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## The decision to go to war

By Lee H. Hamilton

Watching the recent gyrations on Capitol Hill over the economic bailout, I couldn't help but reflect that while there was great uncertainty about how Congress would respond to the White House economic plan, there is rarely uncertainty about another, even more serious issue: war. If the President wants it, he gets it.

When it comes to the decision to go to war, Congress since World War II has been content to act as an afterthought, rather than the President's equal. Even though it is the branch that gives voice to the concerns of ordinary Americans, Congress in recent decades has been all too willing to take a back seat to presidential authority. It has lost the skills and the political will that would allow it to be a co-equal branch of government.

Which is a shame. Going to war is the most important decision a government can make, because it means that young people will die. That decision ought not be made by one person, even if that person is the President of the United States.

Lee Hamilton is Director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

## Circuit Court Judge Donald Currie

New filings are from public records available in the Carroll County Clerk's office on the second floor of the courthouse, Delphi. Other information regarding judgments and marriage dissolutions is gathered from public records found in the clerk's office.

Countrywide Home Loans filed a complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage on real estate against Diana Labare and Lynn E. Labare. 24, Delphi.

Sergio Mendez was charged with forgery, resisting law enforcement, operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, driving left of center.

Larry E. Farnar was charged with arson.

Michael P. Hozey was charged with two counts of burglary.

Randall S. Spry was charged with two counts of burglary.

The estates of Dorothy L. Allen and James W. Rankin were admitted to probate.

Duane C. Pullen and Darren D. Pullen were named personal representatives of the estate of Nancy Kay Pullen.

Sherrie L. Cocanower and Ann E. Schreyer were named co-personal representatives of the estate of Samuel I. Price.

Thomas Lamie was named

personal representative of the estate of Mary Elizabeth Crane.

The court denied a post conviction relief request by Scott B. Spencer.

Marriage dissolutions were granted for the following: Jami M. Coffman and Brandon G. Coffman; Patty Evans and Brian Evans; Aundrea D. Bieghler and Charles J. Bieghler; Joy Ratcliff and Phillip Ratcliff; Krista L. Bergdorff and Roy E. Bergdorff II.; and Shawn M. Parson and Stephanie M. Parson;

The following causes were dismissed: Capital One Bank USA vs. Michael W. Braford; State of Indiana vs. Calvin Stitts; GE Money Bank vs. Will Green; State Farm Bank FSB vs.. Krista R. Dyer; Palisades Acquisition XVI LLC vs. William L. Fraker; Palisades Acquisition XVI LLC vs. Andrea Anthony.

A summary judgment was granted for Discover Bank against Brenda K. Lohrman, Delphi, for \$11,118.75 plus attorney's fees.

Judgments were ordered for the plaintiff in: Lyndal Hood vs. Donald R. Bennett and Susan M. Bennett for \$17,448.10; Friendly Finance Corp. vs. Jon Scowden for \$9,286.32.

## Web poll

Tell us starting Wednesday at our web site, carrollcountycomet.com

Each week the Comet polls its readers on a different topic. Vote online at carrollcountycomet.com starting each Thursday, and then click the Comments link to send us an email voicing your opinion. The best responses will be printed the following week.

**Do you have your mind made up about who you will vote for for president?**

Already know who my choice is.  
Need to watch Wednesday night's debate to decide for sure.  
Am still undecided

### Last Week's results

This week (Oct. 5-12) is Fire Prevention Week. Do you...

- 26% Have working smoke detectors
- 03% Have a working fire extinguisher
- 03% Have a fire escape plan
- 55% All of the above
- 14% Have good intentions
- Total responses: 78

### Reader's comments:

Not only do you have one of the items mentioned but have you checked it to be sure it is in working order? We change the batteries in the detector when we change our time in the spring and fall. You may also want to upgrade from just smoke detector to a carbon monoxide detector. Going too cheap may cost you and your love ones your life.

I stood out in the parking lot yesterday taking in the warmth of the sun and the smells of fall surrounding all about. The blue of the sky above and the yellow of the leaves in a stand of trees nearby were so near perfect they seemed to insist I linger. I stayed put to appreciate what must have been offered up as the ultimate autumn day.

Shortly thereafter Carol from the office came outside and headed for her car.

She pointed to the stand of trees I was admiring. The lovely yellow leaves were clinging to the branches of the trees as a light wind rustled around and through them.

"Winds of change." Carol offered ominously, "winter can't be far behind."

I chuckled to myself how the warm glow of this present fall day could be cast aside for the future cold of the inevitable winter ahead. But it does seem consistent with Carol's personality to see the ominous in the tranquil.

And Carol is right. With the national election ahead and the economy swirling, change is without a doubt in the air.

### Voting

Speaking of voting, the State of Indiana caught a lot of national flack with its requirement that voters produce a photo ID before exercising the right to vote. It seemed to be a reasonable requirement, a good idea really, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed.

