

Sheboygan South 2021 - Radio Round 2

Paraglider rescued from partially frozen pond in Dane County

A paraglider had a rough landing Friday night and had to be rescued from a partially frozen pond in Dane County.

According to the Dane County Sheriff's Office, the paraglider became submerged in the frigid waters of the pond near Union Road in the Town of Oregon. He was able to free himself from the glider, but he could not get back on land. A resident called 911.

Emergency personnel from the Oregon Police Department, along with fire departments from Brooklyn, Oregon and Madison also responded to the call.

Firefighters retrieved the man, who was treated for non-life-threatening injuries including cold water exposure.

American Family raising minimum wage to \$20

Nearly 1,700 employees of American Family Insurance group companies are getting a raise.

Madison-based American Family raised its minimum hourly rate from \$15 to \$20 an hour, the company announced in a news release Friday. The rate increase will go into effect retroactively to Jan. 1.

The wage increase affects nearly 1,700 of around 13,500 employees of American Family group companies across the country. Those employees work in customer service, claims, administrative and other areas.

American Family said the wage increase will help attract and retain talent as well as positively impact employees and their communities.

"As an organization committed to exceptional customer service, it is essential we invest in our employees who provide that service," Gerry Benusa enterprise chief people officer, said in the news release. "Offering competitive wages not only helps ensure we attract and retain customer-focused employees, it also allows them to invest in their careers, dreams and communities."

Employees at American Family also are offered benefits package that includes health insurance, retirement benefits, flexible work arrangements, training and development opportunities, and paid time-off and parental leave programs.

American Family sells auto, home, life and business insurance primarily through its independent agents in 19 states.

Cuban fined \$500,000

The NBA fined Dallas owner Mark Cuban \$500,000 on Friday for "public criticism and detrimental conduct" regarding officiating. Separately, the league sent a memo to teams reminding them of rules that govern conduct of owners, coaches and other team personnel during games.

The memo laid out parameters for proper conduct by team personnel toward game officials, how team personnel other than coaches are not allowed on the court during games and how they cannot use "profane or objectionable language that might be heard by spectators" during the game.

The memo about the rules of conduct for team personnel does not mention Cuban specifically, though he typically sits near the Mavericks' bench during games.

Cuban's \$500,000 fine raised the total that the NBA has fined him over the years to at least \$3.1 million.

FAST FOOD: McDonald's selling Spam sandwich in China

McDonald's is selling a sandwich made of Spam topped with crushed Oreo cookies Monday in China in an attention-grabbing move that has raised eyebrows. Global brands from restaurants to automakers sometimes roll out offbeat products to appeal to Chinese tastes in the populous and intensely competitive market. This is undoubtedly one of them. "I thought it was delicious," said a comment signed Feifei Mao Enthusiast on the Sina Weibo microblog service. "Is that because I love McDonald's too deeply? Or is something wrong with my taste?" The sandwich is made of two slices of Spam, a product of Hormel Foods LLC, and Mondelez International's Oreo cookies, topped with mayonnaise. McDonald's Corp. said the sandwich was part of a series of "members only" promotions to be released on Mondays in China.

Rock County prosecutor clears 3 officers in deadly December shooting

BELOIT - Rock County District Attorney General David O'Leary said Friday that an officer-involved shooting in Beloit last December that left a Janesville man dead was lawful and reasonable.

O'Leary said at a news conference that the investigation into the death of 23-year-old Montay Penning is now closed.

The three officers involved in the shooting were previously identified as Detective Nathan Adams, Sgt. Ryan Flanagan and Officer John McMahon.

O'Leary said the investigation found Penning had pointed his gun, which had been stolen in 2019, at Adams and Flanagan, though he apparently never fired at the officers. But he said an autopsy was consistent with Penning having had his arm extended toward the officers.

Police say Penning was spotted driving a stolen car Dec. 10. A short foot chase ensued. Police say Penning ignored multiple commands to drop his gun and pointed it at the pursuing officers, who fired 22 rounds, hitting him three times.

