

Governors question decision on ports

Arab-owned company to control some U.S. ports

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Two Republican governors on Monday questioned a Bush administration decision allowing an Arab-owned company to operate six major U.S. ports, saying they may try to cancel lease arrangements at ports in their states.

New York Gov. George Pataki and Maryland Gov. Robert Ehrlich voiced doubts about the acquisition of a British company that has been running the U.S. ports by Dubai Ports World, a state-owned business in the United Arab Emirates.

The British company, Peninsular and Oriental, runs major commercial operations at ports in Baltimore, Miami, New Jersey, New Orleans, New York and Philadelphia.

"Ensuring the security of New York's port operations is paramount, and I am very concerned with the purchase of Peninsular & Oriental Steam by Dubai Ports World," Pataki said in a news release.

"I have directed the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to explore all legal options that may be available to them in regards to this transaction," said the New York governor, who is still in the hospital recovering from an appendectomy.

Ehrlich, concerned about security at the Port of Baltimore, said Monday he is troubled that Maryland officials got no advance notice before the Bush administration approved an Arab company's takeover of the operations at the six ports.

"We needed to know before this was a done deal, given the state of where we are concerning security," Ehrlich told reporters in the State House rotunda in Annapolis.

The state of Maryland is considering its options, up to and including voiding the contract for the Port of Baltimore, Ehrlich said, adding: "We have a lot of discretion in the contract."

Pataki also is asking the federal government to share all critical relevant information made available to the Council on Foreign Investment during the course of the review of the purchase, a reference to the federal panel that approved the deal.

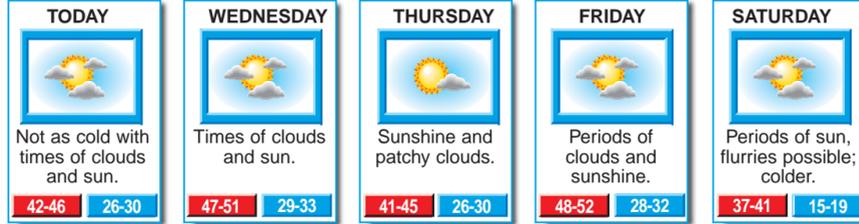
The governors are the latest elected officials from both parties to complain about the deal.

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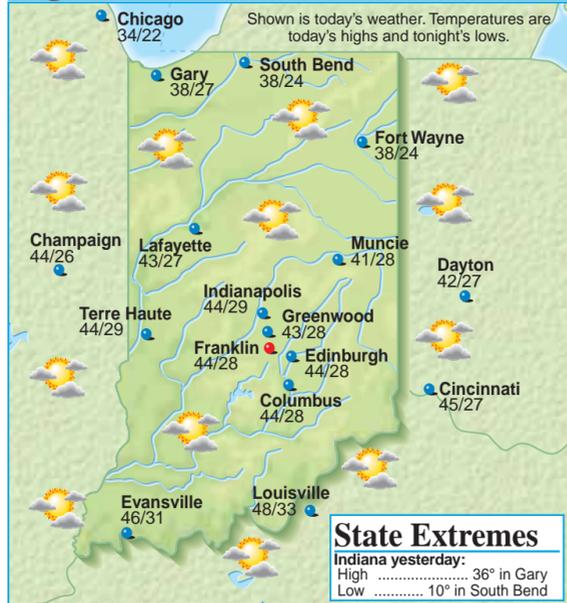
- At Saturday's IHSAA Individual State Wrestling Meet, White-Land Community High School senior Caleb VanDeman lost in the quarterfinal round to Mishawaka's Pat Day in a 9-4 decision. This information was incorrect in a story that appeared on page B4 on Monday.
- Also at the state meet, White-Land junior Matt Fields finished sixth in his weight class. The information that appeared under a headshot of Fields on page B1 on Monday was incorrect.

WEATHER

AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Johnson County



Regional weather



Regional summary

Indianapolis/Greenwood: Seasonably cool today with intervals of clouds and sunshine. Mostly cloudy tonight. Times of clouds and sunshine tomorrow.

Edinburgh/Franklin: Times of clouds and sunshine today; not as cold in the afternoon. Mostly cloudy tonight. Intervals of clouds and sunshine tomorrow.

Today in weather history™

A series of powerful twisters on Feb. 21, 1971, killed 121 people in Louisiana and Mississippi. The most destructive tornado traveled 200 miles.

Regional cities

City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Anderson	33/11/s	47/30/pc	Indianapolis	34/12/pc	48/30/pc
Bloomington	34/14/c	49/27/pc	Kokomo	35/18/pc	46/30/pc
Chicago	32/12/pc	43/26/pc	Lafayette	36/12/s	46/29/pc
Cincinnati	32/12/pc	47/30/pc	Louisville	32/22/c	50/34/c
Evansville	29/19/c	51/30/pc	Muncie	33/14/s	46/30/pc
Fort Wayne	31/13/pc	44/26/pc	South Bend	31/10/s	40/28/pc
Gary	36/10/pc	45/27/pc	Terre Haute	33/14/pc	50/29/pc

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Statistics for Indianapolis through 5 p.m. yesterday.

