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SUPER BOWL

Party with Daily Journal and radio stations

Colts fans can watch the Super Bowl on 12-foot TVs at Jonathan Byrd's Cafeteria.

The Daily Journal and radio stations ESPN 950AM and Gold 95.9 FM are partnering with Jonathan Byrd's to throw "Greenwood's Biggest Big Game Party" on Sunday.

The event begins at 6 p.m. and will feature a broadcast of the Super Bowl football game between the Indianapolis Colts and the Chicago Bears in the restaurant's large banquet hall.

This will be a family event. No alcohol will be served.

Owner Jonathan Byrd II said the party will feature an all-you-can-eat buffet and a playroom for young children.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children ages 3 to 12 and free for children 2 and younger.

Radio Disney 98.3 FM and the Daily Journal will give away prizes.

Jonathan Byrd's will give away items for feats performed by the Colts during the game, such as touchdowns, field goals and sacks.

If the Colts win, Byrd will pass out "Byrd Bucks" that can be used during February for any meals purchased in the cafeteria or JB's Express.

Reservations are recommended by calling 881-8888 or on the Web at www.jonathanbyrds.com.

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Senate panel OKs beltway bill

Lawmakers seek review role

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A group of legislators gave a first OK for a proposed toll road with the stipulation that a committee of lawmakers will have chances to review the project in the future.

The committees won't be able to stop the project or vote on the route, but they can review studies and proposals and make recommendations to

state officials based on what their constituents want.

Three Democrat senators voted against the bill, saying that it takes power away from legislators. The bill passed with votes from eight other committee members, who said the projects will relieve congestion and the Central Indiana toll road is needed to build the Interstate 69 extension between Indianapolis and

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STAFF PHOTO BY SCOTT ROBERSON
State Sens. Jean Breaux, left, and Vi Simpson discuss the beltway bill during a committee meeting Tuesday at the Indiana Statehouse in Indianapolis. The pair voted against the bill.

Local club questions state officials

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A few members of a local service group asked why state legislators are being asked to approve a proposed toll road now, before studies have been completed.

State officials promoted the governor's toll road proposal in Franklin again Tuesday at a Rotary Club meeting. Members of the club asked several

questions, including whether other road projects would better serve the state's future needs and about a lack of legislative oversight.

A few club members questioned that the toll road would come before the General Assembly for a vote only once before the state would proceed with the project.

The Indiana Department of Transportation would not want

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ROAD TO THE SUPER BOWL



Super Bowl XLI: Indianapolis Colts vs. Chicago Bears
Time: 6 p.m. Sunday TV: WISH-Channel 8 Radio: WFBQ-94.7 FM



A FIELD OF DREAMS



AP PHOTO
Grounds crew worker Dennis Brolin puts the finishing touches on the Indianapolis Colts end zone during Media Day festivities Tuesday afternoon at Dolphin Stadium in Miami. The Colts will face the Chicago Bears on Sunday night for the NFL championship.

Dolphin Stadium equipped for big game

By RICK MORWICK
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MIAMI

It's been renovated, renamed and refitted and is ready, once again, to host the Super Bowl. Dolphin Stadium has done it many times. Christened Joe Robbie Stadium when it opened in 1987, Dolphin Stadium is on its third name and its fourth Super Bowl.

Easily identifiable by its signature bright orange seats, the 160-acre facility played host to the 1989, 1995 and 1999 Super Bowls and is the site of Sunday's showdown between the Indianapolis Colts and Chicago Bears.

Located at 2269 Dan Marino Blvd. in Miami Gardens, it will host the 2010 Super Bowl and is the annual site of the FedEx Orange Bowl.

But the stadium is equipped for much more than football. Rechristened Dolphin Stadium in 2006, following a \$300 million renovation, the multipurpose venue, which seats 74,916 for football and 47,662 for baseball, is also the home of Major League Baseball's Florida Marlins.

