

# Trump ignites new tensions in GOP

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado (AP) — As Republican loyalists continue to flee, Donald Trump ignited new party tensions Tuesday by refusing to endorse House Speaker Paul Ryan or Arizona Sen. John McCain, a remarkable display of party division just three months before Election Day.

The Republican presidential nominee told *The Washington Post* he's "just not quite there yet," when asked about an endorsement of Ryan, who faces a primary election next week. In doing so, he echoed the House speaker's comments of almost three months earlier, when the Wisconsin congressman was initially reluctant to embrace Trump as his party's standard bearer.

Trump's statement comes amid intense fallout over his criticism of the family of the late Capt. Humayun Khan, a U.S. Army soldier who died in Iraq in 2004. Indeed, just two weeks after a Republican National Convention that tried to focus on party unity, the Trump-driven rifts inside the GOP appear to be intensifying.

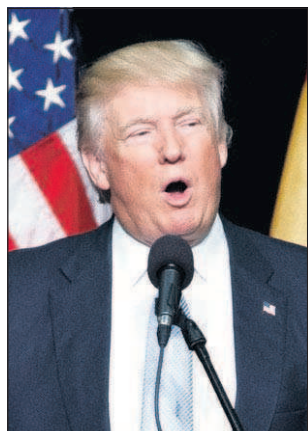
On Tuesday, retiring New York Rep. Richard Hanna became the first Republican member of Congress to say he will vote for Democrat Hillary Clinton in November instead of Trump.

"He is unfit to serve our party and cannot lead this country," Hanna wrote in a column published in *The Post-Standard* newspaper of Syracuse, New York. "He is unrepentant in all things."

Later Tuesday, Hewlett-Packard executive Meg Whitman — a prominent Republican fundraiser — threw her support behind Clinton, saying, "Donald Trump's demagoguery has undermined the fabric of our national character."

Also Tuesday, the woman who helped shape New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie's national image declared that she's voting for Clinton.

"As someone who has worked to further the Repub-



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lican Party's principles for the last 15 years, I believe that we are at a moment where silence isn't an option," former Christie senior aide Maria Comella told CNN.

They join dozens of high-profile GOP leaders who have previously said they would not vote for Trump, including the party's 2012 nominee, Mitt Romney, and former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush.

A day earlier, Sally Bradshaw, an architect of the Republican National Committee's 2013 "Growth and Opportunity" report, said she's leaving the GOP. While not a household name, her decision to leave the party rocked those who make politics their profession.

Bradshaw was one of the five senior Republican strategists tasked with identifying the party's shortcomings and recommending ways it could win the White House after its losing 2012 presidential campaign. She said she will vote for the Democratic nominee if the race in her home state of Florida appears close come Election Day.

"Trump has moved in exactly the opposite direction from our recommendations on how to make the party more inclusive," said Ari Fleischer, who worked with Bradshaw on the GOP's so-called post-election autopsy and was a senior adviser to President George W. Bush.

Fleischer still supports Trump over Clinton.

But Bradshaw and Comella are among a group of top Republican opera-

## Obama says Trump is 'unfit'

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a searing denunciation, President Barack Obama castigated Donald Trump as "unfit" and "woefully unprepared" to serve in the White House. He challenged Republicans to withdraw their support for their party's nominee, declaring "There has to come a point at which you say 'enough.'"

While Obama has long been critical of Trump, his blistering condemnation Tuesday was a notable escalation of his involvement in the presidential race. Obama questioned whether Trump would "observe basic decency" as president, argued he lacks elementary knowledge about domestic and international affairs and condemned his disparagement of an American Muslim couple whose son was killed while serving the U.S. Army in Iraq.

"If you are repeatedly having to say, in very strong terms, that what he has said is unacceptable, why are you still endorsing him?" Obama asked during a White House news conference. "What does this say about your party that this is your standard-bearer?"

Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton sees GOP concerns about Trump as an opportunity to reach out to party moderates — particularly women — who may be so upset by the nominee that they're willing to look past policy differences and questions about Clinton's character.

The president — who is enjoying heightened popularity in his eighth and final year in office — plans to campaign robustly for Clinton through Election Day.

tives, messengers, national committee members and donors who continue to decry Trump's tactics, highlighting almost daily — with fewer than 100 days before the election — the fissures created by the billionaire and his takeover of the party.

Veterans and families of fallen soldiers continue to call on Trump to apologize for his treatment of the Khan family, who spoke out against Trump at last week's Democratic National Convention. Trump said the grieving father had "no right" to criticize him, only later acknowledging their son is a hero.

"If @realDonaldTrump wants to be the Commander in Chief, he needs to act like one. And that can't start until he apologizes to the Khans," Dakota Meyer, one of a handful of living Medal of Honor recipients and former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin's son-in-law, wrote Tuesday on Twitter.

Trump invited more tension Tuesday when he told *The Washington Post* he's not

ready to endorse Ryan in next week's Republican primary contest against Paul Nehlen, praising the underdog for running "a very good campaign."

Tensions were already running high between the two high-profile Republicans, who will have to work together closely should Trump win the presidency. Said Ryan's campaign spokesman Zack Roday, "Neither Speaker Ryan nor anyone on his team has ever asked for Donald Trump's endorsement. And we are confident in a victory next week regardless."

In the *Post* interview, Trump also declined to support McCain's re-election and dismissed New Hampshire Sen. Kelly Ayotte as weak.

