

# School blocks paper's report

## Story on sex banned from Noblesville school's newspaper

The Associated Press

### NOBLESVILLE

Students plan to appeal the school district superintendent's decision to block an article about the health hazards of oral sex from being published in the Noblesville High School student newspaper.

The article had been scheduled to appear in Friday's edition of the Mill Stream, but Superintendent Lynn Lehman this week decided not to allow the paper to print it.

Mill Stream editor Jill Gingery said students planned to appeal to the school board and have contacted lawyers that assist student journalists.

"We went through it a million times. It's gone through more review than any story in years here," Gingery said. "It's gone through tons of revisions. It's really very well-written."

The newspaper adviser and the school principal had approved the article, she said, but Lehman overruled them after the page was sent to the printer Wednesday.

Lehman said students already learn about sexually related health hazards during middle school in the northern suburban Indianapolis district.

"It's really boiled down to the simple fact ... that it's not an article that's appropriate to be published at a high school newspaper in Noblesville, Indiana," Lehman said.

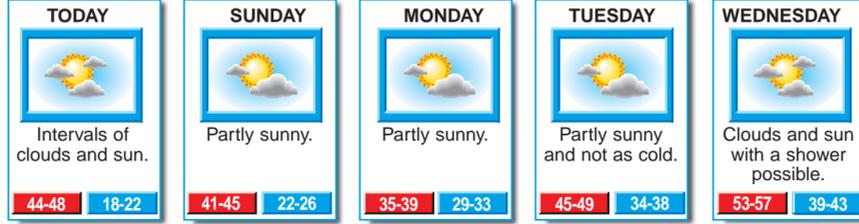
Bartholomew County's school board last month rejected a proposal to tighten the review of student publications that was suggested after the Columbus North High School newspaper printed a four-page report on the medical and psychological risks of oral sex.

An expert on student journalism at Indiana University said schools can block publication only in narrow circumstances under court rulings.

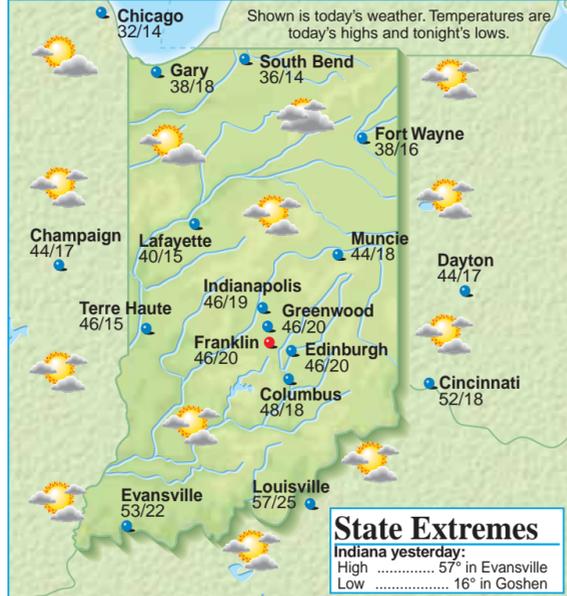
"It probably does come down to a matter of public image for the district," said Jack Dvorak, director of IU's High School Journalism Institute. "That certainly is not a valid reason for censorship. They can censor only for a valid educational purpose."

# WEATHER

## AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Johnson County



### Regional weather



### State Extremes

Indiana yesterday:  
High ..... 57° in Evansville  
Low ..... 16° in Goshen

### Regional summary

**Indianapolis/Greenwood:** Times of clouds and sunshine today. Partly cloudy and very cold tonight. Partly sunny and cold tomorrow.  
**Edinburgh/Franklin:** Intervals of clouds and sunshine today. Partly cloudy and quite cold tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow.

### Today in weather history™

On Feb. 25, 1934, a storm centered in the Carolinas brought killer tornadoes to Georgia and Alabama.

### Regional cities

City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Anderson	46/20/pc	40/26/pc	Indianapolis	48/23/pc	38/27/pc
Bloomington	53/21/s	41/23/pc	Kokomo	48/23/pc	38/28/pc
Chicago	48/15/r	37/22/pc	Lafayette	49/17/pc	38/27/pc
Cincinnati	47/27/s	39/21/pc	Louisville	53/28/s	45/28/pc
Evansville	57/24/pc	39/25/pc	Muncie	47/19/pc	38/28/pc
Fort Wayne	43/17/sh	34/20/pc	South Bend	42/17/sh	37/21/pc
Gary	50/18/r	40/23/pc	Terre Haute	52/19/s	38/22/pc

### Sun and moon



### AccuWeather UV Index™



### Weather Trivia™

What type of storm becomes more frequent in the U.S. in late winter?  
Thunderstorm.

### Wind Chill Today

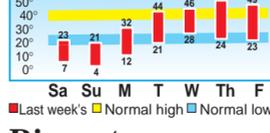


### Heating Degree Days

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 ..... 795  
Normal month to date ..... 836

### Weekly temperatures



### River stages

Fid: flood stage. Stage: in feet at 7 a.m.  
Friday, Chg: change in previous 24 hours.

