

ON THE
RECORD

Police/fire

Greenwood

Thefts

- 900 block of London Lane: Residents reported that someone entered their apartment between 11:20 p.m. Wednesday and 8:10 a.m. Thursday and stole a PlayStation 2 and a safe containing coins.
- 800 block of Richart Lane: A man reported that someone entered his unlocked vehicle Wednesday night. He found his wallet and its contents scattered on the ground near the vehicle. A checkbook and \$5 had been stolen.
- 1200 block of Stonegate Road: A woman reported that someone stole a purse from her vehicle on Saturday.

Shoplifting

- Waldenbooks, 1251 U.S. 31 North: A manager reported that someone stole seven books valued at \$75 from the store about 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.
- Joann Fabrics, 1260 U.S. 31 North: An employee reported that someone stole a sewing machine valued at \$599 between Feb. 28 and March 1.

Jail bookings

The following people recently were arrested and booked into the Johnson County jail:

Donna Lynn Cochran, 43, 304 Deville Place, New Whiteland; arrested on a charge of harassment; released on \$1,000 bond.

Crystal L. Taylor, 21, 785 Shoreline Lane, Franklin; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; released on \$1,000 bond.

Donna Jean Peterson, 28, 801 Morisani Ave., Shelbyville; arrested on a charge of theft; released on \$3,000 bond.

Regina Rochelle Cosby, 33, 215 N. Kyle St., Edinburgh; arrested on charges of battery with a deadly weapon, intimidation and possession of marijuana; held on \$18,000 bond.

Matthew M. Miller, 20, 94 Paz Drive, Apt. D, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of theft; released on \$3,000 bond.

Mariano Valdez, 23, 781 Riverside Drive, Apt. 5, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of possession of cocaine, narcotics or methamphetamine; held on \$8,000 bond.

Cirilo Sanchez, 19, 765 Riverside Drive, Apt. 5, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of resisting an officer and possession of cocaine, narcotics or methamphetamine; held on \$9,000 bond.

Traci Lynn Benitez, 28, 258 W. Wiley St., Greenwood; arrested on charges of criminal mischief and public intoxication; held on \$2,000 bond.

Wendy M. Haas, 31, 1940 Lochry Road, Franklin; arrested on a charge of contempt; released on \$200 bond.

Shannon Leigh Fatum, 23, 4586 Bloom Drive, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of theft or receiving stolen property; released on \$3,000 bond.

The following person recently was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated and booked into jail:

Gregory A. Hearl, 35, 433 Montrose Court, Indianapolis; held on \$1,000 bond.

Births

Johnson Memorial Hospital

Jason Woodall and Amy Gross, Franklin, girl born March 9.

Janelle McArtor and Jason Bailey, Columbus, girl born March 8.

Meetings

Franklin

Board of works, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Franklin City Hall, 55 W. Madison St. On the agenda: A request for additional parking spaces for the Checkered Flag restaurant

City council, 7 p.m. Monday, city hall. On the agenda: Information about a proposed smoking ban

Greenwood

Advisory plan commission, 7 p.m. Monday, Greenwood City Building, 2 N. Madison Ave. On the agenda: Review of a building expansion plan for the Aldi store at 486 E. Stop 18; review of a site layout for Brighton subdivision at Honey Creek Road and County Road 750N; and review of a site layout for Endress + Hauser's new building project on Worthsville Road and U.S. 31

Board of zoning appeals, 6 p.m. Monday, city building

Redevelopment commission, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, city building

Johnson County

Solid waste management board of directors, 2:15 p.m. Monday, Courthouse Annex, 86 W. Court St., Franklin. On the agenda: The contract for Spring Cleanup Day

Board of commissioners, 3:30 p.m. Monday, courthouse annex. On the agenda: Employees' health insurance; costs for construction on Smith Valley Road; construction plans for The Grove at Stones Crossing subdivision; and a contract for computer services

County council, 7 p.m. Monday, courthouse annex building. On the agenda: User fees for adult probation accounts; transferring money in various departments; and also will conduct hearings on bonds for roads, bridges and county equipment

Whiteland

Town council, 7 p.m. Monday, town hall, 549 Main St. On the agenda: Rezoning 154 acres near U.S. 31 and Whiteland Road; and a storm water study and fees

School boards

Franklin Community School Corp. Board of Trustees, 7 p.m. Monday, district offices, 998 Grizzly Cub Drive. On the agenda: Updates on construction projects; discussion of alternative education; and approval of summer school programs and the school calendar

Nineveh-Hensley-Jackson United School Corp. Board of Trustees, 7 p.m. Tuesday, district offices, 802 S. County Road 300W, Trafalgar. On the agenda: The school calendar; facility rental agreements; and bus bids.

Lawmakers work on ISTEP compromise

Deal could be discussed before session ends

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Lawmakers were working toward a late-session compromise that would not expressly move statewide student testing to the spring but might require the Department of Education to create a plan headed in that direction.

The compromise could be considered Monday, a day before the legislative session ends, said Rep. Robert Behning, an Indianapolis

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on Rep. Robert Behning having caused
public comment to have a minor role in the ISTEP plan

Republican who sponsored the bill.

