

MARKETS

Table with columns: Company Name, Price, Change. Lists various stocks like AES Group, AT&T Corp, Alcoa, etc.

LOTTERY

Here are the winning numbers selected Tuesday in the Hoosier Lottery: Daily Three Midday: 6-5-3, Daily Three Evening: 1-1-3, Daily Four Midday: 8-1-5-2, Daily Four Evening: 5-6-3-8, Lucky Five Midday: 1-7-19-26-30, Lucky Five Evening: 3-4-12-15-34, Hoosier Lotto jackpot: \$2 million, Powerball jackpot: \$156 million.

CORRECTION

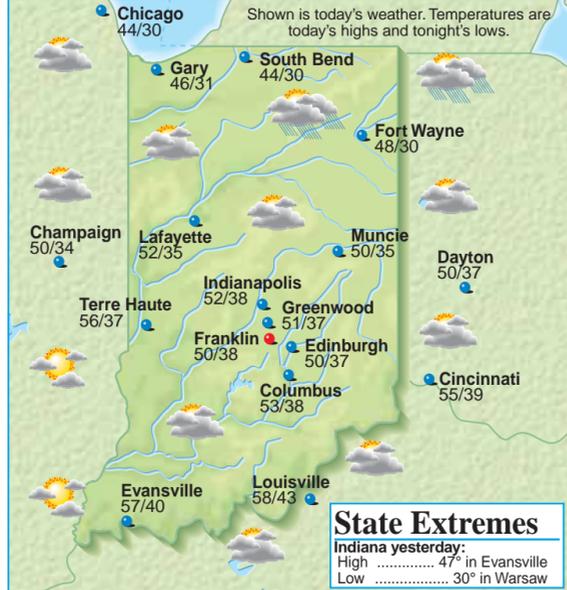
In Monday's edition of the Daily Journal, the quote, "If you put cloth tape on, any time the muscle is contracted it can only contract so far. The tape could rip or cause muscle cramping. But if you have the stretchy tape on, it allows more freedom of movement. It has a little more pull and elasticity to it," was incorrectly attributed. It should have been attributed to Franklin College athletic trainer Chris Shaff.

WEATHER

AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Johnson County

Five-day weather forecast cards for Today, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, including temperature ranges and weather icons.

Regional weather



Regional summary

Indianapolis/Greenwood: Mostly cloudy and breezy today. Mostly cloudy tonight. Mostly cloudy with a shower possible tomorrow. Edinburg/Franklin: Variably cloudy, breezy and mild with a sprinkle today. Mostly cloudy tonight. Afternoon rain possible tomorrow.

Today in weather history

Brownsville, Texas, and Juneau, Alaska, both had temperatures of 32 degrees on Feb. 1, 1985. On that same day, 2 inches of snow accumulated in Dallas, Texas.

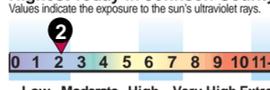
Regional cities

Table with columns: City, Yest. Hi/Lo/W, Thu. Hi/Lo/W, City, Yest. Hi/Lo/W, Thu. Hi/Lo/W. Lists weather for cities like Anderson, Bloomington, Chicago, etc.

Sun and moon



AccuWeather UV Index



Weather Trivia

What does it mean if the groundhog sees his shadow? Six more weeks of winter.

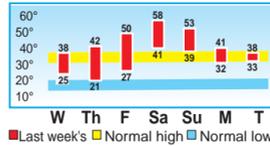
Wind Chill Today

How cold it feels based on temperature and wind speed. 8 a.m. 27°, Noon 40°, 4 p.m. 52°

Heating Degree Days

Index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the average temperature was below 65 degrees for the day with negative values counting as zero. Yesterday: 29, Month to date: 773, Normal month to date: 1192

Weekly temperatures



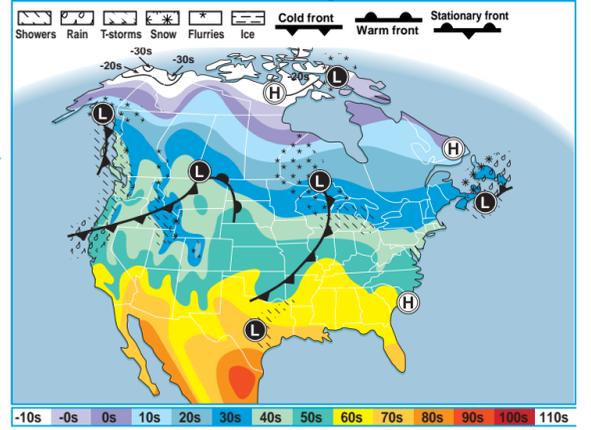
River stages

Table with columns: Station, Flood Stage, Stage Chg. Lists stages for White River, Mooreville, White River (East Fork), Edinburg.

