

MARKETS

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Indianapolis grain

Estimated grain prices Thursday at Indianapolis-area elevators: Corn: cash \$3.44, late January \$3.46. Soybeans: cash \$6.57, March \$6.68.

Eastern Cornbelt direct hogs

Eastern Cornbelt Lean Value Direct Hogs report for Thursday: Trend: Barrows and gilts were \$1.46 lower compared with previous day's close.

Base-market carcass basis plant-delivered: 0.9 to 1.1 square inches of back fat, \$48.25-\$56.00, weighted average \$54.91. Net prices, including premiums: 0.9-1.0, \$48.25-\$58.86; 1.0-1.1, \$48.25-\$57.86; 1.1-1.2, \$48.25-\$56.85. Daily movement estimate: 7,721.

Wall Street

NEW YORK — Wall Street struggled but ultimately closed higher Thursday as a bounce in technology stocks and sharply lower oil prices helped investors brush off concerns about sluggish consumer spending.

Retailers' lackluster holiday sales reports initially sent major stock indexes significantly lower. Stocks climbed back after a drop in crude prices to below \$56 a barrel raised hopes that cheaper gasoline might be on the way.

A broad advance from chip stocks supported the market. Leading the way was Intel Corp., which surged to its highest level in two weeks after Banc of America Securities said it expects fourth-quarter results will come in higher than expected.

The market's performance Thursday showed that investors remain uneasy about any economic data, especially after minutes from the Federal Reserve's most recent meeting indicated policymakers were in no hurry to cut interest rates. Mixed data Thursday included disappointing housing and service-sector reports.

"People are thinking now that energy prices are coming down, and that gives a chance for technology and other sectors to perform better," said Scott Fullman, director of investment strategy for Hapaoil Securities USA. "The broader picture is that the economy continues to show signs of slowing, and that will continue through the first quarter."

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 6.17, or 0.05 percent, to 12,480.69. The index had dropped by about 50 points earlier in the session.

Broader stock indicators were higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index edged up 1.74, or 0.12 percent, to 1,418.34, and the tech-dominated Nasdaq composite index added 30.27, or 1.25 percent, to 2,453.43.

Bond prices moved higher, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note falling to 4.61 percent from 4.66 percent late Wednesday. Yields have moved decidedly lower during the past few weeks as it has become apparent there's no impending interest rate cut from the Fed.

Also sending bond yields lower was the Institute of Supply Management's services sector index for December, which showed growth slowed from November.

Other data released Thursday included the Commerce Department's report that U.S. factory orders bounced back during November from a big drop. However, the rebound was still smaller than expected and driven partly by soaring military aircraft demand.

Meanwhile, the Labor Department said the number of laid-off workers filing unemployment claims reached its highest level since late November. The National Association of Realtors' pending home sales index for November, a measure of future demand for homes, slipped 0.5 percent to 107.0 from a revised 107.5 in October.

The stock report after the close of markets Thursday:

	price	change -x
The AES Group	21.99	+0.05
AT&T Corp.	34.52	-0.43
Alcoa	29.15	-0.18
Allstate	65.34	+0.06
ArvinMeritor	17.89	-0.19
Best Buy	50.07	+1.01
Boston Scientific	17.07	+0.16
BP Amoco	65.10	-0.88
Comm Health Sys	36.53	+0.16
Cummins	118.04	+0.13
DaimlerChrysler	61.81	-0.22
Diageo	79.01	-0.52
Duff & Phelps	10.76	+0.02
Duke Energy	19.17	+0.03
Exxon Mobil	72.73	-1.38
Fifth Third Bank	40.98	—
First Indiana Bank	25.46	+0.11
General Electric	37.76	-0.21
General Motors	29.63	+0.18
Heartland Bancshrs	14.99	—
IBM	98.43	+1.16
Irwin Bank	22.95	+0.35
KeyCorp.	37.84	-0.19
Kimball Int'l CIB	25.69	+0.19
Kroger	23.57	+0.40
Lilly Co.	52.41	+0.16
Lincoln Bancorp	19.44	+0.04
MainSource	17.12	-0.02
National City Corp.	36.58	-0.36
Navistar	35.28	+1.27
Owens-Illinois	18.83	+0.03
Pepsico	63.15	+0.43
Phelps Dodge	116.12	+0.13
Sara Lee Corp.	16.85	-0.04
Schlumberger	59.46	-1.36
Sprint Corp.	19.69	+0.65
Third Century Bncp	11.35	-0.25
Vertron	28.47	+0.15
Verizon	38.02	+0.20
Wal-Mart	47.77	+0.22
Walt Disney	34.43	+0.23
WellPoint	77.94	-0.25

