

1 of 77 DOCUMENTS

**Wisconsin** State Journal (Madison, **Wisconsin**)

January 13, 2009 Tuesday  
ALL EDITION

## **JOURNALISM** CENTER TO BE ESTABLISHED

**SECTION:** LOCAL; Pg. A5

**LENGTH:** 855 words

A new nonprofit organization, the **Wisconsin** Center for **Investigative Journalism**, will examine government integrity and quality of life **issues** in the state, its founders announced Monday.

"Mainstream **journalism** is in economic trouble, but the needs of our democracy are greater than ever," said Andy Hall, executive director of the center and its sole initial employee.

Hall, an award-winning journalist, has worked at the **Wisconsin** State Journal for 18 years, most recently as education reporter. His last day at the paper will be Friday.

The Madison-based center will partner with **Wisconsin** Public Radio, **Wisconsin** Public Television and the UW-Madison School of **Journalism** and Mass Communication to provide free content about government ethics, neighborhood safety, water quality and other **issues** to news media in the state, Hall said.

He said the mission is to protect the vulnerable, expose wrongdoing and seek solutions to pressing problems.

The center also will train **journalism** students and the public about obtaining public records and other **investigative** techniques, Hall said.

Another collaborator will be the Center for Public Integrity in Washington, D.C.

The State Journal will contribute \$2,000 in seed money to the **Wisconsin** center, which Hall said will be funded through contributions from individuals and foundations. He said the goal is to employ up to five journalists, including one based in Washington, D.C.

State anti-phosphorus bill introduced

Two legislators Monday introduced a bill that would restrict the use of phosphorus in lawn fertilizers statewide.

Phosphorus is the main culprit in causing weed and algae growth in lakes.

The legislation was introduced by Rep. Spencer Black, D-Madison, and Sen. Mark Miller, D-Monona. Black is the new chairman of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee, while Miller is chairman of the Senate Environment Committee.

Black said he intends to **focus** on cleaning up the state's lakes.

The phosphorus plan has bipartisan support. Also signing on to the bill is Sen. Robert Cowles, R-Green Bay. "Switching to non-phosphorus fertilizers is a simple way to improve water quality and help control polluted runoff," said Cowles.

#### Three arrested in alleged purse theft

A woman who just finished shopping at Woodman's West had her purse snatched from her car Sunday night, but was able to help police arrest three suspects and recover the purse.

Josie L. Linde, 20, Windsor; Brian L. Crusan, 22, Morrisonville; and Seth W. Erickson, 19, Sun Prairie, were arrested and tentatively charged with theft following the incident, which happened about 6 p.m. at the supermarket on South Gammon Road near Watts Road.

Madison police said the 27-year-old victim put her groceries and purse in her car, then pushed the shopping cart to a designated return area.

"When she got home she discovered her purse was missing," said police spokesman Joel DeSpain. "She figured it had been stolen, so she returned to Woodman's thinking the thief might have discarded it near the parking lot."

Once back at Woodman's, the woman saw a gray Ford Crown Victoria cruising the lot.

"She watched another woman push a cart to the return area, and as this happened, a suspect jumped out of the Crown Victoria and into the woman's car, but evidently found nothing to steal," DeSpain said.

Police were called, the suspects' car was stopped, and the three were arrested.

"One of the suspects led officers to an area near Gilbert Road where the purse and contents had been dumped," DeSpain said.

Many items were recovered, but the victim's cell phone wasn't found.

#### Man sought in connection with attack

DANE COUNTY - Dane County sheriff's deputies are looking for a 32-year-old Madison man in connection with the stabbing of a 31-year-old man Saturday morning at a motel in the town of Blooming Grove.

A warrant has been issued for Terrence D. Mayhorn, who also is wanted on several other warrants for non-support and violation of a domestic abuse order.

The stabbing happened at the America's Best Value Inn, 3438 Highway 12-18.

The victim had been taken to a Middleton residence after the stabbing, with Middleton police then taking the victim to Meriter Hospital for treatment. The victim was released from the hospital the day of the incident.

Anyone with information about Mayhorn's whereabouts can call 911.

#### Doyle defers to city on sick leave law

MILWAUKEE - Gov. Jim Doyle said he's never pushed for mandatory sick leave on a statewide level and wants to stay out of the debate on Milwaukee's contentious new ordinance.

Doyle said Monday after a meeting with Milwaukee-area business leaders that requiring private employers to provide paid sick leave is a local matter for the courts to decide.

The Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce has asked the Milwaukee County Circuit Court to delay implementation of the ordinance until it rules on its lawsuit.

The new ordinance requires employers to give workers nine days of paid sick leave each year. Companies with less than 10 workers must provide five sick days a year.

Voters overwhelmingly supported a Nov. 4 referendum requiring the sick leave.

- State Journal, The Capital Times

**LOAD-DATE:** January 14, 2009

**LANGUAGE:** ENGLISH

**DOCUMENT-TYPE:** Digest

**PUBLICATION-TYPE:** Newspaper

Copyright 2009 Madison Newspapers, Inc.  
All Rights Reserved