilman and former Elkhart city councilman, said party members began approaching him several months ago, encouraging him to run. Born and raised in Elkhart, Ashe said he's always enjoyed public service and got in the race because he cares about the future of the city. "I'd rather be someone that's involved, trying to solve the problems," he said, "than sitting back in the corner complaining about it." Harry Housour, meanwhile, launched his campaign out of sheer frustration. Upset with the way the city is being run in a time of economic struggle, he said the only way to get things back on track is by electing a citizen businessman. "There are a lot of things that need to be changed in this town," he said. "And I don't think we can do that by putting another politician in there." Housour, a retired mobile home broker, is bothered by what he sees as job-killing policies imposed by Moore's administration. Why institute a citywide smoking ban during a recession, he asks, sending bar and restaurant customers into the county or neighboring counties? Ashe also has qualms over the way Moore, a Democrat, has operated during his first term. The city is seemingly spending money on many large purchases, new employees and new equipment, he said, while the county is forced to cut back more and more. Ashe said he believes his fiscal experience at the county level would translate well to the managing of Elkhart's budget by getting spending under control and re-evaluating monetary priorities. "I think we'll be a lot more fiscally conservative," he said. "It's nice to have new stuff, but you don't always need new stuff."

Mayor Moore was hospitalized this week with the flu, but is recovering. **Horse Race Status:** Likely Moore

Evansville

Democrat: Vanderburgh County Treasurer Rick Davis, Troy Tornatta. **Republican:** Vanderburgh Commis-



sioner Lloyd Winnecke, Douglas De Groot. **2007 Results:** Weinzapfel (D) 13,097, Nixon (R) 2,268. **Outlook:** The candidate is smiling, the loving wife appears by his side and the loyal dog shows up as if on cue to kiss his face. But the soft, fuzzy imagery in mayoral candidate Rick Davis' new 30-second television ad belies a message that is unapologetically pointed and tough (Langhorne, Evansville Courier & Press). Davis, the Democratic Vanderburgh County treasurer who seeks his party's nomination for Evansville mayor in a May 3 primary election, begins by introducing himself and declaring his passion to see the city thrive. "I believe it's time to cast off the political baggage of the past and bring in a fresh leader with new ideas for Evansville." The message might not be unusual if Davis were challenging or seeking to succeed a Republican mayor — but the city's political leadership is almost exclusively Democratic. Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel, who isn't seeking re-election to a third four-year term, is a Democrat backed by an 8-1 Democratic majority on the City Council. But then Davis, who was running for mayor before Weinzapfel bowed out in January, is running an anti-establishment campaign. Davis' TV ad does not mention Tornatta, a former county commissioner who was defeated by Republican Marsha Abell on Nov. 2. Tornatta has the support of many party leaders and activists who back Weinzapfel.

Winnecke is beginning his door-to-door campaign.

Primary Horse Race Status: Tossup

Fort Wayne

Democrats: Mayor Tom Henry, Frederick Steinke, Tom Cook, Charles Eberhard, D.C. "Mr. Roachclip" Roach.

Republicans: Councilwoman Liz Brown, Eric Doden, Paula Hughes, Fred Osheskie Sr., Terrence Richard Walker.

2007 Results: Henry 31,740, Kelty (R) 21,163. **Outlook:** Hughes pledged to back merit-shop pay for City of Fort Wayne public works projects on Wednesday. According to various studies, this pledge could save Fort Wayne taxpayers anywhere from 10-20% per project. The use of merit-shop pay increases competition and competitive bids for taxpayer-funded projects. "In my administration, I will fight for the taxpayers," Hughes said. "There is no excuse for keeping project costs high when using tax dollars. My administration will do more with less." Using the conservative cost-saving estimate, the city could have saved at least \$657,600 on the Renaissance Square project, alone. Those dollars could have been used to pay down the city's growing debt, to prevent tax increases and give businesses the ability to create more jobs. "Everywhere I go, Fort Wayne citizens tell me government needs to put its focus on protecting taxpayers and cutting spending in a responsible way," Hughes stated. "Taxpayers must come first and they will when I am Mayor of Fort Wayne." **Primary Horse**