LOTTERIES

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

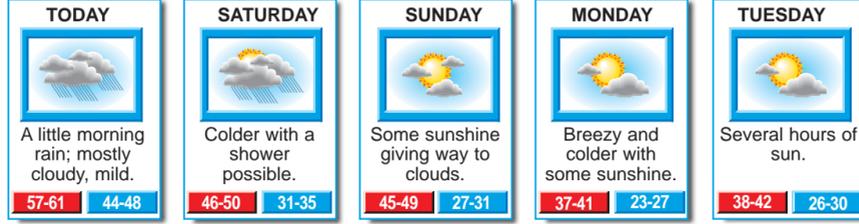
Daily Three Midday: 4-5-5.
Daily Four Midday: 3-9-7-8.
Lucky Five Midday: 6-12-15-18-21.
Here are the winning numbers selected Wednesday in the Hoosier Lottery:
Daily Three Evening: 1-1-2.
Daily Four Evening: 2-6-5-9.
Lucky Five Evening: 13-17-22-27-32.
Hoosier Lotto: 1-9-20-34-42-48.
Jackpot: \$10.5 million. (No winner. New jackpot: \$11 million.)

Here are the winning numbers selected Wednesday in Powerball:

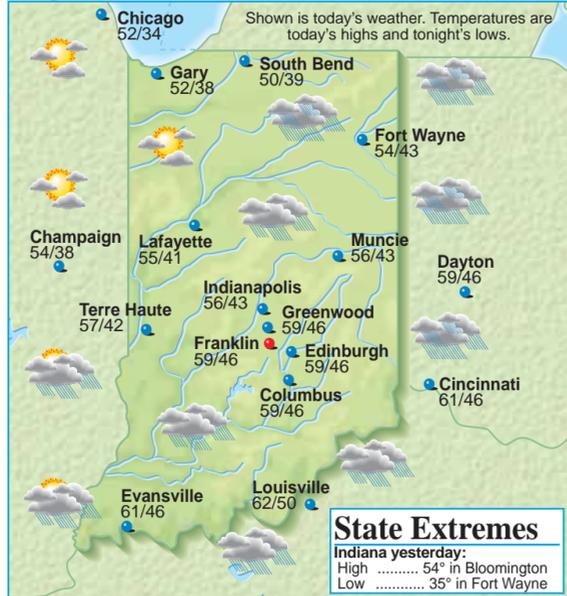
Powerball: 10-12-24-35-55. **Powerball:** 31. **Power Play:** 3. **Jackpot:** \$115 million. (No winner. New jackpot: \$115 million.)
Visit www.thejournalnet.com or see Saturday's Daily Journal for Thursday evening's Hoosier Lottery drawings.

WEATHER

AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Johnson County



Regional weather



State Extremes

Indiana yesterday:
High 54° in Bloomington
Low 35° in Fort Wayne

Regional summary

Indianapolis/Greenwood: Mostly cloudy and mild today with a little rain. Mostly cloudy tonight with a shower. Chance of a shower tomorrow. Sunday: Some sun.
Edinburgh/Franklin: Mostly cloudy and mild today with a little rain. Mostly cloudy tonight with a shower. Colder tomorrow with a shower possible.

Today in weather history™

When rain falls and freezes on cold objects, it is called freezing rain. Freezing rain Jan. 5, 1983, tied up morning traffic from North Carolina to eastern Pennsylvania.

Regional cities

City	Yest. Hi/Low	Sat. Hi/Low	City	Yest. Hi/Low	Sat. Hi/Low
Anderson	49/41/r	50/31/pc	Indianapolis	53/40/r	50/30/pc
Bloomington	54/45/r	52/30/pc	Kokomo	54/45/r	46/30/pc
Chicago	52/39/sh	41/27/pc	Lafayette	52/40/r	44/29/pc
Cincinnati	57/39/c	55/34/c	Louisville	61/44/r	59/36/c
Evansville	53/42/r	53/32/pc	Muncie	52/41/r	48/30/c
Fort Wayne	48/35/r	48/32/c	South Bend	49/38/r	45/30/c
Gary	51/36/sh	45/30/pc	Terre Haute	49/40/r	45/30/pc

Sun and moon

Sunrise today 8:05 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:34 p.m.
Moonrise today 7:50 p.m.
Moonset today 9:49 a.m.

AccuWeather UV Index™

Highest Today in Johnson County
Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11+

Low Moderate High Very High Extreme

Weather Trivia™

What does socked in mean?

An airport closed because of poor visibility.

Wind Chill Today

How cold it feels based on temperature and wind speed.

