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## WEATHER



**Today**  
Skies: Mostly cloudy  
Temps: High 53; low 41

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## NEWS

### Franklin woman dies in accidental shooting

A Franklin woman died after her husband accidentally shot her while cleaning his gun.

The bullet struck the side of the woman's neck, Franklin Police Lt. Jim Hoeing said. She was taken to Johnson Memorial Hospital around 12:40 p.m. Saturday and was pronounced dead shortly after, according to a police report.

The new ammunition magazine had arrived in the mail at the couple's home in the 1100 block of Paris Drive, and the woman took her husband the magazine when it arrived, Hoeing said.

She was in the kitchen while her husband went into the bedroom and loaded the ammunition clip into his 9 mm handgun to make sure it fit, Hoeing said.

The weapon fired, and the bullet shot through a dresser mirror and a wall, striking the woman, who was in the kitchen, Hoeing said.

The couple's names were not being released Sunday afternoon because their immediate family members had not yet been notified of the woman's death, Hoeing said.

No charges are expected to be filed against the husband, the report said.

## WEB EXTRAS

### Check out our photos

Visit the slideshow and photo gallery sections of dailyjournal.net to see photos from local events.

### Have your say

Vote in our Web poll. Here's the current question: Should Indiana schools be prohibited from starting school before Labor Day?

Visit dailyjournal.net to vote or send your comments to letters@dailyjournal.net.

## DEATHS

### Franklin

Mercedes E. Clayburn, 60  
Elma Louise Martin  
David Pritchard, 60

### Greenwood

Thomas P. Garrett Sr., 82  
Charles W. Knapp, 87

### Nineveh

Victor Dean Roark, 77

### Indianapolis

Elizabeth "Peany" Huck, 85

### Elsewhere

Jacob Ryan Phillips, 18

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## IF YOU GO

Community Thanksgiving meals:

**Scott Hall at the Johnson County fairgrounds in Franklin**

**When:** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday

**Who's invited:** All interested county residents, especially those in need  
**To make reservations:** 997-9238 or e-mail banquetcmt@ifjc.org

**Greenwood United**

**Methodist Church, 525 N. Madison Ave.**

**When:** Doors open at 11 a.m. Thursday, meal begins at noon.

**Who's invited:** Single people, senior citizens and families in need  
**To make reservations:** 881-1653

# Helping for the holidays

## Organizations seek volunteers, donations for community events

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Organizations helping those in need during Thanksgiving need help of their own; and even though not as many people may be able to help with their wallets, they are helping with their time.

The Johnson County Thanks-

giving banquet at the fairgrounds in Franklin has 300 volunteers signed up to help prepare for the feast, which is expected to feed about 1,000.

The event has all the volunteers and food it needs, except for desserts, said LaTheda Noonan, chairwoman for the banquet committee.

Churches also are planning

Thanksgiving meals for those in need. At Greenwood United Methodist Church, for example, about 45 volunteers are working to help prepare the food and set up for a dinner.

And a nonprofit group, Johnson County Senior Services, plans to deliver turkey breasts to about 20

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## CAN YOU HELP?

The second annual countywide Thanksgiving meal at the county fairgrounds needs donated desserts.

Pies, cakes and other treats can be delivered to Scott Hall at the Johnson County fairgrounds in Franklin from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

For other ways to donate, call LaTheda Noonan at 997-9238.



NFL: INDIANAPOLIS COLTS 17, BALTIMORE RAVENS 15

### Colts extend perfect season with narrow, seesaw victory in their former hometown

# BIG 10



**Above:** Indianapolis linebacker Gary Brackett celebrates after intercepting a pass by Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco during the closing minutes of the Colts' 17-15 win Sunday in Baltimore. **Top:** Colts quarter-

back Peyton Manning turns to hand off the ball as Baltimore Ravens defensive tackle Kelly Gregg closes in. **Below:** Colts kicker Matt Stover, a former Raven, celebrates hitting the go-ahead score.

## Indianapolis not ready to talk perfection yet



By DAVID GINSBURG  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### BALTIMORE

The unbeaten Indianapolis Colts sidestepped another potential obstacle in their march toward NFL history.

The Colts kept Baltimore out of the end zone Sunday and got the go-ahead field goal from former Ravens kicker Matt Stover in a 17-15 victory, their 19th straight win over two seasons.