Race Status: Leans Brown

Goshen

Democrat: Mayor Alan Kauffman, Mike Hanes. **Republican:** Councilman Don Riegsecker, Chic Lantz. **Outlook:** Goshen's city government faces challenges just like the business community, but even so the city's in good shape for the future, the mayor said Thursday (Elkhart Truth). That was the summary of Allan Kauffman's annual State of the City address, delivered at the Goshen Chamber of Commerce's Founder's Day event. "I love what the city of Goshen is and what it represents to all of us," Kauffman told about 350 local businesspeople. "We know that all cities, towns and counties across America are struggling to find ways to do more with less." Although "the national recession has dealt hard blows to your businesses," Kauffman said, "things are getting better." He pointed out that while tax revenues have dropped by millions of dollars over the last few years, "the city has protected all of your vital essential services. We're doing far better than many neighboring communities," he said. The city has cut staff by 10 percent over the last several years, and by the end of next year it will have been four years since city employees got any significant raises, he said, "just like at your businesses."

Horse Race Status: Likely Kauffman

Hammond

Democrat: Mayor Thomas McDermott, Oscar Sanchez, Alex Andrade. **Republican:** Humberto Prado, David Hacker, Matthew Saliga, Jeff MacDonald, Rob Pastore.

2007 Results: McDermott (D) 5,289, Janiec (R) 4,802.

Outlook: Lake Superior Court Judge Jesse Villalpando will hear an appeal today by George Janiec to return Janiec to the May 3 ballot as a Republican candidate for mayor (Dolan, Times of Northwest Indiana). Schererville attorney R. Cordell Funk said Monday morning that Villalpando accepted the case after lawyers for the county election board chose him as a special judge to hear the case in his courtroom. The Democratic majority on the elections board disqualified Janiec as a candidate earlier this month after Dawn Tomich, a Hammond resident, challenged Janiec on grounds he already holds a nonpartisan public office on the Hammond school board. She claims Janiec, who nearly defeated incumbent Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr. four years ago, was improperly bringing politics into school affairs and was trying to hold two lucrative public offices at the same time. Funk is arguing Tomich's challenge should be overturned because there is no legal prohibition to Janiec's running for mayor while holding a nonpartisan office, since he can choose to resign from the school board or not accept the mayoral position, if he is elected. Election Day is six weeks away and county election officials last weekend



began mailing out absentee ballots without Janiec's name.

Horse Race Status: Leans McDermott

Indianapolis

Republican: Mayor Greg Ballard. **Democrats:** Sam Carson, Ron Gibson, Melina Kennedy. **2007 Results:** Ballard (D) 83,238, Peterson, Bart (D) 77,926, Peterson, Fred (L) 3,787. **Outlook:** Kennedy said Wednesday that she would crack down on the illegal drug trade by creating a cabinet-level position to oversee enforcement efforts. During a speech to a meeting of the Partnership for a Drug Free Marion County, Kennedy -- the leading Democrat vying to challenge Republican Mayor Greg Ballard's re-election -- said the city's fight against illegal drugs lacks direction and focus. "The combined and persistent threat of gangs, guns and drugs continues to drive crime rates higher in our community," she said in a news release. "It is long past time that Indianapolis had a crime-fighter leading the effort against illegal drugs." Indianapolis Star columnist Matt Tully praised Democrat Melina Kennedy for her stand on illegal guns: (Kennedy) announced a sensible but in these times brave plan to at least begin addressing the problem of illegally possessed guns -- guns that are often owned and used by convicted felons, such as the one accused of shooting and killing Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department officer David Moore earlier this year. "If you're not a criminal and if you don't have a history of drug abuse or mental illness, you shouldn't be worried," Kennedy said. It also likely explains why incumbent Mayor Greg Ballard's dance around the issue was so clumsy last week that I had little idea of what his real position was after 20 minutes of questioning him on the topic. **Horse Race Status:** Leans Ballard

Kokomo

Democrat: Mayor Greg Goodnight, Rolland Ellis. Republican Scott Kern. **2007 Results:** Goodnight (D) 6,721, Hamilton (R) 3,469. **Outlook:** Kern, a former fire chief and a Democrat, spoke to the Howard County Republican Lincoln-Reagan Dinner Tuesday night and insisted, "Now is the time to put our differences aside." Kern reminded the party faithful of a Ronald Reagan quote: "I didn't leave the Democratic Party. The Democratic Party left me." **Horse Race Status:** Safe Goodnight

