



## AFC Championship Game: New England Patriots at Indianapolis Colts

Time: 6:30 p.m. Sunday TV: WISH-Channel 8 Radio: WFBQ-94.7 FM



### IF YOU GO

**Colts events**  
**American Cabaret Theatre**  
 401 E. Michigan St., 7:30 tonight and 3 p.m. Sunday  
 Blues performances called Singin' the Blues today will include a game ticket giveaway. Tickets are \$37.50 and \$50 each. Tickets for Sunday afternoon's show will be \$7 for anyone wearing Colts colors.

**Indianapolis Zoo**  
 Wear blue to the Indianapolis Zoo through Sunday and get 20 percent off the admission fee. The zoo will have blue lights on the tree along Washington Street and a display at the entrance. The zoo's dolphins will do a special Colts tribute at shows at 12:30 p.m. each day.

**Bar hopping**  
 Visit [www.indydt.com/coltsAFCEvents.html](http://www.indydt.com/coltsAFCEvents.html) to find a list of downtown restaurants and bars that will show the game.

**Spotting blue**  
 Many downtown business will be lit up with blue lights and hang banners supporting the Colts.

Banners will be hung at the RCA Dome, downtown business and poles to welcome the AFC Championship Game. All downtown business are being asked to leave their lights on Sunday night to light up the sky. Some businesses will be illuminated in blue, and the Indianapolis Power and Light building will leave lights on in the building to form the Colts horseshoe shape.

Blue spotlights will be on top of some downtown businesses.

Colts highlight videos and the Colts horseshoe will be projected on the Indiana State Museum and other downtown businesses.

Fans flying into Indianapolis International Airport will be greeted with banners and welcome signs.

Blue lights will illuminate Lucas Oil Stadium.

## • Ticket

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purchasing six tickets.  
 Croissant kept three for himself and friends, sold two more and was left with one, he said.  
 Ready to get rid of the last ticket, he had the church's pastor, Thom Hord, announce at the tailgate party that a ticket was for sale.  
 Burton won't know anyone sitting next to him at the game, but he doesn't care.  
 "As long as they win, I'll be happy," he said.  
 He's been to Colts games before, but this will be much better, Burton said.  
 "Now I am going to the most important one," he said.

### BRACING FOR A CHAMPIONSHIP



Sandy Mack, right, works on McKenzie Dye's braces in Dr. Donald Darbro's office Thursday. The orthodontist's staff wore their Colts scrubs to work Thursday.

STAFF PHOTO BY SCOTT ROBERSON/roberson@thejournalnet.com

## Indy fans deserve Super Bowl euphoria

Colts fans, I want this for you. I so want you to know what it feels like to have your team in the Big Dance.

I've been telling my fellow Hoosiers this week about the giddy wave that will swell over them the moment they know the Colts can giddyup to Miami and the NFL's Big Enchilada.

I am by no means an expert. And I am nuttier than most about this stuff. I have a 10-year-old piece of cheese in the shape of Brett Favre in my refrigerator as proof.

But it is a glorious feeling to be able to put all your troubles away for a few days and revel in something as frivolous as grown men in tight pants fighting over a ball.

This all is especially heady if you aren't a fair-weather fan, if you've stuck with your team through the dark, losing years when they were a national laughingstock.

I was a student at Marquette University in Milwaukee when the Brewers won the American League pennant and were World Series-bound.

At the time, before steroids, before the strike and before gazillion-dollar contracts, I was a baseball freakazoid.

I was such a nerd that I saw baseball as a metaphor for life, stood in line with 9-year-old boys just to get Gorman Thomas' autograph and wanted to play Major League Baseball when I grew up.

When Harvey's Wallbangers (named after Brewer manager Harvey Kuehn) made that final out to propel them to Major League Baseball's Promised Land, Milwaukee erupted. Me too.

A mass of humanity poured out onto Wisconsin Avenue. Strangers kissed strangers. I high-fived half of Milwaukee as I made my way from 21st Street to the lakefront. I was smack dab in the middle of a genuine, spontaneous outburst. What a feeling.

For a week or so, I didn't care about tests. I didn't care about term papers. I didn't care about classes. The Brewers were in the World Series.

All of the same feelings and more came when my beloved Green Bay Packers finally made it to the Super Bowl.

For a once-proud franchise, the lean years were dispiriting and dismal. But what a cheesy high it was when the Packers brought the Vince Lombardi trophy home to Green Bay.

I was nervous. I was excited. I could barely watch the game. I hyperventilated. I prayed. I paced back and forth. I just couldn't sit still.

So Colts fans, I desperately want this for you. About 9:30 p.m. Sunday, I want to hear a collective whoohoo throughout central Indiana.

Let it all out. Celebrate. Dance on Washington Street. Jump up and down. Yell. Hug a stranger. Heck, kiss a stranger. Enjoy it. Revel in it. Your team's going to the Super Bowl.

### Our coverage plans

Sunday night will not be for the weak of heart at the Daily Journal as we face extremely tight deadlines and will push the envelope to capture this story for you. Our game plan rivals Tony Dungy's.

The game won't end until

### Editor's blog: The Big Dance



Editor Scarlett Syse writes a blog for [thejournalnet.com](http://thejournalnet.com). Here is the latest offering.

after 9:30 p.m. That's less than two hours before our press gets the green light.

In some cases, reporters will have just minutes to write and send their stories, probably in the midst of bedlam. Reporters will be armed with laptop computers that allow them to write and transmit stories and photographs from anywhere.

