



## What's Left

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### WHAT'S UP

#### Today

■ **Janesville Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.,** North Main Street between Milwaukee Street and Pease Court, downtown Janesville.



Features state-grown products, including cheese, eggs, meat, produce, flowers and plants. Runs every Saturday through Oct. 29. For more information, call (608) 755-3039.

■ **Swap Meet and Flea Market, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.,** Rock River Threshere, 51 E. Cox Road, Edgerton. Through Sunday. Tickets \$2 adults, free for children 12 and younger.

■ **Special Olympics Ice Skating Party, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.,** Janesville Ice Skating Center, 821 Beloit Ave., Janesville. Features open skate and skating games, prizes and concessions. Admission \$2. For more information, call (608) 755-3030.

#### Sunday

■ **Rock Aqua Jays, 7 p.m.,** Traxler Park, Janesville. Free performance by the water ski show team. For more information, call (608) 757-3171.

#### Monday

■ **Modest Mouse, 7:30 p.m.,** Orpheum Theatre, 216 State St., Madison. Live music. Tickets \$25. For more information, call (608) 255-8755.

### GAZETTE QUICK QUIZ

Have you been paying attention to the news this week? Here are some questions about the Gazette's top stories this week.

1. What landed the Janesville General Motors' assembly plant in the news this week?
2. How long had Terry Maybee been Rock County coroner when he resigned the office Tuesday?
3. What was the Gazette's editorial take of the situation involving Maj. David Taube and the Salvation Army in Janesville?
4. What special form of golf did Dick Pomo teach to schoolchildren at Riverside on Tuesday?
5. What downtown summer event begins today?
6. An architect developed five plans for the school for the cognitively disabled in Walworth County. The least expensive option is estimated to cost \$.37 million. How much would the most expensive option cost?
7. What event will ECHO sponsor June 18 to raise money for the Janesville church-sponsored charity?
8. What did Karen Holland, a Milton resident, receive from her 25 "grandbabies" and two "great-grandbabies"?

—Compiled by Catherine W. Idzerda

Answers: 1. The productivity in-  
creases. 2. Eight days. 3. The  
Gazette's editorial Thursday called for  
Taube to resign from the Salvation  
Army immediately. 4. Blind golf. 5. The  
Janesville Farmers Market, which  
opens at 8 a.m. on North Main Street  
between Milwaukee Street and Pease  
Court. 6. An estimated \$20.03 million  
for a new, 105,000-square-foot facility  
on 15-acre site on county-owned  
land near the judicial center. 7. A disc  
golf event, which runs from 9:30 a.m.  
to 4 p.m. at Lustig Park, 1500 River  
View Drive and costs \$10 per player. 8.  
A memory book that told Holland how  
much she was loved.

### SETTING IT STRAIGHT

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# LOCAL/STATE

News that's close to home

## SECTION B

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# Doyle: Teen smoking rate drops

## Governor lauds success of anti-tobacco campaigns

Associated Press

### WAUSAU

Before a crowd of some 300 eighth graders described as the prime target of tobacco companies, Gov. Jim Doyle said Friday that new

surveys showed 21 percent of high school students in Wisconsin smoked in 2004—a historic low that indicates the campaign against youth smoking was working.

Similar surveys in 1999 found 38 percent of high school students smoked, the governor said.

"There are 45,000 fewer high school students smoking today," Doyle said in unveiling two new anti-smoking television commercials designed to show young people how tobacco

companies aggressively target them. "We are making tremendous progress but we shouldn't rest until none of our children are starting to smoke."

The state spends about \$10 million a year on various anti-smoking and public health programs, Doyle said.

"Stay strong. Live strong," Doyle told the eighth graders. "Don't make that decision to start smoking cigarettes. Don't think it's a cool

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### STORYLINE

**What's new:** Surveys found 21 percent of high school students in Wisconsin smoked in 2004, compared with 38 percent in 1999, a historic low that Gov. Jim Doyle says indicates the campaign against youth smoking is working.

**What it means:** There are 45,000 fewer high school students smoking today.

**The ramifications:** Doyle told the students that 7,300 people in Wisconsin die each year from tobacco-related illnesses.

# City company will go the extra mile in race

## SSI Technologies says 400 will take part in charity event

By James Davison

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### FOR MORE INFORMATION

The Finish Line Walk/Run starts early Sunday at Traxler Park in Janesville and will last throughout the morning. Money raised by fund-raising, registration and sponsorships will benefit the American Cancer Society.

For more information, visit the event's Web site at [www.acsfinishline.org](http://www.acsfinishline.org).

### JANESVILLE

For most of the businesses involved in Sunday's American Cancer Society Finish Line Walk/Run, employee participation won't exceed a dozen.

But for Janesville-based SSI Technologies, a good showing will fall nothing short of 400.