The original House version, supported by Gov. Mitch Daniels, would have moved ISTEP to the spring. But State Superintendent of Public Instruction Suellen Reed said the switch could have cost more than \$45 million, money she said would be better spent elsewhere.

The Senate also was concerned about the move to spring and changed the bill to simply direct the education department to form a long-term testing plan.

Now a conference committee is working to resolve differences

between the House and Senate versions.

Daniels and other supporters want to move ISTEP to May so students are tested on what they've learned over the school year.

Behning floated a proposal this week that would have required the state board of education to develop a plan for a new testing system he called "readiness and educational achievement for Hoosiers," or REACH.

But some lawmakers balked at a new name for Indiana's test. Sen. Earline Rogers, a Gary

Democrat, said she had been around for A-Plus, ISTEP and ISTEP-Plus. She said the next test name should be "I-Quit."

Others criticized Behning's proposal for giving the board of education too many specifications. They feared public comment would have a minor role in creating a testing plan because Behning had already scripted the outcome in the bill.

"You've kind of closed the door on some alternatives," said Sen. Tim Skinner, D-Terre Haute.

If lawmakers can agree, the bill would still need to win approval from both the House and Senate before moving to Daniels for consideration.

House Speaker Brian Bosma, who supports spring testing, said Behning is searching for alternatives that will be palatable to the Senate.

AT A GLANCE

The House version: Bill would move statewide ISTEP testing from the fall to the spring.

The Senate version: Bill would not move the test, but simply direct the Department of Education to create a long-term testing plan for Indiana.

What's next: A conference committee is trying to resolve differences between the two versions. The bill's sponsor hopes to discuss a possible agreement Monday, a day before the legislative session is slated to end.

Daniels will make second trade mission to Asia

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— Gov. Mitch Daniels



The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

Gov. Mitch Daniels plans to lead a small delegation of top Indiana business leaders and elected officials to Japan and South Korea this summer, he said Friday.

Daniels led a larger delegation to Japan and Taiwan last year, and new investments in Indiana by businesses in those countries followed. He said he believed that the

best prospects for creating new jobs here through foreign nations involve Japan and South Korea.

"I just believe in light particularly of recent events, it is very important to say that Indiana intends to compete and not retreat from the world economy," Daniels said.

Those recent events include Daniels' hopes of getting legislation passed that would allow him to lease the Indiana Toll Road to a private, Australian-Spanish

consortium for an upfront payment of \$3.85 billion. Many lawmakers who oppose the plan say they and many of their constituents are opposed to leasing a major public asset to a private entity, especially a foreign one.

"I don't want any doubts in the minds of firms in other parts of the world that Indiana is welcoming to the jobs and investments that I believe is a central duty of the governor of any state today to pursue," Daniels said.

This summer's trade mission will focus on expanding business relationships with companies operating in Indiana, creating new partners and renewing a positive relationship with South Korea.

The delegation plans to depart June 17 and return June 28. Daniels will spend about a week in Japan and several days in South Korea. Details about who will be among the delegation and the travel agenda will be released later.

BRIEFS

NEWS

LAFAYETTE

Lafayette Subaru plant to make Toyota Camrys

Toyota and Indiana officials plan an announcement Monday at Subaru of Indiana Automotive's Lafayette plant that follows months of negotiations to bring production of the mid-sized Camry sedan to the factory.

Both Japanese automakers have already agreed the factory in Tippecanoe County will produce Toyota vehicles.

The plant now makes about 100,000 Subaru vehicles a year, including Outback station wagons, Legacy sedans and Baja and B9 Tribeca sport-utility vehicles.

A new production line of Toyota vehicles could bring as many as 1,000 jobs to the factory.

BOSTON

Charity will halt adoptions after law lets gays adopt

The Boston Archdiocese's Catholic Charities said Friday it would stop providing adoption services because of a state law allowing gays and lesbians to adopt children.

The social services arm of the Roman Catholic archdiocese, which has provided adoption services for the state for about two decades, said the law runs counter to church teachings on homosexuality.

"The world was very different when Charities began this ministry at the threshold of the twentieth-

century," the Rev. J. Bryan Hehir, president of Catholic Charities, said in a joint statement with trustees chairman Jeffrey Kaneb.

Gov. Mitt Romney said he planned to file a bill that would allow religious organizations to seek an exemption from the state's anti-discrimination laws to provide adoption services.

WASHINGTON

Interior Secretary Norton resigns from Bush Cabinet

Interior Secretary Gale Norton resigned Friday after five years in President Bush's Cabinet and at a time when her agency is part of a lobbying scandal over Indian gaming licenses.

In a letter to Bush, Norton said the resignation would be effective at the end of March.

Bush called Norton a strong advocate for "the wise use and protection of our nation's natural resources."

The leading Republican and Democrat on the Senate Indian Affairs Committee have said that e-mails show that Steven Griles, Norton's former deputy, had a close relationship with disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff.

Another one-time Norton associate, Italia Federici, helped Abramoff gain access to Griles in exchange for contributions from Abramoff's Indian tribe clients, Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., the committee chairman, and Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., have said.

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