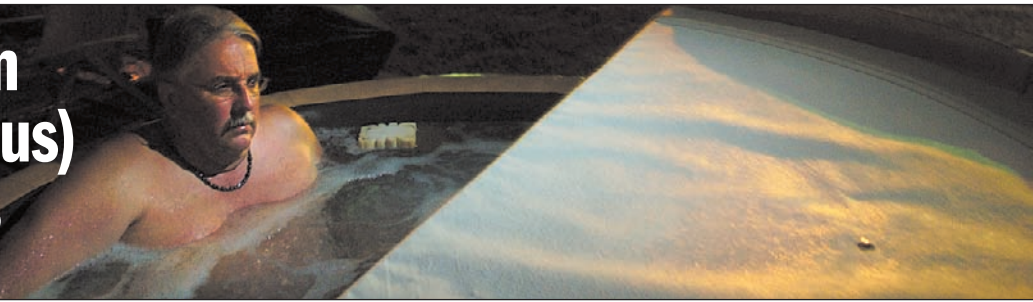


Wheatfield man hit by school (bus) of hard knocks

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Good day to our readers, including valued subscriber Mike Linsley of Valparaiso.

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MCCAIN 'TESTED, READY'

FORMER POW SAYS HE'S WHOLE COUNTRY'S CANDIDATE, PROMISES TO WORK WITH MEMBERS OF BOTH PARTIES



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Republican presidential candidate John McCain makes his acceptance speech Thursday at the Republican National Convention at the Xcel Center in St. Paul, Minn.

TIM PAWLENTY

Minnesota governor



■ "I've gotten to know John, and I can tell you he is a Purple Heart recipient with a heart of gold."

TOM RIDGE

Former Pennsylvania governor



■ "(McCain is) a warrior who has sometimes stood alone ... in fighting for the most vulnerable of our citizens."

LINDSEY GRAHAM

South Carolina senator



■ "John McCain's loyalties have always been to his country and to our men and women in uniform."



Staff writer Andy Grimm reports from St. Paul

■ Follow our convention week coverage online and for live reaction by Hoosier Republican delegates to John McCain's acceptance speech, check out Andy Grimm's blog at www.post-trib.com.

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ENVIRONMENT

Region air may get EPA approval

■ IDEM confident two counties will meet one federal air quality standard next year.

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Mark Eler

Linda Bennett

Accused killer faces family of victim

■ Mark Steven Eler of California is charged with the 1984 murder of Linda Bennett.

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PORTER COUNTY
Commission considers new board

■ Group would oversee the redevelopment process for unincorporated areas.

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VALPARAISO
City's Internet pioneer hosts 'digital party'

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70° 52°

Partly cloudy
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Today's weather artist is Zyriek Nickson of Merrillville.

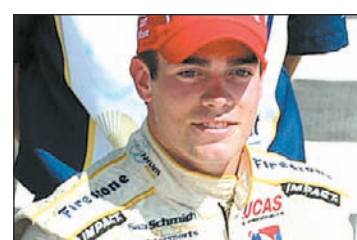
IN SPORTS

RADTKE ASSISTANT SCHEERINGA HERO OF GRIFFITH FOOTBALL



■ She's an assistant coach, an equipment manager, a recruiting coordinator, a media relations liaison and, well, you name it, **B4**

<< Assistant Melanie Scheeringa confers with Griffith head coach Russ Radtke



CROWN POINT'S LOGAN GOMEZ RETURNS TO JOLIET

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