MARKETS

The Associated Press

Wall Street

NEW YORK — Wall Street overcame early losses to close higher Monday as a drop in oil prices and a fresh round of acquisition activity helped boost investors' confidence in the economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 25.48, or 0.21 percent, to 12,423.49.

Broader stock indicators advanced. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 3.13, or 0.22 percent, at 1,412.84, and the Nasdaq composite index added 3.95, or 0.16 percent, to 2,438.20.

Bond prices were flat in the absence of market-moving news, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note flat at 4.65 percent.

A barrel of light sweet crude fell 22 cents to \$56.09 on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices rose.

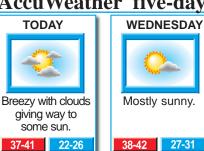
There was some economic news during the session, but it had little impact on trading.

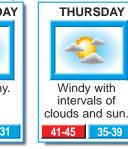
The stock report after the close of markets

| Monday: | | |
|---------------------|--------|-----------|
| | price | change -x |
| The AES Group | 21.02 | -0.30 |
| AT&T Corp. | 33.81 | +0.21 |
| Alcoa | 28.48 | -0.28 |
| Allstate | 65.27 | +0.09 |
| ArvinMeritor | 17.74 | +0.25 |
| Best Buy | 49.42 | -0.58 |
| Boston Scientific | 17.81 | +0.71 |
| BP Amoco | 64.29 | -0.68 |
| Comm Health Sys | 36.03 | +0.08 |
| Cummins | 116.00 | -0.06 |
| DaimlerChrysler | 61.01 | -0.22 |
| Diageo | 77.17 | -0.11 |
| Duff & Phelps | 10.86 | +0.06 |
| Duke Energy | 18.77 | +0.03 |
| Exxon Mobil | 72.65 | -0.59 |
| Fifth Third Bank | 39.92 | -0.26 |
| First Indiana Bank | 24.31 | -0.29 |
| General Electric | 37.55 | -0.01 |
| General Motors | 30.58 | +0.34 |
| Heartland Bancshrs | 14.99 | _ |
| IBM | 98.90 | +1.48 |
| Irwin Bank | 22.05 | +0.11 |
| KeyCorp. | 37.62 | +0.30 |
| Kimball Int'l CIB | 25.43 | +0.72 |
| Kroger | 23.66 | +0.06 |
| Lilly Co. | 51.80 | -0.24 |
| Lincoln Bancorp | 19.76 | +0.22 |
| MainSource Bank | 16.98 | +0.13 |
| National City Corp. | 36.08 | +0.18 |
| Navistar | 35.49 | +0.21 |
| Owens-Illinois | 18.85 | +0.30 |
| Pepsico | 63.09 | +0.14 |
| Phelps Dodge | 117.55 | +1.04 |
| Sara Lee Corp. | 16.70 | -0.14 |
| Schlumberger | 58.67 | -0.53 |
| Sprint Corp. | 19.64 | +0.43 |
| Third Century Bncp | 11.38 | _ |
| Vectren | 27.70 | -0.23 |
| Verizon | 36.81 | -0.16 |
| Wal-Mart | 47.00 | -0.39 |
| Walt Disney | 34.50 | +0.31 |
| WellPoint | 78.96 | +0.47 |
| | | |

WEATHER

AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Johnson County



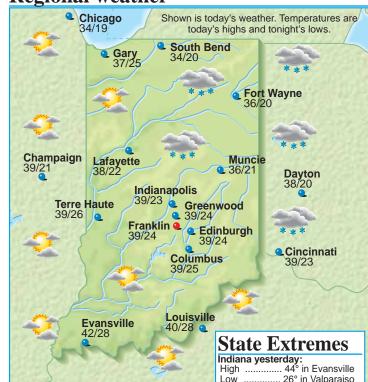






45-49

Regional weather



Regional summary

Indianapolis/Greenwood: Breezy today with clouds breaking for some sun. Partly cloudy tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow. Thursday: Mainly cloudy with showers possible. Edinburgh/Franklin: Breezy today with clouds giving way to some sun. Breezy with patchy clouds tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow. Thursday: Clouds and sun.

