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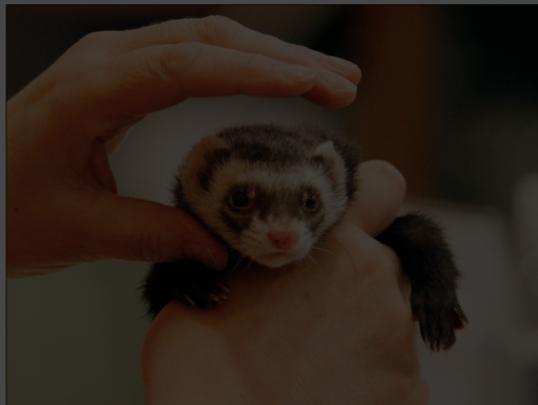
Fighting cancer a family affair
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John Ehlike/Daily News

Ferret Fiesta features furry, funny 4-footed friends

Alyssa Mullan, 13, of Janesville watches her ferret Gracie play a game of knocking over cups Saturday morning during the Ferret Fiesta at the Washington County Fair Park in the town of Polk. **BELOW LEFT:** A judge holds a ferret Saturday morning. **BELOW RIGHT:** Myranda Gereau of Plymouth has Trixie the ferret, held by Allie Gereau, climb on her shoulder.



Council split on land sale to MOWA

By RALPH CHAPOCO
Daily News

The city of West Bend will no longer own property adjacent to the Museum of Wisconsin Art, and will forgo taxes officials could potentially collect in the future.

Common Council members voted during Monday's meeting to sell Lot 2, CSM6384, located in Tax Incremental Finance Districts 5 and 9 to the Museum of Wisconsin Art. It was a split decision, with aldermen Steve Hutchins, Chris Jenkins and Adam Williquette voting against the measure.

"I did want say this topic took some time on the council's part, staff's part, and folks all over the community," Mayor Kraig Sadownikow said. "I think it is safe to say that our downtown has gone through a complete rejuvenation over the past five years, led in large part by the museum's decision to locate here in West Bend. I think we have to keep in mind they did make a conscious decision to stay here."

Common Council members met in closed sessions for several weeks prior to the vote, but supporters eventually believed it was a viable idea. The contentious point was how it would affect the city's revenue stream. Since the museum is a non-profit, they are not obligated to pay the taxes to the public. Some believed it was too high a price to pay.

"There is one thing that weighs on this and it is the increment," Hutchins said. "We had the low-income housing. We have the Auxiliary Court, both at half. We have the museum at half. We go along with this, that is another half. If all things being equal, that is \$240,000 a year that we don't get."

Williquette agreed and said entities, including the University of Wisconsin-Washington County, the West Bend School District, Washington County, and the Business

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Makeover ahead for historic Hartford buildings

Plans include luxury apartments, retail space

By JOE VANDELAARSCHOT
Daily News

HARTFORD — Two historic downtown buildings have been sold and will be made into luxury apartments and retail/commercial space.

Time has not been kind to the old Hilt Hotel and the former Mole Hole building. The hotel, at the intersection of Main Street and Highway 60, has been a growing eyesore and the Mole Hole building, at 100/106 N. Main St., has been plagued with structural problems and faced demolition.

The buildings were bought last month by a local development company, 2nd Chance Ventures, which is owned by Danny and Wendy Dulak of Hartford.

"We're new to this type of business, but we want to see these buildings have a useful purpose again," Danny Dulak said. "We don't want to see them torn down. We want them to be a positive part of downtown again."

Dulak said his wife was trying

to convince him to buy the former Mole Hole building for about 18 months.

"I tried everything I could to try to avoid looking at it," he said with a laugh. "But then we were looking at the old Hilt Hotel and we then took a look at the Mole Hole building and we decided to buy them both."

Dulak said the second and third floors of the Hilt Hotel will be turned into five luxury apartments with retail/commercial space on the ground floor.