The photo ID requirement seemed even a better idea to



## Cue the wind

me in retrospect last week. That's when it was revealed that a community organization group known as ACORN filed about 2,500 fraudulent new voter registrations up in Lake County.

Every single fraudulent vote disenfranchises a legitimate voter. I don't think it is at all naive to expect and demand that both political parties fight and renounce voter fraud.

### Spoofed

"Spoofed" that's what the computer technician told me had happened to me overnight when over 1,000 messages appeared in my "in" box telling me my e-mail messages had not been received by my intended recipient.

Spoofing is the word used to describe the hijacking of one person's e-mail address by a con artist sending bogus messages out by the thousands.

Well, they weren't my messages and they weren't my recipients and you wonder just what these cyber-jerks get out of their time spent on purely mischief. So much profit has been made on legitimate Internet-based enterprise that

the real dopes are these guys intent on malicious mischief.

### Gifting

Occasionally I listen to the radio programs sponsored by the Moody Bible Institute. In the past I've contributed to their fund raising, but it's been awhile.

The phone rang on the end table the other evening. I mention the location of the phone because we find our phone calls are pretty much all on cell phones these days. The phone on the end table is now referred to as a "land line" phone and this term seems to denote a prehistoric kind of quality to it. I think the days of our land line phone are numbered.

Anyway, when the phone on the end table rings at night, it's usually a fund raising call. I pick up this phone very gingerly and set it down quite quickly.

The caller on the other end was a student at Moody Bible Institute telling me about their pledge drive. I ached to set the phone down. I did not want to pledge that evening. But I tell you, there's something about these "kids" and their enthusiasm and raw sincerity. The Ball State guys and gals, the Purdue ones too, they get to me.

My Moody Bible fellow melted the icy facade I project over the end table phone. The check went out night before last. I've gotta get rid of that phone - these kids are too good!

## Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Smith

Superior Court judgments are gathered from public records on file in the Carroll County Clerk's office on the second floor of the courthouse, Delphi.

Richard D. Daniels, 43, Delphi, entered a plea agreement and was found guilty of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person. He was sentenced to one year in jail suspended, one year supervised probation, participation in a drug and alcohol program and costs of \$364.50 court costs.

Joshua W. Lovell-Ramey, 20, Lafayette, entered a plea of guilty to driving while suspended and

Michele L. Darnell, 35, Burnettsville, entered a plea agreement and was found guilty of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person. She was sentenced to one year in jail, suspended, one year supervised probation including two days in jail, participation in a drug and alcohol program, and court costs of \$364.50.

The following complaints were filed: LVNV Funding LLC vs. Marsha K. Ragan; North Star Corp. vs. Connie K. Cagle; LVNV Funding LLC vs. Maria C. Alvarez; Capital One Bank vs. Sara Sizemore; Capital One Bank vs. Carrie Hines; LVNV Funding LLC vs. Alta L. Robinson; Palisades Acquisitions vs. Sandra K. Arnold; and Capital One Bank vs. Jerry W. Frey.

LaSalle Bank National Assoc. filed a complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage against Andrew E. Hoss and Sarah L. Hoss.

Terra L. Van Zile and Bryan C. Van Zile were named executors for the estate of Roberta M. Eller.

The following causes were dismissed: Pearson's Gas vs.. Kimberly J. Arvin; Countrywide Home Loans Inc. vs.. Patricia A. McLeland, without prejudice; Robert A. Lucas DDS vs.. Darren Carr, with prejudice; Robert A. Lucas DDS vs.. Connie and Joseph Noble, with prejudice; Dr. D.J. Harmon vs.. Neal and Liz McTigue, with prejudice;

In First Horizon Home Loans vs.. Erika M. Minnick, the court stayed the cause due to notice of bankruptcy.

Default judgments were entered for the plaintiff in: William L. Benefiel was ordered to pay CACH LLC \$7,310.16; Kenneth R. Morgan, \$1,016.28 to FFFM/Carmel Holding I LLC assignee of HSBC Card Services Inc.; Ricardo Campos Jr. aka Ricky Campos Jr., \$13,028.06 to Coastal Credit LLC; Danny Kirkpatrick \$801.50 to Pearson's Gas, plus \$89 court costs; and Cecil L. Shineman \$25,356.03 to Citibank (South Dakota) NA.

Default judgment and foreclosures was granted in Jon L. Holt \$48,232.38 to GMAC Mortgage LLC.

The following judgments were entered: Desiree Bushman and Jason Palladino were ordered to pay \$845.80 to James Maish and Kathryn Maish, plus \$99 court costs; Venessa L. Moore was ordered to pay \$1,056.60 to Asset Acceptance LLC; United Farm Family Mutual Insurance Co. was ordered to deposit \$105,000 with the county clerk; and Chance Garten, Michelle Retzlaff and Richard Retzlaff were discharged from and all liability.