It has hosted two World Series (1997 and 2003) and also can be configured for soccer and lacrosse.

Built by former Miami Dolphins owner Joe

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'Tuba Man' to leave instrument at home

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When Ray and Diane Bridges pack for their trip to Florida this week, they won't be taking swimsuits.

"It's easy to pack because you just throw in some shorts and some Colts shirts, Colts shirts and Colts shirts," Diane Bridges said.

Some other items of the lucky

charm variety will make the trip as well: blue capes and a photo of their dog.

But the southside couple won't be taking their signature game-day item when they leave for the Super Bowl: Ray Bridges' tuba. During every home Colts game, the couple take their seats near the tunnel where the team enters the field, and Ray Bridges plays "Charge" on his tuba.

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Morwick in Miami

Daily Journal sports editor Rick Morwick arrived in Miami on Monday. All this week, he'll bring you the hype and hoopla that is the Super Bowl.

The second of his daily dispatches is on Page A2.

Tell us your story

Colts fans, tell us why you adore the Colts and how you show them the love. Oh, and Bears fans, too.

Send story ideas and photos to newstips@thejournalnet.com or call 736-2712.

Tony Dungy

Keep the fifth in a series of special commemorative pages featuring key Colts. Today's spotlights head coach Tony Dungy.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO
Ray Bridges gets ready to play the tuba while his wife, Diane, cheers during the Colts' 34-16 home win against the Bengals on Dec. 18.

INDY'S BOWL BID

As the Indianapolis Colts chase a Super Bowl title, their home city is pursuing another prize: the chance to host the NFL's big game.

Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson, Gov. Mitch Daniels and other business and community leaders planned a news conference today at the Indiana Convention Center to discuss the city's proposed bid for the 2011 Super Bowl, which would be played at Lucas Oil Stadium.

The city has until April 2 to submit a bid. The process includes securing 27,000 hotel rooms, finding locations for dozens of events and outlining how it would accommodate fans and media.

The Super Bowl would have an economic impact of at least \$300 million on the host city, according to Fred Glass, chairman of the city's Capital Improvement Board.

The 32 NFL team owners will choose the location for the 2011 game at their spring meeting, set for May 21-23 in Nashville, Tenn.

Indianapolis bid for the 1989 game but lost to Minneapolis.

— The Associated Press

Firm: Theft totaled \$100K

Franklin church officials say loss hasn't hurt budget

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About \$100,000 was stolen from a Franklin church over a period of about four years, officials said.

The Franklin Police Department is investigating a theft reported at Grace United Methodist Church. The church's senior pastor reported the theft in November after an employee said he or she took money from the church, located at 1300 E. Adams Drive. The employee has not been arrested or charged with a crime.

Police are still investigating the theft and don't know how much money was taken.

Church officials hired an Indianapolis accounting firm, which recently finished combing through the past four years of finances.

The accountants looked at four years of records because that is when the church estimated the money was taken, said the Rev. Bob Coleman, senior pastor of the church.

They looked at questionable expenses to verify what was a legitimate expense of the church, such as utility bills and salaries, and came up with an estimate that about \$100,000 had been stolen or misspent, Coleman said.

The investigation showed how the money was taken, but Coleman said the church wants to wait to release that information since police are still investigating.

So far, detectives have reviewed only a fraction of the church's bank records and plan to go back more than 10 years, said Steve Hinkle, a detective with the Franklin Police Department.

He believes at least one criminal charge is possible but will need to present his findings to the prosecutor, who will decide what charges, if any, to file.

Church officials are leaving the criminal case up to the prosecutor and the police, Coleman said.

"It's out of our hands. It's a criminal issue the prosecutor is responsible for," he said.

"We can forgive. That doesn't mean consequences still aren't there for the person to face."

Church members have asked about and suggested criminal charges, but he isn't pushing for them.

Instead, he is focusing on how to move forward and prevent a similar situation from happening again.

Coleman also isn't ending the church's relationship with the former employee believed to have

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