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WEATHER



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Skies: Mostly sunny
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YOU SHOULD KNOW

First baby of 2007 arrives on second day of year

The year's first baby at Johnson Memorial Hospital didn't arrive until the day after the new year began. Abigail Jo "Abby" Peters became the hospital's first baby of 2007 at 12:32 p.m. Tuesday.

David Peters of Greenwood said it never crossed his mind that his daughter would be a New Year's baby, especially since mom, Heather Compton, wasn't due until Jan. 8.

"We didn't expect any of this," he said, "Abby was enough for us."

Mom and baby both were doing well Tuesday afternoon. Abby weighed in at 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 22 inches long.

Compton also has a 2-year-old son, Jake Compton, who planned to visit his little sister Tuesday.

As is traditional for the first baby of the new year, the family received gifts baskets from the hospital and Babies 'R' Us.

They also were given letters written by fifth-graders at Needham Elementary School.

Peters said he enjoyed reading the letters, with the children offering advice on how to live a good life and be a good person.

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Daughter: 'I am not guilty'

Public defender appointed in case of woman charged with killing her mother



BRYANT



MORGAN

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A woman charged with killing her mother in Greenwood muttered to herself, rocked back and forth and proclaimed her innocence during a court appearance Tuesday.

"I know what I am charged with, but I am not guilty," said Stephanie Bryant, 45.

Bryant is charged with bludgeoning her mother, 83-year-old Greenwood resident Stella Morgan, in December.

During the brief court hearing, Johnson Circuit Judge Mark Loyd repeatedly asked Bryant if she

would need a public defender, if she intended to hire an attorney or if she wanted to represent herself.

Sometimes Bryant responded with an unintelligible sound or a grunt. Other times she did not respond at all.

She responded "No" when the judge asked her if she ever suffered from a mental illness that

would prevent her from understanding the proceedings.

A family spokesman said last week that Bryant had a history of mental illness.

Eventually, Bryant told the judge she had no money for an attorney.

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DEATH OF A PRESIDENT: GERALD FORD



Left: A military honor guard moves the casket of former President Gerald Ford to a hearse at the Gerald R. Ford International Airport in Grand Rapids, Mich.,



on Tuesday. Right: Spectators watch as the hearse carrying Ford's remains crosses a bridge over the Grand River in Grand Rapids.

'THE BEST OF AMERICA'

Former president eulogized during service in Washington



President Bush delivers a eulogy for Gerald Ford during a state funeral service at the National Cathedral in Washington on Tuesday.

The Associated Press

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.

The nation remembered Gerald Ford on Tuesday for what he didn't have — pretensions, a scheming agenda, a great golf game — as much as for the small-town authenticity he brought to the presidency.

The state funeral for the 38th president began with an elaborate service at Washington National Cathedral, then moved to Grand Rapids, Mich., in Ford's final homecoming. The marching band

from the University of Michigan, the school where he played football, greeted the White House jet carrying his casket, members of his family and others in the funeral party.

The service in Washington unfolded in the spirit of one of its musical selections — "Fanfare for the Common Man" — as powerful people celebrated the modesty and humility of a leader propelled to the presidency by the Watergate crisis that drove predecessor Richard Nixon from office.

"In President Ford, the world saw the best of America, and America found a man whose character and leadership

would bring calm and healing to one of the most divisive moments in our nation's history," President Bush said in his eulogy.

Former President George H.W. Bush called Ford a "Norman Rockwell painting come to life" and pierced the solemnity of the occasion by cracking gentle jokes about Ford's reputation as an errant golfer. He said Ford knew his golf game was getting better when he began hitting fewer spectators.

Ford's athletic interest was honored,

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"Gerald Ford had the virtues of small-town America."

Henry Kissinger, former secretary of state

County native had key role in planning rites

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Johnson County native Marie Cooper slept at the Washington National Cathedral on Monday night.

No reason to go home when she had a 3:30 a.m. appointment with the Secret Service.

As event manager at the cathedral, Cooper was in charge of coordinating former President Gerald Ford's funeral Tuesday.

Ford, 93, died Dec. 26.

The funeral site and the arrangements were determined before Ford's death, but coordinating the day's details happened in the week before the service.

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A military honor guard escorts former President Gerald Ford's casket from the Capitol Rotunda to the Senate Chamber in Washington on Tuesday.

Local doctor roomed with Ford on ship

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As Gerald Ford took office as vice president and then president, he sent letters to a former roommate who lived in Johnson County.

And when Franklin physician Charles "Fritz" Deppe died in 1999, Ford sent condolences to Deppe's family members.

The two were roommates on a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier in the Pacific Ocean during World War II, said Fritz Deppe's son B.J. Deppe.

They lived together for more than a year while serving aboard the USS Monterey.

While Fritz Deppe did not like to

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Deaths of pair hours apart

Greenwood man died up to 48 hours after wife, coroner says

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A Greenwood woman died Thursday, and her husband died Friday in what police have called a murder-suicide that wasn't discovered until about two days after the first death, Johnson County Coroner Dave Lutz said.

The bodies were found Saturday, possibly as long as 48 hours after Lorrein R. Goodman's death, when police were sent to the home at the request of a caller to check on their welfare.

Each died of a single gunshot wound to the head, Lutz said.

Autopsies were performed Tuesday.

Lorrein Goodman, 40, was shot in the back of the head, and a gun was in Gary Goodman's hand, leading him to conclude that Gary Goodman, 50, shot his wife before shooting himself, Lutz said.

Both bodies were on a bed when police found them at 8 p.m. Saturday. Lorrein and Gary Goodman were dressed in

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County above par in rate of diplomas

Local high schools top 76.5 percent average

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Most Johnson County high schools are at or above the Indiana average in the number of students who graduate in four years according to a new state formula.

The new way of calculating graduation rates in Indiana shows that fewer students are leaving high school without diplomas than with previous methods of figuring the statistic.

Rates released Tuesday were in line with what administrators at county school districts had predicted they would be late last year. The figures were about five points higher than the numbers predicted at Franklin and Clark-Pleasant in the fall.

Center Grove High School had

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