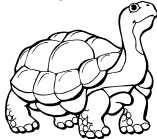




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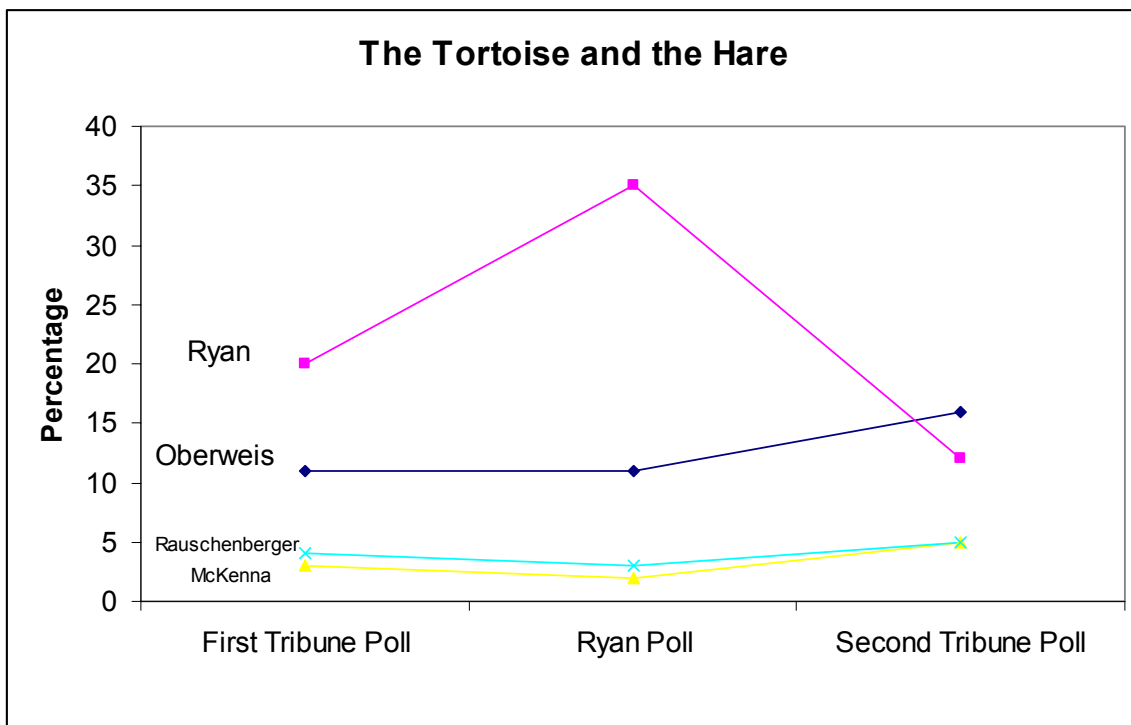
Jim Oberweis pulled into first place in the race for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate, rising from 11% to 16% in the Chicago Tribune's poll published



Thursday while former frontrunner Jack Ryan plunged from 38% in his most recent poll to 12% in the current Tribune poll.



Andy McKenna and Steve Rauschenberger both came in at 5% per cent after starting out at 3% and 4% respectively.



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