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Nearly 600 new hotel rooms planned

Plans call for building several inns at Greenwood interchanges by end of 2008

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Two more new hotels will open in Greenwood west of Interstate 65 next year.

With three other hotel projects already planned, nearly 600 new rooms are scheduled to be added to the Greenwood exits on I-65 by the end of next year.

Value Place, an extended-stay economy hotel chain, will open a 121-room hotel at the southwest corner of the County Line Road

interchange near the Holiday Inn Express. A five-story 72-room hotel, possibly a La Quinta Inn, will be built at the South Park Business Center off the Main Street interchange.

Construction already has begun on a five-story, 135-room Hilton Garden Inn at the northwest quadrant of the County Line Road interchange on the Indianapolis side. Candlewood Suites, an 83-room extended-stay hotel with a conference center, will open next to the Cabela's site next fall. The Cabela's development also

will include a 164-room Splash Universe hotel that caters to families using the indoor water park.

All of the new rooms mean more people will be staying, shopping and eating in Greenwood, said Christian Maslowski, executive director of the Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce.

"We welcome the growth of the tourism industry in Greenwood," Maslowski said. "It will give us the chance to showcase our businesses to visitors to the area. This will provide increased busi-

ness opportunities for our members as well as for the community at large."

Several factors brought about the sudden spurt in hotel development, Greenwood planning director Ed Ferguson said. The Cabela's announcement, proximity to events in Indianapolis and street and other infrastructure improvements in recent years all contributed, he said.

Value Place, a Kansas-based chain, will build a four-story building on a 2.67-acre site just off of the southbound I-65 exit ramp

near the Holiday Inn Express.

An illuminated sign with the company's 800-number will stand 85 feet tall near the interstate.

Greenwood was selected for the development because of its population and growth, Value Place spokeswoman Jennifer Kramp said.

The hotel chain, which bills itself as a home away from home for small business travelers, now has 68 hotels throughout the United States.

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NFL: SAN DIEGO CHARGERS 23, INDIANAPOLIS COLTS 21



JUST OUT OF REACH

Colts fall to Chargers, dropping second straight



AP PHOTOS

Above: The Colts' Craphonso Thorpe, right, fights for a pass with the Chargers' Marlon McCree during the second quarter of their game Sunday. **Top left:** San Diego's Darren Sproles returns a kick 89

yards for a touchdown to start the game. **Top right:** Colts quarterback Peyton Manning reacts after throwing one of his franchise-record six interceptions in San Diego's victory.

The Associated Press

COMING UP: Visit thejournalnet.com or read the Daily Journal this week for more Colts coverage.

Peyton Manning was poised to turn one of his worst games into one of his most memorable.

Then Adam Vinatieri missed a 29-yard field goal attempt with 1:31 left, and the San Diego Chargers held on for a wild 23-21 win against the defending Super Bowl champion Colts on Sunday night.

Manning, who set a Colts franchise record with six interceptions, had driven the Colts to the Chargers' 12. Vinatieri, who had won two Super Bowls for New England with last-second kicks, pushed his kick just wide right.

The Chargers led 23-7 going into the fourth quarter even though their offense was as waterlogged as the field on a rainy night. Had Vinatieri's kick gone through, it would have been the 29th time that Manning rallied the Colts from either a fourth-quarter deficit or tie to a win.

Darren Sproles, San Diego's speedy little return man, brought back the opening

kickoff 89 yards for his first NFL touchdown, then ran back a punt 45 yards for his second score later in the first quarter. But the Colts (7-2) scored two touchdowns and a two-point conversion in 23 seconds early in the fourth quarter to pull to 23-21.

Manning threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to running back Kenton Keith on the first play of the fourth quarter and then a conversion pass to Bryan Fletcher to close to 23-15.

On third-and-10 from the 8-yard line, Phillip Rivers went back to pass and the ball slipped out of his hand into the end zone. After a wild scramble, Colts linebacker Gary Brackett picked up the ball for a TD with 14:28 to play. Joseph Addai was stuffed on the two-point conversion attempt, and the Colts trailed by two points.

Cornerback Antonio Cromartie cele-

brated his first NFL start by picking off Manning three times.