"We'll build six luxury apartments in the upper floors of the Mole Hole building," he said. "There will be retail/commercial space on the ground floor there, too."

Danny Dulak said some retail/commercial space may be split up to make smaller spaces. He said there's a need for smaller commercial and retail space to rent downtown.

"If you want to start a business there's only large downtown locations," Danny Dulak said. "We

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— Danny Dulak
2nd Chance Ventures

think we can fill a niche with smaller locations for starter businesses."

City officials, the Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce, the Hartford Area Economic Development Corp., First National Bank and the Downtown Business Improvement District teamed up last year to create a downtown development plan. It calls for using historical buildings as a centerpiece for more housing and useable retail/commercial space.

"I think they're going to do a great job," said Tom Hostad,

Please see **BUILDINGS/A8**



Joe VanDeLaarschot/Daily News

A sign in the window of the former Mole Hole building Monday in the 100 block of North Main Street announces development plans for the building as well as the former Hilt Hotel at the intersection of Main Street and Highway 60.



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Great Lakes Packaging Germantown
Skilled machine operators, material handlers, and assistant operators for 2nd & 3rd shift

FIVE-DAY FORECAST

TONIGHT
 Chance of rain
41

TOMORROW
 Chance of thunderstorms
57/45

THURSDAY
 Showers
62/39

FRIDAY
 Partly cloudy
54/36

SATURDAY
 Mostly sunny
58/42

REGIONAL FORECAST



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Statistics for Milwaukee yesterday
 High/Low, West Bend..... 78/44
 High/Low..... 78/47
 Normal High/Low..... 55/38
 Last year's high for date..... 58
 Last year's low for date..... 41
 Precipitation, West Bend..... 0.00"
 Precipitation, Milwaukee..... 0.00"
 Precip. month to date..... 1.01"
 Precip. year to date..... 5.66"
 Snowfall yesterday..... 0.0"
 Snow season to date..... 39.1"
 * Precipitation is the liquid equivalent of snow, ice and rain.

Apr. 22 Full
 Apr. 29 Last Q
 May 6 New
 May 13 First Q

Sunset today..... 7:41 p.m.
 Sunrise tomorrow..... 6:01 a.m.

WIND CHILL TOMORROW

A composite of the effects of temperature and wind on the human body.

8 a.m. 39
 Noon 52
 4 p.m. 58
 8 p.m. 53

HEATING DEGREE

An index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the day's mean temperature was below 65 degrees.

Yesterday, Milwaukee..... 2
 Month to date..... 423
 Year to date..... 5406
 Normal season to date..... 6300

Yesterday, Milwaukee..... 2
 Moonrise tomorrow..... 6:22 p.m.
 Moonset tomorrow..... 5:30 a.m.

NATIONAL FORECAST



SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

Tonight: Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of light rain. Lows in the lower 40s.
 Wednesday: Cloudy. Chance of light rain in the morning; then rain showers likely and chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon.

MARINE FORECAST

Lake Michigan near shore forecast:
 Tonight: East wind 10 to 15 knots. Chance of rain. Waves 2 to 4 feet.

Lake Michigan water temperature is 46 degrees.

ULTRAVIOLET INDEX FORECAST

The UVI forecast for Wednesday is **5**
 UV scale and warnings on possible skin damage: 0-2 low risk, 3-5 moderate risk, 6-7 high risk, 8-10 very high risk, 11-over extreme risk.

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TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR TOMORROW

ATLANTA High: 79 Low: 58	CHICAGO High: 66 Low: 53	DALLAS High: 79 Low: 62
DENVER High: 58 Low: 36	LOS ANGELES High: 73 Low: 57	MIAMI High: 79 Low: 71
MINNEAPOLIS High: 64 Low: 50	NEW YORK High: 65 Low: 46	PHOENIX High: 95 Low: 66
SEATTLE High: 69 Low: 49	ST. LOUIS High: 71 Low: 57	WASHINGTON High: 69 Low: 49

FROM THE FRONT

US to send 200 more troops, Apache helicopters to Iraq



Joe VanDeLaarschot/Daily News

A construction worker brushes old insulation off the rafters in the third floor of the former Hilt Hotel at the corner of Main Street and Highway 60 in Hartford on Monday.

