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WEATHER



Today
Skies: Partly sunny
Temps: High 38; low 21

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Memorable song lines

USA Weekend and Billboard magazine invite you to pick what you think was the greatest song lyric of the past 13 years. Plus: An inside look at the Golden Globes and tips on choosing a personal trainer.



TODAY'S USA WEEKEND

COMING UP

Into the real world

University life just as cozy as home life for Greenwood graduate.

Beyond the stacks

Public library in Center Grove area provides more than just books for suburban community.

NEXT WEEK

FYI

Veterans to recall events from World War II battle

Veterans who fought in the largest military battle in history will be at the Johnson County Museum of History today to tell their stories.

More than 12 Indianapolis-area veterans will gather to recount tales from the Battle of the Bulge

The two-hour presentation is part of a display that will continue through Jan. 21 at the museum.

The event is free and runs from 1 to 3 p.m. at the museum, at 135 N. Main Street in Franklin.

DEATHS

- Greenwood
Lillian Robertson, 80
- Morgantown
Dean M. Ransburg II, 73
- Indianapolis
Norma J. Doss, 72
Gracie A. Harvey, 87
Morris A. "Mel" Sandler, 83
- Elsewhere
Roy Eugene Miller
Marguerite B. Stewart, 88
Byron L. Wilson

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Road to DETROIT
NFL PLAYOFFS

True believers
Fans cheer 'til they're blue in the face



Ray and Diane Bridges are huge Indianapolis Colts fans: In 1999 Diane was honored for being a fanatic fan, and Ray plays his tuba to cheer on the team during home games.

Hey, it's the Tuba Man!

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You don't have to look far at any Colts home game to spot one southside Indianapolis couple.

Whether you are watching from home or inside the RCA Dome,

look to where the team runs out of the tunnel at the start of the game. Seven rows up.

He'll be the guy with the tuba playing "Charge" at the game's start, during Indianapolis offensive drives or when the team needs "a burst."

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INSIDE: PREVIEWS, PAGE B1; COMING MONDAY: FULL COVERAGE OF SUNDAY'S GAME

'The Colts'

By Kelsie Sparks
Have you ever heard the story of the Colts,

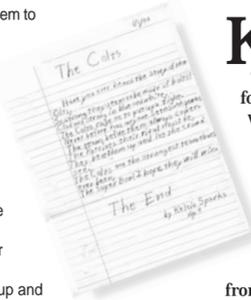
So strong they seem to be made of bolts?
Clad and strong in blue and white,

The Colts rage on to put up a fight.
Never before has anyone seen such power,

The teams before them always cower.
The Patriots their rival must be,

They beat them up and let the crowd see.
The Colts are the strongest team that's ever been.

The Super Bowl I hope they will win.



Young backer is verse-atile

Kelsie Sparks is a big Colts fan thanks to her brother.

"My brother got into football, so then all he wanted to do was watch football and play football all the time," 9-year-old Kelsie said.

She, her brother, Krae Sparks, 7, and dad, Kevin Sparks, cheer on their team each week from their Center Grove area home. She also has two little sisters who may be Colts fans in training, 2-year-old Kaylee Sparks and 4-month-old Kammi Sparks.

Kelsie is a tomboy, mom Kim Sparks said, and she loves to play football with the neighborhood boys.

"I always play quarterback," Kelsie said.

One day she was just sitting upstairs at home and thought her dad might like to hear a poem about the Colts, so she wrote one.

Kim Sparks, who teaches the children at home, said she and her husband are so proud that their daughter thought up the idea and wrote the poem on her own.

— Story and photo by Kelly Boggs



Police: Woman lacked license

Midwife involved in birth of baby in Edinburgh in June

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A Bloomington woman has been accused of practicing medicine and assisting in a home-birth without the right credentials.

Jennifer Louisa Williams, 54, turned herself in to Shelby County police Friday. She was released on \$1,000 bond.

An Edinburgh couple had gone to her to assist as a midwife in their home-birth in June. The baby died less than two hours after birth, but the charges are not related to the baby's death.

Shelby County Prosecutor Kent Apsley argues that she was not licensed for the procedure, and he has filed two felony charges that she was not licensed to practice medicine or practice midwifery.

He has also asked the Indiana Attorney General's Office to stop her from practicing as a midwife.

"This is a consumer issue because medical decisions about a child are the most important issue for a family," Apsley said. "You have to be able to rely on someone meeting the basic licensing requirements and qualifications when you go to them."

A spokeswoman for the attorney general said the office's Consumer Protection Division is investigating the complaint.

Apsley's consumer complaint is not directly connected to the charges he filed Tuesday. Those charges come after a seven-month

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HOME-BIRTH GUIDELINES

Before consulting a midwife for a home-birth, make sure that person meets state law about assisting in the birth. Indiana law requires that a midwife be a registered nurse and have a diploma from a state-approved school of midwifery. That person also must take an examination from the Indiana State Board of Nursing to get a license to practice.

SOURCE: Indiana Code 25-23-1-13

Drug party busted at teen's state-paid apartment

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A Greenwood teen hosted an alcohol and drug party in a state-paid apartment, police said.

Investigators found cocaine, marijuana and alcohol in the 17-

year-old's Westminster Apartments home, according to a police report.

The teen, a ward of the state, and another teen present were arrested on charges of possession of cocaine and taken to the Johnson County Juvenile Detention Center in Franklin, according to the report.

Officers found cocaine on the bathroom counter and floor and marijuana in the pocket of one of the juveniles, the report said.

A bottle of alcohol was found in the refrigerator, but no one at the party had been drinking, Greenwood Police Chief Joe Pitcher said.

Three adults and three other

juveniles were in the apartment. The adults were released, and the other juveniles were sent home with their parents, Pitcher said.

Police will forward the charges against the juveniles to the juvenile court, Pitcher said.

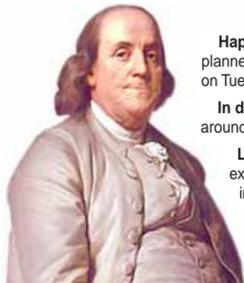
The youth told police his parents had a protective order

against him and that the state was paying for the apartment, according to the report.

Police called an employee with Children's Bureau Inc., to which the apartment was leased, for permission to search the unit,

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INSIDE



Happy birthday: Local festivities are planned to celebrate Ben Franklin's birthday on Tuesday.

In disguise: Indianapolis actor will stroll around town dressed as old Ben.

Legacy: Special Franklin College class examines Franklin's leadership principles in the 21st century.

Say what?: Writer was the author of many well-known sayings.

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What's in a name? Just ask Franklin

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Because a man read a book, a city got its name.

The community that became Johnson County's seat owes its name to one of the first county clerks, Samuel Herriott. He sug-

gested the name Franklin after reading a biography of inventor and writer Benjamin Franklin.

Johnson County was established in 1822, and county leaders were in search of a county seat. They agreed to a site at the mouth of Hurricane Creek.

In 1823, Herriott, a local merchant, had recently finished read-

ing "The Life of Dr. Benjamin Franklin." He pitched the name for the county seat.

Historical accounts say other names were also suggested, but no record can be found of what the alternatives were.

In a biography written in 1881,

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