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WEATHER



Today
Skies: Mostly cloudy
Temps: High 36; low 22

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COMING UP

Plenty of basketball action
 Today offers a full slate of local high school basketball games, including Whiteland's boys hosting county rival Franklin and Center Grove taking on conference foe Ben Davis.
SATURDAY

WEB EXTRAS

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DEATHS

- Franklin
Ernest E. "Bud" Walker Jr., 81
Greenwood
- Mary Jo Dailey, 70
Benjamin Sinclair Givin, 84
William Joe "Bill" Myers II, 45
Indianapolis
- Edgar W. "Ed" Griggs Jr., 55
Patricia J. Kistner, 74
Dorothea M. Shrout, 90
Elsewhere
- Mary Ann Buster, 50

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Grand jury to probe trustee case

Panel will decide if ex-official, aide should face charges



HEAD



MAPLE

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A grand jury will decide whether a former White River Township trustee and his assistant should face criminal charges for misconduct while working as township employees. The investigation targets former White River Township Trustee Dan Maple and his assistant,

Robyn Head, Johnson County Prosecutor Lance Hamner said. A six-member panel will look into allegations of theft, public misconduct and forgery, Hamner said.

No date has been set to convene the grand jury.

A months-long sheriff's investigation into Maple's tenure as trustee is concluding, lead

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UNDER INVESTIGATION

A grand jury will investigate former Johnson County Parks Director Tim Davis next month, deciding whether to indict him on charges of theft and ghost employment.

A sheriff investigation revealed allegations that Davis engaged in misconduct, such as using county funds to pay for veterinary treatment for a stray cat he gave to a camper.

No date for the grand jury has been set, and Davis has not been charged with any crimes.

ROAD TO THE SUPER BOWL



AFC Championship Game: New England Patriots at Indianapolis Colts

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



Fans and fashion

Colts backers excited about game, what they wear

BLUE WEEKEND

Here's a look at events in connection with Sunday's AFC Championship Game:

Blue Friday

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, Circle Centre Mall food court

Listen to live music, get autographs from former Colts players, meet the Colts cheerleaders and Blue, the Colts mascot. Free AFC Championship Game posters and team posters will be available.

Rally in the Alley

5 to 6:30 p.m. today, 12th Man Alley south of the RCA Dome at South and Senate streets

Live music, autographs, Colts cheerleaders and Blue the Colts mascot and free posters. The event will end with a fireworks display presented by the Colts. Parking for the event will be available at Victory Field.

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 trees along Washington Street and a display at the entrance.

Spotting blue

- Banners will be hung at the RCA Dome, downtown business and poles to welcome the AFC Championship game.

- All downtown businesses 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.

- Colts highlight videos will be projected on the Indiana State Museum and other downtown businesses.
- Fans flying into the Indianapolis International Airport will be greeted with banners and welcome signs.



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Shannon Brown of Shelbyville looks for something blue at the Colts Pro Shop at Circle Centre Mall on Thursday. The store sells all sorts of Colts-themed items, including bears and blankets, pictured below.

For some, just a plain sweat shirt won't do

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Showing Colts pride no longer means wearing a baggy sweat shirt or an oversized jersey.

A baby can sport Peyton Manning's number on a onesie.

Women can wear their favorite number in a pink, fitted jersey or don a rhinestoned shirt.

With the AFC Championship Game on Sunday, swarms of fans are rushing to the Colts Pro Shop in Circle Centre Mall in downtown Indianapolis, buying garb to wear to the game or to show pride at home.

Colts Pro Shop manager Dawn Shewmaker

Inside: Reading about the Colts helps students at Creekside Elementary School. **Back Page**

said the crowds this week were unbelievable. "It's just like Christmas all over," she said. The store even had to call in some of their seasonal employees to keep up with the crowds, Shewmaker said.

Thursday morning, a dozen people browsed the racks of children's clothes sporting top players' numbers, women's shirts with blue rhinestones and men's polo shirts with horseshoes embroidered on the front.

Kristi Kuhn of Rushville said she goes to a

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Inside: Special coverage of the road to the Super Bowl. **Section B**

Greenwood mall will offer more food, books

By TRACI MOYER
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A Barnes & Noble bookstore and four more restaurants are expected to open at Greenwood Park Mall this fall.

Simon Property Group officials would not comment on the new businesses, but eateries Paradise Bakery & Café, Elephant Bar,

California Pizza Kitchen and Bravo are listed on the company's Web site. Simon owns the mall.

The company is constructing a 125,000-square-foot addition to the shopping center on U.S. 31. The site was once the home of an L.S. Ayres department store. Designs show the bookstore and space for small, specialty shops.

The restaurants will offer a

variety of items, such as fresh-baked croissants and exotic Hawaiian and Japanese dishes. Paradise Bakery & Café serves sandwiches, soups, salads and baked goods.

It is scheduled to open in September, said Louie Kizis, director of corporate affairs for the restaurant.

The company has two restaurants in the Indianapolis area.

Four other local sites, including the one in Greenwood, are scheduled to open this year.

Elephant Bar features a safari theme and Thai, Cajun and Chinese food served in "elephant-size" portions, according to its Web site.

The California-based chain has about 40 restaurants. Most are in

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ON THE WEB

To learn more about the new restaurants planned for the mall, visit the following Web sites:
Paradise Bakery & Café:
www.paradisebakery.com
Elephant Bar:
www.elephantbar.com
California Pizza Kitchen:
www.cpk.com
Bravo: www.bravoitalian.com

Daniels listens to views on beltway

Governor meets legislators to drum up support for plan

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State officials are going on the road in central Indiana to sell one of the governor's controversial proposals.

Using special meetings with legislators, a public relations firm and public meetings, both the governor's office and the Indiana Department of Transportation are working to promote a proposed toll road through parts of several central Indiana counties.

About a dozen legislators peppered Gov. Mitch Daniels with questions Wednesday about the Indiana Commerce Connector and asked him to make a more specific route one of his top goals for the project.

Two local legislators walked away from the meeting feeling they had gotten some answers. One said the meeting pushed him toward supporting the project.

A spokesman for the governor said the meeting will be one of many, and legislators said Daniels asked for their continued input throughout the legislative and planning process.

Along with special meetings for legislators, state officials will also attend public meetings about the beltway, and the transportation department hired an Indianapolis public relations firm to help with the project.

The proposed toll road has been a controversial issue in Johnson County, where legislators are divided.

Last week, four of nine local lawmakers said they wouldn't support the governor's proposal without more information, including a more specific route for the toll road and how the state will acquire land from affected property owners.

Now, one of those legislators said the meeting with Daniels

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DANIELS



WALKER