

MARKETS

The Associated Press

Indianapolis grain

Estimated grain prices Thursday at Indianapolis-area elevators: Corn: cash \$3.84, March \$3.89. Soybeans: cash \$7.19, March \$7.22. Wheat: July \$3.96.

Eastern Cornbelt direct hogs

Eastern Cornbelt Lean Value Direct Hogs report for Thursday: Trend: Barrows and gilts were 71 cents lower compared with previous day's close.

Base-market carcass basis plant-delivered: 0.9 to 1.1 square inches of back fat, \$57.50-\$68.00; weighted average \$63.94.

Net prices, including premiums: 0.9-1.0, \$57.50-\$69.50; 1.0-1.1, \$57.50-\$68.00; 1.1-1.2, \$57.50-\$66.00. Daily movement estimate: 6.279.

Wall Street

NEW YORK — Wall Street pulled back Thursday after new signs of weakness in the housing market prompted investors to look past a rebound in major retailers' sales figures.

A weak forecast from Toll Brothers Inc., the nation's largest builder of luxury homes, pressured housing stocks and rekindled concerns about whether the slumping housing market would hurt the economy. And HSBC Holdings PLC, the European bank, announced an increase in its provisions for soured mortgage loans, which hurt shares of U.S. banks.

Investors were hoping for news or data that would send stocks higher after days of largely meandering trading, but they didn't find it in generally decent retail sales reports. Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, topped Wall Street's forecast though the month's increase was modest.

"I don't think there is any one thing to point to as a catalyst but just the aggregation of a couple of small things," Jack Caffrey, equity strategist for JPMorgan Private Bank, said of the day's trading. "I think there is a growing recognition that we have come so far with a stutter or a stumble."

"There's certainly not a sense of panic and I think people still have an interest in buying if they can get an attractive entry point."

The Dow industrials fell 29.24, or 0.23 percent, to 12,637.63.

Broader stock indicators also fell. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was down 1.71, or 0.12 percent, at 1,448.31, while the Nasdaq composite index fell 1.83, or 0.07 percent, to 2,488.67.

The stock report after the close of markets Thursday:

Table with columns: Company Name, price, change -x. Lists various companies like AES Group, AT&T Corp, Alcoa, etc.

LOTTERIES

Here are the winning numbers selected Thursday in the Hoosier Lottery:

Daily Three Midday: 4-1-8. Daily Four Midday: 6-8-0-9. Lucky Five Midday: 12-15-24-25-29.

Here are the winning numbers selected Wednesday in the Hoosier Lottery:

Daily Three Evening: 4-5-7. Daily Four Evening: 8-3-4-7. Lucky Five Evening: 2-5-9-16-25. Hoosier Lotto: 10-14-30-33-36-37. Jackpot: \$15.5 million. (No winner. New jackpot: \$16 million.)

Here are the winning numbers selected Wednesday in Powerball:

Powerball: 4-22-28-37-52. Powerball: 10. Power Play: 3. Jackpot: \$27.4 million. (No winner. New jackpot: \$37 million.) (Visit www.thejournalnet.com or see Saturday's Daily Journal for Thursday evening's Hoosier Lottery drawings.)

CORRECTION

The Women and Leadership conference will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 3 at Franklin College.

The time was incorrect in Thursday's Free Time section.

Work

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only summer school students will be affected.

But any delays will push the construction work into the fall or winter months, Vandegriff said.

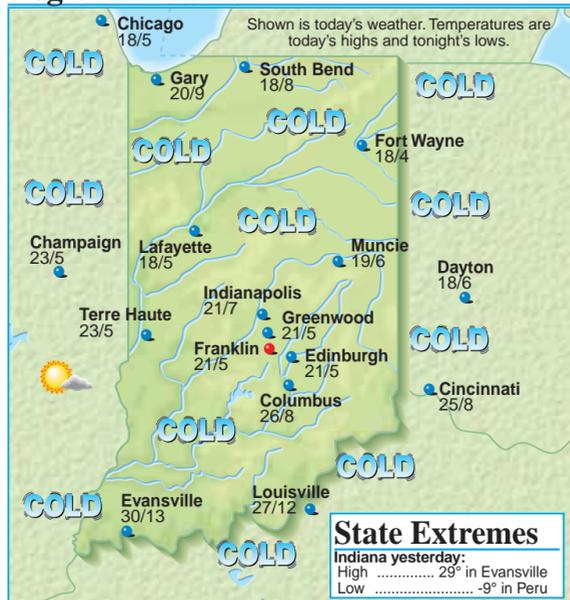
"I would have to think we will build this project this year even if it is delayed," he said. "The only

WEATHER

AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Johnson County

Five-day weather forecast grid showing icons and temperatures for Today, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday.