San Diego (5-4) took over sole possession of first place in the anemic AFC West.

Manning's final pickoff came on a desperation pass as time ran out.

The Chargers led big early on as San Diego took a 23-7 lead into halftime.

Manning was making his 153rd start and trying for his 100th career victory.

The Colts were missing three key offensive starters, and it showed as they tried to bounce back from last Sunday's 24-20 loss to the undefeated New England Patriots.

Wide receiver Marvin Harrison didn't even make the trip because of a knee injury, missing his fourth start in five games. Also out were tight end Dallas Clark and left tackle Tony Ugho. The Colts also were without linebackers Tyjuan Hagler and Freddy Keiaho.

Manning's previous interception high was four, in a loss to San Francisco on Nov. 25, 2001, and again at New England on Jan. 18, 2004, when the Colts lost the AFC Championship Game.

State to help homeowners avoid foreclosure

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

State officials have launched a Web site and a telephone hotline to help Hoosiers who've fallen behind on their mortgage payments avoid losing their homes.

The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority is also targeting Hoosiers facing foreclosure with a public awareness campaign called, "Don't Let the Walls Foreclose on You."

A study by the Mortgage Bankers Association found that 2.98 percent of all loans in Indiana are in foreclosure, compared with 1.28 percent nationally.

That puts Indiana behind only Ohio in terms of foreclosure rate.

The Center for Urban Policy and the Environment also studied Indiana's foreclosures from 2002 through 2005 and found a higher concentration in urban areas. That study also found that these areas are spreading each year.

Thomas Dinwiddie, an attorney for the Indiana Mortgage Bankers Association, said Indiana's high foreclosure rate is not as highly correlated with the troubled subprime market as it is in other states.

The subprime industry, which thrived by making loans available to less creditworthy borrow-

ers, has led to record levels of homeownership. But it also has spawned a growing number of loan defaults.

To help financially troubled homeowners, brochures and posters are being distributed urging Hoosiers to call the state's help line at (877) GET-HOPE for free mortgage foreclosure counseling, or to visit its Web site, 877gethope.org.

So many Hoosiers' American dream of owning a home has become a nightmare that a legislative panel was assigned to study the issue last summer. That panel has now reached consensus on dozens of recommendations to

help homeowners that will be detailed in a new report.

The work by the Interim Study Committee on Mortgage Lending Practices and Home Loan Foreclosures was aimed at helping Indiana residents avoid making mistakes when they borrow money to buy a home.

"Our goal is to protect Hoosier homeowners and our neighborhoods," said the panel's chairwoman, Sen. Connie Lawson, R-Danville.

Lawson said the committee's recommendations continue the work started last session to

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CG area project delayed again

Work on crucial intersection to go on until spring

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Center Grove parents, students and residents should get used to the sight of orange barrels.

After three different delays, a major intersection between two schools will remain under construction through the spring.

Delays in moving phone lines, the installation of a water line that conflicted with the placement of a sewer line and now the unexpected replacement of some drainage structures have slowed work to widen the intersection of Stones Crossing and Morgantown roads.

The project, which had been set to last through this year's construction season, will now continue into the spring, said Gary Vandegriff, county highway director.

"I know that's not what (motorists) wanted to hear. That's not what I wanted to say, but that's the way it is," Vandegriff said.

He didn't know when work will be complete but said the contract gives workers until late May or early June to finish construction. He isn't expecting any long-term road closures but said some lanes may be restricted as workers move equipment and complete work to install underground drainage pipes.

Construction on the intersection began early this summer and is between 35 percent and 40 percent complete, Vandegriff said.

The \$2.6 million state- and county-funded project will add turn lanes and a stop light to the intersection near Center Grove High School and Center Grove Middle School Central.

With the added replacement of drainage structures, the project will now cost at least \$24,000 more, with 20 percent paid for by the county, and give parents, students and residents traffic headaches for longer than expected.

Most recently, the construction timeline was pushed back when

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Johnson County Highway Director Gary Vandegriff investigates progress on roadwork at the intersection of Stones Crossing and Morgantown roads in the Center Grove area.