Station	Fid	Stage	Chg
White River			
Mooresville	9	8.14	-0.08
White River (East Fork)			
Edinburgh	12	4.72	-0.09

## AccuWeather.com Almanac

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Statistics for Indianapolis through 5 p.m. yesterday.

**Temperature**  
High ..... 49°  
Low ..... 23°  
Normal high ..... 43°  
Normal low ..... 25°  
Record high ..... 71° in 2000  
Record low ..... -2° in 1900

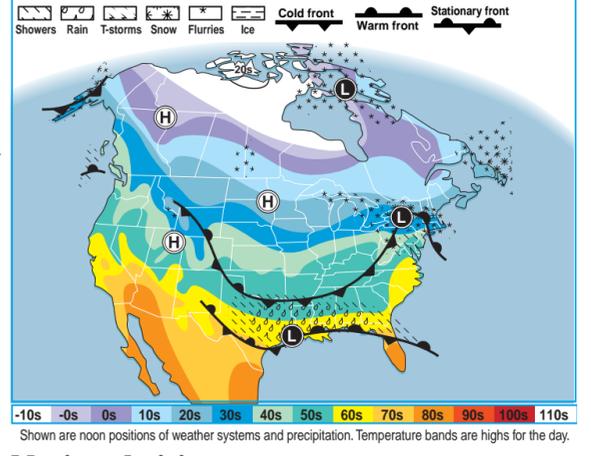
**Precipitation**  
24 hrs. ending 5 p.m. yest. .... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 1.89"  
Normal month to date ..... 2.02"  
Year to date ..... 5.19"  
Normal year to date ..... 4.50"

**Wind**  
Average dir./speed .. SSE at 14.1 mph  
Highest speed ..... 17

**Humidity**  
Yesterday's average ..... 56%  
Today's average ..... 53%

**Air quality**  
**Indianapolis** Source: IAPC  
Yesterday ..... 35  
0-50, Good; 51-100, Moderate; 101-151, Unhealthy (sens. grps.); 151-200, Unhealthy

### National weather today



### National cities

City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Albany, NY	34/28/pc	21/5/sf	Houston	60/48/sh	66/48/pc
Atlanta	65/37/pc	52/31/s	Jacksonville	67/46/pc	53/32/pc
Atlantic City	44/33/sh	34/18/s	Kansas City	68/31/pc	49/35/s
Baltimore	45/33/pc	34/16/s	Las Vegas	70/42/s	74/50/pc
Boston	40/32/sn	27/14/pc	Los Angeles	69/46/s	70/55/pc
Buffalo	30/21/sf	16/10/sf	Louisville	53/28/s	45/28/pc
Burlington, VT	34/22/sf	15/-3/sf	Memphis	68/39/sh	57/34/s
Champaign	50/20/pc	40/25/pc	Miami	84/69/sh	80/57/t
Charleston, SC	69/41/s	51/28/s	Milwaukee	39/17/sf	34/20/pc
Cheyenne	48/28/pc	58/28/s	Minneapolis	41/16/sf	30/16/pc
Chicago	48/15/r	37/22/pc	Nashville	63/30/pc	47/23/s
Cleveland	36/24/pc	24/19/pc	New Orleans	64/54/sh	62/44/s
Columbia, SC	68/39/pc	52/26/s	New York	43/33/pc	28/18/s
Columbus, GA	70/46/pc	56/35/s	Philadelphia	43/34/pc	30/16/s
Dallas	57/45/sh	62/44/s	Phoenix	75/46/s	83/53/pc
Denver	59/29/s	60/30/s	St. Louis	62/28/sh	43/30/s
Des Moines	63/23/sf	42/25/pc	Salt Lake City	52/30/pc	50/35/s
Detroit	36/20/sf	32/18/pc	San Francisco	63/42/s	64/55/r
El Paso	63/43/sh	72/45/s	Seattle	47/30/pc	50/42/r
Fairbanks	1/-10/pc	14/-14/sn	Tampa	71/63/sh	68/44/sh
Honolulu	79/64/s	78/67/sh	Washington, DC	47/36/pc	35/18/s

Weather (w): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice

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## • Banks

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businesses," city planning director Ed Ferguson said. The first development at Emerson and Main Street is being called Main Street Shoppes, Kirkendall said.

Plans are to tear down an old restaurant building near the Village Pantry store and construct three buildings on the 3½ acres.

All storefronts will be brick-faced, have parking in the back and have an upscale architectural theme, he said.

He does not know what businesses will be interested in the opening

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College in Michigan who is studying the ancient oak. It probably was sealed underground by a glacier during the last ice age.

"This is special no matter how old it is," said Anthony Swinehart, associate professor of biology. "I'm not aware of an oak of this quality that has ever been found in this area."

