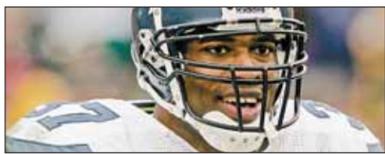


NFL PLAYING MUSICAL COACHES



Colts assistant in running for Vikings spot. Also, Seattle star beats Manning for MVP.

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Skies: Flurries possible
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Have baby, will panic



Learn the 15 things every parent needs to know when caring for their new baby, from swaddling to the first trip to the dentist.

Disney discounts

Think you have to take out a loan to take the family to Disney World? Think again. Check out easy ways to save while visiting the land of Mickey Mouse.

USA WEEKEND

Home-loan vocabulary

Terms like private mortgage insurance and adjusted rate mortgages mean nothing to people who have never had to research them or talk about them. But they are vital for homebuyers who want to find a good deal.

FYI

Whiteland seeking to fill seat on zoning board

Whiteland needs someone to help make decisions about zoning rules in the community. Town officials are looking to fill a seat on the five-member Board of Zoning Appeals after chairman Bruce Conrow moved out of Whiteland late last year. His replacement would fill the remainder of the term until Dec. 31 and could then be reappointed. The town board meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of the month. Anyone interested can contact town manager Dennis Capozzi at 535-5531 or by writing a letter to 549 Main St., Whiteland IN, 46184.

DEATHS

- Franklin
Roberta M. Bates, 80
J.D. Fowler, 93
- Greenwood
Iona R. Jackson, 88
John Carter Jackson Jr., 76
- Indianapolis
Richard Lee Isaac Sr., 71
Dorothy L. Staley, 94
- Elsewhere
Robert L. Van Dyke, 65

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'I'll see them on the other side'

Trapped miners left farewell notes

By ALLEN G. BREED
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TALLMANSVILLE, W.Va.

Some of the 12 coal miners who died in the Sago Mine disaster scrawled farewell notes assuring their loved ones that their final hours trapped underground amid toxic gases were not spent in agony.

"Tell all I'll see them on the other side," read the note found

with the body of 51-year-old foreman Martin Toler Jr. "It wasn't bad. I just went to sleep. I love you Jr."

Tom Toler, Martin's older brother who worked 30 years in the mine with him, said Thursday that the note was written lightly in block letters on the back of an insurance application form his brother had in his pocket.

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THURSDAY'S DEVELOPMENTS

In West Virginia: Autopsies of the 12 men who died in the mine blast were under way, and officials wouldn't comment on the possible causes of death or how long the men survived.

In Pittsburgh: The only survivor of the explosion was transferred from Morgantown, W.Va., to Pittsburgh for hyperbaric treatment, which doctors hope will speed oxygen supply to his brain.

Survivor of mine disaster remains in coma; brain damage possible

By DANIEL LOVERING
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The lone survivor of a coal mine explosion that killed 12 other miners was moved Thursday to a Pittsburgh hospital to undergo oxygen treatment, hospital officials said.

Randal McCloy Jr. was in a

coma and appeared to have suffered brain damage, according to a doctor. He arrived at Allegheny General Hospital after being taken by ambulance from West Virginia University's Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, said Tom Chakurda, a spokesman at Allegheny.

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JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Panel chooses city firefighter

Tom Kite selected to fill out Rhoades' term



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Tom Kite is sworn in to the Johnson County Board of Commissioners on Thursday night at the Johnson County Museum.

Candidate says, 'I have a good ear,' lists job growth, public safety as key issues

HOW THEY VOTED

Here's a look at the voting during a caucus to determine the new county commissioner:

- Tom Kite: 50
- Joe Ault: 13
- Jim Crane: 5
- Russ Ferrill: 5
- Douglas Fraker: 2
- Craig Wells: 2

By ANNIE GOELLER
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In one quick vote, a Greenwood firefighter was selected as the county's newest commissioner.

Tom Kite, 47, a lieutenant and spokesman for the Greenwood Fire Department, will serve the remainder of Jim Rhoades' term as District No. 2 commissioner. Kite was selected by a group of Republican precinct committee members Thursday night.

The Union Township man plans to give special attention to public safety issues, such as safe roads for motorists, because of his 30 years as a firefighter.

He joined seven other candidates who applied for the spot. A group of 77 committee members took one vote, and 50 of them selected Kite.

Kite was sworn in by Johnson Circuit Judge Mark Loyd, and his term starts immediately. The term ends at the end of the year.

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THE KITE FILE

- Name:** Tom Kite
- Job:** Greenwood Fire Department public information officer; also owns a lawn mowing business with family
- Home:** Union Township
- Family:** Wife, Ruth; sons Blake, 17, and Ezra, 15
- Party:** Republican
- School:** Greenwood Community High School
- Also served as:** President of the county firefighters association
- Goals as commissioner:** Bring more businesses to the county to take the burden off taxpayers, find more money to pave roads and build infrastructure and work with municipalities to bring businesses to cities and towns

Change urged in school calendar

Democrats suggest all-day kindergarten but not funding

By DEANNA MARTIN
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS

Senate Democrats are pushing an education agenda that would require all Indiana schools to offer full-day kindergarten, but their plan does not outline a way to pay for the proposal.

The program calls for full-day kindergarten to be phased in over several years, beginning with about 46,000 students in Title I schools, which receive federal money and are located mainly in high-poverty areas.

All Indiana schools would have to offer full-day kindergarten programs by the 2009-2010 school year.

It would cost the state \$138.9 million a year to allow every

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Lawmaker proposes anti-abortion measure

INDIANAPOLIS — A Republican lawmaker has filed a bill to make abortion illegal in Indiana, saying if it became law, it could ultimately be a vehicle to get the U.S. Supreme Court with new members to overturn abortion rights.

The bill by Rep. Troy Woodruff of Vincennes would change Indiana's feticide law to make it a Class C felony to perform an abortion. An exception would allow for abortion for the health of a pregnant woman.

Woodruff said he filed the bill in part because the legislature must pass a law and then appeal it to the highest court to see if the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling would stand.

The bill likely will be assigned to the House Public Policy and Veterans Affairs Committee. Chairman Marlin Stutzman, R-Howe, said he agrees with the bill but is uncertain whether he can schedule it for a hearing.

INSIDE

Local lawmakers' license plate measure approved by committee.

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Ross Dorsey, a Franklin Community High School senior, got an iPod Nano for Christmas. The 18-year-old already has downloaded more than 250 songs to the digital music player.



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Listen to what's sprouting from teenagers' iPods

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Swimsuit, towel, flip-flops and iPod. Those are the primary articles Lauren Arnold tosses into her swim bag every morning before she leaves for school and afterschool swim practice.

For several months, Arnold, 16, watched other swimmers at Franklin Community High School stretch out on the pool deck with their iPods and ear buds, jamming while they waited their

turn to dive into the water.

"I wanted an iPod so I could listen to it at swim meets and it could pump me up," Arnold said.

When the holidays rolled around, the Franklin sophomore did what thousands of other American teens did: She put an iPod at the top of her Christmas wish list.

According to the Mac Observer, the Apple iPod, costing \$100 to \$400, is the No. 1 digital media device among teenagers.

Arnold got the slightly-bigger-than-a-

credit card media device she asked for.

But she hasn't had time yet, between swim practices and tennis lessons, to download her favorite tunes.

"I want to put on the song 'Dance, Dance' by Fall Out Boy," she said. "And that's it."

Paying 99 cents per song on iTunes is a definite deterrent for her, Arnold said. Arnold's iPod also doubles as a tiny screen to watch movies.

"I want to put 'The 40-year-old

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