Regional weather



Regional summary

Indianapolis/Greenwood: Mostly sunny and very cold today. Partly cloudy and bitterly cold tonight. Mostly sunny and very cold tomorrow. Sunday: Clouds breaking.

Today in weather history™

On Feb. 9, 1934, the temperature dropped to 11 degrees below zero in Philadelphia and 15 degrees below zero in New York City.

Regional cities

Table listing regional cities and their weather conditions (e.g., Indianapolis, Kokomo, Lafayette).

Sun and moon

Sunrise today: 7:44 a.m. Sunset tonight: 6:13 p.m. Moonrise today: 12:44 a.m. Moonset today: 10:52 a.m.

AccuWeather UV Index™ showing a scale from 0 to 11+ and current conditions.

Weather Trivia™

In February, where is the warmest place in the world? Australia.

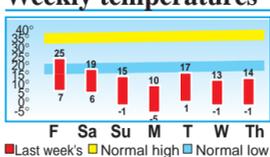
Wind Chill Today

How cold it feels based on temperature and wind speed. 8 a.m.: 4°, Noon: 12°, 4 p.m.: 16°.

Heating Degree Days: Index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the average temperature was below 65 degrees for the day with negative values counting as zero.

Yesterday: 58. Month to date: 435. Normal month to date: 296.

Weekly temperatures



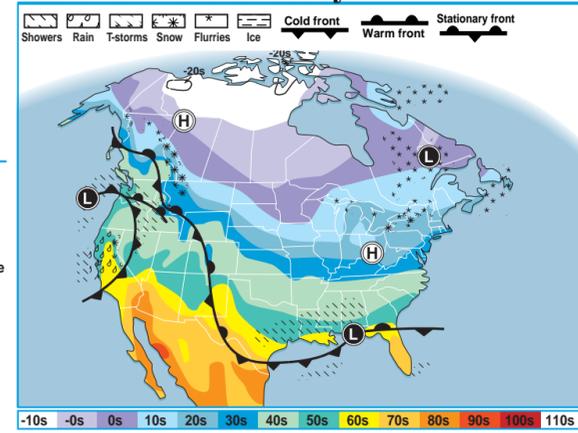
River stages

Table showing river stages for White River and White River (East Fork) at various locations.

AccuWeather.com Almanac

Forecasts and graphics provided by AccuWeather, Inc. ©2007 Statistics for Indianapolis through 5 p.m. yesterday. Temperature, Wind, Humidity, Precipitation, Air quality.

National weather today



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

National cities

Table comparing weather conditions (Hi/Low/W) for various national cities like Albany, NY, Houston, and New York.

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

Advertisement for Benjamin Franklin Heating, Air Conditioning, Plumbing & Drain Cleaning Experts, featuring 'Free Heating Service Call' and 'Free Plumbing Service Call'.

House bill promotes biofuels

By JIM ABRAMS THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON

Determining how best to speed ethanol and other alternative fuels from refinery to gas pump would rest with the government under legislation the House passed Thursday.

Protection Agency to study new technologies that would eliminate some of these infrastructure problems.

The bill by House Science Committee chairman Bart Gordon, D-Tenn., also directs the government to develop an affordable and quick way to test the sulfur content of Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel fuel.

At issue is whether such low sulfur diesel may absorb enough residual sulfur as it moves from the refinery through pipelines and trucks to exceed EPA limits.

"This bill not only addresses our energy independence issues but it also addresses clean energy issues by working to mitigate potential problems that can arise from transporting clean fuels," said Rep. Ralph Hall, R-Texas, the committee's top Republican.

The measure now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Slashing

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During sentencing, Emkes said she would have given a longer sentence if the attorneys had not agreed to a 30-year cap, considering Shepard's criminal history.

A 30-year sentence is a pretty good deal, Emkes told Shepard during sentencing.

Shepard initially was charged with attempted murder and aggravated battery.