Indianapolis (10-0) overcame three turnovers, including two interceptions by Peyton Manning. The Colts' 19-game streak is the second-longest in NFL history behind a 21-game run by the New England Patriots (2006-08).

In addition, their eight consecutive 10-win seasons ranks second behind San Francisco's 16 (1983-98).

Those records, or thoughts of an unbeaten season, are not overly important to the Colts.

"It's really not on anybody's minds. At least not on my mind," Manning said. "We're relieved we got this win. Obviously, it's a great team effort."

The defense forced a field goal after Baltimore got a first-and-goal at the 1 in the fourth quarter, and linebacker Gary Brackett sealed the win with an interception in the closing minutes.

"We are definitely a bend-but-not-break defense," Brackett said. "They drove a couple of times on us, but we held them to field goals."

Baltimore's last chance ended when Ed Reed fumbled on a punt return with 17 seconds left.

Manning did his part by throwing a touchdown pass and directing a 60-yard

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NEXT UP: Indianapolis visits Houston at 1 p.m. Sunday

# Senate Democrats at odds over health reform bill

By ANNE FLAHERTY  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### WASHINGTON

Senate Democrats on Sunday sparred with each other over how to fix the nation's troubled health care system, the moderates threatening to scuttle legislation if their demands weren't met and more liberal members warning their party leaders not to bend.

The dispute among Democrats foretells of a rowdy floor debate next month on legislation that would

extend health care coverage to about 31 million Americans. Republicans already have made clear they aren't supporting the bill.

Final passage is in jeopardy, even after the chamber's historic 60-39 vote Saturday night to begin debate.

"I don't want a big-government, Washington-run operation that would undermine the ... private insurance that 200 million Americans now have," said Sen. Ben Nelson, a conservative Nebraska Democrat.

Nelson and three other moder-

ates — Democratic Sens. Mary Landrieu of Louisiana and Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas and Connecticut independent Joe Lieberman — agreed to open debate despite expressing reservations on the measure. Each of them has warned that they might not support the final bill.

One major sticking point is a provision that would allow Americans to buy a federal-run insurance plan if their state allows it. Moderates say they worry the

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## WHAT'S IN THE BILLS: Democratic health care plans

### Senate

**Who's covered:** About 94 percent of legal residents younger than 65. Illegal immigrants would not receive assistance.

**Cost:** Coverage provisions cost \$848 billion over 10 years.

**How it's paid for:** Fees on insurance companies, drugmakers, medical device manufacturers. Increased payroll taxes, new taxes, cuts to Medicare and Medicaid. Fees and fines on some employers and people who fail to purchase coverage.

### House

**Who's covered:** About 96 percent of legal residents younger than 65. Illegal immigrants would not receive assistance.

**Cost:** The net cost is \$894 billion, factoring in penalties on individuals and employers who don't comply with new requirements.

**How it's paid for:** \$460 billion over the next decade from new income taxes. Cuts to Medicare and Medicaid; fee on medical device makers; mix of other corporate taxes and fees and sizable penalties paid by some individuals and employers.

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# Head start on college

## Ivy Tech planning to offer classes at Whiteland high

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Whiteland Community High School students will be able to get a head start on college without having to drive to a university.

The high school is the first in Johnson County to sign up for Ivy Tech Community College's faculty loan program, which sends an Ivy Tech professor to the school to teach a college class in the evening. Next semester, pending approval by the Clark-Pleasant school board, Ivy Tech will offer its American history class to juniors and seniors at the high school.

The class is another step toward the school district's goal of giving students a chance to earn up to 24 college credits before graduating from high school, high school Principal Tom Galovic said.

Area adults will be able to sign up for the class, too.

Whiteland students won't need to pay tuition or fees besides the cost of the textbook, but the school district will pay about \$2,400 to cover the cost of the professor, said Cyndi Stout, director of kindergarten through Grade 12 initiatives with Ivy Tech in Indianapolis.

To sign up for the class, high school students will need to meet the same requirements as college students. They will need to show they have college-level reading and writing skills, either by standardized college-entrance test scores or by placement tests, Stout said.

The use of college professors in high schools has grown during the past five years, said John Newby, director of dual credit programs at Ivy Tech. Five years ago, one school used an Ivy Tech professor in the classroom. Now about two dozen high schools use one, he said.

Schools can have a difficult time finding a high school teacher

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**"What we're finding is, many high schools don't have someone who can teach college-level psychology, speech or history."**

**John Newby**  
Ivy Tech dual credit programs director