Muncie

Republican: Mayor Sharon McShurley. **Democrat:** State Rep. Dennis Tyler, Ralph "Jigger" Smith Jr., Kenneth Davenport. **2007 Results:** McShurley 6,121, Mansfield (D) 6,108. **Outlook:** Democratic sources tell HPI that recent polling here shows McShurley's unfavorable rating in the 60th percentile. It also shows State Rep. Dennis Tyler with a comfortable lead over Jigger Smith in the Democratic primary. **Horse Race Status:** Leans Tyler ❖

Bayh's sad retirement

By EZRA KLEIN
Washington Post

Evan Bayh wasn't a particularly distinguished senator. You'll not find much major legislation with his name on it, or a particularly coherent philosophy laced through his votes. He was a popular Democrat in a red state, and most of his efforts seemed to be devoted to keeping it that way. In practice, that meant talking a lot about the deficit, taking occasional potshots as liberals and avoiding any overly courageous legislative stands. "An ordinary politician," I wrote when he retired.

But he was a very interesting near-retiree. When he decided not to seek reelection in 2010, he published a precise and devastating broadside against the institution in which he and his father had served. Instead of merely condemning the bitter partisanship of the place, he proposed to close the loopholes that had enabled polarization to metastasize in paralysis. "Filibusters should require 35 senators to ... make a commitment to continually debate an issue in reality, not just in theory," he wrote. And "the number of votes needed to overcome a filibuster should be reduced to 55 from 60." Strong stuff. He then went after money in politics, calling for "legislation to enhance disclosure requirements, require corporate donors to appear in the political ads they finance and prohibit government contractors or bailout beneficiaries from spending money on political campaigns," not to mention "public matching funds for smaller contributions.

An acknowledged moderate who'd taken on these crusades wouldn't have just been a good senator. He'd have been a great one. This new incarnation of Evan Bayh, I wrote, should stay in the Senate, where he could do some good. But he didn't want to stay in the Senate, he told me in subsequent interviews. He waxed rhapsodic over his time teaching at Indiana University's Graduate School of Business. For a United States senator to explain his retirement by saying, "I want to be engaged in an honorable line of work," was the single most persuasive and devastating critique I'd ever seen of the Senate as an institution.

But Bayh did not return to Indiana to teach. He did not, as he said he was thinking of doing, join a foundation. Rather, he went to the massive law firm McGuire Woods. And who does McGuire Woods work for? "Principal clients served from our Washington office include national energy companies, foreign countries, international manufacturing companies, trade associations and local and national businesses," reads the company's Web site. He followed that up by signing on as a senior adviser to Apollo Management Group, a giant public-equity firm. And, finally, this week, he joined Fox News as a contributor. It's as if he's systematically ticking off every poison he identified in



the body politic and rushing to dump more of it into the water supply.

The "corrosive system of campaign financing" that Bayh considered such a threat? He's being paid by both McGuire Woods and Apollo Global Management to act as a corroding agent on their behalf. The "strident partisanship" and "unyielding ideology" he complained was ruining the Senate? At Fox News, he'll be right there on set while it gets cooked up. His warning that "what is required from

members of Congress and the public alike is a new spirit of devotion to the national welfare beyond party or self-interest" sounds, in retrospect, like a joke. Evan Bayh doing performance art as Evan Bayh.

In our last interview, Bayh complained of the poor opinion the public had of him and his colleagues. "They look at us like we're worse than used-car salesmen." Yes. They do. And this is why. ❖

Honor remains a valued legacy

By **MORTON J. MARCUS**

INDIANAPOLIS - My friend's father died last week in Michigan. I never met the father. I don't know where



or when he was born. I don't know what he did in life or what family may be mourning his passing. I don't know if they are mourning, for I do know he was a very old and very sick man.

His life may not have been lived in Indiana, but that does not make him ineligible for a kind word from a Hoosier. For whatever grumpiness he may have possessed in life, I believe he had some fine characteristics that are part of his legacy.

These virtues are evident in his son who is thoughtful in the pursuit of justice and unyielding in his search for personal and social sanity. His son is, as are we all, representative of those who raised us. We have been delegated to carry a set of values and attitudes into a most uncertain future. We are not automatons with pre-programmed responses to a limited set of lifetime experiences. Rather we are creatures of free-will acting in accord with our education as humans.

One must be educated to be human. Many creatures are susceptible to training, but that which makes us human requires education. Training is what we provide for employment, discipline is how we socialize animals, education is what we offer for living as a human being.

