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Guard Jeff Teague is eager to join the Milwaukee Bucks but the Atlanta Hawks can still match Milwaukee's offer

Gazette at a Glance

LOCAL • 3A, 6A, 7A

One victim of explosion dies

One of the victims in Sunday's Beloit home explosion died Thursday morning at University Hospital in Madison, Rock County Coroner Jenifer Keach confirmed. Todd Purdy, 37, died after being hospitalized with second- and third-degree burns. He had been flown by helicopter to Madison after the Sunday night explosion. The preliminary cause of death is a combination of burn injuries and smoke inhalation, Keach said.

Improvement key at Birds Eye

Continuous improvement is the goal of Birds Eye, a leading company in fresh-frozen vegetables. Although the company is No. 1 in its market and has developed innovative techniques, Birds Eye always is trying to find ways to improve, said Thomas Timm, senior director of operations. Birds Eye has been employing people in Darien for 20 years.



Timm

STATE • 2A

Searches prompt lawsuits

Five black men have filed federal lawsuits against eight white Milwaukee police officers accused of conducting or permitting illegal strip searches, marking another incident of racial tension in a police department still trying to mend its reputation among local minorities.

SPORTS • 1B-3B

Brewers fall to Diamondbacks

The Arizona Diamondbacks scored two runs in the eighth inning and went on to grab a 5-3 victory over the visiting Milwaukee Brewers on Thursday. **Up next:** The second game of the series against the Diamondbacks begins today at 8:40 p.m.

NATION/WORLD • 6B

Farm bill approved by House

Republicans pushed a scaled-down farm bill through the House on Thursday, putting off a fight over food stamp spending and giving GOP leaders a victory after a decisive defeat on the larger bill last month. Republicans faced significant opposition to the plan from Democrats, farm groups and conservative groups that threatened to use the vote against GOP members in future campaigns.

GOP wants Obamacare delay

If businesses get an extra year to meet a new health care mandate, why not everybody else? Republicans, seizing on the White House delay for employers, are demanding that the Obama administration give individual Americans an equal break. But the White House says that's just a thinly disguised gambit for dismantling the entire health care overhaul.

DEATH NOTICES • 6A

- Heinrich Karl Holzinger/Janesville
- William M. O'Dell/Janesville

OBITUARIES • 6A

- Robert H. "Bob" Schulze/Janesville

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UW Regents freeze tuition

Move will drop cash holdover by an estimated \$323 million

By Karen Herzog
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MADISON

The UW System will draw down the \$785.6 million cash carryover it is expected to have on its books at the end of this month by about \$323 million over the next fiscal year, as it absorbs a tuition freeze, flat state funding and tens of millions of dollars in new one-time expenses.

A carryover of \$643 million in unrestricted cash as of last July caused a furor at the Capitol, when a state review this spring revealed

the cash, which state lawmakers did not realize the UW System was holding in thousands of accounts across UW campuses.

At the same time it was building a sizable cash carryover, the UW System raised tuition by 5.5 percent, lost valuable faculty to competing universities because of flat and lagging salaries, and dealt with \$250 million in state budget cuts over the last biennium by holding open vacant faculty positions and other cost-cutting measures.

The cash carryover is expected to grow to \$785.6 million by the end of this month, when the books for this fiscal year close, the UW's chief financial officer, David Miller, told the Board of Regents during a meeting Thursday. The average cash carryover at UW campuses is 21 percent of their unrestricted funds, Miller said.

Of the \$785.6 million carryover systemwide, \$534.4 million is tuition money. At this time last year, \$414 in unspent tuition was held in accounts.

A memo to the regents Thursday said there were many reasons for cash balances in accounts throughout the UW System, including the need to set aside funds to help boost the number of graduates; to set aside funds at multiple layers within the system to manage future state budget cuts and lapses; funding for major equipment purchases, furnishing new facilities, and investing in technology; covering the growing salary disparity for faculty and staff; and supporting entrepreneurial activities.

In addition to the tuition freeze for students

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Wrestling coach gets four years for suggestive messages

Walworth County courtroom hears emotional portrayals

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ELKHORN

Sexually suggestive text messages between a local wrestling coach and a 17-year-old he coached resulted in a four year prison sentence with another six years of probation in Walworth County Court on Thursday.

A packed courtroom heard two emotional portrayals of Steven Springsteen-Hensel, the former Southern Lakes Wrestling Club coach charged with felony child enticement: one of a dedicated Elkhorn resident whose life work was coaching the sport he loved and another of a man who abused the wrestling community's trust by using his position to "groom" the young athletes he trained.

As part of a plea agreement, an additional charge of attempted sexual assault of a child by a person who works with children was dismissed.

Springsteen-Hensel sent sexually explicit text messages to the victim when he was still a juvenile under state law. The 17-year-old and his family brought the matter to police, who initiated a sting operation.

Only 10 hours before the victim's 18th birthday, Springsteen-Hensel and a detective posing as the victim made plans to meet at Phoenix Middle School in Delavan to go on a bike ride May 15. The plan called for them to then go off the bike trail, where the defendant would perform oral sex. In the texts to set up the meeting, the detective said Springsteen-Hensel was questioning his sexuality.

When Springsteen-Hensel arrived at the school, police were waiting to arrest him.

Reading from the text messages exchanged between the defendant and detective, Assistant Public Defender Travis Schwantes said his client offered the detective "three outs" to back out of the meeting, including one before he left for the school. In the messages, the defendant also suggested the victim take time to think about whether he wanted to meet.

"The worst you can say is that Mr. Springsteen-Hensel sent texts ... He never sexually assaulted anyone," Schwantes said. "I fear for the next coach or teacher who loves what they do (who) won't be trusted."

He also argued that Springsteen-Hensel cared deeply about the wrestlers he coached. A mental evaluation found no suggestion of

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Making a friend



Three-year-old Natasha Francis, left, and her brother 6-year-old Andrew offer Rocky the pug some gentle attention during a dog safety class at the Exchange Family Resource Center in Janesville on Wednesday. The class was presented by the Rock County Health Department. The session was designed to teach children the correct way to greet a dog.

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Lessons help teach children how best to approach a dog

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JANESVILLE

Three-year-old Natasha shyly approached Rocky, the white pug with black ears and face, and quietly asked the dog's owner if she could pet him.

The little girl in a pink lace dress and shiny black shoes was the first of a group of children to follow Jennifer Stenger's lead in practicing how to approach a dog.

Stenger, a public health nurse at the Rock County Health Department, had just finished reading the book "May I pet your dog?" to the group of infants through young children at the Exchange Family Resource Center's play and learn group.

Natasha timidly followed Stenger's actions of clapping, patting her knees and offering her hand to Rocky for sniffing.

Stenger's short lesson with Rocky and his owner, Amanda Henry, a vet technician at

HOW TO SAFELY MEET A DOG WITH ITS OWNER

- Have the child ask the dog owner for permission to pet the dog.
 - When given permission, have the child clap twice and tap their hands on their knees twice.
 - If the dog responds and is willing to be petted, have the child offer his hand for the dog to sniff, then pet under the dog's chin.
 - If the dog does not respond, teach the child to leave the dog alone.
- To see a video example, visit liamjperkfoundation.org/meetDog.html.

Janesville Animal Medical Center, was part of a new series the health department is doing to teach toddlers how to avoid dog bites.

Last year the health department recorded

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