Today in weather history™

A deadly tornado ripped through Reading, Pa., on Jan. 9, 1889, killing dozens and injuring hundreds of people. It was the first of two twisters to hit Reading in 1889.

Regional cities

| City | Yest. Hi/Lo/W | Wed. Hi/Lo/W | City | Yest. Hi/Lo/W | Wed. Hi/Lo/W | |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|--|
| Anderson | 39/29/pc | 38/25/s | Indianapolis | 44/29/pc | 42/29/s | |
| Bloomington | 44/31/s | 46/30/s | Kokomo | 43/34/pc | 39/25/s | |
| Chicago | 39/26/pc | 38/31/pc | Lafayette | 41/29/pc | 41/31/s | |
| Cincinnati | 42/32/pc | 41/27/s | Louisville | 45/34/pc | 43/33/s | |
| Evansville | 44/31/pc | 44/33/s | Muncie | 39/29/pc | 37/30/s | |
| Fort Wayne | 39/29/pc | 38/27/pc | South Bend | 40/28/pc | 37/29/pc | |
| Gary | 42/30/pc | 41/31/pc | Terre Haute | 40/30/pc | 43/34/s | |
| | | | | | | |

Sun and moon

| | | 8 5 | |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Moonrise | today | 11 | :56 p.m. |
| Moonset Last | today New | 11 First | :22 a.m. Full |
| | | | |
| Jan 11 | Jan 18 | Jan 25 | Feb 2 |
| Accul | Veathe | r UV I | ndex TM |

Highest Today in Johnson Coun

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 1 Low Moderate High Very High Extre Weather Trivia™

How intense can snowfall be?

may reach 7 or 8 inches an hour.

| ccumulations | est storms, ad | In the strong | |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Wind C | hill Toda | ay | |
| How cold it feels bas 8 a.m. | sed on temperature a | and wind speed. 4 p.m. | |
| 25° | 27° | 27° | |
| Heating Degree Days Index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the average temperature was below 65 degrees for the day with negative values countingas zero | | | |
| Yesterday | | | |
| Month to dat | e | 189 | |
| Normal mon | th to date | 302 | |
| Weekly | tempera | atures | |

T W Th F Sa Su M

■Last week's □ Normal high ■ Normal low River stages Fld: flood stage. Stage: in feet at 7 a.m. Monday. Chg: change in previous 24 hours. Fld Stage Chg Station White River 9 9.64 -0.76 White River (East Fork)

High

Precipitation

Normal high

24 hrs. ending 5 p.m. yest. 0.04"

| | 24 hrs. ending 5 p.m. yest 0.04" | | J |
|-----------------|---|---|--|
| | Month to date 1.12" | Indianapolis | Source: IAPC |
| | Normal month to date 0.64" | Yesterday | 25 |
| _ | Year to date 1.12" | 0-50, Good; 51-100, Mo | derate; 101-151, |
| | Normal year to date 0.64" | Unhealthy (sens. grps.); | 151-200; Unhealthy |
| m. | National weather to | day | |
| m. m. m. | Showers Rain T-storms Snow Flurries Ice | Warm front | tionary front |
| i | -30s -40s -20s -30s-40s | | |
| B. | 5 (6) | V3 3 | |
| 2 | H -20s H | | ************************************** |
| _ | ^#:\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\ | _ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ | 32000 |
| K TM | | | |
| nty | ** | * * * * * * * | ** |
| S. | 2000 | | 2 W |
| | | | |
| 11+ | | | |
| treme | 7 | * ** | |

Almanac Forecasts and graphics provided by AccuWeather, Inc. ©2007

34°

Wind

Humidity

Air quality

Statistics for Indianapolis through 5 p.m. yesterday.