8 a.m. Noon 4 p.m.
51° 55° 57°

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 19
Month to date 98
Normal month to date 150

Weekly temperatures



Last week's Normal high Normal low

River stages

Fid: flood stage. Stage: in feet at 7 a.m. Thursday. Chg: change in previous 24 hours.

Station	Fid	Stage	Chg
White River			
Mooresville	9	8.95	-0.29
White River (East Fork)			
Edinburgh	12	6.10	-0.83

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Almanac

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Statistics for Indianapolis through 5 p.m. yesterday.

Temperature
High 52°
Low 40°
Normal high 35°
Normal low 19°
Record high 66° in 1998
Record low -15° in 1879

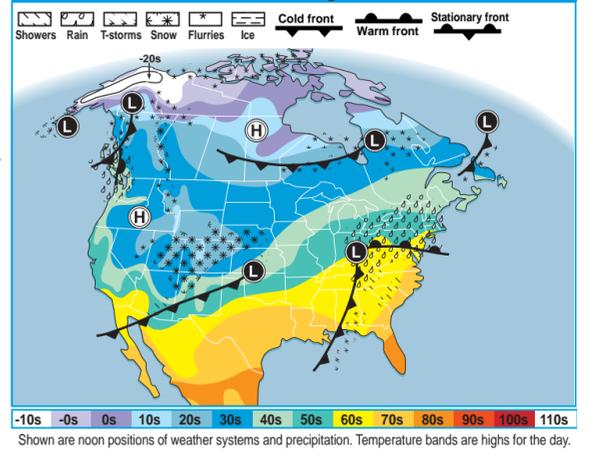
Precipitation
24 hrs. ending 5 p.m. yest. trace
Month to date 0.01"
Normal month to date 0.32"
Year to date 0.01"
Normal year to date 0.32"

Wind
Average dir/speed S at 11.7 mph
Highest speed 15

Humidity
Yesterday's average 77%
Today's average 85%

Air quality
Indianapolis Source: IAPC
Yesterday 45
0-50, Good; 51-100, Moderate; 101-151, Unhealthy (sens. grps.); 151-200, Unhealthy

National weather today



National cities

City	Yest. Hi/Low	Sat. Hi/Low	City	Yest. Hi/Low	Sat. Hi/Low
Albany, NY	53/29/s	58/38/c	Houston	59/50/r	66/44/sh
Atlanta	65/50/sh	71/51/c	Jacksonville	79/60/c	77/59/c
Atlantic City	63/35/s	72/44/pc	Kansas City	59/43/pc	44/26/pc
Baltimore	61/29/pc	72/44/pc	Las Vegas	59/37/pc	52/31/s
Boston	56/39/pc	60/44/pc	Los Angeles	64/55/pc	70/45/s
Buffalo	54/38/pc	54/35/c	Louisville	61/44/r	59/36/c
Burlington, VT	52/37/pc	48/35/c	Memphis	58/42/r	64/41/c
Champaign	45/36/r	44/29/pc	Miami	82/71/pc	86/70/pc
Charleston, SC	72/57/sh	76/55/s	Milwaukee	50/38/pc	43/27/pc
Cheyenne	47/36/r	32/20/pc	Minneapolis	43/33/sh	40/23/pc
Chicago	52/39/sh	41/27/pc	Nashville	65/39/r	60/42/c
Cleveland	52/41/r	54/35/c	New Orleans	71/56/t	77/60/c
Columbia, SC	69/47/c	75/52/s	New York	59/44/pc	69/47/pc
Columbus, GA	67/55/c	73/55/c	Philadelphia	61/35/pc	71/44/pc
Dallas	58/45/s	54/35/c	Phoenix	68/44/s	60/39/s
Denver	53/32/pc	37/17/s	St. Louis	49/41/r	46/31/pc
Des Moines	52/41/pc	44/23/s	Salt Lake City	47/30/sn	32/18/pc
Detroit	53/39/r	48/31/c	San Francisco	57/51/r	55/44/s
El Paso	64/33/c	51/28/pc	Seattle	42/37/c	45/39/r
Fairbanks	-6/-10/c	-23/-38/c	Tampa	82/69/c	81/67/pc
Honolulu	81/72/c	80/70/s	Washington, DC	63/42/pc	73/45/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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Police: Man had 50 pounds of pot

By CHRIS SCHILLING
THE REPUBLIC (COLUMBUS)

COLUMBUS

Nearly 50 pounds of marijuana with a street value of more than \$50,000 was seized from an Edinburgh man police called a major dealer.

Juan Aguilar, 24, was arrested late Wednesday at his home when police followed up on a neighbor's tip about possible drug activity.

