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Filter may work for 'well from hell'

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Engineering studies show the best alternative for reducing high manganese levels in Well No. 29 on Madison's Far East Side is installing a \$2 million filter that will remove most of the problem mineral from

drinking water. Consultant Rob Montgomery told the Board of Water Commissioners Tuesday that a study by his firm showed high levels of manganese in the sandstone aquifer from which the well pumps water. Montgomery also said conditions that lead to the manganese dissolving in water are

likely to remain. One cause for the high levels of manganese, he added, may be the presence of flowing sand in the well that is scouring the manganese off the sandstone. Ironically, according to the engineers, a decision by Madison Water Utility engineers to blast the well to improve water volume may have increased the

flow of sand and added to the manganese problem. Well No. 29, dubbed by utility engineers as the "well from hell," is one of the city's newest wells but has posed numerous problems in the past couple of years. It is one of four wells in the city with high manganese levels and has been shut down because of the problem.

Montgomery said the firm does not have data that would allow it to recommend a site for a new well. As a result, a filter is probably the best way to reduce manganese levels, the Montgomery and Associates engineers concluded. Another consultant, Earth Tech, reported to the board Tuesday that tests of several fil-

ters showed a particular type of filter which uses a substance called pyrolusite did the best job of reducing manganese levels. In tests, the filter dropped manganese levels from 180 parts per billion to about 2.4 ppb, according to the consultants. The federal Please see WATER, Page B2

Fitchburg to vote on smoking ban

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FITCHBURG — Eight months after rejecting a ban on smoking in indoor public places including restaurants and bars, the Fitchburg City Council will consider a watered-down smoking ban next week. The new measure would exempt the city's taverns and the smoking area in the Ten Pin Alley bowling center until Jan. 1, 2011, and permanently exempt the city's one cigar bar. Restaurants would become smoke-free when the measure takes effect next year.

But even with time to make a transition, tavern owners and workers are worried.

Bill McMahan, owner of Monkeyshines, 6209 McKee Road, said he thinks he would lose 25 to 35 percent of his customers and could go out of business. "This exemption doesn't mean diddly-squat. It just means putting off our demise," said McMahan, who has owned the tavern for 29 years. "I think it's stupid to ban smoking anywhere. Everybody is an adult," said Jerry Rider, a bartender at Schneid's, 2952 Fish Hatchery Road. He said about 95 percent of the tavern's customers smoke.

Fitchburg would be the fourth city in the state with a smoking ban, after Madison and Appleton. Oshkosh bans smoking in restaurants but allows it in bars. Gov. Doyle has proposed a statewide measure, and he said he might exempt bars.

Compromise
The new ban has the support of many members of Smoke-Free Fitchburg, which supported last summer's proposal, though some members want to see a stricter measure. The group submitted a petition to the city in January with more than 700 names supporting a ban.

"They're not real happy with the compromise but they understand it is a compromise and they don't want to end up with no ordinance at all. This is something that we'll reluctantly accept," said Jeanie Stelling, a member of the group and former two-term mayor of Fitchburg. But the council member who sponsored last summer's ban isn't sure if he will support

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YEE HAW

Lee the Horsellogger (the only name he gives) is crossing Wisconsin. If you were traveling on the Beltline at midday Tuesday, you may have seen Lee. He wasn't in the black BMW that whizzed past you in the fast lane. Lee was traveling about 10 mph on the right side of the road with a law enforcement escort. Lee was in the homemade wagon pulled by his team of rare Suffolk Punch draft horses, Max and Tom, who previously were used to haul logs. Also along for the ride were Katie and Kermit, two Great Pyrenees.

A bout with cancer and a desire to see old friends, including his childhood sweetheart, set Lee free from his family's ranch in northwest Montana a year and a half ago, he said. He's traveling east to Boston and maybe on to Alabama, California and even Alaska. It may take four years, he said.

"I hitched the horses up and just went for it," Lee said. "That's the short and the long of it."

He lives out of the wagon and depends on the kindness of strangers, which he says is abundant. Of the wagon, he says, "It's basically a barn on wheels. It's stiff for the horses and myself."

Lee the Horsellogger said he's not raising money for a cause or selling anything. He is just crossing Wisconsin and trying to make himself happy. "That's basically it," he said. "Yee haw."

You can monitor Lee's progress and find out more about him at www.lee-the-horsellogger.com.

— Craig Schreiner

WEB EXTRA
Audio slideshow:
See photos and hear Lee the Horsellogger talk about his cross-country adventure:
Go to: madison.com/wsj

Study of public financing for city elections OK'd

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The Madison City Council Tuesday voted to create a committee to study full public financing of city elections after an impassioned debate on the role of money in local campaigns.