HORSE RACING

Empire Maker, who won the 2003 Belmont Stakes to spoil Funny Cide's Triple Crown bid and went on to become a prolific stallion, died of a rare disease that compromised his immune system. He was 21 years old.

Empire Maker won the 2003 Florida Derby and then won the Wood Memorial over Funny Cide, setting him up as the favorite for the Kentucky Derby. But he struggled with a minor foot problem the week of the race and finished second to Funny Cide.

Empire Maker skipped the Preakness and won the Belmont five weeks later on a sloppy track over Ten Most Wanted. Funny Cide finished third.

No Casualties as shell hits US base, Iraq says

BAGHDAD – A mortar shell slammed into an airbase hosting U.S. troops in northern Iraq late Thursday, causing no casualties, two Iraqi security officials said.

The shell struck the K1 Iraqi military airbase in Kirkuk province, according to the security sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media. They provided no additional details.

A rocket attack on the same base in December triggered a chain of retaliatory events that led to soaring U.S.-Iran tensions and brought Iraq to the brink of war.

On Thursday, Iraqi forces searched the perimeter of the base and discovered a launching pad and 11 unused missiles, a statement from Iraq's military said.

A rocket attack on K1 killed a U.S. contractor on Dec. 27 and prompted Washington to conduct an airstrike that killed top Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani and senior Iraqi militia commander Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis.

The attack infuriated Shiite Iraqi lawmakers who voted to oust U.S. troops from the country in a Jan. 3 Parliament session. Iran retaliated for Soleimani's killing with a barrage of missiles that targeted two airbases hosting American troops in Irbil and Ain al-Asad.

Iran and the U.S. have since refrained from further escalation, but the issue of American troops has monopolized Iraqi politics

Good Samaritan injured helping driver on freeway

A car struck a man who stopped to help a motorist whose vehicle was pulled aside in a distress lane on a Milwaukee interstate, the sheriff's office said.

The sheriff's office said the accident occurred about 10 p.m. Friday.

The injured man was in a pickup truck with two other people when he stopped to assist a Toyota with three passengers. The sheriff's office said a Chevy Malibu lost control and struck the man who was trying to help while he was standing outside his own vehicle.

The injured man was transported to a hospital, but the sheriff's office did not provide information on his condition or his name. Authorities said the Malibu's driver consented to a blood draw.

RETAIL: Activist calls Vuitton leather yoga mat insensitive

A Hindu activist is calling on luxury goods maker Louis Vuitton to pull a yoga mat made partly from cowhide leather, calling it "hugely insensitive." Rajan Zed, president of the Universal Society of Hinduism, said in a statement Friday the mat is "highly inappropriate" to practicing Hindus, who regard cows as sacred symbols of life. "The scenario of yoga – a profound, sacred and ancient discipline introduced and nourished by Hinduism – being performed on a mat made from a killed cow is painful," Zed said. The company's yoga mat, made mostly of canvas with leather details and a cowhide carrying strap, retails for \$2,390 online.

Crash involving Paratech ambulance injures 3

Paramedics took three people to Froedtert Hospital Friday night after a crash involving an ambulance, Milwaukee Fire Department officials said.

Milwaukee police responded about 8:20 p.m. to the crash at the intersection of North 6th Street and West North Avenue, according to call logs.

Pictures from the scene showed a Paratech ambulance tipped onto its side and a sign pole crushed underneath it.

Paratech Ambulance Service issued a statement confirming the crash and that it was cooperating with the Milwaukee Police Department. It said the ambulance's lights and siren were activated at the time of the crash.

Additional details were not released.

Kenosha County cracks down on out-of-staters seeking vaccine

MILWAUKEE, Wis. – Kenosha County officials say they are cracking down on Illinois residents who are crossing the border to get the COVID-19 vaccine in Wisconsin.

Kenosha Health Officer Jen Freiheit said in a statement that vaccination clinics are for people who live or work in Kenosha County who are age 65 and over or in the 1A category. Those currently eligible include health care workers, residents and staff in skilled nursing and long-term care facilities, EMTs, police officers, firefighters and corrections officers.