Temperature
High 31°
Low 12°
Normal high 42°
Normal low 24°
Record high 67° in 1983
Record low -8° in 1885

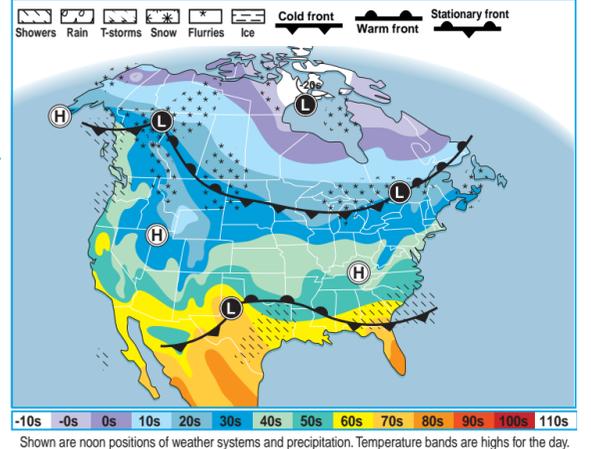
Precipitation
24 hrs. ending 5 p.m. yest. 0.00"
Month to date 1.89"
Normal month to date 1.66"
Year to date 5.19"
Normal year to date 4.14"

Wind
Average dir./speed SW at 9.9 mph
Highest speed 16

Humidity
Yesterday's average 61%
Today's average 56%

Air quality
Indianapolis Source: IAPC
Yesterday 38
0-50, Good; 51-100, Moderate; 101-151, Unhealthy (sens. grps.); 151-200, Unhealthy

National weather today



National cities

City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Albany, NY	34/12/s	38/23/pc	Houston	54/36/r	74/58/sh
Atlanta	45/37/r	60/45/sh	Jacksonville	66/48/c	78/54/pc
Atlantic City	40/20/pc	44/29/c	Kansas City	42/22/pc	52/28/s
Baltimore	43/23/pc	46/28/c	Las Vegas	53/33/pc	62/36/s
Boston	35/20/sf	40/30/pc	Los Angeles	61/41/s	68/45/s
Buffalo	26/16/sf	36/28/sf	Louisville	32/22/c	50/34/c
Burlington, VT	32/15/c	33/20/pc	Memphis	37/24/c	50/41/r
Champaign	32/8/pc	46/28/pc	Miami	81/66/pc	83/67/pc
Charleston, SC	53/41/r	65/52/sh	Milwaukee	30/12/pc	38/24/c
Cheyenne	32/8/sn	39/17/pc	Minneapolis	33/10/pc	34/18/c
Chicago	32/12/pc	43/26/pc	Nashville	38/23/c	50/34/sh
Cleveland	29/15/pc	44/28/pc	New Orleans	59/50/sh	74/57/sh
Columbia, SC	49/36/r	58/48/r	New York	38/25/s	44/32/pc
Columbus, GA	49/44/r	67/51/sh	Philadelphia	39/22/pc	46/32/pc
Dallas	47/30/c	63/42/sh	Phoenix	64/44/pc	69/45/s
Denver	42/6/pc	46/17/pc	St. Louis	35/21/c	51/31/s
Des Moines	40/13/sn	45/25/s	Salt Lake City	30/10/sf	38/22/pc
Detroit	32/15/pc	43/28/c	San Francisco	55/38/pc	60/44/s
El Paso	69/41/pc	60/44/sh	Seattle	42/29/sn	48/38/sh
Fairbanks	26/10/sf	10/-15/sf	Tampa	75/53/pc	78/64/pc
Honolulu	79/66/sh	80/64/pc	Washington, DC	42/28/pc	47/34/c

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

Smoking

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was defined as any place where people have to be 21 to enter and consume alcohol on the premises.

Smoking also will be banned in stores and other workplaces.

Speakers opposing the ban questioned why more time wasn't taken to gather more public input, particularly from restaurant and business owners.

Deer asked that a decision be put off so that those opposing the measure would have more time to present their views. His request was denied.

Some business owners complained that they didn't have time to police the measure in their restaurant or business.

Kwang Casey, owner of the Oaken Barrel in Greenwood, said the measure took away individuals' choice to be smoke-free and forced the restaurant to police its own customers.

"I see we're not responsible enough to choose smoking or not, but we're responsible enough to police ourselves," he said.

Other speakers questioned the logic behind exempting private clubs.

Those supporting the ban said some people working in restaurants didn't have the choice to avoid cigarette smoke.



The Greenwood City Council votes Monday night on an ordinance to ban smoking in most public places in the city. The council passed the ordinance 5-1.

Janie Adcock, who used to work as a career counselor in Kokomo, said that many people she talked to didn't have a choice about where they worked because they would have no other job to go to.

Other speakers said that they heard angry comments made by many business owners in

the crowd but questioned whether they considered the number of nonsmokers who might start coming to their business if it were smoke-free.

Greenwood resident Brian Lowe, who supported the ban, said those who oppose smoking should have the right to be smoke-free.

Family

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was painted on the shed last summer, he said.

Smith said he became concerned when he noticed his daughter copying the swastika onto a piece of paper.

