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5-28-11 former tci guard gets 18 years in prison

A former Taycheeda women's prison guard has been sentenced to 18 years in prison for sexually assaulting inmates. Fond du lac Judge, Gary Sharpe, sentenced 36 year old Jimmie Brown to 18 years behind bars and 18 years extended supervision. District Attorney, Dan Kaminsky, had recommended 28 years in prison and Brown's attorney recommended eight years. In February Brown was convicted on 16 of 18 counts of sexual assault by a corrections officer. Investigators say Brown had sexual contact with seven different inmates at TCI. One inmate claimed a forcible rape.

5-228-11 depies disappearance suspect

MILWAUKEE (AP) —A convicted kidnapper is now claiming he abducted 39 women, including one from Wisconsin who vanished nearly 20 years ago. Larry DeWayne Hall is currently serving a life sentence in a North Carolina prison for kidnapping a teenage girl from Illinois, whose body was found in Indiana. Hall recently told Wisconsin authorities that he killed Laurie Depies in 1992.

5-28-11 berlin woman charged with child sex assault

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) —A Berlin woman accused of sexually assaulting a teenage boy could face bail-jumping charges. The Brown County sheriff's department says Rae Mackin was arrested Wednesday after a tip claimed she was preparing to flee the state. Mackin allegedly had consensual sex with the 13-year-old as another person goaded them.

5-28-11 berlin man charged in shooting incident

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for next month for a Berlin man accused of firing gunshots outside his residence. Forty two year old Carl Meeks is charged with second degree recklessly endangering safety and operating a firearm while intoxicated. Berlin police were called to the South Church Street residence May 14th to a report of several shots fired outside the home. Police helped to remove a woman and her son from a lower level apartment and four individuals from the upper apartment before taking Meeks into custody without incident.

5-28-11 collective bargaining law

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — State attorneys have asked the Wisconsin Supreme Court to immediately vacate a Madison judge's ruling striking down Governor Scott Walker's contentious collective bargaining law. Judge Maryann Sumi invalidated the law yesterday. She ruled Republican lawmakers violated the state's open meetings law during the run-up to passage in March.

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5-28-11 recall elections

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Wisconsin state election officials have delayed a final decision on three recall petitions targeting Democratic senators, putting the July 12th date of the recall elections in doubt. A Government Accountability Board spokesman said today the board's staff needs more time to review factual and legal challenges to the petitions targeting the senators.

5-28-11 uw madison spin-off proposal dead

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Governor Scott Walker's proposal to break off the Madison campus from the rest of the University of Wisconsin System is dead. UW-Madison lobbyist Don Nelson said today talks continue with state lawmakers over what new flexibilities the Madison campus can be given to control its budget and make other decisions.

5-28-11 washington county drowning

RICHFIELD, Wis. (AP) — A 27-year-old Milwaukee man is dead after a gust of wind overturned a small rowing boat in Lake Friess in Washington County. The county sheriff's office received the report about 6:45 p.m. yesterday that a 12-foot boat tipped over about 150 feet from shore in Richfield.

5-28-11 city of fdl receives community development block grant for low income housing

The city of Fond du Lac is receiving more than a half million dollars in Community Development Block Grant funding to provide affordable housing for low income persons. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Friday announced the final fiscal year 2011 block grant allocations to approximately 1,200 state and local governments. HUD press release says the CDBG overall funding was reduced by more than \$600 million or approximately 16.5 percent compared to last year.

5-28-11 wfdl, wtcx are wba award winners!

WFDL and WTCX captured 13 awards at the recent Wisconsin Association of Broadcasters Awards for Excellence Gala in Madison. The program is sponsored annually by the WBA to recognize outstanding achievement by Wisconsin broadcasters. The Sunny 97.7 WFDL morning show team of Nick Rusch and Heather Robins took home 3rd place for **Best Morning Show**. WFDL FM also received two awards in the **Significant Community Impact** category for the Relay for Life cancer fundraiser. Golden throat veteran WTCX announcer Gregg Owens captured first place for **Best Commercial** with the "Bob's 151 Wheel of Misfortune" commercial. Owens also won awards for **Best On-Site Broadcast Remote**... "Master Spas Wet Test" and **Most Entertaining Client Commercial**... "Its Cold." Owens is also a past winner in the **Best Morning Show** category. WFDL AM 1170 received awards for **Best Sports Play by Play**... the "Randolph Football Playoffs" and **Significant Community Impact**... "Cut the Calories, Count the Cash." WFDL news director, Greg Stensland, won first place in the **Best Continuing Coverage** category for his coverage of a Fond du lac woman who tried unsuccessfully to have several books removed from a middle school library. Stensland also received awards in **Hard News** for his coverage of a Fond du lac police officer and firefighter involved in a hit and run and attempted cover-up of the incident, **Spot News**... for the Last Stop Bar and Lanes arson fire, **News Writing**... for a feature story on a local woman in Haiti during the massive earthquake, and **Live On The Scene Reporting**, for his coverage of a house fire. Stensland and Owens also took home first place for their **Information Block Morning News** on WTCX. The WBA competition was established to encourage the highest standards of reporting, community service and production creativity.

