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Unzipped fly leads officers to marijuana stash in Sheboygan

Associated Press
SHEBOYGAN — Too bad it took him his fly was down.
A 25-year-old man was arrested for drug possession after police found a marijuana pipe and drugs stashed in his underwear.
Police made the arrest after they found the man's car stuck in a ditch in the Town of Wilson. According to a criminal complaint, the man's pants were unzipped and officers asked if there was anything illegal in his clothing. They found a pipe and a small amount of marijuana.
The Sheboygan man was charged with misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, felony marijuana possession and operating a vehicle after having his license revoked, police said.

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Lynn Zigmunt, Manitowoc County Clerk of Courts, gives testimony Tuesday at the Steven Avery homicide trial at the Calumet County Courthouse in Chilton.

Defense, FBI chemist spar over validity of blood tests

Found blood did not contain preservative

BY ANDY NELESEN

CHILTON — Tuesday at the Steven Avery homicide trial, Marc LeBeau, head of the FBI's chemical analysis section, testified that he found a chemical preservative — EDTA — in a vial of Avery's blood that had been drawn in the 1990s as Avery sought to overturn a 1993 rape conviction.
LeBeau said analysis of three bloodstains found inside Teresa Halbach's Toyota Rav4 sport utility vehicle, shown to be Avery's through DNA typing, did not contain EDTA, or ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid. It is my opinion that the blood stains that were collected from the Rav4 could not have come from the EDTA tube that was provided to us in this case," LeBeau said.
Avery, 44, is accused of killing Halbach on Halloween 2005 after she came to his Manitowoc area property to photograph a vehicle he was selling. Halbach's SUV was found on the Avery's Auto Salvage property on Nov. 3, 2005.
Avery has maintained that his blood was planted inside Halbach's SUV. His lawyers say the blood came from the Clerk



Manitowoc County Circuit Judge Patrick Willis talks to attorneys Tuesday during the Steven Avery trial at the Calumet County Courthouse in Chilton.

Follow Avery trial on live video

Follow the Steven Avery trial by watching live video from the courtroom on our Web site, www.htrnews.com. The live video begins about 9 a.m. and continues while court is in session.

of Courts vial, which was stored unopened in the courtroom. The live video began about 9 a.m. and continues while court is in session.
Tuesday was LeBeau's second day on the stand in the Avery case, but the first in front of the jury. LeBeau spent Monday answering similar questions in an evidentiary hearing at which Manitowoc County Circuit Judge Patrick Willis denied the blood from the clerk of courts office.
"We were not able to identify any presence of EDTA... on the control swabs, any control swabs from the Rav4," LeBeau testified. "We were not able to identify any indication of EDTA... in any of the swabs that were submitted to our laboratory that contained blood and were reported to have been collected from the Rav4."

Flu hits local schools

Almost 25 percent of Lincoln High students absent

BY HELEN CLARKE

Special to the Reporter

MANITOWOC — Students across the Manitowoc Public School District have been spending more time in bed and less in classrooms as of late, thanks to peak season for influenza.
Lincoln High School alone has seen a decline in attendance — equivalent to almost 25 percent of its population — since Thursday.
Though Lincoln's absence report system doesn't necessarily single out a cause for each missing student, Principal Keith Shaw said many kids have gone home with complaints of nausea, headache, cramping and fever.
Sixty students went to the health room Monday at Lincoln, with 24 eventually being sent home, MPSD nurse Nan Oswald said.
"When they're confined to a classroom and we've got one person who's sick or missing, we'll have five more out the next day," Shaw said.

Manitowoc County Public Health Nurse Manager Amy Wergin said the kids have likely been hit with influenza A, which is experiencing a late peak this year.

The seasonal infection finds its victims between January and April, Wergin said. It's a droplet-spread illness that can be picked up through inhalation or physical contact. Symptoms include high fever, sore throat, cough and body aches.

Those afflicted with influenza A can expect to feel under the weather for two to seven days, during which they should stay at home and treat the symptoms with over-the-counter remedies.

"Kids are phenomenal," Shaw said. "If they're not feeling well and they've got an important project, they're going to come to school. And they're not going to miss that choir concert or athletic event."

But students who are feeling under the weather are encouraged to stay home to avoid the risk of infecting their classmates.

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State students lobby against rising cost of college

BY BRIAN TUNULTY

Special to the Reporter

WASHINGTON — Spring break it wasn't.
With temperatures in the 20s and wind gusts that provided a chilly reminder of home, about 50 Wisconsin college students joined hundreds of others at an outdoor rally near the U.S. Capitol Tuesday as part of a day of lobbying lawmakers to help make college more affordable.
One lawmaker reminded the large contingent from California they had left bikinis weather behind here.
"You're freezing for a reason," said Rep. George Miller, chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee, who promised the students

lower interest rates on student loans and an increase in Pell Grants for low-income students in the coming year.

Miller, a California Democrat, noted that one of his party's first actions after regaining majority control of Congress was to include a \$210 increase in Pell Grants in the 2007 budget.

Brittany Bart, student government president at UW-Sheboygan, said the top priority is getting Congress to reauthorize the Higher Education Act.

"We're fighting for access and affordability for all students to higher education," said Bart, a Hoopland sophomore from Sheboygan Falls, who is majoring in international studies and Spanish.

On the Web

http://wisc.edu/education/house.gov/ House Education and Labor Committee

"Education is a right," said Ross Cohen, student government president at UW-Stevens Point.

