



COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# CLOSE TO HOME

Former Indian Creek standout Adrienne Squire back in town for the Big Ten Women's Basketball Tournament.

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## WEATHER



**Today**  
Skies: Partly sunny  
Temps: High 46; low 24

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## COMING UP

### Reports from the front



Soldiers use Internet to provide unprecedented instant updates on life in the war zone.

### Taste of Hollywood

From "Rocky" to "Chocolat," columnists pick their favorite movies in categories from sports to food.

USA WEEKEND

### Drinking black gold

Think smoking is the only expensive habit? Think again: Some area java enthusiasts spend up to \$400 a month on drinks and snacks from coffee retailers such as Starbucks.

### Spreading the word

In the next year, expect to hear more about a new Catholic school in the Center Grove area and plans for church construction at two of the county's largest Christian churches. And that's just the beginning.

COMING SOON

## FYI

### Lifeguard training class scheduled to begin Monday

Franklin Parks and Recreation is offering American Red Cross lifeguard training classes from 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays through March 29.

Cost is \$95 per student. Participants need to be at least 15 years old and pass a 500-yard swimming test on the first night.

The class is limited to eight participants. Registration is required.

Information: 346-1198

## DEATHS

Franklin  
Carol L. Horton, 72  
Gene C. Robinson, 74  
Naomia Smith, 79

Indianapolis  
Richard "Rich" Adams, 64  
Pamela S. Jobes-Miles, 60

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# 4 teens held in CG gun plot

## Student tips lead to arrests; no weapons found

Center Grove High School Principal Matt Shockley answers reporters' questions about a possible hostage plot by four high school students. Shockley reportedly was a target of the plot, school and police officials said.



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Four Center Grove High School students hatched a plan to bring guns to the school, and some evidence suggests they wanted to harm the school principal, the Johnson County sheriff said.

Other students overheard the plans and alerted school officials, who reported the incident to the Johnson County

Sheriff's Office at 7:30 a.m. Thursday.

No guns were found in a search of student lockers. Four boys were arrested on a preliminary charge of juvenile delinquency and taken to the Johnson County Juvenile Detention Center.

Classes in all Center Grove schools will go on today, but sheriff's deputies will be present in each building, authorities said Thursday evening.

Several students were questioned, Sheriff Terry McLaughlin said. He would

not say who overheard the teens' plans or when they heard them.

Investigators had not determined on Thursday night whether the teens planned to use guns to hurt someone or hold someone hostage, McLaughlin said. Some of the boys had access to guns at their homes.

The students planned to take Principal Matt Shockley hostage and demand ransom, McLaughlin said.

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AT THE STATEHOUSE: 2006 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

# Plan gets green light

## Senate approves roads bill that shifts I-69

**B**umps and cracks on local roads could soon be fixed, and Interstate 69 might be built outside Johnson County.

Both of these issues were covered in a state transportation bill passed by the Indiana Senate on Thursday.

The bill is a version of Major Moves, Gov. Mitch Daniels' transportation proposal. The key element is leasing the Indiana Toll Road, which crosses the northern part of the state.

The Senate vote was 29-20. One Democrat and 28 Republicans voted yes. Five Republicans and 15 Democrats voted no.

Included in the bill are two major issues in Johnson County: providing more than \$700,000 per year for road work throughout the county and moving I-69 out of Perry Township in Marion County, likely meaning it wouldn't follow State Road 37 in White River Township. The bill now will likely head to a House-Senate

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Sen. Robert Meeks, R-LaGrange, left, lobbies for Gov. Mitch Daniels' highway plan at the Statehouse on Thursday.

STORIES BY ANNIE GOELLER

## Local decisions hinge on interstate route

**T**he rerouting of a major interstate is stopping builders and fire and county officials from making decisions on the fate of homes, a fire station and a major route through Johnson County.

Motorists worry the change will postpone improvements to a highway that more than 30,000 vehicles travel on every day.

An amendment to Major Moves, Gov. Mitch Daniels' transportation plan, would move the route of Interstate 69 west and likely out of Johnson County.