5-28-11 wfdl news wins big at associated press awards banquet

Sunny 97.7 WFDL news has won more awards this year for excellence in broadcast journalism than any other radio station in the state. News Director, Greg Stensland, received eight first place awards at the Wisconsin Associated Press Broadcast Journalism Excellence Awards Banquet. The awards dinner was held this month at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. For the fourth year in a row Stensland took home first place for **Best Newscast**. Stensland also received first place in the **Hard News** category for his coverage of the Fond du Lac police officer and firefighter involved in a hit and run crash and subsequent cover up. Stensland received first place for **Spot News** for his stories on the fire that destroyed a Fond du Lac bowling alley, first place in the **Best Enterprise Reporting** category for his investigative reporting of the Fond du Lac police officer accused of using excessive force on a handcuffed prisoner, first place for **Best Continuing Coverage** for overall coverage of the Fond du Lac Management Information Systems embezzlement scandal, first place in **Best Series Reporting** for a Sunny 97.7 series on drunken driving, first place for **Best Feature** for a story on the Iraq war, and first place for **Best Audio** for a feature story on grease fires. Over the years Stensland has received more than 80 awards from the AP and Wisconsin Broadcasters Association, plus numerous local awards.

5-28-11 fdl county sheriff's department law of the month

Does tailgating force the driver in front of you to speed up or get out of your way? No, tailgating typically won't get you where you're going any sooner, but it will increase your risk of a crash. Drivers who tailgate cause countless crashes—from fender benders to fatal collisions—that could be avoided if they would just leave sufficient space between their vehicle and the one ahead of them. It doesn't matter if you're driving on a busy highway or a city street, if the vehicle in front of you stops unexpectedly, you're likely to crash unless you leave enough room to stop completely. You should also slowdown to leave sufficient space when approaching stop lights, intersections, and when changing lanes. To avoid rear-end crashes, you should anticipate potentially hazardous situations, like traffic slowdowns in work zones, that could cause the driver in front of you to stop suddenly. According to state law, drivers "shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent" based on the speed of the vehicle, road conditions, and traffic. A violation of the law costs \$200.50 along with three demerit points. In addition, car insurance premiums often will skyrocket for drivers who hit another vehicle while following too closely. During the upcoming summer travel season when traffic increases, it's extremely important to always wear a safety belt just in case you're rear ended by a tailgater. Taking a few seconds to ensure that you and your passengers are buckled up may be the best decision you'll ever make.

Drive Safely,
Sheriff Mick Fink

5-28-11 tour de marsh

Get your friends and family together and come to Tour De Marsh! On Saturday, June 4 from 9 am to 3 pm

join bicyclists, hikers, motorcyclists and autos in the new tour route around and through Horicon Marsh. Eight communities including Horicon, Mayville, Burnett, Waupun, Kekoskee, Hustisford, Juneau and Fond Du Lac along with Friends of Horicon Marsh International Education Center, Department of Natural Resources, Friends of Horicon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and Dodge County Parks collaborated in this project. Representatives from each community met for a period of three months to organize the initiative, design a map and plan the kickoff day event. Participating neighbors of the marsh will have maps available at designated spots as well as have refreshments available somewhere along the route. The map is a suggested route for a self-guided tour around and into the marsh as well as into the neighboring communities.

Participants can start at one of these designated community stands and then proceed on their tour. The starting points for the kickoff event are as follows:

Horicon at Bowling Green Park on Lake Street,

Juneau at the intersection of Rt.33 and Rt. 26,

Kekoskee at the lower park on Valley Street,

Mayville at Theiler Park on TW,

Waupun at Marsh Haven on Rt. 49,

Burnett along the Wild Goose Trail.

Hustisford will have a stand in Ledge Park and

Fond du Lac will have a stand at the intersection of Rt. Z and Rt. 49.

Horicon Marsh International Education Center and Horicon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge will also be open and have refreshments available that day.

For information call 920-387-7890 or visit www.horiconmarsh.org

5-28-11 walleye weekend kickoff

Walleye Weekend is just around the corner and this year, the weekend starts on Thursday! Kick off a great weekend with a show from Oil Can Harry from 6:30-9:30 on Thursday, June 9. "We're really excited that the City of Fond du Lac has given us the opportunity to open on Thursday for Walleye Weekend this year," said Alexander Ullenberg, President of the Fond du Lac Festivals Board of Directors. "For those of us who work on the weekends, Thursday gives us a sampling of what the festival has to offer." Noon Kiwanis and Lakeside Evening Kiwanis concession tents will be open to serve up food and beverage for guests, so make sure to stop over and get a fish sandwich, brat or hamburger! As always, at Walleye Weekend a wristband must be worn to consume alcohol. Proceeds from the wristband booths and concession tents all benefit non-profit organizations within the community. All other activities and stages will open on Friday at 3 p.m. just like in the past. For a complete line up of all bands and events, visit iwalleyeweekend.com. Walleye Weekend is June 9, 10, 11 and 12 at Lakeside Park in Fond du Lac. Admission is free to the public, and all proceeds from this event go to benefit almost 200 non-profit organizations. Walleye Weekend is sponsored by Mercury Marine, Charter Communications, Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, Miller Lite and Michels Corporation.



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