"We are trying our best to discourage non-residents and some might have slipped through, but we are working to crack down on that going forward," Freiheit said, adding: "While we want to get as many shots in arms as possible, Kenosha County residents are our priority."

Freiheit's comments come after a woman contacted the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel to report some family members, including a couple in their 50s who live in the Chicago suburbs and don't work in Wisconsin, were able to get the vaccine in Kenosha.

Jennifer Miller, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Health Services, said vaccinators are encouraged to check eligibility before administering shots.

Wisconsin reported 10 new COVID-19-related deaths on Saturday and 752 new cases of the virus, bringing the totals to 6,161 deaths and 554,800 cases since the pandemic began.

As of Friday, a total of 940,205 vaccines had been administered in the state.

Iowa care home accused of human experiments

DES MOINES, Iowa –The U.S. Justice Department has found a state-run care center for people with intellectual disabilities has likely violated the constitutional rights of residents by subjecting them to human experiments, some of which were deemed dangerous by federal investigators.

A report released Tuesday identified broad failures at the Glenwood Resource Center, including poor treatment of residents and failure of the Iowa Department of Human Services to respond. The report said breakdowns in the quality of physical health care exposed residents to harm and serious risk of harm.

"Iowa has been deliberately indifferent to those breakdowns and the risks they pose. Glenwood frequently leaves residents at serious risk of harm or death by ignoring changes in condition outright, or by adopting a clinically unjustified 'wait and see' approach," the report said.

The department began investigating in November 2020, just months after The Des Moines Register reported an unusually high number of deaths at Glenwood and quoted workers blaming inadequate care as the cause of some deaths.

The DOJ investigation concluded that there is reasonable cause to believe the conditions at Glenwood violate the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

"Individuals with disabilities are not human guinea pigs, and like all persons, they should never be subject to bizarre and deviant pseudo-medical 'experiments' that injure them," said Assistant Attorney General Eric Dreiband for the Civil Rights Division. "Human experimentation is the hallmark of sick totalitarian states and has no place in the United States of America.

The U.S. Constitution protects the right of all persons in this free country who are in the care of the state to be reasonably free from harm or the risk of harm."

He said the department will work with Iowa to ensure reforms are instituted at Glenwood.

FOOD: Genetically modified pig receives approval

U.S. regulators have approved a genetically modified pig for food and medical products, making it the second such animal to get the green light for human consumption. But the company behind it says there are no imminent plans to sell it for meat. The pig is genetically engineered to eliminate the presence of alpha-gal, a type of sugar found in many mammals. The sugar makes its way into many products – including medications, cosmetics and food – and can cause allergic reactions in some people. The main goal of the company behind the pig, United Therapeutics Corp., is to develop medical products, such as blood thinners, that won't set off such reactions, said spokesman Dewey Steadman. Eventually, the Silver Spring, Maryland-based firm hopes to develop a way for the pig's organs to be transplanted into people.

North Carolina police arrest man they say set woman on fire

KINSTON, N.C. – Police in North Carolina have arrested a man accused of dousing a woman in flammable liquid and lighting her on fire while she drove alone in her car.

Venice Taylor, 41, was taken into custody hours later, during a traffic stop in Kinston on Thursday night, news outlets reported.

Khloe McNeal, 24, of Kinston was found on a sidewalk with severe burns on her upper body after a bystander flagged down a police officer, interim Kinston Police Chief Tim Dilday said.

McNeal was able to tell police that she was driving and came to a stop when a man approached her car, threw a flammable liquid on her and set her on fire. Investigators said they don't think Taylor knew the victim.

McNeal was airlifted to a burn center. Her condition wasn't known as of Thursday night, news outlets said.

