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Today
Skies: Cloudy, rain
Temps: High 43; low 33

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YOU SHOULD KNOW

Franklin police: Cat creates havoc, attacks woman

When a woman's cat went berserk Friday morning, a Franklin police officer was in the right place at the right time.

As an officer was patrolling on Circle Drive, a woman ran out of her house with scratches and blood on her legs, Police Chief John Borges said.

The woman said she was having problems with her cat, and her adult daughter and her 5-year-old grandson were in the house with the animal, Borges said.

When the woman and officer went into the house, the daughter had the cat pinned down with a broom handle, Borges said.

Animal control took the cat away, Borges said.

What prompted the outburst isn't known.

"(The cat) just kind of went crazy on them," Borges said.

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"If I wanted to live in Carmel or Fishers, I would. They want to turn everything in the area into a giant truck stop."

Trafalgar resident Donna Badger
 On the idea of a tollway running near the town

TOLL-ROAD RAGE



STAFF PHOTO BY SCOTT ROBERSON/sroberson@thejournalnet.com

Residents wanting to be informed about the proposed beltway gathered in the Martinsville High School auditorium on Thursday evening to voice their concerns. The proposal is getting a great deal of feedback from people living in communities where the toll road would run.

Daniels' beltway plan prompts heated remarks

THE ROUTE

Gov. Mitch Daniels has proposed a beltway that would pass south of Franklin and connect several interstates in central Indiana. The beltway, planned as a toll road, would be built somewhere in the area marked in blue below.



SOURCE: GOVERNOR'S OFFICE STAFF GRAPHIC

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MARTINSVILLE

A Trafalgar resident does not want sprawl to stretch down to southern Johnson County.

A Morgan County farmer refuses to leave his land.

A Johnson County Council member doubts a proposed beltway will bring promised jobs.

Hundreds of central Indiana residents expressed outrage at a public meeting on the planned toll road Thursday, a project they say is being pushed forward without public support or input.

A concerned residents' group staged the meeting at a high school auditorium independently of state government, which announced plans for its own public

meetings this week.

The proposed beltway gives hundreds of residents unsettling visions of home depreciation, sprawl, higher taxes, crime, noise and warehouses clustered around seized land. They fear paved farmland and more drugs coming into the area. "I enjoy a rural way of life," said Trafalgar resident Donna Badger, who drove 40 minutes to the meeting. "If I wanted to live in Carmel or Fishers, I would. They want to turn everything in the area into a giant truck stop."

Gov. Mitch Daniels' office says the beltway, a proposed 75-mile outer loop around parts of Indianapolis, will create jobs and relieve congestion on Interstate 465 and other highways.

More than 300 people, including Johnson County residents and elected

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WHAT THEY SAID

Here's what some people at Thursday's forum said about the beltway:

"Indianapolis should be growing up and not out. This highway will make all counties look the same."
Tom Hougham
 Trafalgar

"We understand this is a done deal. Any meetings are just going to be to pacify us."
Gary Lester
 Martinsville City Council president

"They're trying to ram this through the legislature without involving citizens."
Brenda Buster
 Martinsville

"They want to pave over and privatize everything. Common sense tells us it's insane."
John Smith
 Greene County

"A highway should remain a public service, not a tool for corporate profit."
Sandra McCarsky
 Indianapolis

"Indianapolis is spreading further out. They should focus on economic development ... and leave our farmers alone."
Greg Moody
 Franklin

U.S. faces go-it-alone status in Iraq war

America's top allies, Britain and South Korea, look to draw down forces

By WILLIAM J. KOLE
 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

VIENNA, Austria

The Italians have left, and the Slovaks are about to. Britons want to start getting out, and so do Danes and South Koreans.

President Bush's plan to send 21,500 more troops into Iraq has not inspired America's coalition partners to follow suit. Washington's top war partners,

London and Seoul, are looking to draw down their forces, and they are not alone.

U.S. forces in Iraq, which now number 132,000 and would swell to 153,500 under Bush's strategy, are supported by 15,857 mostly non-combat troops from 25 nations.

In the months after the March 2003 U.S.-led invasion, the multinational force peaked at about 300,000 soldiers from 38 countries: 250,000 from the

United States, about 40,000 from Britain, and the rest ranging from 2,000 Australians to 70 Albanians.

American forces have always shouldered most of the burden and suffered most of the casualties in Iraq. The worst violence has raged in Baghdad, the provinces of Diyala and Anbar and other areas where the United States is confronting sectarian violence and a



BUSH

INSIDE

Some senators support President.

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Soaring prices for scrap metal luring thieves, vandals

Staff and wire reports

SOUTH BEND

High aluminum and copper prices fueled a record number of thefts last year in Indiana and throughout the United States in which thieves stripped homes of siding, gutters, wires and pipes

to cash in at scrap yards that recycle the metals.

Pipes and wires have been ripped out of new homes, nearly half a ton of wire was stolen from a utility company, and thieves broke into an Edinburgh construction company three times during the summer.

Vacant houses, businesses, construction sites and churches all have been targeted by vandals in South Bend. Police and city officials said the number of thefts dropped in 2006's closing months because of an ordinance that took effect in May.

That change required city

scrap-yard employees to ask for identification and a thumbprint and to record the sellers on camera before they buy from people. The change had a positive effect, South Bend police Sgt. Jim Walsh told the South Bend Tribune for a Friday story.

Nonetheless, Walsh said the

number of arrests and thefts in South Bend involving scrap-metal stripped from buildings hit an all-time high in 2006.

The business of illegally scrapping metal has skyrocketed in the United States over the past

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Thefts in CG may be linked

Man jailed after third break-in in several days

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Burglaries at three Center Grove area homes this week could be linked, Chief Johnson County Sheriff's Deputy Doug Cox said.

On Friday, a woman called 911 after hearing someone breaking into her home on Highland Park Drive, a police report said. The woman was inside the home with her two children and saw a white van speed out of her driveway, the report said.

Earlier in the week, a \$150,000 car was stolen from a home in the same subdivision, Highland Park, off Olive Branch Road.

Across the road, a home in Brockton Manor was broken into, and leather jackets and other items were missing.

One man has been arrested in Friday's break-in, and police are looking for other suspects, Cox said.

Residents have reported seeing a white van in the neighborhood.

Brian K. Wynne, 42, of 40 S. Alabama St., Indianapolis, was arrested on charges of burglary and residential entry. He is being held at the Johnson County jail on \$11,000 bond.

The Highland Park Drive resident told police she heard a loud banging noise, followed by footsteps. She rushed her children outside and called police shortly after 9 a.m., according to a report from the Johnson County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies stopped a white van near the home. Muddy footprints inside the home matched the boots Wynne, the driver, was wearing, the report said.

The officers were able to find the vehicle quickly because they already were patrolling in the area due to the other break-ins.

Nothing was taken from the home.

In the other burglary in Highland Park, a \$150,000 Ford GT car, TVs worth more than \$9,000, a gun and other items were taken between Sunday evening and Thursday afternoon, sheriff's detectives said.

The homeowner, who was in Florida at the time of the burglary, is trying to sell the house, the report said. A real estate agent staged an open house at the home Sunday afternoon. When the agent went to the home Thursday to prepare to show the house, he found drawers open and leaves that had blown in from outside, the report said.

The car had been kept in the garage, and the keys were taken from a drawer in a bedroom, the report said.