

MARKETS

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Indianapolis grain

Estimated grain prices Wednesday at Indianapolis-area elevators: Corn: cash \$2.05, new \$2.34. Soybeans: cash \$5.69, new \$5.93. Wheat: \$3.50.

Eastern Cornbelt direct hogs

Eastern Cornbelt Lean Value Direct Hogs report for Wednesday: Trend: Barrows and gilts were 9 cents higher compared with previous day's close.

Base-market carcass basis plant-delivered: 0.9 to 1.1 square inches of back fat, \$50.50-\$62.00; weighted average \$59.85. Net prices, including premiums: 0.9-1.0, \$50.50-\$63.36; 1.0-1.1, \$50.50-\$62.62; 1.1-1.2, \$50.50-\$61.94. Daily movement estimate: 7,506.

Wall Street

NEW YORK — Stocks rebounded Wednesday as reports of a surge in consumer spending and improving health in the manufacturing sector restored investors' confidence in the economy.

Strong data from the manufacturing sector bolstered investors' moods, with the Institute for Supply Management, a private research group, reporting that manufacturing expanded at a faster-than-expected rate in February.

Investors shrugged off the slowest gain in the construction sector in seven months. Construction spending rose by a tiny 0.2 percent in January, the latest indication in a stream of recent data showing a cooling housing sector.

"On the whole, economic data was pretty reasonable and the market is responding as you might expect," said Jack Caffrey, equities strategist at J.P. Morgan Private Bank.

The Dow rose 60.12, or 0.55 percent, to 11,053.53. The Dow had fallen 104.14 points, or 0.94 percent, on Tuesday in response to mixed economic data and downbeat comments from Google Inc.'s chief financial officer.

Broader stock indicators also advanced. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 10.58, or 0.83 percent, to 1,291.24, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 33.25, or 1.46 percent, to 2,314.64.

Investors are hypersensitive to economic news as they watch for changes in Federal Reserve interest rate strategy and try to discern which direction the market is heading, said Richard E. Cripps, chief market strategist for Stifel Nicolaus, a broker based in St. Louis. Their biggest question is: Will the bear market return or are stocks on their way to an outright bull market? Stocks rose on Wednesday's data because it was, for the most part, slightly better than expected; while stocks fell Tuesday because the data was slightly worse than expected, he said.

Bonds fell as stocks rose, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note increasing to 4.59 percent from 4.55 percent late Tuesday. The U.S. dollar rose against other major currencies. Gold prices were higher.

Crude oil futures were higher. A barrel of light crude settled at \$61.97, up 56 cents, in trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

General Motors Corp. fell 41 cents to \$19.90 after it said U.S. auto sales declined in February. Fitch Ratings also further downgraded some of its bonds, saying the downgrade "reflects lack of substantive progress on reducing GM's cash operating costs, which Fitch believes will result in negative cash flows persisting through 2007."

The stock report after the close of markets Wednesday:

Company	price	change -x
The AES Group	17.50	+0.20
AT&T Corp.	28.09	+0.50
Alcoa	29.55	+0.23
Allstate	54.75	-0.03
ArvinMeritor	15.54	-1.20
Best Buy	53.98	+0.12
BP Amoco	67.18	+0.76
Cinergy Corp.	43.89	-0.19
Comm Health Sys	38.30	+0.38
Cummins	109.32	+1.04
Diageo	62.65	+0.95
Duff & Phelps	10.88	—
Exxon Mobil	60.34	+0.97
Fifth Third Bank	38.94	+0.29
First Indiana Bank	27.85	+0.26
General Electric	32.76	-0.11
General Motors	19.90	-0.41
Guidant	77.07	+0.31
Heartland Bancshrs	13.65	—
IBM	79.90	-0.34
Irwin Bank	20.05	+0.01
KeyCorp.	36.91	-0.36
Kimball Int'l CIB	14.25	+0.08
Kroger	20.11	+0.07
Lilly Co.	55.89	+0.27
Lincoln Bancorp	17.95	+0.464
Marsh Class B	8.00	+0.18
MainSource	18.57	+0.29
National City Corp.	35.27	+0.47
Navistar	29.77	+0.42
Owens-Illinois	18.93	+0.19
Pepsico	59.25	+0.14
Phelps Dodge	141.45	+3.45
Sara Lee Corp.	17.57	-0.10
Schlumberger	118.06	+3.06
Sprint Corp.	24.51	+0.48
Third Century Bncp	12.90	—
Vectren	26.38	+0.02
Verizon	34.20	+0.50
Wal-Mart	45.15	-0.21
Walt Disney	28.09	+0.10
WellPoint	76.59	-0.20