Some council members objected to the manner in which the issue is

to be studied. The vote was 12 to 6, with two members not voting. Aids Santiago Rosas, 17th District, Jed Sanborn, 1st District, Paul Skidmore, 9th District, Cindy Thomas, 20th District, Tim Bruer, 14th District, and Judy Compton, 16th District, voted no.

The resolution requires the mayor to appoint a committee on clean elections of seven citizens with an interest and expertise in

election financing to issue recommendations on public financing for campaigns of council members, mayor and municipal judge. The committee must report its findings in six months.

It also allows for the possibility to work jointly with a county committee if a similar county resolution is passed. Mike McCabe, executive director of the nonpartisan Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, said this

resolution could help the council prevent the same kind of corruption that has plagued politicians at the state government level.

"You have an opportunity that legislators today don't have," McCabe said. "You have an opportunity to be proactive. You have an opportunity to vaccinate city politics against the kinds of forces that have spoiled state politics."

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BEST BETS

Sky watching: Explore the current night sky in the planetarium, learning how to identify constellations, planets, and interesting targets to be able to find them in the real sky, 6:30 and 7:45 p.m., MMSD Planetarium, 201 S. Gammon Road. \$2. 663-6102 or www.mmsd.org/planetarium.

Greenbush Day Celebration: Storytelling, dance, music and more, 4 p.m., UW-Madison Welcome Center, 21 N. Park St. 262-8180 or www.madison.com/communities/greenbushday/.

ODD WISCONSIN An offbeat look at the state's history

A sandhill crane may follow you home

March is the season of sandhill cranes. As tall as humans and as loud as elephants, these majestic animals seem like exotic visitors from an alien world. Yet sandhill cranes could be tamed, and Warren Cooke of La Crosse County made one a boyhood pet in the 1860s.

"One day when father was out looking for a deer," Cooke recalled, "he crossed a stretch of meadowland and found a nest of sandhill cranes. They were only a few days old and of course easily picked up. Father

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put them into a little wicker pen and fed them such food as little chickens eat."

As they grew, "they followed us about as freely as a dog." One died, but the other became Cooke's constant companion.

site side, he would wait on the side of the ravine until I was surely going up on the other side. Then he would spring into the air and fly across to me. . . . In his soaring around for exercise, you could get him to come down at once by calling "Sandy, Sandy."

"Of all the birds and animals we had at various times in our Beaver Valley home, there was not one so novel and interesting as this big, long-legged, dark brown plumaged bird."

— Wisconsin Historical Society www.wisconsinhistory.org

WISCONSIN ALMANAC

There are 14,348 licensed dairy herds in Wisconsin, comprising over 1.2 million dairy cows. These cows produce 2.02 billion pounds of milk each month, or roughly 1,620 pounds of milk per cow. That's about 188.4 gallons of milk from each cow every month, or 6.1 gallons of milk each day.

— Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service

DIGEST

MADISON

Used book sale starts today

The Friends of the UW-Madison Library semiannual used book sale starts today and runs through Saturday at Memorial Library, 728 State St.

Most of the materials for the sale, which features more than 15,000 books on nearly any subject, are donated primarily by UW-Madison faculty, staff, students and area residents.

A preview sale (\$5 admission) will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. today. The regular sale, open to the public at no charge, will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. On Saturday, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., patrons can bring a bag and fill it for \$3.

For more information, contact Friends of the UW-Madison Library at 265-2505 or e-mail friends@library.wisc.edu.

MADISON

Capitol workers evacuated

Several hundred workers at the state Capitol were evacuated Tuesday afternoon after a false alarm sounded.

A faulty fire alarm sensor in the basement of the east wing of the Capitol went off about 4:30 p.m., said Patrick Henderson, executive assistant at the state Department of Administration.

Workers were evacuated as a precaution and allowed to return to the building shortly before 5 p.m., Henderson said.

There was no fire, and no one set off an alarm as a prank, he said.

MONONA

Domestic partner benefits broadened

Non-union Monona city employees now have access to domestic partner health benefits.

The Monona City Council approved \$1,900 Monday to pay for a 1 percent premium increase for WPS Health Insurance to provide additional coverage for domestic part-

ner benefits, said Ald. Doug Wood, the resolution's main sponsor.

The city also will pay an increased premium if a worker takes the coverage, he said. Of the 16 non-union city employees, Wood said 12 already take family coverage. He didn't know if any current employees would take the domestic partner benefits.

Supreme Court debate March 30

We the People/Wisconsin will broadcast a live debate March 30 between state Supreme Court candidates Annette Ziegler, a Washington County Circuit Court judge, and Linda Clifford, a Madison attorney.