This is not news. We have known the value of the arts and humanities, of history and the social sciences for generations. Today, however, we confuse training and discipline with education. Sadly, it will only get worse if the current juggernaut against our schools persists.

It has become fashionable to attack teachers as the villains of education. This is possible because upward mobility from the primordial slime is no longer valued. A society more concerned with settling the professional football contract dispute than with the brutalization of public servants by Wisconsin's Jurassic governor is not looking to the betterment of the human condition.

My friend, though retired, is still a teacher. He has always been a teacher even when he was a civil servant or a newspaper editor. Teachers are people who encourage others to improve themselves and their abilities to communicate.

Today many ill-informed persons believe they have reached the pinnacle of personal virtue, the apex of public wisdom. They denigrate teachers and education. They know how others should live and wish to use government to enforce their behavioral codes on mankind.

The tragedy is ignorant and bigoted people are encouraged to run for public office when they witness this dumbing down of society. Lately they have been victorious. We see this in the current Congress and even in our Indiana General Assembly. Recently, a minority block of Indiana representatives took decisive and divisive action. They left the state rather than permit the majority to push through a retrograde agenda of legislation.

It is easy to see a humorous side to this walkout by the House Democrats. One can joke about Moses Bauer leading his flock into exile, into the wilderness of Illinois. There they will remain for 40 days, eating unleavened bread, while their leader maintains communication with Pharaoh Bosma.

This uncooperative, passive-aggressive behavior, however, will not resolve the problem. Protest draws attention but rarely wins converts. If progressive thought is to spread and triumph, we must communicate our aspirations for a better world and be willing to struggle for their achievement.

Or so my friend would say. Somehow he learned that - - perhaps from his father. ❖

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Daniels has to be able to say 'bull' to Durham

By **DAVE KITCHELL**

LOGANSPOURT - Following the money in American politics has a way of unraveling stories and political careers.

The arrest of Indianapolis millionaire investor Tim Durham last week on federal charges that he defrauded hundreds of millions from investors in Indiana, Ohio and other states may be just the political kryptonite that brings down not only Gov. Mitch Daniels as he prepares a presidential bid, but several members of the Indiana General Assembly as well. Daniels alone reportedly received nearly \$200,000 from Durham, who made \$54 million in loans to himself from his since bankrupt Fair Financial Company. Indiana Republicans received another \$800,000.



The real question isn't just how much did Republicans take, but how much did they look away from Durham if they had suspicions he was Indiana's own version of Bernie Madoff? Did Durham provide enough funding for Republicans to gain control of the Indiana House and every

elected state office that officials thought they could afford to give him carte blanche? Did they not hear about Madoff making off with so many millions that his own son committed suicide from the disgrace? Did they not know that Indiana firms had to be held accountable, and that officials such as the Indiana Secretary of State have to be the leading edge of enforcement, along with the attorney general?

They should have, and even if they did, they elected a Secretary of State in Charlie White who has his own felony indictment problems. The last thing on Charlie White's plate at this moment has to be Tim Durham's federal problems, which, let's face it, are really Indiana problems more than any other state's. Not only did Durham allegedly defraud investors out of tens of millions by the dozens, he supported candidates for political offices that could potentially do favors for him.

It's hard to believe that anyone who has as much savvy as Daniels would not be more careful in accepting donations from Republicans or Democrats who are wealthy enough to finance multiple campaigns and not dent or scratch their personal wealth. If Durham is convicted on federal charges, there's a chance he could be lodged in a

jail close to his Indianapolis roots, and who knows, maybe his cellmate will be White, the man who could be -- make that should be -- on the leading edge of a state investigation into Durham's impact not only on the Republican party, but state government. Were Daniels, Attorney General Greg Zoeller and current and former Secretaries of State Todd Rokita and White "bought and paid for" to keep Durham immune from state pressure?

And perhaps the \$64,000 question, or the \$230 million question if you're Durham, is why didn't Indiana officials take the lead in investigating Durham? That's the Indiana GOP elephant in the room that Daniels has to deal with not only if he wants to run for president, but if he wants to run away from Durham and continue to be governor. Durham may not be Daniels' equivalent of Bill Clinton's Whitewater scandal, but Durham could represent the breakwater breeched by a tsunami of public opinion that looks and smells like Daniels at the very least had to treat one of his largest supporters with kid gloves instead of giving him a smack across the chops and a boot up Meridian Street.