Columbus and Edinburgh police departments went to investigate

Aguilar's house at 820 S. Holland Drive, where he cooperated with police and allowed them to search his house, said Columbus Police Department Lt. Steve Norman.

Patrolman John Luttrell and a police dog found the marijuana in two large duffel bags inside Aguilar's house, Norman said. Three handguns also were seized, he said.

"The odor of fresh marijuana was strong," Norman said. "That is your big dealer amount. This isn't your street-level dealer." Norman said police typically see

a only pound or less of marijuana during most drug arrests and considered 50 pounds a major seizure.

Aguilar was being held Thursday night at the Bartholomew County jail on preliminary charges of possession of marijuana, a Class C felony; maintaining a common nuisance, a Class D felony; and false informing, a Class B misdemeanor.

"I'm convinced that this dope was for right here locally," Norman said. "(The seizure) will have an immediate impact on the amount on the streets."

U.S. death sentences continue to drop

The Associated Press

The number of death sentences handed out in the United States dropped in 2006 to the lowest level since capital punishment was reinstated 30 years ago, reflecting what some say is a growing fear the criminal justice system will make a tragic and irreversible mistake.

Executions fell, too, to the fewest in a decade.

"The death penalty is on the

defensive," said Richard Dieter, director of the Death Penalty Information Center, an organization that looks at problems with the capital punishment system.

Death sentences fell in 2006 to 114 or fewer, according to an estimate from the group. That is down from 128 in 2005, and even lower than the 137 sentences the year after the U.S. Supreme Court reinstated the death penalty in 1976. It is also down sharply from the high of 317 in 1996.

A total of 53 executions were carried out in 2006, down from 60 in 2005. Executions over the past three decades peaked at 98 in 1999.

Among the many causes given by prosecutors, lawyers and death penalty critics: the passage of more state laws that allow juries to impose life without parole; an overall drop in violent crime; and a reluctance among some authorities to pursue the death penalty because of the high costs of prosecuting a capital case.

Learning

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people believe what they believe," he told his students.

His class watched the movies "The Da Vinci Code" and "The Passion of the Christ," then reviewed historical documents from the era.

Over the week, the students will learn about the historical accuracy of "The Da Vinci Code."

They will understand the legal proceedings and biology behind the crucifixion in "The Passion of the Christ," he said.

Junior Tyler Gadberry said he had hoped the class would inspire lively conversation when he signed up.

"Sometimes people get upset when you talk about religion, and I like to debate with people," the 16-year-old said.

The decision on continuing intensives next year will be up to the faculty, Milleman said. Students also will have a say through a principal's advisory group, he said.

Health

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Wesleyan University site.

The school will hire about 40 employees and maintain a student-teacher ratio of about 18 to 1, Davis said.

The Greenwood campus will offer medical assistant and certified coding associate programs.

The medical assisting program teaches students administrative and clinical skills needed to work in a medical office or clinic. According to the school's Web site, Medtechcollege.com, the program teaches students to measure vital signs, perform

front office duties and prepare for national certification.

Students also can take classes to learn how to classify medical data, review patient records and assign codes for diagnoses and procedures, according to the Web site.

Other programs for the Greenwood campus have not been determined, Davis said.

The Indianapolis school offers pharmacy technician, practical nursing and therapeutic massage technology programs.

The school could develop courses to help hospital employees or prepare students for jobs at the hospital, Davis said.

Students are required to do a hands-on immersion program at a hospital or doctor's office called an externship, Davis said.

Relationships with hospitals and different doctors' offices could help the school place students in hands-on learning opportunities, he said.

Community Health Network has a relationship with MedTech College and will continue that relationship with the Greenwood school, Community Hospital South spokeswoman Lynda DeWid said.

Since the beginning of 2006, Community Health Network placed 18 to 20 externs in medical billing or coding and medical assistant positions, she said. Of those externs, Community hired about 10, DeWid said.

MedTech officials plan to meet with representatives of St. Francis Hospitals and Health Centers to find ways to work

together, Davis said.

Courses at MedTech focus only on the skills needed for job placement.

"We eliminate non-related courses," Davis said. "You don't have to take theater appreciation."

Tuition varies based on the number of courses taken and the program, Davis said. The college would not release the cost to students for the programs.

The school is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools. The Indiana Commission on Proprietary Education also regulates the school.

Greenwood will be the first campus built in a long-term expansion plan.

MedTech has plans to open one

IN THEIR WORDS

The following are excerpts from essays eighth-graders at Clark-Pleasant Middle School wrote about their single-sex physical education class:

"We have to really participate in everything because boys aren't hogging the ball. I also have to try harder when playing."