Highest speed

Air quality

Indianapolis

Humidity

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Wind

Statistics for Indianapolis through 5 p.m. yesterday.

Record high 69° in 1930

Record low-8° in 1979

24 hrs. ending 5 p.m. yest. 0.00"

National weather today

-10s -0s 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s

Wed.

Hi/Lo/W

69/48/c

45/28/pc

47/30/pc

42/28/sn

34/26/pc

33/16/sf

46/27/s

72/52/r

53/26/pc

45/29/pc

40/27/pc

72/41/c

67/49/c

74/52/s

54/28/pc

48/28/pc

38/26/pc

68/40/s

-5/-26/pc

81/68/pc

National cities

Atlanta

Buffalo

Atlantic City

Burlington, VT

Champaign Charleston, SC

Cheyenne

Chicago

Cleveland

Dallas

Denver

Detroit

El Paso

Fairbanks

Des Moines

Columbia, SC

Columbus, GA

Baltimore

Hi/Lo/W

59/27/s

32/15/s

34/15/pc

24/8/s

28/5/pc

7/-7/s

43/9/pc

56/27/s

42/30/sn

44/12/c

39/0/pc

58/23/pc

62/26/s

74/43/s

47/35/sh

44/30/pc

37/10/c

70/40/pc

-12/-32/s

79/69/s

Weather (w): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain,

sf-snow flurries. sn-snow. i-ice.

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day

Citv

Houston

Jacksonville

Kansas City

Las Vegas

Louisville

Memphis

Milwaukee

Nashville

New York

Phoenix

St. Louis

Seattle

Tampa

Minneapolis

New Orleans

Philadelphia

Salt Lake City

San Francisco

Washington, DC 37/17/s

Miami

Temperature

Precipitation

AccuWeather.com

Average dir./speed SSW at 17.3 mph

Yesterday's average 70%

Source: IAPC

Wed.

Hi/Lo/W

75/54/r

57/35/s

67/47/pc

68/52/pc

51/38/pc

65/47/pc

81/65/s

39/28/pc

41/23/c

59/39/pc

73/52/pc

43/34/pc

44/30/pc

72/51/s

52/36/c

57/48/r

46/36/c

77/61/pc

Yest.

Hi/Lo/W

60/28/s

56/42/pc

62/54/c

65/56/r

52/21/pc

62/34/pc

43/14/pc

43/20/c

56/22/pc

66/34/pc

28/14/s

30/14/pc

66/53/c

59/33/pc

43/28/sn

61/46/pc

46/41/r

63/36/s

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Benjamin

Today's average 90%

0-50, Good; 51-100, Moderate; 101-151,

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That has been a part of White River Fire Department's learning new procedures for the dispatchers. Firefighters had to be trained in the protocols used by the Greenwood Fire Department so they will be dispatched in a uniform way.

Greenwood sends an engine and an ambulance to the scene of a traffic accident if it is a minor incident. In the past, White River Township sent a fire engine, an ambulance and a rescue truck, which carries lots of other equip-

Greenwood police and fire departments and White River Township firefighters have been working for months to create a system in which all three departments were dispatched from the same location, Engmark said.

White River Township firefighters frequently respond with Greenwood police officers to fire alarms and medical 911 calls at businesses along State Road 135 north of Curry Road, Greenwood Police Chief Joe Pitcher said.

Also, when the Greenwood Fire Department is called to a fire. the White River Township department is called either to help at the fire or to cover the empty station, Engmark said. "We felt that if we were dis-

patched by them, it would be the most convenient way to do that," For the sheriff's office, the switch

means dispatchers in Franklin will handle fewer calls and can focus on other departments.

Johnson County Sheriff's Office dispatchers also handle calls for town marshals in Bargersville, Prince's Lakes and Whiteland and several volunteer fire departments.

"This is also better for us because it allows everyone to share the workload," Sheriff Terry McLaughlin said.

Which fire department and which police department would come to your door in an emergency has not changed.

Radios were reprogrammed and some computers at the call center were rearranged so dispatchers could begin taking the calls for the White River Township Department on Feb. 5.