Durham's story is disturbing enough in that he allegedly defrauded Hoosiers who are already hurting in an economic downturn, yet he hosted lavish parties and lived in exotic settings such as the West Hollywood apartment where he was arrested.

Among the items confiscated by the Feds are pieces of art. But the picture that's more interesting than anything in Durham's collection is the self-portrait that Durham painted for himself as an Indiana success story, albeit a story retold as the legend of Ponzi, which securities investigators love to collapse like my beloved Chicago Cubs of 1969.

Daniels, if he has any hopes of running for any office, has to answer questions about his connections to Durham and whether he gave any directives to investigate him - or not investigate him. He has to make his relationship with Durham transparently crystal clear and spotless. More than anything, if he is ever accused of any favors to Durham, he has to be able to answer, "Bull," and be able to back it up.

If he can't, the time to back up the truck on his governorship is at hand, and the time to even think about him as a presidential candidate is over. Daniels was dubbed "The Blade" by George W. Bush, and that rhymes with "raid" as in the FBI raid on Durham's offices that produced federal charges against him. If Daniels doesn't act to come clean about Durham, his new nickname might be "The Fade". ❖

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Remembering David Broder

By JACK COLWELL

SOUTH BEND - David Broder, whose column from the Washington Post appeared for decades in the South Bend Tribune, was a mainstream journalist, long a main man of the mainstream media, but he really was most of all a Main Street journalist.

In this divisive time, when so many of our people, left and right on the political spectrum, want news they can agree with, news slanted to an ideology, Mr. Broder instead presented views in agreement with the facts.



He was as interested in what he found to be the sentiments on Main Street, U.S.A, as he was in the tone and topics in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Broder was known for his efforts to go beyond what politicians were saying, going door-to-door to hear what voters were saying in key precincts in

Iowa or New Hampshire or Indiana, for which he had a special attachment, or elsewhere.

He was a native of Chicago Heights, Ill., and remained Midwestern friendly, never becoming D.C. arrogant. He vacationed in Michigan every summer. He was an ever hopeful Cubs fan.

I heard of Mr. Broder's death while heading to Arizona to see spring training baseball games. It occurred to me while watching a Cubs vs. White Sox game, that Mr. Broder, if he had been in Phoenix covering a governors' conference, would have asked in the press room the next day for a scouting report: How did the pitching look? Who was hitting the ball?

He would have wanted information, too, on what was happening in Indiana, that walkout by legislators, the threat to Dick Lugar, the presidential hopes of Mitch Daniels and speculation on the next race for governor.

He wanted information, whether about baseball or politics.

He wanted to get things right.

He wanted to set things straight if he felt he had written something wrong.

Annually, Mr. Broder wrote a column humbly noting mistakes he had made amid the hundreds of thousands of words he wrote that year. His errors usually weren't egregious. Admitting them at all contrasts with the style of

those talk radio hosts, TV commentators and blog pontificators who never acknowledge egregious errors and don't care whether they have checked out what they present.

Mr. Broder puzzled those who tried to brand him as Democrat or Republican, conservative or liberal. He had sources on both sides of the political fence and was most of all a reporter, writing most of all for his readers rather than to please any political candidate or party or editor.

Some critics found him too much a defender of the Washington political establishment in his columns and record appearances on Meet the Press and other TV programs. Well, he clearly liked and respected many of the prominent figures in both parties. And he didn't join in jumping on the cable news victim of the day.

But he also asked tough questions. He could skewer a president or Congress or both for piling up the national debt. He was a deficit hawk long before the Tea Party.

Back at budget drafting time in 2003, Mr. Broder sounded an alarm that few heeded in warning that the Bush administration was taking the deficit over the cliff, while promising deceptively not to pass along the debt to future generations.

"The budget message disclosed that in the next two years alone, the administration will pass onto the next generation an unpaid bill for at least \$611 billion of fresh budget deficits," Mr. Broder wrote. He went on citing accurately a devastating deficit future, with costs of any war with Iraq not included and no tackling of Social Security and Medicare shortfalls.

He had a feel for the shifting moods of voters, especially swing voters in the middle who decide elections.