Sports editor Rick Morwick will be in the RCA Dome. He will write a column immediately after the game and report on the mood in the dome.

At noon, photographer Joe Saba and reporter Matthew Glesesk will head to downtown Indy. They will go to bars and restaurants, hunt down New England fans and find tailgaters and ticket scalpers. By the time the game starts, they must have their stories and photographs sent to the Daily Journal.

Reporter Sarah Lipps will start her day at noon in Franklin before heading up State Road 135. She'll stop at plenty of watering holes to chronicle what fans are doing, thinking and feeling. She, too, must write and send her stories by the time the game starts.

Lipps and Glesesk will then settle in at different bars and restaurants in downtown Indy to watch the game.

During the first and second quarters, Glesesk will write stories about how the game is going and how fans are reacting. Those stories must be written and sent to the Daily Journal by halftime. Please, no one spill beer on Matt. He needs to concentrate.

Reporter Candace Beaty and photographer Scott Roberson will head downtown later in the day.

They, too, will be sniffing out stories. But their mission is to focus on what happens the instant the game is over, to chronicle the thrill of victory or the agony of defeat.

Because it will be nearly impossible for reporters to sit down with a laptop computer and write, we'll try to pull this off the old-fashioned way: Reporters will phone in their stories to Daily Journal editors, who will take their descriptions of what is going on and turn them into stories.

Roberson will have to find a quiet and safe place to transmit his photos.

At the Daily Journal, journalists will edit the stories and photos, write headlines and design the pages.

Our coverage is not over when the press fires up. All the reporters and photographers will stay downtown to continue to report on what is happening.

We'll post those stories to our Web site and have more coverage in Tuesday's paper. I suspect one of the stories will be about employees who are a bit tardy to work Monday.

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## PLAYOFF NOTEBOOK

From staff and wire reports

### Toss the Colts a Hail Mary

A little help from God couldn't hurt the Colts.  
 Grace Assembly of God on U.S. 31 in New Whiteland is encouraging passers-by to "Pray for the Colts." The digital sign in front of the church has been flashing the message since Wednesday, said the church's senior pastor, Wayne Murray.  
 The church put the message on its sign just to be fun, Murray said.  
 "Hopefully it will be up for two more weeks," he said.  
 If the Colts win Sunday, the message will stay until the Super Bowl on Feb. 4.  
 A couple of New England Patriots fans came into the church, but they didn't sway anyone to take the sign down.  
 Murray is expecting attendance to be down for the Sunday night service, which starts at 6 p.m.  
 But folks don't have to choose football over church: They could tape the 6:30 p.m. game, he said.

### Free lunch for fans

A steady stream of people filed in for a free tailgating lunch Friday at a Center Grove church.

The Gathering Place, a recreation center of Community Church of Greenwood, staged the two-hour event to cheer on the Colts.

Free hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and drinks attracted about 400 people, pastor Thom Hord said.  
 Parents and children, a construction crew, and Colts fans wearing blue and white gathered in the lobby, eating and sitting around talking.

Door prizes, such as Colts items and gym memberships to The Gathering Place, were given out every 15 minutes.

Hord said he wanted to put on an event that would be fun and a way for people to see what The Gathering Place is about, he said.

"Everybody's fired up about the Colts," he said.  
 Earl Ridlen, of Greenwood, said he stopped at the tailgating party after seeing a sign posted out front.

"It's good to see all the spirit," he said.

### Scouts help Colts carb up

The Girl Scouts have it on good authority that two members of the Indianapolis Colts love cookies.  
 Wide receiver Reggie Wayne loves Trefoils, and rookie running back Joseph Addai can't get

enough Do-Si-Dos. Girl Scouts spokeswoman Deana Potterf said.

Though the cookies are not on the team's training diet, the Girl Scouts decided to send over a package of treats to the team Friday.

Wayne and Addai returned surveys from the Girl Scouts telling them which cookies were their favorites. Wayne said he liked Trefoils, which are shortbread cookies; and Addai said he is partial to Do-Si-Dos, the peanut butter sandwich cookies.

"The few extra carbs may just give them an edge," Potterf said.

### A friendly wager

Lobsters and meat will be exchanged between Indiana and Massachusetts depending upon who wins Sunday's AFC Championship Game between the Colts and Patriots.

If the Patriots win, Indiana Lt. Gov. Skillman has offered to send cuts of meat from farmers in the state to Massachusetts Lt. Gov. Tim Murray.

If the Colts make it to their first Super Bowl since the franchise moved to Indianapolis 23 years ago, Murray has offered to send fresh lobsters from New England.

"The Colts have been an exciting team to follow all year, especially considering their perfect 9-0

record at home," Skillman said in a statement. "I look forward to feasting on some fresh New England lobster as the Colts take their talent all the way to Miami next month."

Murray countered that the Patriots and quarterback Tom Brady have proved that they play their best with their backs against the wall.

"I'm confident that they will do the same this Sunday and secure a Super Bowl berth by defeating the Indianapolis Colts," he said.

### Bank gives out 100 posters

People started showing up outside a SkyBank branch one hour before it opened to grab a free commemorative AFC Championship poster Friday.

At the bank near Greenwood Park Mall, employees gave out one poster per person. Starting with 100 posters, only a few were left less than an hour after opening, branch manager Carla Basham said.

People started showing up outside the bank at 8 a.m., and when doors opened at 9 a.m. about a dozen people were waiting, she said.

At other SkyBank branches in Greenwood and Franklin, the posters were snatched up in less than 30 minutes, employees said.

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