

TUESDAY
BRIEFING

Rapist, 18,
gets jail term

An 18-year-old rapist was sentenced to one year in Dane County Jail and three years' probation despite advice from a probation officer that his already lengthy criminal record had earned him a prison sentence.

Holding his index finger and thumb barely apart, Circuit Judge Robert Pekowsky told Andrew Clark he was "this close" to being sent to prison after numerous efforts in the juvenile court system to reform him had failed.

"Mr. Clark's life clearly ran amok some years ago," Pekowsky said, citing convictions for aggravated battery, simple battery and other offenses.

With Clark's father just finishing a prison sentence and the whereabouts of his mother and stepfather unknown, Pekowsky said, there appeared to be little chance Clark could find much support outside jail.

Clark, of 1022 Fiedler Lane, pleaded no contest weeks ago to raping a girl in her home on Baird Street while visiting the residence. The criminal complaint states he attacked her after she opened the bathroom door to answer his knocking.

His probation officer, Courtney Spitz, said Clark's victim had left town because of "intimidating behavior" by Clark's friends and relatives toward her.

PEOPLE

Retired banker
keeps fast pace

Stop in at First Wisconsin National Bank on the Capitol Square most days, and you'll likely find Harlan Nichols holding forth in his first-floor office — just as he's been doing for 65 years.

"As far as I know, I'm the oldest person still active on the Square," Nichols reported.

Nichols, 85, has been active in Madison banking for 65 years, ever since he joined the staff of the old Bank of Wisconsin in 1927.

I started as a messenger, and the bank gave me the opportunity to work my way up, one department at a time," Nichols said.

He followed the bank through mergers and name changes until he retired 20 years ago as executive vice president and member of the board of directors.

Since then, Nichols has had no official role with the bank, but he retains his office and "acts as something of a PR man and good-will ambassador," he said Monday.

Nichols also uses his office as a base for the community activities he has had more time to pursue during the past two decades.

Not that those activities began with retirement, you understand. In 1937 — that's 55 years ago — Nichols helped organized Cub Scout Pack 329 at Emerson School. The pack still serves youngsters on the East Side, and Nichols has been active in Scouts ever since.

The Four Lakes Council of the Boy Scouts of America recently honored him with the Harlan C. Nichols Heritage Society Award, in recognition of his service, which includes three years as president of the council.

He also has been active in Rotary activities — though he has been a member of Downtown Rotary for only 39 years — and a year ago he received the Manfred Swarsensky Humanitarian Service Award.

Earlier this year, Stoughton honored Nichols, who never forgot his roots in that community.

"Both my maternal and maternal grandparents moved into the Stoughton area in the 1850s, one family from England and the other from Ireland," he said. "They lived in the proverbial log cabin and cleared the land for family, and each family had 10 children."

"It has always been my belief that if they could make it, I could make it, too," Nichols says he's happy he decided to make it in Madison.

"I moved here in 1927 when the population was only 18,000," he said. "It was a great city then and it's a great city now."

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LETTERS

WISCONSIN — Wed. Supercash: 3-11-24-25-29-31
Odds of nothing all six numbers for \$250,000: 1 in 972,000
Powerball and Megabucks lottery numbers are drawn Wednesday and Saturday nights. The estimated Powerball jackpot for the next drawing is \$2 million. The estimated Megabucks jackpot is \$2.5 million. For the last drawing's numbers, dial toll-free (800) 242-7777.

ILLINOIS — Wed. Daily Game: 9-2-2; Pick Four: 8-0-3-1; Little Lotto: 1-10-16-20-23; Est. Lotto jackpot: \$2 million.

LOTTO/NEIDA — Wed. Cash Three: 7-2-2.

MINNESOTA — Wed. Daily Three: 8-2-7.

Police officer to face charges

Allegations stem from teen-ager's arrest

By Denise Sanders
Police reporter

A 20-year-veteran of the Madison Police Department has been placed on "restricted duty" and will face charges in the beating of a 17-year-old suspect during an arrest in July, police confirmed.

A statement released Monday, police said action against the officer was taken for his use of force in arresting the boy July 24.

The boy was suspected of operating a motor vehicle without the owner's consent, police said. The youth did not need medical attention, a source said.

The department is alleging "policy violations" by the officer, whose name was not released

pending charges. The officer is in his 40s and assigned to the West District, police said.