Washington Post colleagues told last week of a meeting at a time when it was assumed by the Post editors that Hillary Clinton would be the Democratic nominee and the next president. Mr. Broder said he thought instead that Barack Obama would go all the way. He knew more about Main Street, U.S.A., than did the editors in Washington, D.C. ❖

Colwell has covered politics over five decades for the South Bend Tribune.



Rich James, Post-Tribune: Oh, my, Mr. Speaker, you better take two aspirin and call me in the morning. I think you are about to lose it. I know this extended vacation some House Democrats are taking over in Illinois is eating at you, but you've got to accept much of the blame. Indiana Republicans aren't omnipotent, they are just one of the two major political parties in the state. Now, Mr. Speaker, you are talking about anti-bolting and recall bills to prevent future walkouts. That's like trying to rewrite the rules because you don't like the way the game is going. But, Democrats have every right to be on an extended vacation. A quorum is required to conduct business to prevent a few from running over the masses. And that, Mr. Speaker, is what you and your Republican cohorts are trying to do. There are 60 of you in the House and you are essentially trying to take away collective bargaining rights from public employees like police officers, firefighters and teachers. Thousands of folks. Well, those people worked for decades for those rights. And Democrats are hell-bent on seeing that they aren't taken away. Maybe those kinds of attacks are acceptable in Indianapolis. But, I'll tell you, they aren't in Northwest Indiana. That's why you had thousands of steel workers, bricklayers, electricians, plumbers, ironworkers and carpenters rallying in Indianapolis in support of their union brethren. Folks up here take their unions seriously. It's like religion. For example, Mr. Speaker, I remember when the Adam Benjamin VA Outpatient Clinic was being built at 93rd and Broadway. The contract for that project got awarded to a nonunion firm. Yeah, right here in the heart of one of the strongest union areas in the country. One day it got to be too much for the union folks and they charged the construction site, leveling a substantial portion of a wall under construction. I know, Mr. Speaker, that was the wrong thing to do, but it shows the intensity of unionism here. ❖

Gary Gerard, Warsaw Times-Union: Seems to me that President Barack Obama needs to be a little more engaged in the things that Americans are concerned about. I am not naive about these things. I know that the president of the United States is in constant contact with his cabinet and advisers. He's never "out of the loop" on anything. But sometimes Obama really comes across as indecisive, ambivalent - or not much of a leader. See, that was one thing about the much-maligned last president, George W. Bush. He was a leader and he wanted to be perceived as a leader. President Bush gave up golf because he felt it trivialized our troops in harm's way. You may completely disagree with his position, but he could lead. I guess I don't see a lot of that sentiment present in President Obama. I get the sense he prefers to lead by consensus, which, sometimes may not be a bad thing. But once in a while you just have to stick your neck out and make a decision. There's a lot of stuff going on in the world and I think Americans are just looking for him to lead. Ghadafi is about to crush the Libyan revolt. Japan is on the verge of a potential nuclear disaster the likes of which the world has never known. Gas prices are inching toward \$4 per gallon, threatening the rickety economic recover. Unions supporters are protesting in several state capitals. Now is the time for Obama to lead. Now is the time for Obama to take positions on these issues, make those positions known, and take steps to enact them. I may or may not

agree with the positions he'd take, but that's O.K. He just needs to lead. ❖

Ezra Klein, Washington Post: Wednesday is the first birthday of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the law better known as health-care reform. Cake, I imagine, will not be served. As much as Democrats are trying to leverage the milestone to sell the public on the legislation's many virtues, the reality is that it has been a tough year. At best, public support for the law is mixed and contradictory. A Kaiser Family Foundation survey released last week was typical: A slight plurality had an unfavorable impression of it, but a slight majority opposed efforts to repeal it or replace it with a Republican-backed alternative. It brings to mind an old Woody Allen joke about a restaurant where the food is terrible and the portions are too small. Americans don't think they like the Affordable Care Act, but they don't want to be without it or left with whatever Republicans want to put in its place. For most Americans, the dominant emotion is confusion. According to the Kaiser poll, "confused" outranks "angry," "anxious" and "enthusiastic" as a descriptor. At 53 percent, it commands an easy majority — and I'd guess that's a low estimate. So this is my birthday present to the legislation, and those who are befuddled by it: some clarity on what it does, and how it does it. The health-care reform law is, without a doubt, among the most consequential pieces of social policy passed since the Great Society. But it's also a lot more incremental than many people realize. More modest, by far, than the health-care overhauls proposed by Presidents Clinton, Nixon, Johnson and Truman. In 2019, once the law has been fully implemented for five years, it is expected to cover about two-thirds of the uninsured, to cost about 4 percent of what the health-care system spends in any given year and to cut the federal deficit by less than 1 percent. If you obtain insurance from your employer, Medicare, Medicaid or the veterans system — and that describes most Americans — you probably won't notice the legislation at all. ❖