He apologized to the victim, Larry Harmeyer, 29, during the sentencing, saying he was deeply sorry and he was a friend to him.

Harmeyer suffered a cut from the back of his head around the side of his neck. The scar was visible during the hearing.

Shepard went to the house to settle a debt that was owed for drugs between mutual acquaintances, Shepard said.

Tollway

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THE VOTE

Indiana senators on Thursday voted on an amendment that would have sent the Indiana Commerce Connector to a study committee this session and postponed a vote by legislators. Local legislators are listed below in bold.

Here is a listing of senators who voted for the amendment:

- Jean Breaux, D-Indianapolis; John Broden, D-South Bend; Bob Deig, D-Mount Vernon; Gary Dillon, R-Columbia City; Sue Errington, D-Muncie; Glenn Howard, D-Indianapolis; Linda Hume, D-Princeton; Timothy Lanane, D-Anderson; James Lewis, D-Charlestown; Frank Mrvan, D-Hammond; Earline Rogers, D-Gary; Vi Simpson, D-Bloomington; Connie Spies, D-New Albany; Timothy Skinner, D-Terre Haute; Samuel Smith Jr., D-East Chicago; Karen Tallian, D-Portage; Greg Walker, R-Columbus; Brent Waltz, R-Greenwood; Richard Young Jr., D-Milltown.

Here is a listing of senators who voted against the amendment:

- Ronnie Altling, R-Lafayette; Vaneta Becker, R-Evansville; Phil Boots, R-Crawfordsville; Richard Bray, R-Martinsville; Mike Delph, R-Carmel; Jeff Drozda, R-Westfield; David Ford, R-Hartford City; Beverly Gard, R-Greenfield; Vic Heindol, R-Kouts; Brandt Hershman, R-Wheatfield; Robert Jackman, R-Milroy; Luke Kenley, R-Noblesville; Sue Landske, R-Cedar Lake; Connie Lawson, R-Danville; David Long, R-Fort Wayne; Teresa Lubbers, R-Indianapolis; Robert Meeks, R-LaGrange; James Merritt Jr., R-Indianapolis; Patricia Miller, R-Indianapolis; Ryan Mishler, R-Bremen; Johnny Nugent, R-Lawrenceburg; Allen Paul, R-Richmond; Marvin Riegsecker, R-Goshen; Brent Steele, R-Bedford; John Waterman, R-Shelburn; Thomas Weatherwax, R-Logansport; Thomas Wyss, R-Fort Wayne; Michael Young, R-Indianapolis; Joe Zakas, R-Granger.

The following senators were not present for the vote:

- Anita Bowser, D-Michigan City; Dennis Kruse, R-Auburn.

Work

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way we wouldn't is if we talk to the school, and they say it will cause too much of a hardship."

Once the land is purchased, the work will take about three months to complete. For 30 days, the intersection will be closed to all traffic.

Vandegriff is scheduling the work around school activities to avoid interfering with the high school graduation, band activities, enrollment dates and times when school is in session.

The improvements are being made to ease traffic congestion generated from the Center Grove schools and offices near the intersection. Traffic counts estimate more than 9,000 vehicles use the intersection each day when school is in session.

The more than \$3 million project has been planned for several years.

The county plans to widen the lanes on Stones Crossing and Morgantown roads, install a traf-

fic signal and add turn lanes at the intersection, Vandegriff said.

After construction, here's what motorists can expect:

- Northbound Morgantown Road will have a left-turn lane, a through lane and a right-turn lane.
- Southbound Morgantown will have a left-turn lane and a through lane.
- Eastbound Stones Crossing Road will have a left-turn lane and a through lane.
- Westbound Stones Crossing

will have a left-turn lane, a through lane and a right-turn lane.

Most of the project should be completed in August.

When the intersection is open, drivers should anticipate dodging orange construction barrels, navigating tight lanes and squeezing past construction crews.

During the construction, school traffic can be rerouted to an entrance on Stones Crossing for about 270 summer school students,

said Bill Long, assistant superintendent of Center Grove schools.

A federal transportation grant will pay for 80 percent of the construction cost, with the county paying the rest. The county will pay for the design of the project and to purchase the right-of-way.

Eminent domain, when the government seizes property for public use, is an option the county can use to acquire the property, but it hasn't used it, Vandegriff said.