INVESTING: Tesla seeks to sell \$5 billion in stock

Tesla said Friday it is looking to raise up to \$5 billion in capital through a stock offering. The announcement came on the same day CEO Elon Musk said he has moved his home to Texas from California. The stock sale is the second for the electric-vehicle and solar-panel company in three months. Musk told The Wall Street Journal in an interview Tuesday he has moved to Texas, saying California has taken innovators for granted. He also could be moving because Texas has no income tax. The newspaper didn't say where he had moved in Texas, but it's likely to be close to Austin, where Tesla is building a new factory. SpaceX, another Musk-led company, has operations nearby. On the stock offering, Tesla Inc. said in a regulatory filing that the sales would be made "from time to time."

SPEEDSKATING

Olympian Mia Kilburg won the women's mass start Saturday at the Four Continents Speedskating Championship, becoming the first American athlete to win two events in the weekend competition at the Pettit National Ice Center.

Kilburg finished in 11 minutes 12.480 seconds and edged Korean Bo-Reum Kim by 0.220. She won the 3,000 meters Friday.

American Brianna Bocox finished the women's 1,500 meters in a personal-best 1:57.176, edging Nadezhda Morozova of Kazakhstan by 0.718 of a second for the victory.

The three-day competition concludes Sunday with 1,000 meters and team pursuit races for both men and women.

Vermont sues web-scraping facial recognition firm

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The state of Vermont is suing a data broker that it says uses facial recognition technology to map the faces of Vermonters, including children, and then sells access to the data to private businesses, individuals and law enforcement.

New York-based Clearview AI has drawn attention following investigative reports about its practice of harvesting billions of photos from social media and other services to identify people. Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and other companies in February demanded that Clearview stop harvesting their users' images.

Vermont Attorney General T.J. Donovan filed a lawsuit against Clearview on Friday, alleging that the company violated Vermont's Consumer Protection Act and new data broker law.

"I am disturbed by this practice, particularly the practice of collecting and selling children's facial recognition data," Donovan said in a written statement. "This practice is unscrupulous, unethical, and contrary to public policy."

RETAIL: Barnes & Noble scraps 'multicultural' reissues

Barnes & Noble is withdrawing a planned line of famous literature reissued with multicultural cover images that has been met with widespread criticism on social media. "We acknowledge the voices who have expressed concerns about the Diverse Editions project at our Barnes & Noble Fifth Avenue store and have decided to suspend the initiative," Barnes & Noble announced in a statement Friday. Author Adriana Herrera had called the books, scheduled to be launched this week, "the classics in blackface." "Diverse Editions," a joint project between Barnes & Noble and Penguin Random House, featured 12 texts, including Lewis Carroll's "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein" and L. Frank Baum's "The Wizard of Oz."

AUTO RACING

Team owner Wayne Taylor won the prestigious Rolex 24 at Daytona on Sunday for the second consecutive year, the third time in four seasons and fourth time overall, and moved within two Rolex victories of Chip Ganassi's record six wins.

This Wayne Taylor Racing team came without either of the Taylor sons. Jordan, the youngest, left the team this year to become a factory driver for Corvette Racing while Ricky is in his third season driving an Acura for Team Penske.

Taylor assembled a lineup full of Rolex winners. Taylor called in five-time IndyCar champion Scott Dixon and Kamui Kobayashi, one of the top sports car racers in the world. They joined Ryan Briscoe and Renger van der Zande, the full-time drivers of the No. 10 Cadillac DPi.

Indonesia raid nets top terror suspect

JAKARTA, Indonesia – Indonesian police arrested a man believed to be the military leader of the al-Qaida-linked Jemaah Islamiyah network who has eluded capture since 2003, authorities said Saturday.

Aris Sumarsono, known as Zulkarnaen, was arrested late Thursday by counterterrorism police without resistance in a raid at a house in East Lampung district on Sumatra island, said National Police spokesperson Ahmad Ramadhan.

Zulkarnaen is suspected of being involved in the making of bombs used in a series of attacks, including the 2002 Bali bombings that killed 202 people, and a 2003 attack on the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Jakarta, Indonesia's capital, that killed 12, Ramadhan said.

