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**Hot spot:** The dam at the south end of the Brookville Reservoir is where the Indiana Department of Natural Resources nets walleye each spring. The far, southwest corner is strung with nets each evening for about 20 days. The resulting catch will provide some 35 million eggs that will replenish the walleye population throughout the state.

# Secrets below the Surface

A photographic essay  
 by Jim Avelis

For more photos, see E3.



**Free at last:** After growing for about two weeks in their eggs, walleye fry swim free. The newly hatched fry will not be developed enough to make it on their own, so they will feed off their transparent egg sacs until a mouth, fins and intestines develop. Cagles Mill Lake in Owen and Putnam counties will receive about four million walleye fry this year. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources also stocks other species of fish in Deming and Dobbs Park as well as the Chinook state fishing area in Clay County and Minnehaha fish and wildlife area in Sullivan County.



**Anchors away:** Tom Seal drops an anchor at the end of one of the nets he and Nicholas Phillips set about 5:30 in the evening.



**Soft touch:** The new eggs are fragile. Once sperm with a little water has been added to the eggs, a turkey feather is used to stir the mixture together. Fertilization occurs in about one minute.



**Big eyes:** With its namesake eye glowing, a Walleye Pike is returned to Brookville Reservoir after being stripped of its eggs by biologists with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.



**BARRY'S WORLD**

To cheer up workers who were being laid off, a company gave them "something extra" in their severance packages: Barbie dolls. I swear I am not making this up. — Page E4.

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**AT YOUR LEISURE**

It's been 30 years, but Penn & Teller have no intentions of pulling a disappearing act. The duo performs their boisterous magic act six days a week in Las Vegas. And there's more in the works. — E6