Here is how it works:

- If you dial 911 from the Center Grove area, the call may be picked up by dispatchers in Greenwood or at the sheriff's office in Franklin.
- The dispatcher will first determine if you need police, firefighters or both.
- Once the emergency has been established, the dispatcher may have to send you to a dispatcher in Greenwood or Franklin, depending on what you need and who picked up the call.

Greenwood is not being naid the White River Township Fire Department to handle the calls. Now the number of calls dispatchers receive will go up.

Last year, the Greenwood firefighters responded to 4.444 fire. traffic and medical emergencies. Dispatchers took all of those calls. Now, they will handle the White River Township department, which last year had 1,673 calls.

That doesn't include calls for police. The Greenwood Police Department oversees the 911 dispatch center in Greenwood.

Part of the burden of the extra calls will be alleviated with money from the county given to the Greenwood Fire Department.

A full-time and several parttime dispatchers will be added to the current staff of 11, Greenwood Fire Chief Steve Dhondt said.

The additional dispatchers will be paid from the county emergency 911 fund, which is money raised from fees collected on land-line telephones. Greenwood Fire Department receives part of that money to hire personnel.

While the dispatcher will be trained to take calls for police as well, the person will specialize in fire procedures, Dhondt said.

He or she will supervise fire calls, work to streamline the protocol for taking calls, recommend the best kinds of software and act as a liaison between the fire department and the dispatch center.

Also, several part-time fire dispatchers will be hired to work during peak fire hours, such as in the evenings. They also will be paid with \$65,000 in emergency 911 fund money the department

Here are the winning numbers selected Monday in the Hoosier Lottery: Daily Three Midday: 1-2-5. Daily Four Midday: 0-3-8-4

Lucky Five Midday: 3-11-16-17-33. Here are the winning numbers selected Sunday in the Hoosier Lottery: Daily Three Evening: 5-9-0. Daily Four Evening: 6-9-4-6. Lucky Five Evening: 8-17-18-32-34

Hoosier Lotto jackpot: \$17.5 million. Powerball jackpot: \$67 million. Visit www.theiournalnet.com or read Wednesday's Daily Journal for Monday evening's Hoosier Lottery drawings.

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47/9/pc

44/12/c

47/7/pc

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Anderson

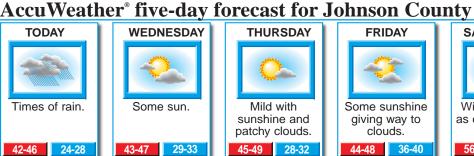
Cincinnati

Evansville

Fort Wayne

Bloomington

Today in weather history™



THURSDAY Mild with sunshine and patchy clouds. 45-49 28-32

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

South Bend 39/24

Indianapolis

Greenwood

Columbus

Indianapolis/Greenwood: Periods of snow and rain today. Partly cloudy tonight.

Sunshine and patchy clouds tomorrow. Thursday: Sunny to partly cloudy and mild.

Edinburgh/Franklin: Times of rain today. Clouds breaking tonight. Some sun tomorrow. Thursday: Mild with sunshine and patchy clouds.

Heavy snow hit the Midwest Feb. 20, 1898. Racine, Wis., received 30 inches of snow. Milwaukee had drifts as high as 15 feet.

43/26/pc

48/32/s

45/29/pc

48/30/pc

54/34/pc

38/26/pc

42/29/pc

City Indianapolis

Kokomo

Lafayette

Louisville

South Bend

Terre Haute

Muncie

*With repair, an \$89 value. Not valid with timed service options. Coupon must be presented at time of service. Cannot be combined with other offers. Offer expires 2/28/07. SL0107

Edinburgh 44/26

Cincinnati

State Extremes

Yest. Hi/Lo/W

45/12/pc

45/3/pc

52/21/pc

43/5/pc

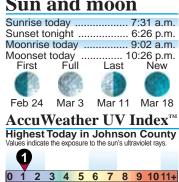
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45/13/pc





Sun and moon

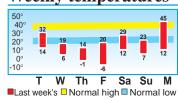


Low Moderate High Very High Extreme Weather Trivia™

In what month has the temperature not reached 100(F) in the U.S.?