LOTTERIES

Here are the winning numbers selected Wednesday:

Indiana
Daily Three Midday: 5-8-3.
Daily Three Evening: 9-0-9.
Daily Four Midday: 7-3-8-2.
Daily Four Evening: 0-1-8-7.
Lucky Five Midday: 9-23-25-27-30.
Lucky Five Evening: 3-10-17-26-31.
Hoosier Lotto: 11-22-26-29-39-45.
Jackpot: \$6 million.
Powerball
10-25-35-38-41. Powerball: 23.
Power Play: 5. Jackpot: \$27 million.

CORRECTION

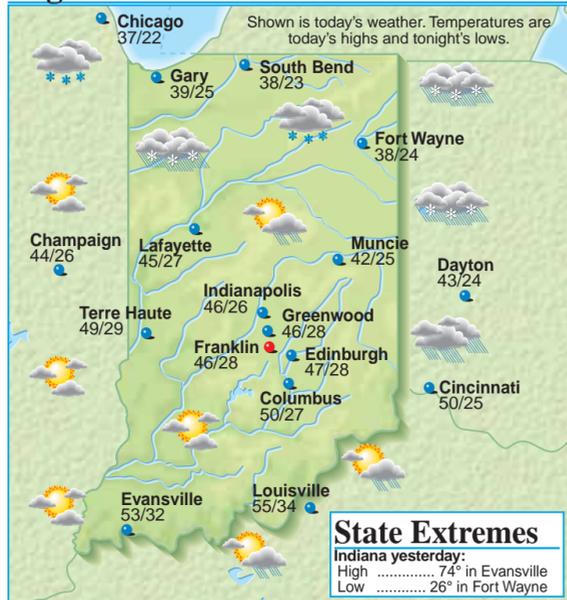
This week's Bee the Buzz question was "If you could be a cartoon character, which one would you be?" This information was incorrect in Monday's Daily Journal.

WEATHER

AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Johnson County

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Sunny intervals with a shower; colder.	Partly sunny and colder.	Times of clouds and sun.	Mainly cloudy and chilly.	Mostly cloudy.
44-48 26-30	41-45 18-22	40-44 23-27	39-43 22-26	41-45 22-26

Regional weather



Regional summary

Indianapolis/Greenwood: Intervals of clouds and sunshine today with a shower. Partly cloudy and seasonably cold tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow.
Edinburgh/Franklin: Colder today with intervals of clouds and sunshine along with a shower. Partly cloudy tonight. Partly sunny and colder tomorrow.

Today in weather history™

Record high temperatures were set across the East on March 2, 1991. Pittsburgh and Erie, Pa., rose to 74 and 70 degrees, respectively. Albany, N.Y., reached 65.

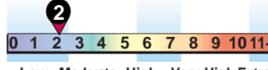
Regional cities

City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Anderson	54/29/c	37/20/pc	Indianapolis	55/36/c	42/22/pc
Bloomington	64/35/pc	47/20/pc	Kokomo	51/30/c	37/21/pc
Chicago	44/31/c	36/20/pc	Lafayette	55/32/pc	39/21/pc
Cincinnati	58/40/c	43/20/pc	Louisville	74/47/pc	46/28/pc
Evansville	74/46/pc	49/25/pc	Muncie	49/30/pc	35/20/pc
Fort Wayne	44/26/c	36/18/pc	South Bend	42/29/c	33/16/pc
Gary	51/27/sh	35/17/pc	Terre Haute	63/35/c	45/20/pc

Sun and moon

Sunrise today	7:16 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:37 p.m.
Moonrise today	8:41 a.m.
Moonset today	10:14 p.m.

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Weather Trivia™

Highland, plateau and valley are types of what?

