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ON THE SURFACE

Many people check ingredients for the food they eat, but most don't check soaps and cosmetics.

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WEATHER



Today
Skies: Mostly sunny
Temps: High 53; low 35

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COMING UP

Easing the chores



Save time, money and effort with sparkling tips on 13 big

chores. The surprises include using newspaper for lint-free window washing and fresh-smelling closets.

Tax survival tips

"A Worst-Case Scenario" co-author offers smart solutions to tax-filing crunches
USA WEEKEND

Making waves in Big Ten

Former Center Grove standout Kevin Swander is not only one of the top swimmers at Indiana University, he's among the best in the conference. He earned Big Ten Swimmer of the Meet honors at the recent conference tournament and has his sights set on even bigger goals.
WEDNESDAY

Home Inside & Out

Find out how a southside woman plans to build an environmentally friendly house and how a Queen Anne-era Franklin home is getting a makeover in Your Home Inside & Out.
THURSDAY

CORRECTION

Crash victim misidentified

Michael R. Basey, 57, of Mooresville, was killed when his vehicle flipped on State Road 144, west of Bargersville, on Sunday morning. He was misidentified in a story in Monday's Daily Journal.

DEATHS

- Bargersville
Yvonne Marie Reist, 65
- Franklin
Albert Marion Flake, 82
Flossie M. Richards, 87
- Greenwood
Karen Jean Haskins, 64
- Indianapolis
Reva Kellermeyer, 69
Wilma L. Spear, 77
- Elsewhere
Donald J. Kempf, 72
William David Pitcher, 52
Janet Sue Richardson, 62
Timothy E. A. Smith, 47
Harold R. Snider, 90

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Police: Teens sought millions

CG students to remain in custody

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The plot to take Center Grove High School students hostage included the teen suspects asking police for at least \$4 million in ransom and getaway cars, Sheriff Terry McLaughlin said Monday.

Also, Juvenile Court Judge Marla Clark decided that the four teens will remain in the county juvenile detention center to ensure the safety of students and the high

school, said Jennifer Pinnick, Johnson County deputy prosecutor.

The hearing Monday in no way decided the teens' guilt or innocence; rather it was to determine whether the boys, ages 15 and 16, should be released to their parents or guardians.

Since their arrest Thursday, the teens have been kept at the juvenile detention center in Franklin and have not been allowed to use the telephone, said Jim Higdon,

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STAFF PHOTO BY SCOTT ROBERSON/roberson@thejournalnet.com

Four Center Grove students are being held at the Johnson County Juvenile Detention Center in Franklin after being arrested last week in a plot to take over the school.

Parents involved in questioning kids

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Before Johnson County sheriff's deputies could talk to students who reportedly were planning to bring guns to Center Grove High School, they had to talk to their parents.

Police officers must get permission from a child's parent before they can interview children younger than 18 who are suspected of a crime.

When parents cooperate, as they did in the Center Grove incident, it helps police sort through the facts in a case quickly and get the whole picture, Sheriff Terry McLaughlin said.

If parents refuse to let their children talk, it may mean more hours of work for police officers as they try to find other witnesses who can tell them what they need to know.

Most parents agree to let their

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CHURCH EXPANSION

Some of Johnson County's biggest churches are seeing so much growth they have to expand to meet members' needs.

Spreading faith



Greenwood Christian Church pastor David Strange talks about upcoming building projects at the Center Grove area church.

STORIES BY MICHAEL W. HOSKINS ■ PHOTO SCOTT ROBERSON

\$13 million in construction planned by congregations

More people enrolling in church programs and attending weekly worship are causing even the largest churches in the county to expand.

During 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.

The three church projects totaling about \$13 million are due in part to explosive growth in the religious community on the southside of Indianapolis.

Just as schools can't turn away students enrolling in their districts, churches won't turn away worshippers or people wanting a faith-oriented education.

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CG area church near capacity; 'We need this space now'

The largest church in the county wants to build a new sports and recreation facility and open up more space for church programs.

Mount Pleasant Christian Church in the Center Grove area has formed a building committee to plan a \$6 million expansion, which will include a new community life center.

In coming months, the committee will decide what the building will look like, how large it will be and specifically what the facility can be used for.

The church is about halfway into a three-year, \$6 million fundraising campaign. Church leaders hope to finalize design plans and start construction this year, executive pastor Alan Baumlein said.

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BIG SPENDERS: MAJOR CHURCH PROJECTS

\$6 million

Mount Pleasant Christian Church

Where: Bluff Road, Center Grove area

Projects: New community life center that can be used for the church's sports and recreation ministry.

\$5 million

Greenwood Christian Church

Where: Main Street near State Road 135

Projects: Third part of an expansion that began in 1998 includes a new sanctuary, more class space for children and adult programs.

\$1.4 million

SS. Francis and Clare Catholic Church

Where: Olive Branch Road, Center Grove area

Projects: New 17,000-square-foot school, part of which will open in January for kindergarten and first-graders. A grade will be added each year, and eventually the school will be Grades K-8.

Crunch time for roads, tax bills

Key Daniels proposals await action; assembly nearing end of session

By MIKE SMITH
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS

Several major issues, including Gov. Mitch Daniels' "Major Moves" highway plan and property tax relief, are still on the table as lawmakers work toward a March 14 deadline for adjourning the legislative session.

Lawmakers will seek compromises on several other bills, including one that would require women to receive more information before getting an abortion and another that would legalize fireworks. Under current law, fireworks sales are prohibited unless buyers promise to use them out of state.

But the bill drawing the most attention and contention is the highway legislation and the authority it would give Daniels to lease the Indiana Toll Road to a private, Australian-Spanish consortium for an upfront payment of \$3.85 billion.

The state would use the money to help fund numerous highway and other transportation projects, and the companies would operate the northern Indiana turnpike and collect its toll revenue over the next 75 years.

Republicans control both chambers, but there are some major differences between their versions of the bill. Among other things, the Senate version would require Daniels to get legislative authority to make any additional roads or highways tollways. It also would deposit \$400 million of the lease payment in a trust fund that could not be tapped until its balance had grown to \$1 billion.

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INSIDE

Cutting strings Supporters say school deregulation bill still alive.
Analysis Passing governor's "Major Moves" will take major maneuvers.
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"There will have to be a little bit of accommodation from both the newcomers and the people already there."

William Frey
Brookings Institution on how Hispanics and their new neighbors must cooperate

Hispanic influence felt far beyond border regions

By STEPHEN OHLEMACHER
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON

Heartland communities with jobs to offer are becoming magnets for Hispanics, who now account for half the nation's population growth.

Hispanics in the United States, both recent immigrants and people born here, are moving beyond

traditional ports of entry in large numbers, boosting the populations of states such as Indiana, North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia, a study by the Brookings Institution shows.

And they are heading not only to big cities; many are moving to historically white, non-Hispanic suburbs, said William Frey, a demographer at Brookings and the author of the study released today.

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that about 1,725 Hispanic people live in Johnson County. Health-care and social services workers say the number likely is closer to 8,000. Census figures estimate the Hispanic population is more than 47,000 in Marion County, about 5 percent of the overall population.

"The people there are now getting a taste of diversity, first-

hand," Frey said in an interview.

While diversity enriches communities, it also can present challenges, even when the local Hispanic population is relatively small, Frey said. Many schools, social service agencies and government officials must, for the first time, deal with numbers of people who do not speak English

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