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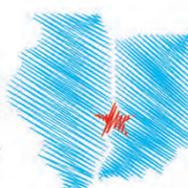


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## Pruitt, former EPA chief, to lobby for Sunrise Coal

### Sunrise, large Indiana producer of coal, headquartered in Terre Haute

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Scott Pruitt, former embattled head of the Environmental Protection Agency, registered as an energy lobbyist in Indiana on Thursday and his sole client appears to have

ties to Terre Haute-based Sunrise Coal.

Pruitt has filed with the Indiana Lobby Registration Commission, and his sole client was listed as RailPoint Solutions LLC, a Delaware corporation created in January, according to the Associated Press.

But Pruitt's form lists the name Heather Tryon as the company's manager. That's also the name of the chief financial officer of Terre Haute-based Sunrise Coal, which operates four coal mines in the state.

Tryon could not be reached for comment Friday, nor could Roy Dressler, who is listed as director of communications for Sunrise Coal, which is headquartered at 1183 E. Canvasback Drive in Terre Haute.



PRUITT

reserves in the Illinois Basin and it

According to the Sunrise website, it is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hallador Energy Company and is Indiana's second largest coal producer.

Sunrise is focused on developing coal

has mines in Sullivan, Knox and Clay County as well as a mine in Vermilion County, Illinois.

According to AP, the lobbying disclosure report for Pruitt provided little insight into precisely what he's doing in Indiana, but it did indicate he is a self-employed consultant who would be lobbying on issues involving energy and natural resources.

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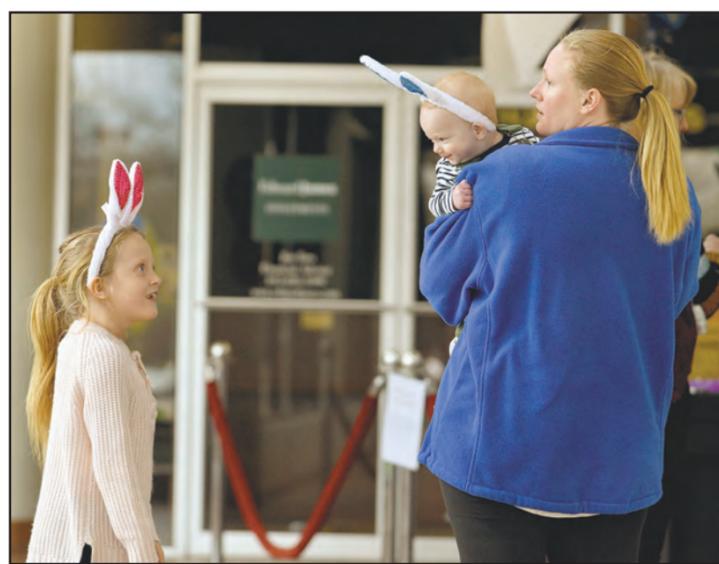


### MEETING THE BUNNY

Olive Wagle, 6, and Gretta Wagle, 4, (top) had big smiles ready for their photo with the Easter Bunny on Friday at the Meadows Shopping Center. Mic Orman of Mic's Pics was on hand to take photos of the youngsters. More times with the Easter Bunny and Mic's Pics will be available again today at the Meadows Shopping Center. Caylin Dulworth, 8, (right) kept her seven-month-old brother, Holden, entertained as they waited in line with their mother, Lindsey, to have their photo taken with the Easter Bunny.

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### THE MULLER REPORT

## Mueller report: Coats declined to help end probe

DNI, former Hoosier senator, advised Trump to let it run its course

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intelligence and not get involved with investigations. He told the president that the fastest way to "get it done" was to let the investigation run its course, according to the report.



COATS

Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats was asked in 2017 by President Donald Trump to help end Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russia's alleged interference with the 2016 U.S. election, according to findings by Mueller's team.

The redacted 448-page findings were released Thursday by U.S. Attorney General William Barr.

According to the Mueller report, several times in 2017, Trump asked Coats to help end Mueller's investigation. The investigation, Trump said, was interfering with his ability to conduct foreign relations.

Coats declined, saying his job was to provide

Coats, a Republican, served as a U.S. senator from Indiana 1989-1999. He also was the congressional representative for Indiana's 4th District 1981-1989, after defeating then incumbent Birch Bayh for his first term.

On March 22, 2017, Trump asked for Coats and CIA Director Michael Pompeo to stay after a White House meeting, according to the Mueller report. Coats recalled that he was asked to state publicly that no link existed between the president and Russia.

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## Flynn's lie might have misinformed Pence comments, report says

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Podesta stated publicly that the FBI was investigating hacking by Russia and that presidential candidate Donald Trump, Pence's running mate, might have known in advance that hacked emails were to be released by WikiLeaks.

When he was a vice presidential candidate, Mike Pence might have been given misinformation that led him to deny in public comments that U.S. officials discussed with a Russian diplomat sanctions over computer hacking, according to the recently released report by Special Counsel Robert Mueller.

On Oct. 11, 2016, about a month before the election, Hillary Clinton campaign chairman John

Pence, who had ended his campaign in July 2016 to seek re-election as Indiana governor, was asked by the media whether the Trump campaign was in cahoots with WikiLeaks in its release of emails damaging Clinton's campaign.

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## Teen says she had to follow sex trafficker's rules

Story emerges as federal trafficking case proceeds

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Within days of running away from a foster parent's home, a 15-year-old girl was working as "Ms. Violet," a prostitute who prosecutors say was handing over all of the cash she made to two pimps.

She worked under strict rules. She was to make \$900 a night. She was to call the 26-year-old ring leader "Daddy" in front of his friends. And, she was to

have sex with him when he wanted.

Her nine-week ordeal ended Oct. 6, 2016, when she was apprehended as a runaway. The teen began telling her story to an Indiana Department of Child Services caseworker who called Indianapolis police. That brought in the FBI.

Her experience is documented in court filings related to a sex trafficking case in the U.S. District Court for Southern Indiana.

On Wednesday, one of three people indicted in the case, Shaquan Meeks,



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### More information

■ The Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault has the Indiana for Abused and Trafficked Humans Taskforce. For information, call 1-317-624-2370. The National Hotline for Trafficked Persons Assistance is 1-888-3737-888. Also, an Indiana hotline is 1-800-928-6403.

22, of Indianapolis, was sentenced to the three days she served in jail, one year of supervised probation and 96 hours of community service after pleading guilty to witness tampering. She erased data from a cellphone linked to the case.

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