Wind Chill Today How cold it feels based on temperature and wind speed.

8 a.m. Noon 4 p.m. 32° 34° **Heating Degree Days** degrees the average temperature was below 65 degrees for the day with negative values countingas zero Yesterday Weekly temperatures



Fld: flood stage. Stage: in feet at 7 a.m. Monday. Chg: change in previous 24 hours. Station Fld Stage Chg White River 9 7.80 -0.03 White River (East Fork)

River stages

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Franklin

Sirius, XM agree to merger

Wed

Hi/Lo/W

46/32/s

42/26/pc

45/32/s

51/38/pc

42/32/pc

40/28/pc

47/30/s

FCC chairman: Companies must prove deal is in public interest

Guidelines suggest ways for women to curb stroke risk

One satellite radio

The only two companies in the subscription-only radio market. XFM and Sirius, are merging but face challenges from the Federal Communications Commission and the Department of Justice.

XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. (SIRI)



By Marilynn Marchione

Nearly all American women

are in danger of heart disease or

stroke and should be more

aggressive about lowering their

risk, including asking their doc-

tors about daily aspirin use, the

American Heart Association said

It is the first time guidelines

have urged all women to consider

aspirin for preventing strokes,

although specialists warn that it

can cause ulcers and dangerous

bleeding. They said it is probably

Monday in new guidelines.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

By Seth Sutel THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK

XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. and Sirius Satellite Radio Inc., rivals in the fledgling satellite radio industry, have agreed to combine in a deal that investors hope will result in lower costs, assuming it overcomes significant regulatory hurdles.

The companies billed the deal announced Monday as a merger of equals, with shareholders of both companies owning approximately 50 percent of the combined entity. However, Sirius will be giving \$4.57 billion of its stock to XM shareholders, a substantial premium to the value of their shares.

Sirius' Chief Executive Mel Karmazin will lead the combined company, and XM's CEO Hugh Panero will stay on only until the deal is closed. XM Chairman Gary Parsons will remain in that role.

"We do not want women to go

to the drugstore and just start

taking this themselves. It is criti-

cal that every woman talk to her

doctor," said Dr. Lori Mosca,

director of preventive cardiology

at New York-Presbyterian Hos-

pital and chair of the expert

The guidelines also advise daily

exercise and less fat, and declare

vitamins C and E, beta carotene

and folic acid supplements worth-

the journal Circulation with related

studies on women's health, includ-

The guidelines were published in

less for preventing heart disease.

panel that wrote the guidelines.

The deal faces substantial obstacles in Washington, including ceive 4.6 shares of Sirius stock for a Federal Communications Com- every share they own, valuing mission provision that specifical them at \$17.02 each based Friday's ly forbids the two companies to Analysts have noted that the

FCC could change the rule, but in a

statement Monday FCC Chairman

Kevin Martin said it will be diffi-

cult to prove the deal would be in the public interest. "The companies would need to demonstrate that consumers would clearly be better off with both more choice and affordable

prices," Martin said. A combination would also have to meet antitrust approval from the Department of Justice. The companies are expected to argue that they compete not only with each other but also with traditional radio and a growing base of digital audio sources such as iPods, mobile phones and nonsatellite digital radio.

pills for menopause symptoms.

In general, the guidelines aim to

get women and doctors to focus on

the long-term risk of high blood

pressure, smoking, lack of exer-

cise or being overweight, even if a

woman's current health seems

fine. Even a single risk factor at

age 50 greatly raises the chance of

heart disease or stroke later, and

only about 10 percent of American

women are free of these problems.

until they develop symptoms to

begin to take action," Mosca said.

dozens of groups worldwide,

The guidelines were drafted by

"We do not want women to wait

The XM shareholders will reclosing price for Sirius shares. That gives XM shareholders a premium of 22 percent to the \$13.98 closing value of their stock Friday. Markets were closed Monday for

the Presidents' Day holiday. Investors and analysts have been speculating about a deal for months and are hoping that the cost savings that would result would make up for softening retail demand for satellite radio units. Both services offer dozens of channels of talk and commercial-free music for monthly fees of about \$13.