Jeffrey Anderson, Weekly Standard: One year ago, the then-Democratic House of Representatives openly disregarded the cool and deliberate sense of the people and rammed Obamacare down the American people's throats. At the time, the Democrats claimed that their bill would become more popular once Americans found out what was in it (a process that, as Democrats explained, required passing it). A year later, polls show that Obamacare's popularity has declined even further. Take the monthly Kaiser Health Tracking Poll. The Kaiser poll is an outlier poll that almost always indicates stronger support for Obamacare than other polls convey. Shortly after passage, the Kaiser poll actually showed respondents having a favorable, rather than unfavorable, opinion of Obamacare, by a margin of 6 points (46 to 40 percent). Since then, that margin has moved 10 points against Obamacare — from plus-6 to minus-4 — as those with unfavorable opinions (46 percent) have come to outnumber those with favorable ones (42 percent). It's not hard to tell why. The Kaiser poll shows that, in the intervening year, people have become more convinced that Obamacare would raise their health costs and lower the quality of their health care. ❖





Bosma, Bauer meet at Statehouse

INDIANAPOLIS - House Democratic Leader Patrick Bauer's stealth meeting with Republican House Speaker Brian Bosma on Wednesday at the Statehouse could signal a breakthrough for the month-old impasse (Kelly, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette). "I think we had a pretty good talk with each other, and some positive ideas were exchanged," Bauer said.

Bosma said he tries not to get overly optimistic or overly pessimistic, but it's a positive step for Bauer to return to Indianapolis. "That shows a willingness to get back here and get some things done," Bosma said. "I didn't hear requests to remove issues from the table. This was pretty focused." Bauer specifically had questions about a labor bill that could lead to the use of more non-union companies and workers for public construction projects. Bosma will discuss the issue with the author of the bill and then let Bauer know the result of the conversation. In the meantime, Bauer returned to Urbana, Ill., where most of his caucus remains, Wednesday night. The Democrats left the state Feb. 22, and official House business has stopped because there isn't a quorum to conduct business. Even if a resolution is reached quickly, it would be unlikely that Democrats could be back in the state today for session, which starts at 10:30 a.m. The next scheduled session day would be Monday. The meeting between the two leaders Wednesday was a surprise to everyone. Bosma said Senate President Pro Tem David Long, R-Fort Wayne, had scheduled a meeting of all four legislative leaders on an unrelated personnel matter. Bosma presumed Bauer would



not attend but Bauer called him and said he would be there and would like to talk privately afterward. Bauer said the meeting between the two lasted about an hour; Bosma gauged it at about 25 minutes and said it was largely a personal discussion before chatting about substantive issues. Bauer last visited the Statehouse on March 2 and the two meetings couldn't have been any more different.

Dems 'resolute' say Pelath, Brown

INDIANAPOLIS - As the House Democrats' walkout entered its second month Wednesday, two region representatives said their resolve to defend public schools and Hoosier workers will not waver (Carden, Times of Northwest Indiana). "It's not that often in elected office, or in life for that matter, that you have the opportunity to fight so long and so hard for things that you believe in," said state Rep. Scott Pelath, D-Michigan City. State Rep. Charlie Brown, D-Gary, said he believes House Republicans underestimated the strength of the Democrats'

opposition to their legislation. "They didn't think there would be this kind of stick-to-it-iveness by us as Democrats and stick-to-it-iveness by those folks out there in the hall," Brown said, referring to union workers who have rallied in the Statehouse every day since the Democrats left.