The forum will be broadcast live from 7 to 8 p.m. from the studios of Wisconsin Public Television at Vilas Communication Hall, 821 University Ave., Madison.

To become a member of the studio audience, call 800-492-7505. Only those who are registered will be allowed to attend.

The debate will air live on Wisconsin Public Television and Wisconsin Public Radio. It will be rebroadcast at 10 a.m. April 1 on WISN-TV (Ch. 3) and Wisconsin Public Television (Ch. 21).

MADISON

Robber tries woman to chair

A 32-year-old Madison woman arriving early to work Monday was tied to a chair by a robber she surprised rummaging through her work place in the 200 block of Junction Road.

Madison police said the woman was opening the clothing store for daily business when she was attacked by a man demanding money about 8:30 a.m.

After the robber fled with cash, the woman worked for 45 minutes to free herself, then called 911, police said.

Anyone with information can call Crime Stoppers at 266-6014 for a possible cash reward.

— State Journal staff, wires

DAILY RECORD

BIRTHS

St. Mary's Hospital March 18, 2007 KAHITE, Lillian & Kally, Madison, son.

March 19, 2007 ALPIRE, Iris & RODRIGUEZ, Felipe, Madison, son. ATOCHA, Melissa & Jo, Edgerton, daughter. COPUS, Lashonda & BUTTKE, Terry, Sun Prairie, son. HALLMAN, Heidi & MATTES, John, Madison, son. NWACHUKWU, Effrida & Orita, Madison, daughter. REAMER, Carmen & Brian, Cottage Grove, daughter.

Meriter Hospital March 19, 2007 FRANK, Laree & Doug, Windsor, daughter. LARMOUR, Kendra & Paul, Evansville, daughter. WUBBEN, Deborah P. & Ryan, Middleton, son.

March 20, 2007 ELCHELKRAUT, Angie & Jon, Blanchardville, son.

LOTTERIES

WISCONSIN Tue, Supercash: 3-6-7-29-30-35 Doubler: No. Tue, Badger 5: 5-6-8-15-19 Estimated jackpot: \$25,000. Tue, Pick Three: 6-7-2 Tue, Pick Four: 8-8-4-5 Estimated Powerball jackpot: \$15 million. Estimated Megabucks jackpot: \$6.8 million. For the last drawing's numbers, dial 608-266-7777.

ILLINOIS Mega Millions 7-21-46-49-55 — Mega Ball: 15 Little Lotto: 4-13-14-21-29 Tue, Pick Three Midday: 0-2-8 Pick Three Evening: 1-8-6 Pick Four Midday: 7-8-4-8 Pick Four Evening: 7-6-4-6

HAFEMAN, Heather & Matt, Middleton, son. HARE, Jodi & Chad, Middleton, daughter. MARIANI, Staci & Tom, Sun Prairie, son. WHITE, Jennifer & Benjamin, Oregon, daughter.

DEATHS

Madison HAMMER, Nadine B., 75, at Hospice Care Center in Fitchburg, Tuesday. KNIPPER, Theresa A., 94, at Legacy Gardens, Monday. SCHREIER, Bernadette "Tomi," 92, Tuesday. WAUL, Stephen A., 57, at home, Tuesday. WONG, Chun-Yuen, 92, at Meriter Hospital, Sunday. ZIMMERMAN, Robert E., 84, at Don & Marilyn Anderson Hospice-Care Center in Fitchburg, Saturday.

Area

Baraboo — CAPENER, Leroy V. "Bob," at home, Monday. Middleton — DUCKLOW, John Edward, 78, at Meriter Hospital, Sunday. Stoughton — TROW, Dorothy, 85, at Skalaen Home, Tuesday. Town of Norway — MALCHINE,

John L., 71, at home, Sunday. Verona — RAEMISCH, Linda, 62, at home, Monday. Waunakee — PARROTT, Brian Wayne, 57, at home, Saturday. Waunakee/Beloit — ROUNDS, George Marvin "Bud," at Hospice Care Center in Fitchburg, Saturday. Waunakee/Middleton — ACKER, Denise, 47, at Hospice Care Center in Fitchburg, Sunday.

Out of state

Grapevine, Texas/Madison — CARROLL, Walter E., Jan. 31. Monona/Cambridge/Rockford, Ill. — WALKER, Edwin B., 90, Tuesday. Stamford, Conn. — DEMAIN, Nancy T., 98, at Smith House Health Care Center, Monday. Obituaries/A4-5 TODAY'S FUNERALS

ACKER, Apollonia, 10:30 a.m., St. Bernard's Catholic Church, 7450 University Ave., Middleton. DUCKLOW, John, 11:30 a.m., Winn Funeral Home, 5785 Highway Q, Waunakee. LARSON, Don, 10:30 a.m., Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 2115 Rowley Ave., Madison. SINGH, Dalbir, noon, Cress Funeral Home, 6021 University Ave., Madison.