"Their involvement is incredible; I'm amazed every year," said Alice Gray, the society's Rock and Green County coordinator. "They are our largest fund-raiser and contributor to this event (and) have really, over the years, taken the Finish Line to incredible heights."

Organizers of the annual event, which is in its 16th year, expect this year to bring about 800 participants and raise more than \$50,000.

Gray said Finish Line has a "strong business focus," largely because they look to businesses in Janesville to organize the event, raise money and draw participants.

"Businesses in Janesville work together to make this happen every year," Gray said. "The steering and planning of the event come from (them)."

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Kindergarten Jazzmyne Weihert, 6, and her classmates at Milton East Elementary School put on their best tai chi moves during an all-school demonstration Tuesday. Nearly 350 students spread across the school's front lawn and driveway to participate in the exercise, which was the culmination of a schoolwide wellness project.

# calm & collected

## Tai chi exercise helps put Milton students at ease

By Carla McCann

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### MILTON

Jazzmyne Weihert and Calahan Steed aren't tai chi experts.

They are, however, scholars of the soft and flowing martial art that focuses on complete relaxation.

"It calms me down," Jazzmyne said. Calahan simply finds joy in performing hand movements that portray the grace of a

deer, flexibility of a monkey, serenity of a crane, courage of a tiger and trying to become one with the bear.

"I like the banana-eating monkey the best," Calahan said, while raising his hands in the air, pretending to peel a banana.

Jazzmyne, 6, and Calahan, 7, were among the nearly 350 Milton East Elementary School students, who spread out across the school's front lawn and drive Tuesday to demonstrate their skills at imitating the five animal frolics that are an introduction to tai chi.

The exercise was the culmination of a schoolwide wellness project.

Tai chi was a path to teaching children how to focus on health and wellness, said Principal Theresa Rusch.

By learning the natural movements and postures of the five animals, the children became more in tune with their bodies. They found ways to relax and focus on learning, Rusch said.

Animal frolics is an ancient tai chi exercise introduced by Hua To, a Chinese physi-

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Elkhorn Area High School senior Aaron Blum takes the final exam in his government class on Friday. Blum, who went to school in three different districts before coming to Elkhorn as a junior, didn't miss a day of school in his academic career.

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# He gets an 'A' for attendance:

## Elkhorn senior keeps perfect mark intact

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### ELKHORN

Aaron Blum has done something few people have achieved.

He has never missed a day of school from kindergarten through 12th grade.

Blum, 18, is a senior at Elkhorn Area High School. His parents are Brian and Gail Nuedling of Elkhorn.

Assistant Principal Hank Schmelz said Gail Nuedling contacted him recently to tell him that her son had perfect attendance from kindergarten through 12th grade.

She alerted him because Blum had attended several other schools before he completed his junior and senior years at Elkhorn Area High School.

Schmelz said he checked Blum's school records and confirmed he had never missed a day of school.

He said this is only the second time in his 15 years in education at Elkhorn Area High School and other schools that he has seen a student who had perfect attendance from kindergarten through 12th grade.

"It doesn't happen that often," he said.

Blum attended Chapel of the Cross School in Milwaukee for kindergarten through third grade. He then went to Grace Lutheran School in Oak Creek for fourth through eighth grade.

He attended Martin Luther High School in Greendale for freshman and sophomore years and finished his junior and senior years

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# Mind your own business? With Wisconsin residents, it's no problem at all



STEVE HANNAH  
STATE OF MIND

By and large, Wisconsinites are not intrusive people.

We are not pushy or particularly probing with regard to each other's personal affairs. We are polite. We are, in a phrase, a mind-our-own-business bunch.

I learned how deeply this trait runs in Wisconsin culture years ago in the parking lot of Schreiner's restaurant in Fond du Lac. I had lunch at the restaurant with a young magician and escape artist from

Neenah named—no joke—Rondini. He was a man who had modeled his professional life after Appleton's favorite son, Harry Houdini.

Over lunch, Rondini told me about how he got hooked on Houdini. He also told me about the escape maneuvers he had perfected. Naturally, I asked for a personal demonstration. No problem, he said.

Which is how we came to be in

Schreiner's parking lot, and why, from the trunk of his car, Rondini withdrew a beige-colored straitjacket and asked me to tie him up. I cinched every strap as tightly as possible. Soon, Rondini, dressed totally in black, looked like a burned bratwurst trapped in half a bun. It was pushing 90 degrees in that parking lot, and, while I was sipping a Diet Pepsi and standing still, Rondini was already sweating profusely.

"I will escape in less than 45 seconds," he announced.

With that, he fell to the pavement and began to writhe and gyrate like a run-over snake. Perspiration poured from his brow. It was exceedingly uncomfortable to watch, what with all the grunting and groaning and thrashing around and the poor man totally con-

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