## Marriage Licenses

Daniel OJ Gilbert, 23, and Elizabeth Ann Quade, 26, both of Delphi.

Bradley Scott Thompson, 50, and Teresa Diane Stewart, 47, both of Delphi.

Bryan Merl Lowry, 31, and Shannon Marie Carmin, 33, both of Delphi.

Joshua William Leuck, 24, and Jamie Sue Brown, 24, both of Delphi.

Justin Paul Bigler, 21, and Summer Nicole Singley, 21, both of Delphi.

Timothy Eugene Lawson, 44, and Tania Lilyt Peralta, 40, both of Flora.

Shaun L. Gotshall, 30, and Miranda L. Alvarado, 28, both of Logansport.



## Letters to the Editor

The Comet welcomes letters to the editor responding to articles and events in the news. They must include the author's name, address and telephone number. The letter writer's name and city/town will appear in the paper - no exceptions. Letters must be 400 words or less in length. Please send your letters to: editor@carrollcountycomet.com; Letters to the Editor, Comet, P.O. Box 26, Flora, IN 46929 or P.O. Box 179, Delphi, IN 46923; or fax 574-967-3384 or 765-564-2010. By submitting a letter or opinion article, the author grants the Comet the right to publish, distribute, archive or use the work in print, electronic, on-line or other format.

### Concerned about safety of county roads

I live in the northeast part of Carroll County on 1100 N. This road is terribly busy and some of the motorists drive 60, 70, or faster past our house. It is strange that this road doesn't really take you anywhere but it is busy at all times of day, especially late at night. It makes one wonder what is going on out this way that the road is so heavily traveled that late at night.

I have a 17-month-old daughter and she is very active. We have a fenced-in backyard which she will play in when she's old enough to play outside by herself. If she plays in the front yard it's under supervision because of the inattention of some drivers.

I called the Carroll County Highway Department to get a "Slow Children At Play" sign for our area. The response I got from the highway department is they don't put signs like that up anymore because it seems to give children permission to play in the road. BLAH!

I went to Arnett/Clarion to get a sign which reads "Drive Smart, Kids Dart" and they were completely out of them and were not getting any more. I guess it's going to take a really bad accident for something to happen.

After the horrific ordeal that happened with the young Twin Lakes children I want to protect my own at all cost. I would like to hear a response back from people in Carroll County to see if they deal with the same situations. Maybe together we can get something done for the safety on our county roads. I would also love to talk to an appointed commissioner.

Crystal Grandstaff  
Burnettsville

### Public input sought

Today, Oct. 14, I surveyed potential areas for warning sirens to be located. These locations match the acoustic study performed by Federal Signal and meet the power needs required for the sirens.

This is only a preliminary study, and I am interested in any feedback or concern residents might have regarding the locations. Please send any concerns or comments to my office, in writing: 101 W. Main St., Room 1-B, Delphi, IN 46923.

- Potential locations are:
- Tecumseh Bend: Pole #A17B34, near the corner of the Elliott property, at 11305 Tecumseh Bend Road.
  - Horseshoe Bend: Pole #A17E46, across the street from 10766 Horseshoe Bend Road
  - Oakdale area: Pole #764/103, near 6621 N., 1225 W.

The sirens will be tested once a month, for approximately three minutes.

Dave McDowell  
Director  
Carroll County EMA

### Because the public has a right to know...

In an effort to help our readers understand what government meetings are happening when and where, the Comet will now print upcoming meetings on a weekly basis.

#### Monday, Oct. 20

√ Delphi Board of Works: 4:30 p.m.

√ Carroll County Commissioners: 6 p.m.

√ Delphi City Council Special Meeting: 7 p.m.

#### Tuesday, Oct. 21

√ Carroll School Board: 7:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, Oct. 22

√ Hoosier Heartland Highway groundbreaking: 1:30 p.m., Faith Baptist Church Community Center, SR26 in Lafayette.

### Public Notices appearing in this issue of the Comet:

- Sheriff Sale-Youngs ... 6B
- Sheriff Sale-Criswell ... 6B
- Sheriff Sale-Humphrey ... 6B
- Notice of Suit-Eason ... 6B
- Flickinger Estate ... 6B
- Area Plan-Pub. Hearing ... 6B
- T. Stonebraker Estate ... 6B
- G. Stonebraker Estate ... 6B
- McCormick Estate ... 6B
- Notice of Suit-Fletcher ... 6B
- Sheriff Sale-Hicks ... 6B
- CCSC-1028 Hearing ... 6B
- Fred Estate ... 6B
- DSCSC-Not. of Adoption ... 5B
- Sherrif Sale-Warren ... 6B
- Town of Flora-Spec ... 5B
- Indiana Lien ... 6B
- Comet-Ownership ... 5B
- Deer Creek Twp-Amend ... 5B
- County Budget ... 5B
- Questions concerning Indiana's Open Door and Public Access Laws may be directed to the state's public access office, at 1-800-228-6013.

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