"It's not a symbol you want your children to know," he said.

He believes that he needed to call attention to the graffiti, and Smith said he feels disappointed in the individual he thinks is responsible for the markings.

Smith and his wife, Trinity, along with their daughter and son Tanis, 1, had been thinking about moving to Indianapolis to be closer to the synagogue they attend.

He said they aren't moving because of the graffiti, although it has given them another reason to move.

"You don't run from these things," Smith said. "It's wherever you go."

Franklin police are still investigating the graffiti, Ketchum said.

Bird

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Hospitals would start by isolating patients with the flu before health departments decide to put quarantines in place.

At Johnson Memorial Hospital in Franklin, at least 13 patients could be isolated before doctors would have to consider moving patients to other area hospitals or opening up more rooms for isolation, spokeswoman Casey DeArmitt said.

Patients could be diverted to Methodist, Community South and St. Francis hospitals in Indianapolis, DeArmitt said.

If the virus became widespread, doctors could consider sending noncritical

patients home and canceling elective surgeries, DeArmitt said.

Health workers would wear masks, goggles and gloves to protect themselves from exposure. They would try to put masks over the patients' faces if they had to move them, though they would try to limit movement, DeArmitt said.

In the Community Health Network, of which Community Hospital South is a member, hospitals would consider using a wing of the hospital to contain spread of the virus, media relations manager Lynda de Widt said.

Phone chains for hospital employees would be set up to call in people who aren't on duty, de Widt said.

Staff would be tested to make sure they didn't have the avian flu before they could start working with patients, she said.

Hospitals in the network also are setting up backup plans for getting extra linens, medical supplies and food from other vendors than what they normally use, de Widt said.

Since doctors haven't seen patients with the virus, they would have to rely on training rather than experience to identify and limit contact with the disease, said Herbert Cushing, chief medical officer at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis and an infectious disease specialist.

Since HIV and AIDS became widespread, doctors and staff have been trained to wear protective gloves and gowns as they come into contact with a patient's blood, vomit and other secretions, Cushing said.

Hospitals also are trying to get antiviral medications on hand to help protect health-care workers, he said.

County health officers eventually would decide whether to cancel area events and quarantine residents, though the chances of that happening are slim, Johnson County public health preparedness coordinator Ruth Freese said.

If a vaccine became available, clinics would be set up, most likely at Franklin Community High School and Greenwood Community High School, Freese said.

If officials needed more sites, they would work with area churches to set up clinics, Freese said, and radio and television stations and newspaper articles would tell residents where to go and what to do.

People could pick up forms to apply for the vaccination at public places, like drugstores and libraries, or at the clinics, Freese said.



A veterinarian inspects a duck farm in Garrey, France, on Monday as part of an effort to prevent bird flu from spreading in Europe.

Group

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equal to the population of the town of Bargersville.

Stacie Hertenstein has always wanted to live in a small town. When she moved into Greenwood's largest subdivision, she worried she'd never get that chance.

The 28-year-old mother said she was overwhelmed when she and her husband moved into their home. She wondered how

everyone else moving in would get to know each other.

After posting fliers around the neighborhood, she met with about 30 other women in her neighborhood and began to see Homecoming as its own community.

Hertenstein's women's group, which is still settling on a name, meets once a month and has about 25 members.

Women see the group as a chance to meet the person who lives next door and make the large neighborhood feel less impersonal, Hertenstein said.

"I see people waving to each other and stopping to say 'Hi,'

and I think to myself, 'I helped create that,'" she said.

Each family has a different reason for wanting to come to the meetings.

Kim Foster, a mother of three, wanted to feel safe while her husband was away at training for the military. She didn't feel safe in their old home, a farmhouse where neighbors were a mile away.

Having neighbors close by helps, Foster said, but through the women's group she can find a baby-sitter, set up a play date for her kids or vent frustrations to other moms.

She likes knowing that her

neighbors are looking out for her, she said.

Another woman uses the group as a way to make new friends after her husband's company transferred him from Nebraska.

Trying to balance work, children and housework and still have time to meet your neighbors is difficult. Amy Ballain said she remembers how difficult it was to set up times to meet with friends.

"Unless you set up a time, you don't see each other," she said.

Not knowing your neighbors' names makes it even more difficult, she said.

For Diane Harrington, not

knowing her neighbors was unacceptable. She and her husband made friends through church and knew many of their neighbors in their former community in Indianapolis.

She wanted to do the same when she moved into Homecoming but worried the task would be too difficult because of its size. Through their group, she said, she's been able to meet new friends and introduce neighbors to her church.

As more people move into the community, Hertenstein hopes to see more women coming to the meetings and making more connections.

Plans are to make welcome baskets for new homeowners and to start groups for men and teens in the community, she said.

LOTTERY

Here are the winning numbers selected Monday in the Hoosier Lottery:
Daily Three Midday: 5-0-8
Daily Three Evening: 0-5-8
Daily Four Midday: 7-5-9-7
Daily Four Evening: 0-9-5-0
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Lucky Five Evening: 1-13-23-30-36
Hoosier Lotto jackpot: \$5 million.
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