



## FOCUSING ON BIRDS



Woman lures birds to her home and then shoots them, with a camera, that is.

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# WEEKEND



## COLTS, CHIEFS KICK OFF NFL POSTSEASON

Indianapolis passing game, lack of run defense are keys.

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### WEATHER



**Today**  
Skies: Mostly cloudy, rain  
Temps: High 56; low 31

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### NEWS

#### Police probe man's death

Greenwood police investigated a man's death at his Northern Park subdivision home on Friday evening. Police went to the home at 611 Carol Drive when a woman called police to report a shooting. The man's death appears to be a suicide, a preliminary police investigation has shown, but officers investigated it as a homicide initially because the couple was fighting before the shooting, said Matt Fillenwarth, chief of investigations for the Greenwood Police Department. The investigation will remain open until an autopsy reveals a cause and manner of death, he said.

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#### Burton casts lone 'no' vote

U.S. Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., cast the only negative vote against proposed rules changes. Burton, who represents portions of Johnson County, said the changes, which passed 430-1, didn't go far enough.

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#### Year-long prescription

Resolve to follow a few simple tips from some of America's top doctors and you'll be healthier and feel younger by this time next year.

TODAY'S USA WEEKEND



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## INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Get ready. The 2007 session of the General Assembly starts next week and what lawmakers do could determine how much you pay in taxes, how your children get educated and how much of state government is run by private companies. Another big issue has the possibility of dramatically changing the area for years to come: a proposed toll road near Franklin. Stay tuned.

# WHAT'S UP WITH THE BELTWAY?

With just days left before the start of this year's legislative session, local residents are wondering whether a toll road is in Johnson County's future.

Nearly two months after Gov. Mitch Daniels proposed the Indiana Commerce Connector, which would loop from Interstate 69 in Pendleton south and west to Interstate 70 near Mooresville, little information has been released.

Since the announcement, the list of questions has grown.

Residents want to know how many lanes the road would have, how much land would be needed and what types of businesses could locate alongside the road. Landowners want to know how much say they have in the project.

If legislators approve a bill that allows the governor to make the beltway a toll road, it's unclear when, if ever, residents could voice opposition or support for the plan.

State officials' response to many questions is they don't know the process to build the road because Indiana has never undertaken a similar project.

The state has not studied who will use the road or what businesses might be attracted to the area, said Jamie Jorczak, spokeswoman for the Indiana Department of Transportation.

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Web extra: Visit the Communities page at thejournalnet.com for a list of legislators' Web sites and bills they're proposing.

## WHAT THEY WANT: A LEGISLATIVE WISH LIST

We asked local service workers, police, businesses and church and government leaders what they want to see in the upcoming legislative session. Here's a quick look at some of the issues they said were important. See Page A2 for more.



### Cigarette tax

Legislators need to approve a proposed 25-cent tax increase on cigarettes, those in the local health-care industry said. Gov. Mitch Daniels said the money could be used to fund health insurance for needy Hoosiers.

The tax would encourage people to quit smoking and help people who can't afford health insurance receive better health care, said Jane Blessing, coordinator for Partnership for a Healthier Johnson County.

Leaders at Johnson Memorial, St. Francis and Community South hospitals supported the proposal as well.

Hospital presidents said that providing more people with health insurance will take the burden off hospitals.

Hospitals often treat uninsured patients in the emergency room, one of the most expensive services in the hospital, said Gregg Bechtold, president of Johnson Memorial Hospital.



### Underage drinkers

Juveniles who drink should be punished more seriously, said Suzanne Miller, Johnson County chief juvenile probation officer.

Underage drinking for a juvenile is a status offense, meaning only people younger than the age of 18 can commit the crime, and the offense results in less serious punishments than criminal offenses.

Juvenile underage drinking should become a criminal offense, giving judges more options at sentencing to help deter underage drinking, she said.



### Increase in minimum wage

The director of a youth service agency in the county wants an increase in the minimum hourly wage for workers.

Many of the workers who earn minimum wage are teenagers who deserve pay closer to what other workers make, said Kevin Roach, director of Youth Connections. More than one bill was filed to raise the minimum wage, some as high as \$9 per hour by 2009.

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce is against an increase.

The governor has said he would likely support some type of increase.



### Daylight-saving time

For a Greenwood business, changing the time in Indiana again would be bad for business and give the state a poor image. Legislators are discussing whether the state should opt out of daylight-saving time again or switch to the Central time zone, putting Indiana in line with Chicago.

An official at Endress+Hauser, a Greenwood company that makes tools that measure temperatures, levels in tanks and pressure in pipes, said the state should stick with Eastern time because it helps companies know what time it is in Indiana.

For Endress+Hauser, two of their sales offices are on the East Coast and on the same time, said Brandyn Ferguson, vice president of Sales Center USA. Plus, changing again would hurt Indiana's image with other states. "(Being on daylight-saving time) sends a good message to the rest of the country that Indiana has finally gotten with the program," he said.



STAFF PHOTO BY SCOTT ROBERSON

One man was killed early Friday morning when the SUV he was driving flipped over into a ditch south of Franklin and became submerged.

# Accident kills Franklin minister

## SUV leaves roadway, lands upside down

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A Franklin minister was killed when his vehicle left the roadway, flipped and became submerged in a ditch Friday morning.

The Rev. J. Wayne Markward, 71, died at the scene of the accident near Vandivier Ditch south of Franklin. Markward was interim pastor at Union Christian Church near Franklin.

The accident occurred around 7:40 a.m., less than a mile west of the church on County Road 300S, west of Nineveh Road.

Markward was driving east in his sport utility vehicle when it went off the road and landed upside down in the water.

Neighbor Don Shelton said he and a motorist couldn't get Markward out of the vehicle.

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# Webcam helps soldier watch birth of his son

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The mom-to-be couldn't see her boyfriend's face as doctors delivered their son Friday morning, but she could hear his voice.

From his room at a military base in Iraq, Army Reserve Sgt. Aaron Barlow watched the scene in the delivery room on his laptop computer as his son, Dominic Coy Barlow, was born by Caesarean section.

He cheered, cooed and joked with the doctors.

A nurse held the newborn up to the camera for him to see.

Two months ago, his girlfriend, Army Reserve Spc. Jessica Franklin, began planning the live broadcast of the delivery.

Barlow, whom she met while in the Reserve, has been overseas since May; and she was unsure

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STAFF PHOTO BY SARAH LIPPS

Jessica Franklin gave birth to son Dominic Coy Barlow while the baby's father, Aaron Barlow, watched via the Internet from his military base in Iraq.