.....-13° in 1970

-10s -0s 0s 10s 20s <mark>30s</mark> 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

National cities

| | Yest. | Wed. | | Yest. | Wed. |
|----------------|-----------|------------|----------------|----------|----------|
| City | Hi/Lo/W | Hi/Lo/W | City | Hi/Lo/W | Hi/Lo/W |
| Albany, NY | 48/39/r | 30/17/pc | Houston | 65/37/s | 66/55/pc |
| Atlanta | 63/45/s | 53/33/s | Jacksonville | 72/60/t | 56/36/s |
| Atlantic City | 60/49/r | 42/21/s | Kansas City | 53/22/s | 50/33/s |
| Baltimore | 55/45/r | 41/25/s | Las Vegas | 62/36/s | 63/41/s |
| Boston | 54/41/r | 39/24/pc | Los Angeles | 87/50/s | 67/50/s |
| Buffalo | 43/34/sn | 28/22/sf | Louisville | 45/34/pc | 43/33/s |
| Burlington, VT | 45/36/r | 26/11/sf | Memphis | 51/33/s | 56/40/s |
| Champaign | 41/27/pc | 43/31/pc | Miami | 84/70/r | 72/61/pc |
| Charleston, SC | 72/59/t | 56/29/s | Milwaukee | 39/27/pc | 37/28/pc |
| Cheyenne | 43/30/pc | 50/16/s | Minneapolis | 35/19/sf | 38/24/c |
| Chicago | 39/26/pc | 38/31/pc | Nashville | 48/37/s | 49/34/s |
| Cleveland | 38/32/sf | 33/27/pc | New Orleans | 59/47/pc | 60/48/s |
| Columbia, SC | 68/55/pc | 55/25/s | New York | 59/48/r | 40/31/s |
| Columbus, GA | 65/49/pc | 57/31/s | Philadelphia | 58/45/r | 39/26/s |
| Dallas | 62/30/s | 64/53/pc | Phoenix | 74/43/s | 72/48/pc |
| Denver | 49/32/pc | 51/20/s | St. Louis | 50/29/pc | 53/37/s |
| Des Moines | 47/25/pc | 46/28/pc | Salt Lake City | 38/28/pc | 39/23/c |
| Detroit | 37/31/sf | 34/26/pc | San Francisco | 62/44/s | 52/41/pc |
| El Paso | 58/26/s | 63/42/pc | Seattle | 45/38/r | 37/25/sf |
| Fairbanks | -29/-38/c | -11/-20/sn | Tampa | 79/68/c | 64/47/s |
| Honolulu | 79/70/r | 81/70/r | Washington, DC | 55/47/r | 44/27/s |

Weather (w): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

881-5961

thejournalnet.com

AccuWeather.com

Average dir./speed .. SW at 16.3 mph

Highest speed21

Yesterday's average 70%

Today's average 66%



Toilet Running All The Time? Give it a break with our **4 POINT TOILET TUNE UP!**





If there's any delay, it's you

COUPON Toilet Tune Up with any plumbing repair CP88900054

Lawn

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

some point parents should have some idea what their kids are doing." The last time someone drove

through Benham's yard it took two vears to repair the damage, he said. The teenagers told police there were about 15 yards damaged,

but only 12 have been reported to deputies. Residents who suffered lawn damage over the weekend should

contact the sheriff's department

LOTTERY

Here are the winning numbers selected Monday in the Hoosier Lottery: Daily Three Midday: 0-0-9. Daily Four Midday: 9-1-1-8. Lucky Five Midday: 16-20-28-29-35. Here are the winning numbers selected Sunday in the Hoosier Lottery: Daily Three Evening: 6-1-7.

Daily Four Evening: 9-5-6-8. Lucky Five Evening: 9-13-16-20-23. Hoosier Lotto jackpot: \$11.5 million. Powerball jackpot: \$131 million. Visit www.thejournalnet.com or read

Wednesday's Daily Journal for Monday evening's Hoosier Lottery drawings.

CORRECTIONS

• Johnson County Rockets player Johnny Stewart and Montgomery County Hornets player Tim Kouns were misidentified in a photo on Page A3 of Monday's Daily Journal.

• The Bargersville Activity and Festival Association will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Bargersville Town Hall, 24 N. Main St. This information was incorrect in Saturday's calendar listing.

