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Hill pledges to fight Social Security privatization

Challenger calls Social Security 'Ponzi scheme' in Youtube video

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> SOUTHERN INDIANA — Rep. Baron Hill signed a petition this week pledging to protect Social Security from being privatized if he's re-elected to represent Indiana's 9th District in Congress.

"We simply cannot subject the retirement of our seniors to the whims of the stock market," Hill, a Democrat, said in a news release. "Accordingly, I will do everything in my power to protect Social Security for seniors and future generations to come and I would expect anyone seeking this office to do the same."

An attempt to reach Republican challenger for Indiana's 9th District seat, Todd Young, for comment was unsuccessful as of deadline.

In a video posted on the website Youtube.com this week, Young is seen addressing a group of supporters at a town hall meeting. In the video, he calls Social Security "a Ponzi scheme."

He said while taxpayers believe their money is being earmarked for Social Security, instead the retirement fund has been raided by the government to foot other spending.

Hill said he signed the pledge to combat congressional Republicans' budget platform that includes privatizing Social Security, which began in 1935.

According to the website socialsecurity.procon.org, using the existing system to avert the pending collapse of Social Security will require deep cuts in benefits, heavy borrowing or substantial tax hikes.

On the con side, privatizing social security could weaken the federal retirement system through potentially risky investments, according to the website.

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The Morgans are part of foster care programs directed by Jeffersonville-based Childplace Inc., an organization that looks for a permanent home for the children in its care. While it can often be with the child's biological parents, sometimes the child ends up in an adoptive home, said Lindsay Wyatt, foster care program supervisor at Childplace.



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Jeffersonville City Council to consider creating inspector position



Galligan said the increases are being considered on the heels of a recently completed salary study, which identified high, low and midpoints for city positions when compared to similar jobs in the area.

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Stuff the bus: Metro United Way to host one-day event aimed at collecting school supplies

A bus will be parked at the New Albany-Floyd County Consolidated School Corp. administration building, off Grant Line Road, where donations can be dropped off.

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Margaritas anyone?



Barnes said no final decision has been made, but using the basement for a cigar lounge is an idea that's been kicked around.

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Clarksville appeals Theatair X decision

The appeal further claims the ordinance was not passed to regulate Theatair X's location since it has been in the same location for 40 years, while all other regulations relating to the building would apply to Theatair X.

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Indiana's unemployment unchanged

This suggests that a number of the jobless have dropped out of the labor force, according to Dufrene.

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GCCS will make cuts

Some of the teachers on the list will now be splitting their time between two schools versus teaching at one as they had been doing, including technology teacher Robert Clemence, family and consumer science teacher Janis Hall and art teacher Andrew Smith.

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BBQ, temperatures smokin' Saturday in Jeffersonville



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GOP sens. say Bloomington should end Ariz. boycott

"Illegal immigration is a real problem, but all of us should be concerned about a fear-based law that diminishes civil liberties," Bloomington Mayor Mark Kruzan said. "We need to unite, but we need to unite to protect our freedoms, not allow them to

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