The officer reportedly had been involved in previous incidents in which suspects were injured.

The office of the city attorney has, on a previous occasion, represented both said police officer and the city when settling the claim for monetary damage of another person whose arm was broken during an altercation involving the police officer, Assistant City

Attorney William Jansen wrote in a memorandum to the city Board of Estimates.

"It is likely that the pleadings and proof of the statement of charges presently contemplated by Chief Couper will include reference to allegations involving injuries to other prisoners which occurred in the police officer's past experiences while working for the Madison Police Department," Jansen wrote.

Jansen wrote to the board cit-

ing a conflict of interest in representing the department against the police officer before the Police and Fire Commission. The board authorized Police Chief David Couper to hire a private attorney instead.

The action follows an investigation by the department's Internal Affairs Unit and was due to the serious nature of the allegation," police said.

Dane County District Attorney Bill Foust indicated criminal charges also would be filed

against the officer over the incident.

Couper would say little about the prospective complaint against the officer following the meeting Monday night.

"I think that will come through the forum of the Police and Fire Commission and that would be the proper way to handle it, Couper said.

Steve Gilroy, president of the Madison Professional Police Officers Association, had no comment on the case.

Corps builds character, muscle

By Elizabeth Brixey
Wisconsin State Journal

Talk about muscles. Madonna should be so fit. But, hey, these girls get theirs from pumping baritone and bass drums.

From living Spartan-style off gym floors and truck kitchens. From soothing savage beasts such as parents and other never-say-die types.

They are the Madison CapitoloAires, an all-female drum and bugle corps that thrilled crowds Monday at Camp Randall Stadium on Day One of the Drum Corps International World Championships.

The week is the culmination of work for the 50 or so CapitoloAires and for corps around the world.

The group, for ages 12-21 and directed by Morgan Larson, earned sixth place in a field of 29, a rating that likely sends them to tonight's Divisions II and III finals at UW-Whitewater.

The CapitoloAires are having their best year ever, which watchers attribute to a large base of returning members and a staff of ex-Madison Scouts and CapitoloAires that "gels." The turnaround began in 1990 and was noted last year when the group was dubbed "Most Improved" by DCI and Drum Corps Midwest.

"It's the biggest high sometimes," said Mindi Stanislawski, 19, of Wisconsin Rapids. "You look up and there's all these people clapping — for us? It's great."

Late in the day, her lyrical melophone solos would draw wild cheers from fans in the bleachers. But midmorning Monday, she sat on the asphalt outside LaFollette High School eating cereal.

"I could've slept better in a sauna," Stanislawski moaned.

In the hands of Madisonian Bonnie Phaneuf, the girls eat well — that morning berry pancakes, hash browns and "snags" — but all-day practices and grueling tours keep the pounds down, they say.

The group members who gathered to talk had in common bright white feet, where their shoes blocked the sun. And white hands, from their gloves. Some had tan lines from their gymkhana straps. And one girl peeled up the back of her shirt to reveal tattoo-like lines — from her drum harness.

"But we love corps," they drawled together. In fact, the girls



The Madison CapitoloAires bring sound, style and a bit of sass to Camp Randall Stadium Monday.

State Journal photo/SCOTT SEB

Monday's results

The Mandarins of Sacramento, Calif., placed first among 29 competitors Monday in Division III Preliminaries of Drum Corps International World Championships at Camp Randall Stadium. Division III is for corps of no more than 60 people.

In second and third place were Pioneer of Milwaukee and Academic Musicale of Sherbrook, Quebec, respectively. The Madison CapitoloAires took sixth, and the Madison Junior Scouts placed 17th.

The 12 top-scoring corps from Monday and today's Division II competition move to the finals, where the top five also earn a spot in Thursday's Open Class quarterfinals.

have no interest in Madison Scouts going good. "No, no, never. We want them

Division III Preliminaries

1. Mandarins	89.5
2. Pioneer	88.9
3. Academic Musicale	84.7
4. Blue Stars	84.2
5. Suncoast Sound	82
6. CapitoloAires	81.6
7. St. John's	78.6
8. Americans	78.7
9. Barquettes	76.5
10. Knights	75
11. Nile Express	72.2
12. Conqueror II	66.7
13. Phantom Regiment	64.3
14. Royal Columbian	62.8
15. 12th Command	59.4
16. Buccaneers	59.2
17. Madison Jr. Scouts	56.1
18. Riders of Hudson	54.7
20. Spectrum	53.2
21. Emerald Knights	53.1
22. Edmonton Striker	50.2
23. Rapid City Express	50
24. Colt Cadets	48.6
25. Guardians Cadets	48.1
26. Cadets of Dutch	47.1
27. Delta Brigade	43.9
28. Blue Saints	43
29. Racine Explorer	34.7

our big brothers. We look out for each other."

