

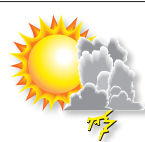
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# White paints picture of man without a home

## Dems say paper trail leads elsewhere

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INDIANAPOLIS — Embattled Indiana Secretary of State Charlie White says that for a full year, he was a man without a home.

Many nights, he crashed in his ex-wife's basement. On others, he stayed with the woman who is now his wife. On the campaign trail, he occasionally ducked into hotels. All the while, his car was where he kept his clothes and ate

most of his meals.

That "atypical" situation, he told a three-member panel that will determine his political future, is why it's a little tough to explain his primary residence during that time.

White, the Republican who was elected in November 2010, was the subject of a five-hour hearing Tuesday before the Indiana Recount Commission. The panel is set to make its decision at a hear-



Indiana Secretary of State Charlie White reads Tuesday from a document before the Indiana Recount Commission in Indianapolis.

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## Major announcement on jobs coming today

Evansville Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel and economic development leaders will hold a news conference today "to make a major job creation announcement," the mayor's office announced late Tuesday.

The conference, to be held at 9 a.m. at Innovation Pointe, 318 Main St., will be attended by local and state economic development leaders, according to the news release.

This is the latest of several jobs announcements in Evansville this year.

In March, the mayor's office announced that Connecticut-based SS&C Technologies would open

a fund administration and technology center in Evansville, creating up to 500 new jobs by 2014.

SS&C provides software and services to the financial services industry. Bill Stone, the company's chairman and chief executive officer, is an Evansville native.

In January, Weinzapfel announced that Sugar Steel Corp. of Chicago Heights, Ill., had opened a structural steel distribution center in Evansville, creating an expected 26 jobs by the end of the year. As with SS&C, local and state officials also offered a tax phase-in and performance-based tax credits to Sugar Steel.

# New EVSC chief getting thumbs up

## Lone dissenter undeterred

By John Martin  
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David Smith's selection as Evansville Vanderburgh School Corp.'s new superintendent brought favorable reactions Tuesday from those who deal regularly with the public school system.

The one School Board member who voted against Smith's hiring, however, still maintained that a wider search process should have occurred.

Smith has been with the school district 29 years as a teacher, principal and administrator. The Evansville native's most recent role was as assistant superintendent for human resources and business affairs.

"I was thrilled to see him chosen (as superintendent)," said Natalie Jones, an EVSC teacher and the outgoing president of Evansville Area Council of PTA.

"Not only has he been a teacher and principal, he's been a parent. He's seen it from different sides."

Natalie Jones, an EVSC teacher and the outgoing president of Evansville Area Council of PTA

"I think he's worked really hard. Just sitting in the second row (at Monday's School Board meeting), I could feel his passion for what he does.

"Not only has he been a teacher and principal, he's been a parent. He's seen it from different sides. He's gone through the public schools as a student, and now he's climbed to the top of the heap."

Amy Walker, Public Education Foundation di-

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# Hotel faces prospect of city reopening bids

By Richard Gootee  
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Uncertainty about the future of Woodruff Hospitality, the start-up group awarded the contract for a new Downtown hotel, led city officials to explore reopening bids for the project, which will replace the razed Executive Inn.

The city's Economic Redevelopment Commission approved a resolution to make a new Request for Proposal next month if a deal with Woodruff is not finalized by the end of the month — though it is un-

likely any developer not tied to the project could form a proposal to fit the requirements.

Chad Sullivan, an attorney for one of Woodruff Hospitality's investors, asked the commission for a 30-day extension to finalize the hotel contract, but board members declined.

"I think discussions will move forward more graciously if we have our options open.

"We can always slow things down, but we should be prepared to act," arena project manager

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# Summer meal program open when school isn't



ERIN MCCracken/COURIER & PRESS

After finishing his meal from the free lunch program at Tekoppel Elementary School, Dalten Langston, 12, gets a kiss from his mother, Amanda Fischer, as he says goodbye to her and sister Isabel, 6 months, and cousin Elissa Fischer, 8.

## Good nutrition seen as year-round essential

By Jonathan Lintner  
Special to the Courier & Press

Pat Barsumian remembers a summer day a few years ago when she saw a child alone on the street eating a slice of bread out of a bag.

It made Barsumian, the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corp.'s director of food and nutrition wonder, "All of a sudden, school is over. What are these kids doing? They're not going to be eating breakfast and lunch in our schools, so now where are they eating?"

Barsumian's concerns were answered in 2000 when the EVSC,

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Mandy Kloenhamer wipes spaghetti sauce off her daughter, Katelyn, 5, after lunch at Tekoppel. The Kloenhamer children eat lunch at the school every day.

## MEALS FOR THE NEEDY

EVSC's SUMMER MEAL LOCATIONS  
■ Caze Elementary School  
■ Cedar Hall Community School  
■ Dexter Elementary School  
■ Glenwood Leadership Academy  
■ Lodge Community School  
■ McGary Middle School

■ Tekoppel Elementary School  
■ Lincoln School  
■ Daniel Wertz Elementary School  
■ Delaware Elementary School

Pat Barsumian at (812) 435-8258 for dates and times.

Meals are available through the Salvation Army from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday at its site at 1040 N. Fulton Ave.

Community agencies, organizations and families are welcome. Contact



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