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Star senior point guard leads the No. 21 Phoenix on a 20-game winning streak > C-1



Natalia Berger

### INSIDE TODAY



#### Stock exchange bounces back

Wall Street rebounded fitfully Wednesday from the previous session's 416-point plunge in the Dow industrials as investors took comfort from comments by Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke but still showed signs of uneasiness about the economy. > B-1



#### Conference could open door to Iran

The Bush administration says it's not going soft on Iran, but Washington's new agreement to talk to the clerical regime about violence in Iraq could crack the door for other discussions. > B-3



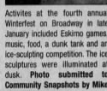
#### Drug abuse turns to prescriptions

Abuse of prescription drugs is about to exceed the use of illicit street narcotics worldwide, and the shift has spawned a new trade in counterfeit painkillers, sedatives and other medicines potent enough to kill. > B-5



#### PIC OF THE DAY Ice work

Activities at the fourth annual Winterfest on Broadway in late January included Eskimo games, music, food, a dunk tank and an ice-sculpting competition. The ice sculptures were illuminated at dusk. Photo submitted to Community Snapshots by Mike Peters



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### PRESS-GAZETTE FOCUS: CIRQUE DU SOLEIL



Natalia Berger, from Russia, works on her acrobatic performance Wednesday on the aerial straps for Cirque du Soleil's "Delirium" inside the Resch Center in Ashwaubenon. Photos by Evan Spigler/Press-Gazette

## Cirque du Soleil builds to excitement at Resch Center

Entertainers roll into Ashwaubenon with 18 trucks in tow

BY KENDRA MEINERT

ASHWAUBENON — The biggest production to ever see the inside of the Resch Center went underway Wednesday morning just as it has in 40-plus other cities in the last year — without a hitch.

Cirque du Soleil's "Delirium," the first arena show from the Canadian entertainment engine, rolled into town Monday from Anson, Iowa, with 18 trucks carrying 3 tons of equipment.

After having Tuesday off allowing for outings to local of foodies, malls and AJ's Hamburger Shop, the heavy lifting began at 1 a.m. Wednesday in preparation for the sold-out performance.

It took a 40-person crew, along with another 10 union members hired locally about eight hours to assemble the rigging, lighting trusses and a massive stage that stretched the length of the Resch Center floor. By mid-morning, the arena was a maze of metal, an entire foot of black trunks on wheels, floor-to-ceiling tape measures and supervised orange safety cones.

### Photo galleries

> To see a photo gallery of preparation to Wednesday's Cirque du Soleil performance, go to [www.greenbaypressgazette.com](http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com) and click on the story.

### More online

> Read Kendra Meinert's review of Wednesday's performance at [www.greenbaypressgazette.com](http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com).

"It's something that has never been done before in terms of multimedia," said Caroline Montreuil, producer for the "Delirium" tour. "There's so much coordination. Everything needs to be in its specific place at its specific time."

More than 80,000 pounds of equipment are suspended in the air from more than 100 flying jocks. The 11,000 square feet of projection space is the equivalent of more than three IMAX movie screens. A large dome — called "Planetarium" — houses a 15-piece drum set and moves via a hydraulic system on the stage.



A crew member works on setting up stage lighting Wednesday for Cirque du Soleil's performance inside the Resch Center in Ashwaubenon.

## Messy mix could make commute a trick

Snowfall expected to yield to rain, ice

BY MALAIKA JAGANNATHAN

Commuters — beware. It's going to be a tricky ride. On the heels of an overnight snowfall that should get down to 2 to 4 inches, forecasters predict that between 8 and 1 a.m. snow will give way to a slushy mix of freezing rain and ice. With such inclement weather, the advice from both AAA Wisconsin and local law enforcement is simple — if you don't need to drive, don't. If you have to drive, don't be in a hurry," said Capt. Randy Schultz of the Brown County Sheriff's Department. "People in a hurry make trouble for everyone else."

With freezing rain in the mix, Schultz said his department expects a heavy morning rush hour. Overpasses and ramps tend to freeze faster than the highways, even when the air temperatures are above 32. If you have to hit the roads, check the weather first and with information from local law enforcement agencies, said Pam Mason, spokeswoman for AAA Wisconsin.

### Before you head out

> Winter storm arrival and departure times at Apple Straub International Airport in Ashwaubenon are available online at [www.co.wisconsin.gov/airport](http://www.co.wisconsin.gov/airport).

> Check the weather forecast and road conditions before you travel call 1-800-542-4444 or visit [www.dtc.wisconsin.gov](http://www.dtc.wisconsin.gov).

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### Special reports

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## Karen Halbach describes daughter's relationship with family

### Photographer's mother takes stand in trial

BY ANCY NELESEN

CITLON — Karen Halbach appeared in the courtroom of Judge Ken Kratz on Wednesday in the murder trial of Steven Avery the man accused of killing her daughter. Halbach, who raised five kids on a rural, Calumet County farm, didn't flinch at special prosecutor Ken Kratz's request for her to testify. Nor did she bat an eye when he warned that some of his questions might be difficult.