He said Zulkarnaen, a biologist who was among the first Indonesian militants to go to Afghanistan for training, is also accused of harboring Upik Lawanga, another bomb maker and a key Jemaah Islamiyah' member.

Lawanga was arrested by counterterrorism police in Lampung last week. He had eluded capture since 2005 after being named as a suspect in an attack that killed more than 20 people at a market in Poso. known as a hotbed of Islamic militancy on Indonesia's Sulawesi island.

"He is in custody and being questioned by investigators," Ramadhan said of Zulkarnaen.

Body found in rough seas as UK faces another fierce storm

LONDON – Rescuers found a body in rough seas following an extensive search Saturday off the coast of south-east England, as Britain faced a second straight weekend of wild winter weather and flooding.

The body was discovered by a lifeboat from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, which received a distress call of a man falling off a ship.

Hurricane-force winds of up to 85 knots and monster waves that could reach over 100 feet high were roaring across the North Atlantic on Friday, the U.S. National Weather Service's Ocean Prediction Center said.

The storm is expected to deepen through the weekend. Authorities urged people take all possible precautions. Hundreds of flights were reported canceled.

The Met Office had 22 flood warnings in place around England. The Irish Meteorologist Service issued a number of wind warnings, saying gusts of up to 75 mph might be seen.

Around 75 British army personnel and 70 reservists were helping out stretched communities in the flood-hit Calder Valley region in West Yorkshire, constructing barriers and repairing damaged flood defenses.

"Our armed forces are always ready to support local authorities and communities whenever they need it," Britain's Defense Secretary Ben Wallace said. "The rapid response of the Army today will help with provision of flood relief to local communities in West Yorkshire."

Power outage in northern Mexico hits 400,000 users, president says

MEXICO CITY – Mexico is working to fix a power outage that hit around 400,000 users and was caused by a cold snap in the north of the country, President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador said on Friday.

Amid the bad weather, national electricity grid operator CENACE said on Twitter that the outage had come about due to a shortage of natural gas and some transmission problems.

Speaking at a regular news conference, Lopez Obrador said he expected the outage would be quickly resolved.

The president dismissed suggestions that the outage could be linked to a “boycott” of Mexico by private power generators upset at his plan to strengthen state power utility, the Comision Federal de Electricidad, at their expense.

The outage affected about 6,950 megawatts of load, CENACE said, urging consumers in the border states of Nuevo Leon, Tamaulipas and Chihuahua to cut back on electricity usage. The state of Coahuila was also affected, Lopez Obrador said.

Lopez Obrador, an energy nationalist, wants to bolster state control of the power sector, arguing that previous governments skewed the market in favor of private companies.

In late December, an outage in the Mexican network left 10.3 million users without power for up to two hours.

Detroit Mercy 79, UWM 73

Rough half leads to loss

DETROIT - It was a tale of two halves for UW-Milwaukee Friday. The Panthers built a 16-point lead late in the first half, but struggled in the second 20 minutes and fell to Detroit Mercy, 79-73.

The Titans reeled off a 22-4 run and grabbed a 54-52 lead six minutes into the second half when Brad Calipari sank three free throws. Calipari buried a three-pointer on Detroit's next possession and the Titans began to build a 14-point lead.

The Panthers surged back with an 11-0 run late, cutting the gap to 75-73 with 38 seconds left, but UWM missed its last four shots.

"This one hurts because we had the perfect game plan put together," Panthers head coach Pat Baldwin said. "In the first half we defended really well..."

"We had a lot of breakdowns in the second half that led to them coming back and us not getting this win."

Darius Roy had 19 points, 6 rebounds and assists for the Panthers while Te'Jon Lucas added 13 points and 8 assists. DeAndre Abram had 12 points and 12 rebounds.

Sat 27 | Day

23°



7%
SW 6 mph

Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 23F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.

Sat 27 | Night

13°



17%
SSW 5 mph

Partly cloudy during the evening followed by cloudy skies overnight. Low 13F. Winds light and variable.

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30°	36°	39°	35°
20°	29°	26°	24°



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