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Inside a rocky Trump alliance

Election stalls decades of jousting with billionaire Carl Icahn

BY DREW HARWELL

As Donald Trump hunted for a deal that would help him keep part of the bankrupt Atlantic City casino empire he'd built, fellow Queens-born billionaire Carl Icahn mounted an aggressive counterattack.

Icahn pushed in 2010 to wrest control of Trump Entertainment Resorts, backing lawyers who argued that one of Trump's most prized assets - his brand - was a "disadvantage" that may no longer have been "synonymous with business acumen, high quality... and enormous success.

These days, the tension has given way to apparent harmony. As Trump runs for president, he often fawns over the elite investor 11 years his senior, saying Icahn is one of "the great businessmen of the world" and sharp enough to master U.S. negotiations with China or run the Treasury Department. Icahn has endorsed Trump, saying the country would be "lucky" to have him in the Oval Office.

The shifting dynamic shows how these two merciless capitalists have, over decades of socializing and jousting, formed a more tortuous and even rocky relationship than comes across in their election-year alliance.

For Trump, who has taken pride in punching back hard at his attackers, his rapport with Icahn shows a side of the brash real estate tycoon that Americans rarely see: a willingness to show deference to someone who once TRUMP CONTINUED ON A19

Protesters storm Iraqi parliament



If Abadi fails to survive chaos, U.S. must decide what's next

BY GREG JAFFE

President Obama's plan for fighting the Islamic State is predicated on having a credible and effective Iraqi ally on the ground in Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi.

And in recent days, the administration had been optimistic, despite the growing political unrest in Baghdad, about that critical partnership.

But that optimism - along with the administration's strategy for battling the Islamic State $\hbox{in Iraq}-\hbox{was thrown into severe}$ doubt after protesters stormed Iraq's parliament on Saturday and a state of emergency was declared in Baghdad. The big question for White House officials is what happens if Abadi a critical linchpin in the fight against the Islamic State — does not survive the turmoil that has swept over the Iraqi capital.

The chaos in Baghdad comes just after a visit by Vice President Biden that was intended to help calm the political unrest and keep the battle against the Islamic State on track.

As Biden's plane was approaching Baghdad on Thurs-**OBAMA** CONTINUED ON A13



TOP: Demonstrators, many of them followers of Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, enter Baghdad's fortified Green Zone. ABOVE: Protesters occupy the parliament building, which, like the rest of the Green Zone, has been off-limits to the public.

LAWMAKERS FLEE IN PANIC

Turmoil threatens to unseat prime minister

BY LOVEDAY MORRIS AND MUSTAFA SALIM

BAGHDAD — Protesters stormed Iraq's parliament Saturday in a dramatic culmination of months of demonstrations, casting uncertainty over the tenure of the country's prime minister and the foundations of the political system laid in place after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

Security forces declared a state of emergency in the Iraqi capital after demonstrators climbed over blast walls and broke through cordons to enter Baghdad's fortified Green Zone, also home to ministries and the U.S. embassy. Many were followers of Iraq's powerful Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, who has been urging his supporters onto the streets.

Lawmakers fled the building in panic, with some berated and struck as they left. Others were trapped in the basement for hours, too afraid to face the crowds who complain that the country's political class is racked by corruption.

It was a day of high drama for a country that is no stranger to revolution and that has seen all of its leaders overthrown from the time the state was established in 1921 until the U.S. invasion toppled Saddam Hussein in 2003. At issue now is the quota system introduced when the U.S.-led coalition put together Iraq's first post-invasion government, which determines Iraq's political positions according to sect and ethnicity.

The turmoil threatened to unseat the already embattled prime minister, Haider al-Abadi, with whom the United States has partnered in the fight against Islamic State militants in Iraq but whose efforts at reform have stumbled. U.S. officials have

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CHANGE IN HOME VALUES SINCE 2004 BY ZIP CODES

Left behind in housing's great upheaval

The Bay Area's high-tech real estate boom was echoed in Stockton. When the bubble burst, one city didn't come back.

BY EMILY BADGER AND TED MELLNIK

STOCKTON, CALIF. — East of San Francisco, beyond the Bay Area's rabid housing market and high-tech office parks, is a different California where the air is hotter, the land is cheaper and the homeowners are enduring a more precarious version of the American dream.

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You get there on Interstate 580, through 80 miles of suburbs and farmland, up into the bald hills of the Di-

ablo Range that are suitable for neither. The highway, eight lanes wide, cuts through at the Altamont Pass. And then the hills part and California's Central Valley comes into view: An unexpectedly flat landscape that feels very far from San Francisco, and where Stockton and its neighbors are still suffering the lingering effects of the worst housing bust in the

The low ridgeline is a physical barrier between unequal fortunes, between rec-



Fences surround an unfinished subdivision in Stockton, Calif., once an epicenter

ord housing riches in the Bay Area and an epidemic of lost wealth in the Central Valley. Home values have doubled in some San Francisco and Silicon Valley Zip codes in little more than a decade. But in the hardest-hit Stockton Zip codes, homes over this same time have lost 20 percent of

"It was like a typhoon," Carol Ornelas, the head of a housing nonprofit in Stock-

ton, says of what happened out here. The national housing market has, broadly speaking, recovered from the crash that plunged the country into a severe recession. But the recovery has also been deeply uneven, worsening divides and creating fissures across the country like the one between California's coastal and inland communities, according to a detailed Washington Post analysis of changes in single-family home values across the country.

The analysis, a review of home-value data from Black Knight Financial Services on 19,000 Zip codes dating back to 2004, shows how the nation's housing boom,

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Troubled boy ended up a killer, police say

BY PETER HERMANN, HAMIL R. HARRIS AND EMMA BROWN

From the time he was in grade school, Maurice Bellamy struggled to stay focused and control his temper. But within the structure of specialized private schools in Maryland, the young man

seemed to show promise. He won a citizenship award for exhibiting "a model of behavior and social respect," and he spoke at his eighth-grade graduation. He wanted to run a company and design computer games. Later, at a high school for children with learning disabilities, Bellamy passed all his classes, even earning an A in algebra.

All that changed in December 2013, when his family moved to Southeast Washington. For five weeks, Bellamy, then 15, drifted while his mother tried to get the school system to enroll him at Ballou High School, which was within walking distance of the family's new home. When Bellamy finally started classes, his absences, bursts of anger and fail-

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of the foreclosure crisis. Home values in San Francisco have soared since the

housing crash. In Stockton, they are still 20 percent below decade-ago levels.