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CROWN POINT A 46-year-old Gary man faces 150 years in prison after being convicted Friday of three counts of dealing a toxic drug when he ap...

Family of murdered Days Inn clerk sues motel chain

By MARK KESLING
CROWN POINT — The family of a Rose Township woman who was murdered at her job has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the Days Inn motel chain that employed her.

The suit, filed on Friday in Lake Circuit Court by Merrillville lawyer John Bushnell, does not seek a specific dollar amount, but Bushnell said typical cases of this kind generate claims near \$1 million. Bushnell filed the suit on behalf of the family of Mary Margaret Gill, 24, of Rose Township, who was killed March 3, 1989, inside the Days Inn at 8020 Louisiana St. Gill was a desk clerk at the motel. The killer or killers have thus far eluded police, who keep the case open in the hope of new evidence or a tip.

Group to debate incinerator plan

By REBECCA WICK
Protest parade follows April 19 forum

HAMMOND — Environmentalists, citing frustration over the little progress made by the Rhonoe-Poulsen Basic Chemical Co. incinerator debate, have announced they plan to hold their own forum in April. A 10-group coalition of environmentalists and residents has scheduled a public forum April 19 on Rhonoe-Poulsen's request to December to run its industrial furnace as a commercial hazardous waste incinerator, and has invited company officials to attend.



'Hey, listen up!' This duck may have been feeling a bit hen-pecked as a Canada goose with ruffled feathers chased it around at home at 11 in the Old Lincoln subdivision of Cline Avenue in Schererville.

Until all the T's are crossed, Crossings work may come to a halt

By SUSAN ERLER
ROSS TWP. — The Lake County Plan Commission will consider tonight whether to place a temporary moratorium on future building at the Merrillville Crossing shopping center. The ban would be in effect until all contractors owed money are paid and until the detention ponds promised by the developers, First National Realty and Development Co. of Chicago, are completed, said Commissioner Robert Cross, who has proposed the resolution. A First National consultant said Monday the moratorium isn't necessary because the bank which loaned the development company the money to build the shopping center would not allow any further construction until present contractors are paid.

Forum

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out who they are, what they do and how the community fits their needs. The forum that compiles and analyzes the information and prepares a report that is given to the community. The information, which is kept confidential, is stored in the forum's regional data base with information from other Northwest Indiana communities to get a picture of the state of the local economy. The forum identifies companies that may need specialized help or assistance in areas such as interna-

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lice when a sobriety checkpoint will be conducted, it will not release specific times or locations. "We don't have any police cars exposed at a checkpoint," he said. "All that's visible to the motorist are yellow, flashing barricades. There's also an arrow truck that moves traffic to one lane. "It looks like road repair work and before you (a motorist) know it, you're into the checkpoint," he said. "Otherwise people spot us a mile away and then turn around to avoid us."

Trickery

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board office. Tomko, who works in the North Township trustee's office, said he later decided not to run. He said he couldn't reach the state carrying his candidacy form, so he sent someone to the election board office to turn in the candidacy withdrawal form. Tomko's boss, North Township Trustee G. Gregory Cvikovich, signed the withdrawal form last Thursday as a witness.