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The singer with more No. 1 hits than Elvis finally talks about career
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Someone's salvage might be another's household treasure.
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 - Carolyn "Jane" Gagen, 92
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ROAD TO THE SUPER BOWL



AFC Championship Game: New England Patriots at Indianapolis Colts

Time: 6:30 p.m. Sunday TV: WISH-Channel 8 Radio: WFBO-94.7 FM



FULL OF SPIRIT(S)

Eateries set for thirsty fans during Colts game

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A 50-inch flat-panel television will be moved into the only dining area of a southside restaurant that isn't normally alive with sports commentators, touchdowns orcheering.

But the tube isn't the only extra that has been rolling in.

"As far as liquor or beer, we more than doubled what our normal weekly order would be. But for food, not so much," said Brett Litten, general manager of the Damon's at Southport.

Indianapolis bars and restaurants are preparing for a busy weekend, especially on game day Sunday.

But not necessarily for record-breaking profits. Restaurant managers say they have scheduled three

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Aaron Boller of Monarch Beverage hooks up a keg of beer inside a Buffalo Wild Wings walk-in refrigerator Friday. Many businesses have ordered extra beer for Sunday night's AFC Championship Game.

You want a stadium with those wings?

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You didn't buy a ticket to the game. You don't own a Marvin Harrison jersey, and your daughter doesn't sport a pink Peyton Manning T-shirt.

But if you buy wings, a beer or even some fast food in Johnson County this or any other weekend, you are still supporting the team.

Money raised in the county from a 1 percent food and bev-

erage tax goes to help pay for construction of the Colts' new arena, Lucas Oil Stadium, which is set to open in the fall of 2008.

Diners in all central Indiana counties except Morgan started paying the tax in August 2005.

About \$29.2 million has been sent to the state to pay for the stadium and Indianapolis Convention Center projects, exceeding forecasts that predicted \$27.5 million for the projects.

The stadium will cost about

\$675 million. The Colts are contributing \$100 million.

Here's how the tax works: Consumers pay the tax every time they purchase ready-to-eat food. Half of the money collected goes to the state; half is put in county funds and spent by local government.

Johnson County has contributed \$1.2 million for the Indianapolis projects; meaning the county has collected roughly twice that amount, or

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Jerry and Terri Day proudly display their Colts tailgating bus. They will leave for the Colts-Patriots game at 11:30 a.m. Sunday to participate in pre-game festivities with fellow members of a tailgating group called The Blue Crew. They will park in a special members-only tailgating area. The menu will include grill-cooked ribs and pork chops.



For CG couple, team pride starts at home

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At home or on the road, one Center Grove couple aren't shy about showing their support of the Colts.

Their house and yard are both decorated. And then there's the bus, a rolling billboard of Indianapolis football pride.

Jerry and Terri Day started adorning the outside of their house with Colts colors three

years ago and have taken their Colts tailgating bus to games since 2001.

The outside decorations go up just after Thanksgiving and don't come down until the season is over.

Hopefully this season that will be after next month's Super Bowl, Jerry Day said.

An evergreen tree in their front yard is covered with blue lights and tinsel. It's topped with an inflated Colts helmet.

On the garage door, a 10-foot wreath has blue and white rib-

bons and bells. In the center of the wreath is a Colts horseshoe made from lights.

The bus is covered with blue horseshoes. The green carpet inside is painted with white stripes to resemble a football field, Jerry Day said.

Anyone following the bus is greeted with the message: "This bus stops at all Colts games."

Friday morning, the bus was at Westwood Elementary

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Greenwood's Wesley Burton holds a playoff ticket for Sunday's Colts game. He bought it from another Greenwood resident.

Lunch has sweet dessert: game ticket

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Tickets for the Colts game are selling for hundreds of dollars online, but a Greenwood man was able to buy a seat in the RCA Dome for the face value of a ticket after going to a church party Friday.

Wesley Burton, 20, visited The Gathering Place of Community Church of Greenwood for a free lunch tailgating party with his

mother, Kelly Burton.

When another person at the lunch offered up a ticket for face value, Burton was quick to respond.

"That's pretty awesome," Burton said as he looked over the ticket.

Bruce Croissant went to the RCA Dome on Monday morning and was one of thousands trying to land tickets in the lottery.

He was one of the lucky ones,

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GAME DETAILS

Going to the game

Make sure you wear blue and only blue. The Indianapolis Colts are asking fans to wear their blue Colts gear, not white, to participate in a "blue out" at the RCA Dome.

RCA Dome gates will open about two hours before game time.

Parking for the game

Sunday may not be the nightmare most expect. There are more than 66,000 parking spots downtown, according to Indianapolis Downtown Inc.

More than 60 parking garages and lots are within six blocks of the RCA Dome.

People going downtown for the game or other Colts events are encouraged to allow plenty of extra time for traveling. Some roads close to the Dome will be closed, and access may be limited to the area due to large crowds.

Be ready to pay more for parking, as most downtown lots will charge event parking prices. Don't expect to park at a meter, because most will be restricted. Look for the lots and garages.

Visit www.indydt.com for a map of game day parking options.

Web extra: Listen to a complete interview with Gov. Mitch Daniels about a proposed toll road. thejournalnet.com

Daniels open to beltway changes

Governor says legislators can set plan requirements

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The governor is open to changes in the planning and testing phases of a proposed toll road, he said Friday.

Gov. Mitch Daniels has invited lawmakers to set requirements for the planning process of the Indiana Commerce Connector. In a news conference Friday, he said that so far he and legislators have had great discussions, and he was open to their suggestions about requirements to approve the beltway.

Setting those requirements likely means changes to the proposed bill that would allow a private company to build and maintain the beltway and collect tolls.

Legislators would be able to require certain information, such as a detailed route, or set guidelines for the process, such as compensation for landowners.

Without meeting the requirements, the state could not make an agreement with a private

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BELTWAY Q&A

Franklin College journalism students have been covering the legislature.

On Friday, students Chad Bates, Charlee Beasor, Eric Bradner, Chelsea Schneider and Drew Stegman interviewed Gov. Mitch Daniels about the proposed toll road, dubbed the Indiana Commerce Connector, that would go through Johnson County and around parts of Indianapolis.

Here is a lightly edited version of the interview. Visit us online at thejournalnet.com to listen to the governor respond to the questions.

Question: Why is your design for the Indiana Commerce Connector going south when studies show that most of the congestion is around the north?

Daniels: I'm not sure that's what it shows, and I'm not sure that's what it's going to be going forward.

Question: So it's open to change?
Daniels: Oh, sure. The one study that (the Indiana Department of Transportation) did cast a lot of doubt on the northern part where the more expensive end is disrupted just because there has been more development up there. It's important, by the way, to remember that the study to me strengthens the case for our suggestion in two ways.

First of all, it asked the question: Would a complete outer loop make sense versus all the other road needs and projects? The state has concluded: No, it wouldn't, and I agree with that. That led us in two ways. One was to think about and talk to a lot of people about more of a bypass, a partial loop, and, secondly, not to suggest displacing other road projects, but to suggest going the P3 (public-private partnership) route in which this will be built at no cost to Indiana taxpayers.

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