### The Steven Avery trial

Her family on the other hand, showed enough emotion for her. Kratz called Halbach to the stand late Wednesday morning and asked her about topics as mundane as Teresa's cell phone contract and the receipt for Teresa's Palm Pilot, and professed as the family's relationship with their daughter. Halbach's testimony came in the 11th day of testimony. At Karen Halbach settled



Steven Avery

into the witness chair, piercing feedback squeaked through the courtroom's sound system, and when the problems were fixed, the courtroom was so silent that even the crinkle of a candy wrapper seemed deafening. Kratz covered much of the same ground with Karen Halbach that he did with Halbach's son Mike and with Halbach's daughter Katie earlier in the trial. Karen Halbach said her family was close and would often spend time together on weekends.

### More on A-2

> Former equine study  
> Avery defense shifts, Kratz says  
> Avery 41, of Mishicot, is accused of burning Teresa Halbach's body to conceal her murder.  
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Karen Halbach testifies Wednesday at the Calumet County Courthouse, in Citron. K. Marc Larson/Green Bay Press Gazette

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# Forensic experts link teeth, bone fragments to Halbach

### Anthropologist: Remains signal violent death

BY ANDY NELESEN  
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CHILTON — Forensic experts confirmed Wednesday what a DNA expert's analysis already has revealed: The charred bone fragments found in a burnt pit behind Steven Avery's garage were from a young adult female human — and almost certainly are Teresa Halbach's.

Forensic anthropologist Leslie Eisenberg added another layer to the mix late Wednesday. She testified that she thinks the burned body was a homicide victim.

Avery, 44, of Mishicot, is charged with killing photographer Teresa Halbach on Halloween 2005. Prosecutors allege Avery and his 17-year-old nephew, Brendan Dassey, killed Halbach and burned her body to cover the crime. A DNA expert from the State Crime Lab testified last week that she found Halbach's DNA when she analyzed the remains found on Avery's property.

It was pieces among the skull fragments that seemed to determine if the gunshot wounds came before or after death, Eisenberg testified. "The most professional opinion, the manner of death in this case was by homicide violence," Eisenberg said.

The investigating and examining every fragment and every piece that was recovered from the scene — there were two fragments, in particular two skull fragments, that showed in my mind unmistakable defects or unusual openings, openings that were not caused either by some disease process — they weren't pathological — or a condition someone died with.

But under cross-examination by one of Avery's attorneys, she admitted that she could not determine if the gunshot wounds came before or after death, raising questions about the homicide claim.

Eisenberg testified that the fragments showed evidence that the shooting came before the burning, burial site coordinator for the Wisconsin Historical Society said bone fragments brought to her by investigators were from a female female no older than age 35. She was able to identify the remains as female based on measurements she took from six partial dental bones recovered from the burnt pit. She also measured another fragment — the end of an arm bone — and determined it was within the standards for a female skeleton.

Eisenberg also testified that she estimated the victim was "someone no older than 30 to 35 years old" because she did not find any signs of arthritis among the fragments. She also noted that the estimate are not exact. She also noted that there were not enough bone fragments found to establish race or stature.

Eisenberg — who has done work as disaster sites like Ground Zero in New York after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and in the Gulf Coast after hurricanes Katrina and Rita — testified that the condition of the "charred" fragments was consistent with someone whose body through burning.

"There was a clear effort to obscure a body through burning," said Eisenberg, who worked with the State Crime Lab to analyze the remains. "There was an obvious attempt, in my professional opinion, to obscure the identity of an individual."

Defense attorney Dean Strang will continue his cross-examination of Eisenberg today. The Dea Strang, a forensic dentist from Madison, testified Wednesday that one of the tooth fragments recovered on the Avery property burnt pit was "very consistent" with dental records of Halbach. He said he had to glue two fragments together to match X-rays on file with Halbach's dental records.

# Avery defense shifting, Kratz predicts one week left in prosecution's case

### Comments come Wednesday after 13th day of proceedings

By JIM WELLS  
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CHILTON — Prosecutors have "probably" less than a week" before they finish presenting their homicide case against Steven Avery in a Calumet County District Court trial.

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# Mother/Receipts, cell-phone records among items shown in court Wednesday

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# CHRONIC FATIGUE!

GREEN BAY — A new free report has recently been released that reveals the "untold story" behind chronic fatigue. Chronic fatigue, exhaustion and measurement is complex and leads to countless years of unnecessary suffering. This free report reveals a natural remedy that is giving chronic fatigue sufferers their "love back" — with "irrefutable" results for many. If you suffer from chronic fatigue you need this U.S. no "grain-free" free report that is giving hope to chronic fatigue sufferers everywhere. For your free copy call toll-free 1-800-962-7076, 24 hr. recorded message.

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# DONATIONS TO DOYLE, DEMOCRATS INVESTIGATED

### Developer, relatives gave almost \$500,000

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MADISON — A Kenosha developer under investigation for money he and family members gave Gov. Jim Doyle donated nearly half a million dollars to the governor and Democratic groups since 2003, an Associated Press review of donation records showed.

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