Trafalgar

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

their own library systems, will pay about 4 cents for every \$100 in assessed valuation through 2010 to pay off the debt.

The Trafalgar branch will offer new features, including a central information desk, a public conference room, two private study rooms, a young-adult area and an outdoor reading garden. The library will hold five times as many computers and more than six times as many books, CDs and DVDs.

Some shelves will be bare when the doors open, but the library eventually will house 40,000 circulation items. Five public meetings helped

shape both the library's agrarian-themeddesign and services. Patrons can take advantage of a self-checkout area, a drive-through

return point and a vendingmachine café. Parents can read to their kids in a children's activity area decked out with beanbagstyle and plastic furniture. A glass mural celebrating history is planned for the entrance. The interior features a

fireplace, laminated timber columns and trusses, cathedral ceilings and hanging pedant lights. The heating system will operate under a raised floor to cut down on utility costs.

The new library will add four staff members, with the positions

shifted from elsewhere in the county system.

The county library system has left vacancies unfilled so it can adequately staff the Trafalgar branch, director Beverly Martin said.

The Trafalgar branch, as part of the county system, serves Hensley, Union, Nineveh and Blue River townships. The U.S. Census Bureau estimated the population of the town of Trafalgar at 936 in 2005.

The library board tries to predict where improved library services will be needed in 20 years, Martin said. Three subdivisions are adding houses in Trafalgar, including Lancaster Gateway across the street from the library. Workers now unload building down scaffolding to install drywall and lay sandstone brickwork, a process about half-finished. Plastic sheeting covers many window frames, including skylights in cupolas. The building, on former farm-

materials and clamber up and

land on the northwest corner of State Road 252 and Tower Street, has a tin roof. More than 15,000 items are

crammed into a 900-square-foot building, leaving little room to Boxes of books are stacked

high in the small back room, waiting to be shipped to storage. Since the shelves can't hold many books, patrons often request books and must wait for them to be delivered.

continually in use. Three are set aside weekday evenings for homework. That will change when the new

The four public computers are

branch opens in late August, branch manager Vickie Lee said. She envisions the new library as a popular community gathering place. The town may conduct public

meetings there, officials said.

The library will finally be able to host its own programming, such as a recent Tai Chi class and a children's storytelling session. Lacking the space, the Trafalgar library now conducts its programming at two churches.

Officials expect circulation to double at the branch within a week of the opening.

Franklin

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

building would be comparable to libraries in cities similar to Franklin in population, county library director Beverly Martin

Franklin ranks as the county's first priority, though the Center Grove branch, called the White River Library, attracted nearly 80,000 more patron visits than Franklin in 2005, the most recent figure available. Usage has shot up 30 percent in Center Grove since 2000, while Franklin usage has stayed about the same.

The library system owns property adjacent to the Center Grove branch, and officials hope eventually to expand the building by at least 15,000 square feet. Library officials want a new Franklin building to house administrative offices and other

When the state approves the library's budget in mid-February, officials expect there won't be enough revenue to run a larger Franklin library, let alone con-

sider future projects. Because of the way government budgets are set up, the library district could afford to borrow the money to build the new library when other debts are paid off this year.

But the library couldn't bring in enough money each year to buy more books and computers and pay utility bills and salaries for new employees that would be needed.

A state-imposed cap prevents the library from raising more money through taxes. County library taxes already are collected at the maximum allowable

The library's budget shrank by 10 percent in 2006 because of diminished tax revenues. The library dipped into its reserve fund to pay for operations, director Martin said.

The library brings in more than half of its revenue from property taxes. The rest comes from the county income tax and other assorted taxes and fees, with a small fraction from patron fines.

The library system sets aside funds for capital projects from property tax revenue, at a current rate of 4 cents for every \$100 of assessed valuation. The county library system collects 10 cents for every \$100 of assessed valuation in its service area, which excludes Greenwood and Edinburgh.

County library officials have long wanted more space for the Franklin branch. The city has added nearly 9,000 residents since the existing library was built in 1987, according to U.S. Census data. But the number of visits to the library hasn't increased since 2000, with residents visiting the Franklin library 150,000 times a year.