XM radio receivers can't receive signals from Sirius, and vice versa. But Karmazin and Parsons said in an interview that the companies are working on developing a receiver that could

government. Of the 33 people who

wrote the advice, 13 have financial

ties to heart drug makers, only

ing of evidence in women," after

years of studies done mostly on

men, said Dr. Sidney Smith,

heart disease chief at the Uni-

versity of North Carolina at

Chapel Hill and past heart asso-

The evidence shows that many

more women than thought are at

risk of heart disease and stroke,

even those whose only weakness

was failure to exercise every day.

ciation president.

"This is a really good gather-

three of them to a large degree.

Joshua Walker, 9, flies off his tube

as he sleds on a hill in Indianapolis on Wednesday. The snow that has been around for two weeks will melt

Heat

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with lows in the lower 20s, which is normal for this time of the year, he said. But as temperatures warm up.

galoshes will need to replace "If all (the snow) melts quickly, there's a potential for rivers to

rise rapidly," Haines said. Since the recent snow was dense and heavy and paired with ice, it has a higher water content, he said. Best-case scenario, the snow

will melt slowly through the week, he said. Flooding could be a problem

over the weekend, as rain is in the forecast. Rain would really speed up

the melting," Haines said.

The still-frozen ground would force melting snow and rain onto roadways and into streams rather than soaking in.

The ground will start to warm up when the snow melts enough to allow the grass to peek, he said.

County highway crews will watch for areas with high water, director Gary Vandegriff said. Crews will make sure drains are open so melting snow has a place to go, he said.

The good thing is that most creeks and problem areas are not in areas that could flood homes and neighborhoods, he said.

The Associated Press contributed to

not a good idea for young women ing one suggesting that hormone including the American Academy Heart disease is the leading killer with no big health problems. of Family Physicians and the U.S. skin patches may be safer than of men and women worldwide. this report. Officials from C.P. Morgan, the

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Feb. 2, Borges had hoped to get calls from people who saw something they didn't think mattered, such as a person carrying a

The department received 10 calls, nearly all from people describing the differences between a stolen class ring and pictures police released to the media. Nothing linked the murders at 1188 Aberdeen Drive to the home less than four houses away that was ransacked that morning, Borges said.

"If we were going to get anything, we would have gotten it by now," he said. "We knew there was a chance this wouldn't bring any-

Neighbors said they wish they

Christine Bertram, who lives next to the Dickus house, didn't arrive home on the day of the murders until later in the afternoon. She didn't know what had happened until she saw Stephen S. "Sean" Dickus and police outside after Sean discovered the

bodies of his wife and son.

Vanderbur was home but didn't notice anything out of the ordinary. She said someone carrying a lemonade pitcher would have been memorable.

"I just laughed. Someone would have remembered that," she said. The neighborhood has changed since the murders, residents said.

"Sold" signs dot the vacant lots across from the Dickus home. A handful of new homes have been built, a new family moved in next door, and a neighbor across the street moved out, Vanderbur said.

Roxana Brooks' home, which

Police found her garage door open on July 24, the day of the murders, and searched inside and out looking for any evidence or suspects. They interviewed

"The garage door was open, and opportunity," Brooks said.

They never found anything. She didn't worry about moving into the home in August and has always felt safe, but she is happy the neighborhood has calmed

company that is building homes in the neighborhood, would not release specific sales information, such as how many lots have been sold or homes that were built since the murders. Bertram said she's seen a boom

and watches homes go up quickly.

At least five lots on her street have been sold, one home is under construction across from hers, and at least two new homes were completed within the past few months, she said.

"It will get full. I don't know that the lot next to (Sean Dickus') will sell," Bertram said.

Normal

lemonade pitcher.

thing.

could help more.

was searched by police looking

for someone hiding out in a vacant house, is now filled with furniture and her family.

her a few times too, she said.

it was a vacant house. The perfect

down, she said.