"It could have potentially far-reaching applications for global warming and how we manage our forests."

## • Strengths

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company offer suggestions and tools to help churches address their weak points.

"If you raise the quality of the church in that area that's weak, you increase the capacity to reach more people and be more effective," Wetzler said.

But the resource doesn't recommend specific plans of action because each church is different, he said.

Consultants, who are called coaches by the company, guide the process, helping leaders to understand the results and offering feedback.

The survey has been used in 23,000 U.S. churches, including Mount Pleasant Christian Church in the Center Grove area.

Other tools help leaders decide how to meet needs away from the church.

Mount Pleasant and Greenwood

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Four are in or near Greenwood, and at least two others churches that did not make the list meet the classification as a megachurch.

"People here are very open and receptive to Christianity, but they want individual attention on their own terms," said David Strange, executive minister at Greenwood Christian Church, where more than 1,800 people attend services each week.

"Larger congregations are ben-

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eficial for people because a lot more programming is available."

Instead of meeting once a week for worship, more churches are offering small groups and personalized programs throughout the week, church leaders said.

For example, Greenwood Christian Church started nine coffee clubs in October that draw about 100 people to the church during the week.

Mount Pleasant Christian Church has about 1,200 members

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may mean thousands gather in massive, open sanctuaries, but some members say they do not feel lost because of their personal connections made at other times.

"If I were to walk into a service as a stranger, I might be overwhelmed by the size," said Kim Foster, who lives on the east side of Greenwood and attends Indian Creek Christian Church in Indianapolis. "But there are all kinds of ways that it's more personal."

Foster attends the southside church with about 2,800 other people, quite different from the 500-member church she started attending about eight years ago while living in Marion County's Franklin Township.

Being raised as a Catholic, Foster had never been exposed to the megachurch environment.

Now, programs tailored to people's needs are ongoing during the week. Foster is part of a moms group for elementary

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bring \$300 to \$1,000 for lumber or veneer, Wertz said.

He had no idea how to estimate the value of the ancient oak.

The tree was completely saturated with water, compared to modern trees that are usually about 60 to 70 percent moist, he said.

It had 15 major growth rings instead of the typical seven to 10 in modern trees.

"This has turned into something I didn't expect, and we'll see what kind of scientific applications this has," he said.

"But the fun (part) is thinking about the type of habitat that was here then and what kind of people might have seen it."

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to do it," Strange said.

Churches can also look to the example of larger churches for guidance.

Mount Pleasant leaders attended seminars conducted by Willow Creek Community Church in Chicago and Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, two of the largest Christian churches in the country, Tucker said.

The conferences provide leaders with principles they can use as church numbers grow, not exact plans for growth, he said.

Leaders at Mount Pleasant also studied books on church growth and took classes on the subject at Cincinnati Bible Seminary, Tucker said.

The tools available to churches give them much-needed planning advice, but church leaders maintain that God is the one who makes the church grow.

"Culture changes, but God's principles never do," Tucker said. "A church is not about a building, it's about people."

## BIG ON RELIGION

A study by the Hartford Institute for Religion Research published Feb. 3 lists four churches on the southside that are considered megachurches, or congregations with 1,800 or more members. At least two others not listed are that size.

Here is a snapshot of those churches and how many people attend services each week:

**Mount Pleasant Christian Church:** 381 N. Bluff Road, Greenwood. Average weekly attendance of 2,486. In January, the church set a record for attendance with more than 3,000 people.

**Indian Creek Christian Church:** 6430 S. Franklin Road, Indianapolis. Average weekly attendance of 2,800.

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**Vineyard Community Church:** also called Southside Vineyard Church, 1265 N. Madison Ave., Greenwood. Average weekly attendance of 2,100.

**Emmanuel Church of Greenwood:** 1640 W. Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood. Baptist congregation, average weekly attendance of about 2,200.

**Greenwood Christian Church:** 2045 Averitt Road, Greenwood. Not on the list, average weekly attendance of 1,856.

**Community Church of Greenwood:** 1477 W. Main St., Greenwood. Not on the list, has an average weekly attendance of 1,800 people.

## BIG ON RELIGION

school-aged children. She also runs a couples group from her home.

The challenge for bigger churches is making sure the congregation is contributing to the community outside the church, Emmanuel's Byers said.

"You can be a megachurch and be failing miserably by not reaching the community," she said. "The challenge is to keep feeling small in different ways, so that people feel welcome and not lost."

## LOTTERY

Here are the winning numbers selected Friday in the Hoosier Lottery:

**Daily Three Midday:** 2-8-9.  
**Daily Three Evening:** 5-9-3.  
**Daily Four Midday:** 2-2-6-5.  
**Daily Four Evening:** 3-0-2-5.  
**Lucky Five Midday:** 3-6-27-31-33.  
**Lucky Five Evening:** 8-23-24-28-31.  
**Hoosier Lotto jackpot:** \$5.5 million.  
**Powerball jackpot:** \$20 million.