AccuWeather.com Almanac

Almanac statistics for Indianapolis through 5 p.m. yesterday, including Temperature, Wind, Humidity, Precipitation, and Air quality.

National weather today



National cities

Table with columns: City, Yest. Hi/Lo/W, Thu. Hi/Lo/W, City, Yest. Hi/Lo/W, Thu. Hi/Lo/W. Lists weather for cities like Albany, NY, Houston, Jacksonville, etc.

Stab victim says he knew his attacker • Bush

By ANNIE GOELLER, DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

The victim of a stabbing in a Greenwood home told police his attacker surprised him in the bathroom and then tried to kill him. Police were surprised to learn that the men had once been roommates at the 1378 Westridge Court residence, Greenwood police detective Matt Fillenwarth said. Police said the victim's former roommate, Donald J. Shepard Jr., intended to kill Larry Harmeyer when he cut his throat with a box cutter Monday morning. Shepard reportedly also threatened to kill another man in the house who was hiding in the bathroom, Fillenwarth said. Harmeyer, 28, spoke with police Tuesday while recovering from surgery at Wishard Memorial Hospital in Indianapolis. He gave them a different version of how the attack occurred. Harmeyer was released from the hospital later that day. He told police he was in the bathroom of the home when Shepard came in. Harmeyer didn't know Shepard was in the house until Shepard came up behind him and cut his throat. Shepard and a witness told police Monday the victim was cut during a struggle in the living room, Fillenwarth said. Blood on the walls of the home

backs up Harmeyer's story, Fillenwarth said. Harmeyer then ran out the back door of the house and collapsed in the parking lot of Regency Place Health Care Rehab Center, which is behind the home. Detectives believe Shepard, 40, was checking to see if the victim would live when he asked nurses treating Harmeyer at the nursing home to show him the wound, Fillenwarth said. Shepard told police he didn't intend to kill Harmeyer but wanted to scare him into paying the money he owed for drugs, Fillenwarth said. Police tracked Shepard to a Speedway home through calls he made to a woman he knew. After a short chase, police took the man to the Speedway police station and questioned him. Officers questioned him again at the Greenwood police station and arrested him Monday afternoon, Fillenwarth said. Mail at the home was addressed to Shepard, but he told police he no longer lives there. The address listed on his driver's license was in Mooresville, Fillenwarth said. Police arrested Shepard on charges of attempted murder and intimidation and on a Marion County warrant for battery. Shepard, 122 Kingsville Road, was being held in the Johnson County jail without bond.

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\$70 a barrel, throwing a cloud over the economy and pinching Americans' pocketbooks. Bush called for increased federal research into hybrid car batteries and alternative fuels such as ethanol made from weeds or wood chips instead of corn. "Our goal is to make this new kind of ethanol practical and competitive within six years," the president said. "Breakthroughs on this and other new technologies will help us reach another great goal: to replace more than 75 percent of our oil imports from the Middle East by 2025." Facing budget deficits that may approach or exceed \$400 billion this year, Bush had no room for expensive, new initiatives. Three years from leaving office, Bush went before the nation as a politically weakened president after the toughest year

of his administration. With Americans anxious about the economy, weary of the Iraq war and unhappy about the administration's response to Hurricane Katrina, Bush's job approval rating is in the anemic high 30s to low 40s. Health care is a priority for both parties, particularly since nearly 46 million Americans lack insurance. Democrats say that in 2005 alone, the number of uninsured grew by nearly a million. Bush proposed greater tax benefits for health saving accounts, the high-deductible health care plan that allows people to contribute money tax-free to 401(k)-like health savings plans, as a way to expand their use. Virginia Gov. Timothy M. Kaine, chosen to deliver the response for the Democrats, scolded Bush on the soaring national debt, the frustrated effort to rebuild the hurricane-battered Gulf Coast, Medicaid cuts and other issues. On Iraq, Kaine said that Americans were given inaccurate information about the reasons for invading and

that troops were given body armor that was inadequate. "The federal government should serve the American people," the newly elected governor said. "But that mission is frustrated by this administration's poor choices and bad management." Bush divided his address between problems at home and abroad. With the war in Iraq about to enter its fourth year and more than 2,240 American troops killed, Bush said the nation must not falter in what he called the central front in the war on terror. Bush did not offer any timetable for bringing American troops home from Iraq. There are about 138,000 U.S. troops in Iraq, down from about 160,000 at the time of the January elections. Despite recent elections in Iraq, Lebanon and the Palestinian territories that have given rise to religious-based parties with views sometimes hostile to the West, Bush pressed Saudi Arabia and Egypt — longtime allies that Washington is loath to challenge

too aggressively — to provide greater freedoms to their citizens. He urged Hamas to "recognize Israel, disarm, reject terrorism and work for lasting peace." Bush said the United States and its allies were united in insisting that Iran not develop nuclear weapons. Speaking directly to the Iranian people, Bush looked toward a different future for their country. The president renewed his oft-stated goal for Congress to make permanent the tax cuts enacted during his presidency. "If we do nothing, American families will face a massive tax increase they do not expect and will not welcome," he said. Bush called for greater public spending on basic science research and more money for math and science education. He proposed an initiative to train 70,000 high school teachers to lead advanced-placement courses in math and science. In addition, he urged bringing 30,000 math and science professionals into the classrooms to teach.