Both had been among Trump's harshest critics in the wake of his comments about the Khan family, particular McCain, a former prisoner of war who said Trump did not have "unfettered license to defame those who are the best among us."

# DEPOSIT: Will add more types of beverage containers in 2018

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"We're going to take a hit as an industry," said Joe Gilliam, president of the Northwest Grocery Association. "A lot of containers out there that are worth a nickel will suddenly be worth a dime the next day."

That's what happened in 2009, when the bill expanded to include bottled water. That change "didn't kill us, but it was a cost to the system," Gilliam said.

The commission will hold a "rulemaking hearing" to go over stakeholders' concerns and questions, Scott said.

Oregon is one of 10 states with a bottle bill. Most have stuck with 5 cents, though Maine and Vermont offer 15 cents for liquor bottles, and California gives 10 cents back for bottles larger than 24 ounces.

Only Michigan has a 10 cent deposit, and its return rates consistently hover above 90 percent.

Oregon will be the first state to increase an established deposit amount, said Cheryl Bertges, an Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative spokeswoman. The cooperative operates 16 BottleDrop redemption centers across the state and is planning to add four more before April.

"We do expect there to be an increase in return rates, but how much that will be is a good question," Bertges said. "We don't have an exact example, so it's pretty much anybody's guess what will happen."

Though redemption centers handle about 40 percent of returns, Gilliam said, there aren't enough of them to mitigate the soon-to-be increased burden for grocery stores.

He estimates the state needs another 15 centers to absorb what he predicts could be a 20 percent uptick in returns at grocery stores.

"It's going to be tough on the retailer because we're really maxed out at the retail

level in the number of cans we take in today," he said, noting that the average Oregon grocery store redeems 7,000 cans and bottles a day.

Doubling the deposit is going to increase the number of people who go through neighborhoods to collect others' cans, Gilliam said, and it also may exacerbate fraud.

Already, he said, people from Washington and Idaho — states without bottle bills — cross the border to redeem cans they didn't pay a deposit on.

"There's concern that would go up as well," he said. "There's always someone angling to make a buck."

Oregon's historic bottle deposit system will soon see additional change. In 2018, it will be expanded to include "all beverage containers except distilled liquor, wine, dairy or plant-based milk, and infant formula."

That means people will be able to get 10 cents back for beverages including tea, coffee, hard cider, kombucha and coconut water.

Part of the reason for the return rate's fluctuation is the evolving purchasing power of the nickel. Though the cost of living has changed over the last 45 years, the bottle deposit hasn't.

If it had, Bertges said, the deposit would be now be up to about 30 cents.

"Obviously we're not jumping all the way to 30 cents, but this is an effort to make up for some of that," she said. "It'll renew that financial incentive a little bit."

Ben Cannon, a former Oregon legislator who sponsored the bill, said he hopes the law he helped put in the books years ago has a positive impact.

"I would've been thrilled if the redemption rate had increased above 80 percent without the deposit going to the dime," he said. "The point wasn't to make a dime, it was to increase the number of containers being recycled."

## BRIEFLY

### Man charged with murdering 3 at Seattle-area party

EVERETT, Wash. (AP) — Prosecutors have filed three charges of aggravated first-degree murder against a 19-year-old accused of shooting his ex-girlfriend and two young men to death at a party in suburban Seattle over the weekend.

Allen C. Ivanov also faces one charge of attempted murder, accusing him of shooting and seriously wounding an 18-year-old man, and one count of first-degree assault.

Police say Ivanov admitted during interviews after his arrest that he committed the shootings at a home in Mukilteo early Saturday. They say he was upset that his ex-girlfriend, Anna Bui, appeared to be moving on with her life after their recent breakup.

The charges were filed Tuesday in Snohomish County District Court. Aggravated murder can bring the death penalty in Washington, but Gov. Jay Inslee has declared a moratorium on capital punishment.

Paul Kramer, the father of the surviving victim, Will Kramer, told a news conference at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle that he feels fortunate his son is still alive. *The Seattle Times* reported. His son still has a tube in his chest to drain bleeding after being shot in the back.

### Texas professors sue over guns on campus before class begins

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas' new law allowing concealed handguns in college classrooms, buildings and dorms has barely started and already faces a legal challenge seeking to block it before students return for the fall semester.

Three professors at

the University of Texas sued July 6 to overturn the law, claiming it is unconstitutional and is forcing colleges to impose "dangerously-experimental gun policies." The 50,000-student Austin campus has been a flashpoint of opposition to the law among faculty and students.

The law took effect Monday, the 50th anniversary of Charles Whitman's sniper attack from the top of the University of Texas campus clock tower, a shooting spree that eventually claimed 17 lives and has come to be accepted as the nation's first mass shooting.

Texas has allowed licensed concealed handguns in public since 1995 but had previously made college buildings off limits.

The new law makes Texas one of eight states with laws that allow weapons on campus and inside buildings, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Another 23 let their campuses or governing boards decide.

### Email fallout: 3 DNC resignations

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chief executive of the Democratic National Committee and two other top officials have resigned in the wake of an email hack that embarrassed the party on the eve of its presidential nominating convention.

CEO Amy Dacey, chief finance officer Brad Marshall and communications director Luis Miranda left their jobs on Tuesday, the party said.

The resignations are the latest fallout from the hacked emails, which exposed an apparent lack of neutrality in the primary race between Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders, with some party officials disparaging Sanders. Earlier, party chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz resigned her position.



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