The rising cost of college is discouraging a lot of graduating high school students from attending, said Cohen, a 22-year-old senior from Madison. He expects to graduate in December with about \$6,000 in college loans.

"Of course many people make it in four years, but there are others who take longer," said Cedric Lawson, a senior

at UW-Madison and president of the United Council of UW Students. Higher costs are forcing more students to attend school part-time or take a semester off to save money, he said.

"Our students should have a right to go to school and leave with minimal debt," said Lawson, a Racine resident who expects to graduate in May with about \$15,000 in student loans.

Three lawmakers the students tried to meet with Tuesday — Rep. Tom Petri, R-Fond du Lac, and Sens. Herb Kohl and Russ Feingold — were busy with other matters, so the students met with their congressional staff.

Petri's spokesman, Niel Wright, blamed a scheduling mix up. Petri is a co-author with Miller on legislation that would increase funding for Pell Grants by encouraging more colleges to use more direct student loans.

Kohl issued a statement of firing his support for increasing federal spending on higher education. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I have worked to increase funding for the programs that make the dream of college a reality for students," Kohl said.

Feingold also issued a statement supporting more funding. "Access to higher education should be based on a student's desire to gain knowledge and skills, not on their financial resources," he said.

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Five-Day Forecast for Manitowoc

Day	Forecast	High/Low
TODAY	Partly Clearing	48°/32°
THURSDAY	Partly Cloudy	48°/32°
FRIDAY	Rain and Snow	48°/32°
SATURDAY	Decreasing Clouds	48°/32°
SUNDAY	Partly Cloudy	48°/32°

Manitowoc Forecast Today
High/Low: 48°/32°
Wind: 10-15 mph
Humidity: 65%
Sunrise: 6:41 a.m.
Sunset: 6:18 p.m.

State Forecast
High/Low: 48°/32°
Wind: 10-15 mph
Humidity: 65%

Free business counseling offered

MANITOWOC - The new business counseling sessions offered by SCORE will be held on Tuesday, March 13, at the offices of the Manitowoc County Economic Development Corporation, 151 Memorial Drive.

SCORE offers confidential counseling to help answer the broad range of questions confronting individuals starting a business. There is no charge for counseling, no matter how many sessions are needed. Each session lasts about one hour. Counseling is available to all US citizens over the age of 13. Appointments in Manitowoc County can be made by calling the EDC, 920-482-0340.

Deadline for assistance nears
MANITOWOC - The deadline to apply for Non-Interest Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on 2007 spring seeded crops is Thursday, March 15.

NAP coverage is only available for crops where insurance coverage is not available under federal crop insurance policies provided by private insurance agents.

The NAP program is designed to cover losses due to damaging weather conditions. The program covers losses

LAKESHORE UPDATE

weights if it believes no damage will be done to the highway.

Semi accident closes I-43
MANITOWOC - A semi-trailer unit overturned on I-43 early Tuesday, closing the northbound section of the interstate from Kellenburg to Marbel for several hours, according to Inspector Gregg Schetter of the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department.

The truck, owned by Birchwood Transport of Kenosha, was carrying animal parts for processing, according to Schetter.

The driver, Brian Maszy of Kenosha, was northbound on I-43 when he swerved to miss an animal near mile marker 162 at about 2 a.m., causing him to lose control of the truck, Schetter said. The semi entered the east ditch and overturned, sending the contents of the truck spilled out, leading to the closure of the northbound lanes of I-43.

Traffic was rerouted on Highway R between Kellenburg and Marbel.

Maszy reported minor injuries and was attended to by Viking Rescue of Denmark, according to Schetter.

The Manitowoc County Highway Department and the Marbel Fire Department assisted in the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department.

TRIAL

From A1

LeBeau said the vial of blood from the clerk of courts office contained "significant amounts of EDTA."

LeBeau said EDTA is a relatively stable chemical used in various products including shampoo and laundry detergent. Some scientists think that EDTA has become so prevalent that it is becoming an environmental concern - in part because it does not degrade easily.

"It's not a fragile chemical, not a fragile chemical at all," LeBeau said. "It can withstand temperatures of up to 300 degrees Fahrenheit before it will break apart."

LeBeau answered prosecutors' questions for about two hours and spent the rest of the day defending his testing and his lab during cross-examination.

Defense attorney Jerome Buting attacked LeBeau's findings on several fronts. That the testing protocol was hastily designed and unproven and that no one outside the FBI lab reviewed the testing.

Avey's attorneys uncovered the vial of blood in July

Alleged Ecstasy seller arrested

MANITOWOC - Officers from the Manitowoc County Metro Drug Unit have arrested a 30-year-old Manitowoc man for two alleged deliveries of Ecstasy, according to Lt. Mark Anderson of the Manitowoc County Metro Drug Unit.

Joseph Zuko is alleged to have sold \$300 worth of the drug last Saturday and Monday, Anderson said.

Zuko was taken into custody at his downtown area apartment, police said, and is expected to make a court appearance today.

Ecstasy is a synthetic drug with both stimulant and hallucinogenic qualities and is often referred to as a designer drug. The drug is abused mainly by teens and young adults, police said.

Police said Ecstasy's use and availability is not uncommon in the Manitowoc County area.

FLU

From A1

"Ideally, it would be great if children stayed home for 24 hours after their fever subsides," Oswald said, adding that a high fever is considered 100 degrees or higher.

Though schools can always expect to see lower attendance in the winter months, Shaw said this year has been worse than most. To combat illness, soap dispensers are filled to the brim and antibacterial hand

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