That doesn't mean, though, that they wouldn't like more of that money — the twice-world-champ Scouts receive.

Each CapitoloAire pays \$250 a year to be in the corps. When asked why they do it, they quickly tick off a list:

- "You get skinny."
- "You get a tan."
- "Discipline."
- "You make great friends."
- "And, from Sara Ondrasek, 14, you learn self-respect."

"After you do something like this, you really feel a sense of pride. I did this. I can do this," said Sara, soon to be a freshman at LaFollette.

So they did — in a performance of swirling purple and white costumes, percussion, flags and shining silver horns. Led by Sank City drum major Meredith Dunn, they stormed through their show with style, sound and a bit of sass.

The parents, those die-hards, got out the Kleenex.

Convention center
foes draw attack

By Mary Balousek
City-county reporter

Mayor Paul Soglin Monday blasted opponents of the Monona Terrace convention center as people who probably would have opposed building the state Capitol.

"It's the kind of people who probably would have fought the Eiffel Tower in Paris," he said. "It's an attitude of selfishness and self-righteousness. They don't want people to participate in having a viable economic base in the community."

The comments came during the taping of "The Mayor's Report," which airs at 7 p.m. today and at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday on Madison cable channel 12.

Soglin said opposition by some Dane County supervisors and town officials goes beyond the veto by County Executive Richard Phelps of a town of Albion zoning petition.

"I think it's deeper than that," he said. "I think the land-use issues are deeper."

In meetings with County Board Chairman Michael Blaska, Soglin said he offered to try to resolve differences between city and rural supervisors over land-use issues.

Last week the County Board rejected a proposal to sponsor a countywide advisory referendum on the convention center. But town officials have indicated they may encourage local municipalities to have their own referendums. A referendum on the \$67 million convention center, based on a design by architect Frank Lloyd Wright, is expected to appear on the ballot in Madison.

During the taping of the cable program, the mayor also brushed aside criticism that operating and construction costs estimates for the proposed center keep changing.

"You can't plan a building two or three years from now and have the exact (cost figures)," he said.



Paul Soglin

"The question is what is a reasonable explanation in terms of information when a project is in a developmental stage."

Soglin said Madison can no longer rely on state government for its economic base because government isn't expanding. He said the rhetoric and issues raised hold down to a single question.

"It comes down to whether you're in favor of the project or you're against it," he said. "We need to go beyond the numbers and think about vision."

More money allotted
for police overtime

By Mary Balousek
City-county reporter

The Madison Board of Estimates voted Monday night to provide additional money for police overtime and salaries, ending a conflict between Mayor Paul Soglin and Police Chief David Couper.

A resolution introduced by Ald. Susan Bauman would allocate \$330,000 to cover police salaries and \$220,000 presumably for overtime, which is \$40,000 more than previously requested.

As part of an apparent compromise struck between Soglin and Couper, a vaguely defined "guidance team and working committee" would be appointed to explore the issue. The board approved the ordinance, but it also requires council approval.

Soglin, who balked two weeks ago at providing the money, said the \$330,000 is needed because the department has operated all year with more officers than its 309 authorized strength.

While Soglin, who chairs the Board of Estimates, appeared

comfortable with the compromise, some aldermen were not.

Ald. Michael Shivers said police calls go unanswered in his area and residents are concerned.

"It's gotten to the point now where the people are arming themselves," he said.

Ald. Carol McGuire said she isn't satisfied the compromise will solve the overtime problem. "It sounds like another committee that's being appointed," she said.

Ald. Warren Onken said the issue is complex and will take a while to solve. "Until we have all the explanations, we're not going to deliver gold as stones," he said. "This is not going to be something that's going to be answered in two weeks."

An audit of police overtime by Comptroller Paul Reilly found that some officers receive overtime for 15-minute briefings even if they don't attend them. The audit found that some officers had overtime authorized by other officers or equal or lower rank.

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