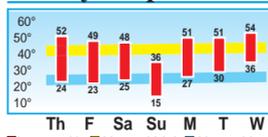
Wind Chill Today

8 a.m.	36°
Noon	40°
4 p.m.	39°

Heating Degree Days

Yesterday	20
Month to date	20
Normal month to date	29

Weekly temperatures



River stages

Station	Fid	Stage	Chg
White River	9	7.97	none
White River (East Fork)	12	4.54	-0.01

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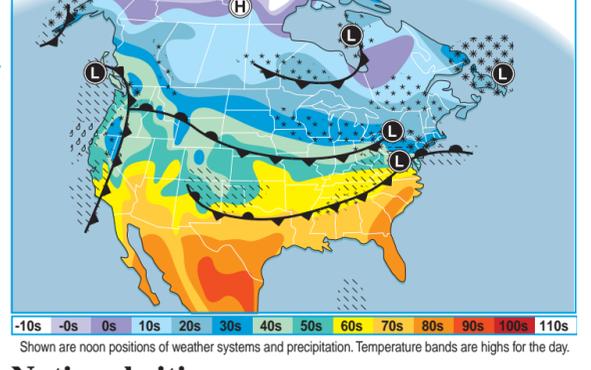
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Temperature	High	54°
	Low	36°
	Normal high	45°
	Normal low	27°
	Record high	71° in 1976
	Record low	-4° in 1960
Precipitation	24 hrs. ending 5 p.m. yest.	0.00"
	Month to date	0.00"
	Normal month to date	0.10"
	Year to date	5.19"
	Normal year to date	4.99"
Wind	Average dir./speed	ESE at 12.0 mph
	Highest speed	17
Humidity	Yesterday's average	62%
	Today's average	67%

Air quality

Indianapolis	Source: IAPC
Yesterday	54
0-50, Good; 51-100, Moderate; 101-151, Unhealthy (sens. grps.); 151-200, Unhealthy	

National weather today



National cities

City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Albany, NY	29/8/s	29/15/sf	Houston	83/55/pc	72/56/pc
Atlanta	73/50/pc	61/35/pc	Jacksonville	79/40/s	72/43/pc
Atlantic City	45/23/s	39/16/pc	Kansas City	78/57/pc	50/28/pc
Baltimore	53/29/pc	44/23/pc	Las Vegas	65/46/s	62/43/pc
Boston	33/18/pc	30/20/pc	Los Angeles	66/46/s	60/46/r
Buffalo	31/19/sf	24/14/sf	Louisville	74/47/pc	46/28/pc
Burlington, VT	22/4/pc	20/11/sf	Memphis	78/57/pc	56/35/pc
Champaign	61/34/c	44/22/pc	Miami	80/62/pc	84/65/pc
Charleston, SC	79/51/s	65/39/pc	Milwaukee	35/30/c	29/18/pc
Cheyenne	54/35/pc	56/26/pc	Minneapolis	43/31/pc	30/11/pc
Chicago	44/31/c	36/20/pc	Nashville	77/52/pc	54/29/pc
Cleveland	37/25/pc	29/18/sf	New Orleans	79/52/pc	69/50/pc
Columbia, SC	80/51/pc	66/33/pc	New York	42/29/s	36/24/pc
Columbus, GA	78/44/s	65/40/pc	Philadelphia	46/28/pc	38/22/pc
Dallas	92/57/pc	64/46/c	Phoenix	74/63/pc	75/50/pc
Denver	59/28/r	60/29/pc	St. Louis	76/41/c	50/27/pc
Des Moines	62/37/pc	40/22/pc	Salt Lake City	51/31/pc	49/30/sh
Detroit	38/24/i	29/18/pc	San Francisco	59/42/pc	57/46/sh
El Paso	82/50/pc	73/48/s	Seattle	58/37/r	48/36/pc
Fairbanks	-13/-35/s	16/-10/pc	Tampa	78/53/s	78/62/pc
Honolulu	79/68/c	81/68/pc	Washington, DC	51/32/c	44/24/s

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

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Consumer spending boosts economy • Bills

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WASHINGTON

The warmest January in more than 100 years lured consumers out to the shopping malls to spend money at the fastest clip in six months, giving a strong boost to the economy as the new year began.

The nation's factories were also enjoying good times with a closely watched gauge of manufacturing activity posting a strong increase in February.

But despite the warm weather, construction spending grew far below expectations in January as home building managed only a tiny increase.

• Burned

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Second-degree burns can cause blistering. A third boy, David Rowland, 9, was released after treatment at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Franklin.

The children's burns were caused by an explosion in a shed where four boys were

Still, analysts said the various reports released Wednesday pointed to an economy that is shaking off the blows from the hurricanes and soaring energy prices dealt in the final three months of last year to grow at a solid pace in the first three months of this year.

The Commerce Department said that personal spending surged 0.9 percent, reflecting demand for autos and other durable goods and for nondurable goods such as clothing.

