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WEATHER



Today
 Skies: Some sun, flurries
 Temps: High 38; low 22

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FYI

Beltway meeting today at Franklin College

A meeting will be conducted today in Franklin about a proposed toll road in Johnson County.

The session will be at 6 p.m. in the Branigin Room of the Franklin College Napolitan Student Center.

State officials will hear public comments and share information about the beltway, which Gov. Mitch Daniels has dubbed the Indiana Commerce Connector.

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Chileen "Enoch" Doty, 83
- Greenwood
Wanda B. Zamecnik, 91
- Elsewhere
Virginia D. Bailey, 86
Glenda F. Ragsdale, 62
D. Jeanne Skidmore, 86

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137 killed in violence across Iraq

Dozens die as pair of car bombs rock Baghdad in worst attack in two months

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BAGHDAD, Iraq

A suicide bomber crashed his car into a central Baghdad market crowded with Shiites just seconds after another car bomb tore through the stalls where vendors

were hawked DVDs and used clothing, leaving 88 dead Monday in the bloodiest attack in two months.

The bombings, along with a double bombing that killed 12 people in the town of Khalis, battered Shiites during one of their holiest festivals. The attacks were the latest in a renewed

campaign of insurgent violence in advance of a U.S.-Iraqi security operation.

In all, 137 people were killed or found dead across Iraq, including a teacher who was gunned down as she was on her way to work at a girls' school in a mainly Sunni area of Baghdad. The toll also included the bullet-riddled bodies

of at least 30 people, apparent victims of death squads largely run by Shiite militias.

An al-Qaida-linked coalition of Iraqi Sunni insurgents claimed its fighters shot down an American military helicopter in a Saturday crash that killed 12 U.S. soldiers. The U.S. military has said the cause of the crash

has not been determined.

In Washington, a senior military official said investigators found debris near the scene of the helicopter crash that could be part of a shoulder-fired weapon. The official requested anonymity because the investigation is ongoing.

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ROAD TO THE SUPER BOWL

SUPER MADNESS

Fans snag shirts, hats as Colts craze escalates



Above: Greenwood residents Melissa Garrity, left, and Jennifer Reed, center, shop for Colts AFC Conference Championship T-shirts on Monday at Dick's Sporting Goods in Greenwood. **Below:** Colts conference championship hats also were on sale at Dick's on Monday.

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When the Colts won Sunday night, the rush was on. Fans who couldn't wait until Monday to buy shirts lined up outside the RCA Dome to buy them for \$25 each shortly after the team's 38-34 victory over New England.

People who watched from home went to Dick's Sporting Goods in Greenwood after the game to buy the hot items.

Dick's opened for about 90 minutes after the game ended, senior vice president and chief marketing officer Jeff Hennion said.

The store also opened at 7 a.m. Monday, two hours earlier than normal, to sell AFC Championship merchandise, he said.

Monday afternoon as many as 50 people gathered around tables of the gear. Lines were backed up as people bought stacks of shirts for family and friends.

T-shirts and hats identical to the ones that players and coaches wore in the moments after the game are the most popular, Hennion said.

Dick's also is selling AFC Championship sweat




shirts and long-sleeve shirts, he said.

The Target in the Center Grove area received a shipment Monday of the gray-and-blue AFC Championship T-shirts. People gathered around the racks of shirts, which were selling for \$14.99, an employee said.

Most of the shirts and hats were produced in the Reebok production facility on Indianapolis' eastside after the game, Reebok vice president of team properties Eddie White said.

The Colts worked for more than four hours to secure the win, but Reebok production spent the

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SUPER BOWL

When: 6 p.m. Feb. 4
 Site: Dolphin Stadium, Miami
 Watch it: WISH-Channel 8



AFC champion Indianapolis Colts vs. NFC champion Chicago Bears

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It will take deep pockets to get Super tickets, go to Miami



STAFF PHOTO BY SARAH LIPPS
 Cheerleaders from the JAMFest Cheer Super Nationals celebrate with Colts fans near the RCA Dome on Sunday.

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Fans leaving the Colts game Sunday night chattered about "going to Miami," but anyone going to the Super Bowl will have to pay a lot.

Ticket prices online start at \$3,500 a seat, and travel packages exceed \$5,800 per person.

Don't turn to the Indianapolis Colts to buy tickets: The team's allotment is already gone. Fans who want to go to Miami will have to buy tickets through a ticket broker or travel agency.

Super Bowl tickets this year are much higher than last year, ticket broker company

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StubHub.com tickets start at \$3,589 per ticket for upper-level seats and go up to \$19,500 for a suite seat.

Sport Events president Kyle Kinnett said.

Last year, Super Bowl tickets started at \$2,500, but Sport Events is quoting \$3,500

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Armchair quarterbacks drawing up game plan to tame Bears

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The smell of victory cigars was heavy in the cold air of downtown Indianapolis on Sunday night.

"There was just a special buzz in the stadium tonight. I knew (coach Tony) Dungy would tighten up the defense," Evansville resident Wes Collins said.

But wasting no time with simple celebration, many fans got down to business, plotting a strategy for victory against Chicago in the Super Bowl.

A few said they thought defense would make the best offense against the Bears, but most Colts armchair strategists said the scoring side of the team will need to step up for the win.

On the sidewalk of Capitol Avenue, one couple said the Colts will have to execute the same passing plays and runs that won Sunday's AFC Championship Game against the Patriots.

Nathan and Keauna Buke came from Tennessee to see the game at the dome on Sunday.

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STAFF PHOTO BY SARAH LIPPS
 South Bend resident Brett Newton watched the game on TV at a local bar.

Route of I-69 focus of bill

Legislators push to build interstate through CG area

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Whether an interstate between Evansville and Indianapolis will pass through Johnson County is in question again.

An Interstate 69 extension following State Road 37 through Johnson and Marion counties has been a point of debate since the route was altered by legislators last year.

Now, two southern Indiana lawmakers have proposed a bill that would allow I-69 to pass through Perry Township of Marion County, meaning it also would cross through the Center Grove area. They also have proposed making the entire road toll-free.

The route was changed by legislators last year who amended the governor's Major Moves plan to say that the road could not pass through townships of a specific population and tolls could not be collected from Martinsville to Indianapolis. The population restriction applied only to Perry Township, on the southside, along the proposed route.

Since last year, state transportation officials and Gov. Mitch Daniels have said they haven't changed the route of the highway from its original plan. But local legislators are confident the route will not pass through Johnson County and southern Indiana under the current legislation.

The proposed bill, would change the route officially, allowing the state to continue planning the highway along State Road 37.

Local legislators who fought to change the route are against the bill.

One said she couldn't understand why the legislators would propose the bill. Another said he wasn't concerned about the bill because he doesn't think it will pass.

The lawmakers proposing the bill have two reasons: They want the route to be fair to all motorists by making it toll-free, and they said rescinding the change made last year will speed up the process of designing and building I-69.

State Reps. Dave Crooks, D-Washington, and Trent Van Haaften, D-Mount Vernon, said changing the route of the highway will mean more studies and new designs, which will lengthen the timeline for finishing I-69.

Collecting tolls from Evansville to Martinsville is unfair because motorists from southwest Indiana shouldn't have to pay to drive to Indianapolis when others in the state don't, Van Haaften said.

Legislators shouldn't make decisions on the locations of roads, he said. Those choices should be left up to knowledgeable officials, he said.

The bill has been assigned to

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