Church gets slice of land; construction to begin

By ANNIE GOELLER, DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

A legal tactic that would force homeowners to sell some of their land to help ease congestion at two churches has not been used by the county yet. But with landowners near one planned church still refusing to sell land for road improvements, county commissioners said.

Last month, commissioners became involved with two disputes between officials with planned churches and landowners who don't want to sell their property. Commissioner R.J. McConnell said they joined the conversations in the interest of public safety. The churches already have the land and money to begin construction, but they need land for road improvements required by the county highway department. The county requires that new

construction projects, especially those on the north side of the county, add a lane so motorists can pass vehicles stopped to turn. Nearby landowners didn't want to sell, which blocked construction. Both churches asked the county to waive the roadway requirement, but the county declined. Officials with Christ Fellowship Church on Tracy Road have since told landowners they would take less land than originally planned, and the landowners accepted. This

means construction likely will start within the next few months. But officials from New White-Land Liberty Tabernacle Church on County Road 75W are still waiting. Commissioners said they would help church leaders reach an agreement with landowners before the county begins the process of eminent domain, a legal tactic that involves court action to take land for market price without needing the owners' agreement.

Tax

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or else cut services, Garton said. Franklin would most likely deplete all of its cash reserves by the end of 2007, said clerk-treasurer Janet Alexander. The city's attempts to fix the problem through the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance failed, and city officials are suing the state for permission to raise property taxes by as much as 33 percent. Mayor Brenda Jones-Matthews said Franklin has no choice but to seek more property taxes since the state will not give local governments other ways to raise money. Franklin is in need of increased services to serve new residents

FRANKLIN'S TAX DILEMMA TIMELINE

2003 State lawmakers froze the amount of property taxes that cities can collect. At the time of the freeze, Franklin was collecting \$4.7 million under the limit. The move by the state froze Franklin's tax-collecting ability at the lower rate. The city has been dipping into cash reserves since. In the past four years, the city's revenue has stayed about the same, but expenditures have gone up about 35 percent, and cash reserves are getting low, according to Franklin Clerk-Treasurer Janet Alexander.

August Franklin asked the state for permission to increase the amount of property taxes it can collect, based on a math error, which officials attributed to the 2003 tax freeze. December Indiana's tax commissioner turned down the request, saying no math error was found and the city had a cash balance. January The city filed a lawsuit in Indiana Tax Court contesting the Department of Local Government Finance's decision.

Now City officials met with State Sens. Robert Garton and Luke Kenley to discuss Franklin's financial problem. Kenley included an amendment to Senate Bill 260 that would let local governments ask the state for permission to collect additional property taxes based on population growth, as long as that government is spending less than the state average. This applies to Franklin. The bill passed the Senate with a 47-0 vote and will be assigned to a House committee next week.

and businesses, she said. But the city will run out of money used to keep the level of services it has now unless it collects more money. Currently, a growing municipality can increase its tax-collection limit based only on property it annexes. Senate Bill 260 would let local

governments ask the state for permission to collect additional property tax dollars based on population growth, as long as that government is spending less than the state average. This applies to Franklin. Kenley said he spent the past two years considering ways for

local governments to collect additional property taxes if they are growing in population but not in area. Most municipalities around Indianapolis have grown in population but not necessarily in area, and those cities and towns would have an easier time asking

for state permission to collect additional property taxes based on the bill's amendment, he said. Kenley and Garton met with Jones-Matthews, Alexander and Reps. Woody Burton, Ralph Foley and David Yount, who represent parts of Johnson County. Jones-Matthews made a convincing case that Franklin is not just a cash-strapped city wanting to spend more money, Foley said. Franklin has a need for additional property tax dollars, he said, because the city is not collecting as much as it could be due to the 2003 property tax freeze. Franklin's case is a special circumstance, Burton said. He said he is not in favor of tax increases but is willing to allow Franklin a tax increase since the city's situation is due to a state law punishing it for being conservative with spending. Franklin was collecting more than \$4 million less in

property tax dollars than what was allowed by the state when the freeze took effect. Burton said he considers the tax increase a return to the amount of property taxes the city could be collecting if not for the state law in 2003. He added he does not want Franklin to get permission to collect above that amount. Other cities were allowed to collect additional property tax dollars to make up for the freeze, but Franklin's request came during the administration of a new governor, who appointed a tax commissioner with a stricter interpretation of the law. The bill does not give special treatment to Franklin, Kenley said, since other municipalities can ask permission to collect additional property taxes if they meet the same criteria.