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# Ryan's retreat on Trump roils already divided GOP





Donald Trump

**ELECTION 2016** 

But endorsement still stands; Pence, Priebus reassert support to quell any revolt

By BILLY HOUSE Bloomberg News

The Republican Party chairman held a hastily assembled conference Trump's embattled campaign, speaking only hours after House Speaker Paul Ryan told lawmakers he won't defend or campaign for the nominee after the release of a vulgar 2005 audiotape

Reince Priebus, the chairman of the Republican National Committee, said he remained in support of Trump and nobody on the call dis-

call to rally members behind Donald agreed with his position, according to Bruce Ash, an RNC member from Arizona. Earlier Monday, Trump's running mate Mike Pence also stood firmly behind the man at the top of the ticket.

Priebus and Pence were trying to rally the campaign after Ryan told House lawmakers Monday he would ignore the national race and focus

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### Grave for 278 people no one came to claim



A common grave was adorned with flowers at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Renton for a public burial and memorial service last Wednesday organized by the King County Medical Examiner's Office for 278 people whose unclaimed remains have been stored since the last such ceremony in 2014.

More indigent remains held by local death investigators mirror rising population of homeless.

By VERNAL COLEMAN Seattle Times staff reporter

n death, they didn't draw much attention. Some spent their final days in hospitals and shelters. Others were homeless and died outdoors. All were without a family member to claim their bodies or arrange their funerals.

But each one of the 278 people, whose cremated remains last week joined the hundreds of other unclaimed laid to rest at Renton's Mt. Olivet Cemetery, had a story, Kent Fire Department Chaplain Pat Ellis

"By honoring and remembering them, these people of King County, we amplify those stories and make them our own," he said.

Ellis was one of several speakers who on Wednesday paid their respects to the 223 men and 55 women whose bodies the King County Medical Examiner's Office Indigent Remains unit has stored since the last memorial ceremony in 2014, when the remains of 137 were buried.

Not every body that comes to the unit goes un-

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### Haitian city, finally prospering after quake, is knocked down by hurricane

By AZAM AHMED The New York Times

JÉRÉMIE, Haiti — Things had been looking up in Jérémie, a coastal city marooned on the tip of Haiti's southern peninsula. It had recently gotten its first decent road

link to the rest of the country, a new highway through the rugged mountains that brought development. Cellphone service had finally begun, enabling farmers and businesses to flourish. The city was racing into the 21st century,

dreaming of advanced agriculture and tourism in one of Haiti's few nature preserves.

But now, Hurricane Matthew has turned back the clock.

The rich forests and vegetation are now splinters and a saltwater

swamp. Roads are blocked with detritus, trees turned to tinder, homes reduced to mounds of stone and rusted tin shards cleaved from roofs. Jérémie's ambitious economic plans have been eviscerat-

"Instead of going forward, we have to restart," said Marie Roselore Auborg, the minister for commerce and industry in the Grand Anse department, where Jérémie See > HAITI, A7 **ELECTION 2016** 

### Green activists dispute **Bryant's** claim

A CONSERVATIONIST? | Bill Bryant has emphasized the environment in his campaign to unseat Gov. Jay Inslee. But some prominent green activists question his stance on some of the biggest issues.

By LEWIS KAMB Seattle Times staff reporter

Over the fireplace in Bill Bryant's rustic vacation home outside Winthrop, a large portrait of Teddy Roosevelt greets visi-

tors and serves as a source of inspiration for the Republican candidate for governor.

Bryant, an outdoorsman who grew up on the Olympic Peninsula, fancies himself as a conservationist in the mold of



Republican candidate for governor

the turn-of-the-century president. He points to Roosevelt's influence in his own hands-on work to protect Puget Sound watersheds, while ignoring grander environmental gestures that are purely symbolic.

"He's my political hero," said Bryant, who paid a New Mexico artist to paint the Roosevelt portrait. "He focused on things that mattered and on getting stuff done. He didn't have a lot of patience for political blowhards who make speeches and don't do much."

Bryant has made the environment one of the centerpieces in his campaign to unseat Gov. Jay Inslee. It's a risky strategy, with Bryant, a vocal supporter of the controversial Port of Seattle deal to host Shell's arctic oil-drilling fleet, attempting to "out-green' an incumbent Democrat who has garnered strong support from some of the state's most notable environmental groups.

Bryant insists such support of Inslee is misguided.

"What has he really done for the environment?" he asked. "Jay Inslee has speeches and news releases and a book no one will buy, and I've been involved in projects with real accomplishments."

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