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Husband shoots wife, police say

Associated Press

SUPERIOR — A woman was shot outside a hospital by her estranged husband Tuesday shortly after calling 911 on her cell phone and yelling at someone not to shoot her, police said. The husband, 64, later killed himself after being confronted by a sheriff's deputy. The shooting occurred just after noon outside St. Mary's Hospital, where the 40-year-old woman worked, Assistant Police Chief Scott Campbell said.

When officers arrived, the woman was found unresponsive on a sidewalk, wounded in the head from a gunshot. Deputies found him dead inside his vehicle, Campbell said.

The suspect fled the scene and was confronted by a Douglas County sheriff's deputy while driving a vehicle in Poplar, about 10 miles southeast of Superior, Campbell said.

When the man saw the deputy, he apparently shot himself with the same rifle used in the earlier shooting, Campbell said.

The couple had separated several months ago, and the wife had obtained a restraining order against her husband, Campbell said. "It is one of those very traumatic relationships that goes terribly bad," he said. No names were immediately released.

The school in Poplar was locked down for a time during the incident because the couple had children at one of the schools, Campbell said.

According to Police Capt. Chad La Lor, the woman's 911 call was answered in Duluth, and dispatchers heard the woman "yelling at someone not to shoot her."

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Large Format Digital Camera Imaging Item: Imaging Machine Food Services Item: 7393.0000 Wisconsin Veterans Home at King, WI 54406 TEL: Nancy Conwell, 715-258-4246 Bids Due: March 28, 2007 1:30 p.m. Agency: Wisconsin Purch. Svcs. PUB. WSJ: March 18 and 21, 2007 (1/2P/2787) WVA/XLP

Water

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Environmental Protection Agency recommends a drinking water health standard for manganese of 300 ppb.

Before a final decision is made on the filter, utility officials plan to hold a public hearing in the neighborhoods served by the well. Problem wells have been just

one issue the board has coped with in the past year. Also on Tuesday, the board approved a strategic plan for the utility that will address management and communication problems within the troubled agency.

That plan was presented last month by EMA Inc. from St. Paul, Minn. It identified, through extensive interviews with employees at the utility, numerous concerns with poor leadership and communication. Presentation of the plan itself proved an issue when

board members were not initially provided an appendix that included most of the critical information.

Board member Jon Standridge expressed concern with that failure before Tuesday's vote. And board member George Meyer said it will be important to establish benchmarks by which progress in solving the problems can be measured.

Both voted in favor of the plan, which was approved unanimously by the board.

Study

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When Thomas asked McCabe whether he sees a problem right now with the financing of local campaigns, he said "I'm seeing warning signs at the local level that ought to trouble people."

He noted that spending in mayoral races has reached six figures and City Council races have reached five figures, describing those numbers as a "quantum leap" in spending from a few years ago. But some of the council members expressed concern that the makeup of the committee wouldn't be diverse enough to ensure a balanced study.

The exchanges became heated at times. Council President Austin King, lead sponsor of the resolution, said "If you're philosophically opposed to clean elections, vote against this."

Thomas retorted, "Who's going to say they're against clean elections?"

She added that the upcoming elections make the proposal too political. "I just feel there is an arrogance about this whole

resolution being presented now," Thomas said. Compton said integrity can't be legislated. "If you have integrity and are elected to represent a district, it doesn't matter who gives you money," she said.

In other business: The council approved \$4.9 million in tax incremental financing for Union Corners, the mixed-used development project roughly bounded by East Washington Avenue, Winnebago and Milwaukee streets.

The development will include five buildings with 140 condo units, 63 rental units, and about 100,000 square feet of commercial space. The council also changed the way the mayor and council

member salaries are calculated. Under this ordinance, the mayor's salary will increase only at the beginning of a four-year term.

Previously, the salary for the mayor increased every year. The mayor elected in April will be paid \$115,138.

The salaries of council members will now increase once at the beginning of each two-year term.

For the term that begins April 17, council members' salaries will be \$7,113. The council president's salary will be \$9,473, and the president pro tem's salary will be \$7,971.

Wisconsin Wellness Campaign We are opening our largest Recreational Facility to the general public for the first time! Join us for the Wisconsin Wellness Expo: When: Saturday, March 24, 2007 Where: University of Wisconsin Southeast Recreational Facility (SERF) 715 W. Dayton Street Time: 12 noon to 4pm www.recsports.wisc.edu/wwc.html

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