Car crash leaves Delph woozy

INDIANAPOLIS - State Sen. Mike Delph is banged up but going to work today after a car accident returning to his Carmel home last night (Indianapolis Star). "It could have been a lot worse," said Delph R-Carmel said of the accident at Spring Mill Road near 116th Street at about 5:30 p.m. "I was really out of it for a while. I felt like I had my bell rung." Delph said he had his head examined at the hospital and was given the O.K but said his left side is still bruised and sore today. The Carmel Republican gained attention this year as the sponsor of a tough immigration bill that would give police authority to check on people's



immigration status. Delph he was driving his Buick Rendezvous north on Spring Mill when he was struck in the driver's side door by a southbound car that swerved to hit a turning and slowing car in front of it. Delph said he was wearing a seatbelt and going the speed limit. It turns out the 19-year-old who hit him is a supporter. Delph knows that because the driver's mother follows Delph (@MikeDelph) on Twitter.

Daniels signs transpo study

INDIANAPOLIS - A panel of state legislators will spend the next five years assessing the condition of Indiana's roads, bridges and rails and planning to meet the state's future transportation needs. On Wednesday, Gov. Mitch Daniels signed into law House Enrolled Act 1367, establishing the Joint Study Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Assessment and Solutions. The committee consists of the members of the House and Senate transportation committees. The joint committee will be led this year by state Rep. Ed Soliday, R-Valparaiso.

Marriage ban OK'd by Senate panel

INDIANAPOLIS - An Indiana Senate panel approved a measure Wednesday that could lead to a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage and anything "substantially similar" to it (Allen, South Bend Tribune). The Judiciary Committee voted 7-3 to send House Joint Resolution 6 to the full Senate. The House of Representatives approved the same resolution last month by a vote of 70-26 before House Democrats began their walkout. H.J.R. 6 would allow Indiana voters to decide whether to adopt a constitutional amendment that says only

marriage between one man and one woman shall be recognized as valid in the state. It also says any legal status that is "substantially similar" to same-sex marriage -- such as civil unions -- shall not be recognized. Indiana already has a law prohibiting two persons of the same sex from marrying. Those who support H.J.R. 6 say a constitutional amendment is necessary to protect the law against the possibility that a court would overturn it. Also, they say, Hoosiers deserve an opportunity to weigh in on the question. Opponents say the amendment will hurt Indiana's image, and they fear the "substantially similar" clause could go beyond banning same-sex marriage and civil unions to also prohibit domestic partners from sharing benefits such as health insurance. Sen. John Broden, D-South Bend, was one of three lawmakers who voted against H.J.R. 6 on Wednesday. He said state courts have confirmed that Indiana's existing law banning same-sex marriage is constitutional, so there is no need to go further. "That existing statute is crystal clear," Broden said. "It says marriage shall be between a man and a woman. It could not be more clear."

Brown's smoke ban bill gets no vote

INDIANAPOLIS - The future of Gary Rep. Charlie Brown's state-wide smoking ban bill is uncertain after its first-ever hearing in a Senate committee (Post-Tribune). No action was taken, but the panel heard more than two hours of public testimony Wednesday. Many lobbyists said they want a comprehensive smoking ban without exemptions. In its current form, though, the ban would exempt casinos, bars, fraternal clubs, smoke shops and nursing homes. Exemptions for charity gaming sites and commercial truck cabs were also

suggested during the hearing, as well as an expansion of a rule that would ban smoking within 12 feet of a public entrance. Sen. Ron Alting, R-Lafayette and chairman of the Senate's public policy committee, said later he hasn't decided if the bill will get a vote. He said smoking-ban advocates should be happy their bill is three votes away from the governor's desk, closer than ever to becoming law.

Personal incomes rise in 2010

INDIANAPOLIS - Personal income of Indiana residents rose in 2010 by one of the fastest rates in the nation in spite of a jobless rate in double digits for most of the year (Evanoff, Indianapolis Star). All the money earned by every person in the state last year totaled \$226.5 billion, a 3.68 percent increase that surpassed every Snow Belt state except New York and ranked Indiana eighth in the nation, according to a new federal report. Viewed widely as a sign of recovery, the gain shows the economy is mending, but not for everyone. One analyst described a vexing economy splitting along two stages.

Indiana tax revenue lowest since 2006

WASHINGTON - State tax collections in Indiana fell last year to their lowest level since 2006, according to figures released Wednesday by the U.S. Census Bureau (Indianapolis Star). And the state's 7 percent decline in taxes from 2009 to 2010 exceeded the 2 percent drop among all states. The revenue drop in Indiana and the U.S. was driven by declines in income taxes from individuals. Taxes on race-track bets and fees for hunting and fishing licenses were some of the few areas where tax revenues increased in the state.