The move affects the location of a fire station and a school in Center Grove, the placement of 600 proposed homes and 20 businesses, and the route of a possible east-west corridor across the county.

The original plan called for the interstate to follow State Road 37, slicing through the northwest corner of Johnson County.

Now, the highway would be moved out of Perry Township in Marion County to save businesses

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## INSIDE

### Where they stand

A look at what lawmakers and residents think about the Interstate 69 route.  
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BRAY



BURTON



FOLEY



FRIZZELL



GARTON



MILLER



WALTZ



YOUNG



YOUNT

### HOW THEY VOTED

#### Senate

Patricia Miller, R-Indianapolis: Yes  
Mike Young, R-Indianapolis: Yes  
Brent Waltz, R-Greenwood: No  
Richard D. Bray, R-Martinsville: Yes  
Robert D. Garton, R-Columbus: Yes

#### House

Ralph Foley, R-Martinsville: Yes  
Woody Burton, R-Greenwood: Yes  
David Yount, R-Columbus: Yes  
David Frizzell, R-Indianapolis: Yes

# Teacher's e-mails target girls facing expulsion

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A Franklin teacher who wrote that she was awaiting her chance to "nail" two students did not taint an investigation into whether the two students stole and drank a bottle of wine on a school-sponsored trip, school officials said.

Amber Wolfe, the Franklin agriculture teacher who chaperoned a high school trip to a ranch-like resort in northwestern Arizona, wrote several e-mails to the ranch's owner about the girls.

One said she wanted to punish them. Another said their parents were an even bigger problem and included a line about a spring break trip the girls went on.

"I know it's wrong, but I'm anxiously awaiting my chance to nail both of these girls. They are causing some real problems here at the school, and I have had about enough," Wolfe wrote in a Jan. 20 e-mail message to Carrie Rynders, the owner of Stagecoach Trails Guest Ranch.

Franklin Principal Leighton Turner said Wolfe's comments do

not reflect how the investigation was handled.

"I'm sorry that the teacher felt it necessary to make that statement," Turner said. "It does not reflect the school's attitude in any way in the way we have tried to deal with this."

Turner said he talked to several students about the incident and did not rely only on informa-

tion from the teacher.

During the investigation, the teacher was asked to obtain copies of permission slips on file at the ranch. All students on the trip had signed the forms, which stated that the students agreed to follow all school rules.

A judge ruled in January that

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# Inmate dies at hospital

## Indianapolis man has seizure in cell hours after intoxication arrest

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A Johnson County jail inmate died at the hospital Thursday after having a seizure in a cell, police said.

Donny G. Browning, 48, of Indianapolis, was found in a holding cell at the jail having a seizure at 11:48 a.m., said Doug Cox, Johnson County Sheriff's Office chief deputy.

Emergency workers took him to Johnson Memorial Hospital in Franklin, where he was pronounced dead about an hour after jail workers found him, Cox said.

Police aren't sure what caused the man's death and are awaiting results of an autopsy, which is scheduled for this morning.

Browning, 424 S. Oxford St., was arrested just after 3 p.m. Wednesday at a restaurant in Greenwood for public intoxication. His blood alcohol level was .20, Cox said.

Under state law, someone with a blood alcohol level of .08 is considered intoxicated.

Officers often ask the person they are arresting if they have any medical problems or conditions they or jail personnel should know about, Greenwood Police Chief Joe Pitcher said.

Browning told the officers who arrested him that he had no medical problems, according to a police report.

He was put into a holding cell at the jail with five other inmates around 4:20 p.m., Cox said.

An inmate in the cell hit an emergency alert button when Browning's seizure started. Jail workers responded and restrained the man so he could not hurt himself, he said.

Franklin Fire Department paramedics took Browning to the hospital at 12:27 p.m. Thursday. He was pronounced dead about 20 minutes later, according to a news release.

Jail workers and inmates inside Browning's cell were all interviewed, and security tapes were reviewed. So far, police do

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