When the branch was built, the library did not require computer space to provide patrons with Internet access. That's all changed.

Since 2000, the branch's circulation has increased 33 percent while computer use has gone up eightfold. The Franklin branch accounts for more than one-third of the county system's circulation, which includes four branches and a station in the Prince's Lakes Town Hall.

The county system moved its administrative offices and 10 staff members out of the Franklin branch in 2005 to make more space.

The library now leases office space at the Soil and Water Conservation District Building, where it also runs its adult literacy center.

The library used the freed-up space to expand its audio-visual

Technical services would soon have to be moved out of the building into leased office space. Some duties, such as preparing new books for the shelves, may soon be outsourced to an Illinois firm to save space and money, Martin said.

A new building would again centralize all administrative functions and programs, she

Library leaders ruled out expanding the current Franklin library during construction feasibility studies in 2002.

They cannot build up because the frame-construction building will not support another floor. And they cannot build out because engineers determined there isn't enough adjacent property to ensure the legally required number of parking

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

lawmakers, especially those in southern Indiana, who are opposed to tolls on the new I-69 to approve the beltway around Indianapolis, Wyss said.

The 75-mile beltway Daniels proposed last year would loop from I-69 near Pendleton, head south and west and end at Interstate 70 west of Indianapolis International Airport.

State officials have not pinpointed a location for the project, but local officials have estimated its position to be between State Roads 44 and 252 south of Franklin.

A private company would pay

the state a set amount to take control of the road and collect the tolls, which would fund construction of the I-69 extension

from Evansville to Martinsville. Wyss didn't know if I-69 would continue into Johnson and Marion counties. Funding from the construction of the toll road would only pay for I-69 up to its connection with the beltway, he

State Sen. Brent Waltz, R-Greenwood, has said he believed I-69 would not continue into Johnson County. He thinks the interstate will end at the beltway and continue as State Road 37 until Interstate 465.

Legislators and state officials have said it is too early to release details about the beltway, including narrowing its location, how much land will be needed and what types of businesses will locate along the road.

Studies about the need and impact of the project have not begun. And when the public can support or oppose the project is unknown.

A state representative who was planning public meetings in communities where the toll road would be built canceled her meetings because the legislation was starting in the Senate, instead of the Indiana House of Representatives.

Lawmakers had expected it to be introduced in the House, meaning the House roads and transportation committee, of which State Rep. Terri Austin is chairwoman, would have the first look at the bill.

Austin, D-Anderson, postponed her meetings until the bill is approved in the Senate, said John Schorg, media relations director for the House Demo-

She could reschedule her meetings if the bill is approved in the Senate, Schorg said.

If the bill is approved, the state could begin studying aspects of the project, such as environmental effect and whether the beltway is feasible. More specific information

would be available to the public after those studies are complete, which will take 18 months to two years, state officials have said. Wyss said the beltway would

bring jobs to the area where it connects with state and national interstates, such as Interstate 65 south of Franklin. He didn't know of any studies

that show what types of busi-

nesses will locate along the toll road or if the beltway will be

He said the proof is in history. When Interstates 69 and 65 were built, businesses and homes sprouted up next to them. The same will happen with the beltway, he said.

Wyss said he has heard both support and concerns from constituents so far.

Some people are worried about how the beltway would change the community and don't want to give up farmland. Indiana needs a road that relieves traffic around Indianapolis, especially for people who are headed north or south and don't want to pass through the city, he said.

The bill must pass through Wyss' Senate homeland security, transportation and veterans affairs committee before it would go the full Senate for a vote. If the bill passed the Senate, it would be sent to the House for a

Republican legislators have

shown support for the idea

because of the economic development possibilities, House Minority Leader Brian Bosma, R-Indianapolis, has said. The legislation also could receive support from southern

Indiana lawmakers, who don't want I-69 to be a toll road, Wyss

Wyss said he proposed the bill after working with Daniels.

He also supported Major Moves, which gave the governor authority to lease the northern Indiana toll road for \$3.8 billion and pay for road projects throughout the state.