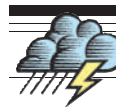


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Cruz blitzes Indiana in furious bid to stay alive

Another loss to Trump could ravage campaign, doom comeback hopes

BY SEAN SULLIVAN

INDIANAPOLIS — Inside Ted Cruz's second-floor campaign office here on a recent afternoon, there were telltale signs of an operation in overdrive: dozens of volunteers calling voters and refueling with Mountain Dew, coffee and snacks; staffers busily working on laptops; and an ambitious message on a whiteboard: "Our Goal Today = 20,000 Calls."

But there were also indications of trouble. Volunteers said they were hearing misgivings from voters — many rooted in insults that front-runner Donald Trump had hurled at Cruz.

Most people who express reservations, explained Megan Kerr, 17, of Fishers, Ind., "are concerned with the nickname he's been given — 'Lyin' Ted.'" Frank Cerrone, 68, of Perry Township, Ind., also said "there is some idea that Ted Cruz is rigging the system," another Trump attack.

Cruz came to Indiana to try to resuscitate his flagging campaign at a pivotal moment in the Republican presidential race. But with just one day of campaigning left until Tuesday's vote — and after a series of desperation measures — the freshman senator from Texas is on the verge of a defeat that would ravage his campaign and raise new questions about whether his mission to stop the mogul has become futile.

An NBC News-Wall Street Journal-Marist poll released Sunday showed Trump leading Cruz by 15 points in Indiana. Other recent public polls have shown Trump leading by narrower margins.

Supporters hoped that Indiana, which has similarities to other

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Family members, above, embrace after Border Patrol agents open the fence during a Children's Day celebration at Friendship Park in Imperial Beach, Calif., on the border with Mexico. Below, Francisco Cortez speaks to a relative from the Tijuana side.

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A hug across a heartbreaking divide

Gabriela Esparza has a standing date on most Saturdays to talk to her mother, on a schedule that never changes. She drives down Interstate 5 and turns off into a sprawling wildlife habitat bounded by the beach and Pacific Ocean and an 18-foot galvanized metal fence that stretches as far as she can see.

She makes her way toward a small yard surrounded by steel mesh and waits until 10 a.m., when a U.S. Border Patrol agent opens a heavy gate. Her mother is on the other side, in Tijuana, Mexico, waiting to see her daughter through the checkered grate, perhaps to touch her fingertips. They stay as long as they can, until another family needs a turn or the agent in charge warns, "five more minutes," and the gate is locked shut at 2 p.m.

This pen is Friendship Park, the only



At a park called 'Friendship,' a rare chance for loving families at the Mexico border to connect

BY YANAN WANG IN SAN DIEGO

federally established binational meeting place along the 2,000-mile border between the United States and Mexico. For seven years, this meeting through the mesh was as close as Esparza, 23, could get to her mother and sister.

This weekend was different. Esparza and her 2-year-old son, Leonel, stood in line Saturday with others chosen to participate in a celebration of Children's Day in Mexico. For only the third time, the emergency door on this portion of the border fence would open, and five families would have three minutes each to embrace.

To arrive at this moment, Esparza underwent a background check by the Border Patrol and then a second vetting by the nonprofit Border Angels, a migrant-advocacy group that started the brief open-border meeting in 2013. She

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Metro failed to catch defects

ISSUES COULD HAVE LED TO DERAILMENT

Federal inspectors detail track problems in reports

BY ROBERT MCCARTNEY AND LORI ARATANI

Metro halted rail traffic or slowed train speeds at 10 locations in April after federal inspectors found track defects that could have caused derailments and other problems, according to federal safety reports.

All of the tracks are now back in normal use after repairs were made, officials said. But the documents, obtained by The Washington Post, disclose new examples of problems that Metro overlooked until the Federal Transit Administration took over safety oversight of the agency in October.

On April 10, for example, federal safety inspectors checking the system as part of a "safety blitz" found incorrectly fastened rails along more than 38 feet of pocket track on an aerial structure east of the Stadium-Armory Metro station at a junction of the Orange, Blue and Silver lines.

Metro inspectors had overlooked the defect — which could cause a derailment — in nine visual inspections in the preceding month, federal officials said. A pocket track is a stretch of rail where trains can be parked off the main line.

Other problems described in the reports or by federal officials included the following:

- Most Metro employees "knowingly" ignore requirements for setting handbrakes on rail cars in the yard, thus increasing the risk of unintended train movement.

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Protesters leave Green Zone after day of chaos in Baghdad

BY LOVEDAY MORRIS

BAGHDAD — Carrying the tents, pillows and blankets they had brought for what many expected to be a longer sit-in, supporters of Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr streamed out of Baghdad's fortified Green Zone on Sunday, a day after they had broken in, ransacking parliament and demanding reform.

Akhlas al-Obaidi, a protest organizer, delivered the message of Sadr's wishes to the crowd: Go home to give political decision-making a chance. She said protesters would be back Friday to make a "major stand" and vowed they would keep up the pressure.

The pullback by Sadr gives Iraq's embattled prime minister, Haider al-Abadi, some breathing space, but the task ahead of him is a thorny one. The cleric has called for an end to the quota system that

apportions Iraq's cabinet positions along sectarian lines and is demanding a technocratic government. But such changes would probably be obstructed at every turn by those who think they would lose power.

Parliament descended into chaos during earlier attempts by Abadi to reshuffle his cabinet. Now the prime minister needs to get lawmakers to vote on his list of candidates at a time when many are incensed over Saturday's security breach, which saw them fleeing from protesters who attempted to block their way and beat them on their way out.

Abadi met on Sunday morning with the president, the speaker of parliament and other political leaders to try to steer the country out of turmoil. A statement released afterward said they planned "intense" meetings in the

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THE DIVIDED AMERICAN DREAM

'This can't happen by accident'

Home values rallied in white areas of DeKalb County, Ga. Well-off African Americans are still waiting.

BY EMILY BADGER

SOUTH DEKALB COUNTY, GA. — When the new subdivisions were rising everywhere here in the 1990s and early 2000s, with hundreds and hundreds of fine homes on one-acre lots carved out of the Georgia forest, the price divide between this part of DeKalb County and the northern part wasn't so vast.

Now, a house that looks otherwise identical in South DeKalb, on the edge of Atlanta, might sell for half what it would in North DeKalb. The difference has widened over the years of the housing boom, bust and recovery, and Wayne Early can't explain it.

The people here make good money, he says. They have good jobs. Their homes are built of the



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Wayne Early, left, and David Sands wonder why homes in some parts of their area, near Atlanta, are worth 25 percent less than in 2004.

same sturdy brick. Early, an economic development consultant and real estate agent, can identify only one obvious difference that makes property here worth so much less.

"This can't happen by accident," he says. "It's too tightly correlated with race for it to be based on something else."

The communities in South DeKalb are almost entirely African American, and they reflect a housing disparity that emerges across the Atlanta metropolitan area and the nation. According to a new Washington Post analysis, the higher a Zip code's share of black residents in the Atlanta region, the worse its housing values have fared over the past turbulent housing cycle.

Nationwide, home values in

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