Personal incomes rose a solid 0.7 percent in January. That reflected solid wage growth during the month and a number of special factors, including a 4.1 percent cost-of-living increase for Social Security recipients and the start of the government's new prescription drug benefit.

using gasoline and a lighter to set a shoe, a stick and some paper on fire.

An 8-year-old boy who was not injured told police that Mederios poured gasoline on the items and then sparked a lighter. That spark caused the items to flare up, according to the police report.

Officers found the children screaming in the yard of the home on Ross Court on the city's east side when they arrived about 4 p.m.

Portions of Contreras' skin were

charred and blackened, according to the report.

Police do not believe Rowland was severely burned, but his legs were red and he was crying in pain when officers arrived at the home, the report said.

Three girls inside the home told police they heard the explosion and saw two of the children on fire in the back yard, according to a police report.

Investigators believe fumes from the gasoline in the enclosed space caused the

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Cinergy's largest customers have been notified, and letters will be sent to some businesses.

Most residential customers will not receive a notice because the company does not consider the increase significant, Cinergy spokeswoman Angeline Protogere said.

Johnson County REMC customers will see a hike in May, from about \$84 last year to about \$90 this year, an increase of about 7 percent. REMC customers can expect the increase for at least three months.

• Family

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new stadium, which is replacing the RCA Dome. The 63,000-seat, retractable-roof facility is scheduled to open for the start of the 2008 football season.

The women and their families still were whisked to Indianapolis in a limousine, but the ride and the stadium name were no longer surprises.

News about the deal between the Indianapolis team and the California oil company was widely reported Monday.

The official announcement was made Wednesday in news conference at the Colts' practice facility on 56th Street.

Cummins found out about the deal after getting calls from

friends who had seen the televised news reports.

"Forrest had this big surprise all arranged for us," she said Tuesday. "Our sister (Connie Scholler) was going to be flown in from Phoenix, and the limousine would pick the three of us up for the drive to Indianapolis."

Although the news conference in Indianapolis was a homecoming for Lucas, he has had a significant presence in Indiana sports during recent years.

In 2004, he helped fill the field for the 88th running of the

Indianapolis 500 by jumping in at the last moment as a sponsor for a car owned by Sam Schmidt and driven by Richie Hearn.

On the company's Web site, Lucas Oil is listed as the official oil of the Colts.

The Indiana connections come naturally to Lucas. He was born in Jackson County, but the family moved to Brown County when he was an infant.

Later the family settled in Bartholomew County, where he attended Kent Elementary and Central junior high schools in the

1950s. The family then moved to Harrison County, where he graduated from high school.

Lucas Oil Products was founded by Forrest Lucas and his wife, Charlotte, in 1989. Before that he had been a truck driver for more than 20 years.

The couple own a nationwide long-haul trucking fleet.

The investment in the Indianapolis 500 sponsorship is one of many company endorsements in the racing industry, which have included vehicle sponsorships and racing event promotions.

• Habit

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and customers were still adjusting to the change.

Some restaurant workers struggled to find the right words when seating customers.

"Do you want to be in the bar or ... here?" one server asked as she gestured to the bar booths.

Servers weren't the only ones trying to break a habit. Restaurant managers said they had to give a couple of gentle reminders to diners.

At the Cracker Barrel in Southport, some customers had to be reminded that they couldn't light up in the restaurant where they had smoked the day before, manager Brian Borer said.

Mark Richardson, a supervisor

and bartender at Damon's Grill in Southport, said he didn't hear any complaints during the lunch hour.

Regular customers who smoke returned to the business for lunch Wednesday and just walked outside to light up, Richardson said.

He said he was even able to joke with some of the regulars, offering to bring them an ashtray.

Several southside residents eating lunch said they were enjoying the lack of smoke.

"It's really satisfying to be able to go into any restaurant and have the air be smoke-free," said Ken Puckett, who was dining at Damon's.

Ed Achenbach, a southside resident, said he didn't remember the ban was in effect at first because he always sits in nonsmoking sections at restaurants.

The ex-smoker said he was glad to see the ban pass, as he found others' smoking habits to

be annoying in restaurants. Achenbach pointed out that, before the ban, he could immediately sense smoke in the air, even if he was sitting in a nonsmoking area.

Now, he said, he's glad not to leave the restaurant smelling like an ashtray.

A few nonsmokers said they liked not dealing with the smoky air but said they still disagreed with the ban.

They thought smokers and businesses should have the right to choose whether they wanted to allow smoking.

"If people don't