Buildings: Want to start project within a month

Hartford Area Economic Development Corp. executive director. "Part of the plan includes more housing. Their plan certainly will help meet the goal. They want the buildings useful and do a bit of historic preservation."
 Hartford businessman Tom Niebler, who owns a building across the street from the Mole Hole, was contacting community members and leaders to save the building from demolition.
 "I think they'll do a good job," Niebler said.
 Hostad said work on the buildings could jump-start other downtown projects. He said another key in the redevelopment plan is building a hotel. Hostad said there may be good news in May.
 "We have one developer who is very interested in the hotel," Hostad said. "There'll be a meeting soon that may set things in

motion. They have already received a commitment from a hotel franchise — a good one."
 Hostad said the developer is experienced in building and managing hotels. He said construction could begin in June.
 Danny Dulak said he hopes to begin construction on his two buildings within three or four weeks.
 "As soon as demolition's done we'll get plans approved and move ahead," he said.
 Dulak made a discovery in the hotel basement, he said.
 "We found the original blueprints from when the hotel was built in 1915," Dulak said. "We could see where they had the dumb-waiters and where the servants' quarters were. It's interesting."

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Sale: MOWA acquires land

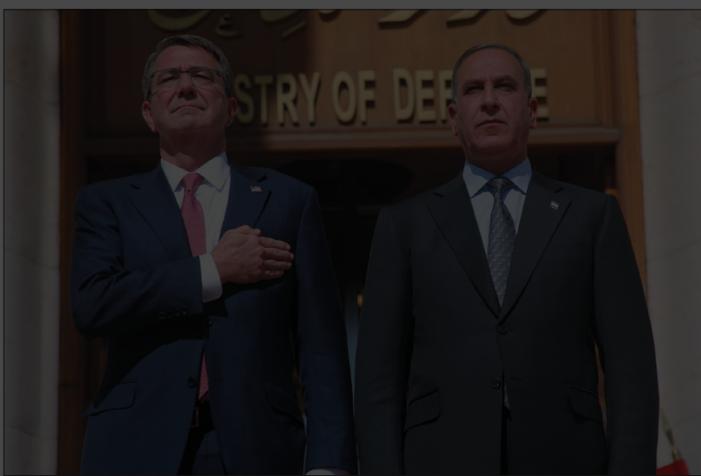
Improvement District will not realize funding because of the sale.
 Sadownikow acknowledged the funding losses, but said they can be amended in other ways. It will be noticed in an enhanced museum, a higher quality of life and a vibrant downtown.
 The exact details of the arrangement were not disclosed during the open session, but Dale Kent, executive vice president and chief financial officer of the West Bend Mutual Insurance Co. and treasurer for the museum, said the organization plans to make payments to the city as part of the agreement.
 He said the museum will pay \$35,000 for the property. He mentioned a \$750,000 payment in lieu of taxes. They will also give \$65,000 to start the Riverfront project and promised to make significant improvements to the green space.
 "We will be responsible for maintaining the area," Kent said. "The mayor talked about the money that it costs to maintain an area. We will be the ones who will do that."
 Kent said museum officials plan to construct a green space for the property. They can use that for future events and can make it available to the community and other entities.
 "There could be pieces of art, decorative benches," Kent said. "It just won't be trees and shrubs into that green space. It will be something the people of West Bend will be very proud of. It will be a magnet for downtown."

Reach reporter Ralph Chapoco at rchapoco@conleynet.com.

BAGHDAD (AP) — The U.S. has agreed to deploy more than 200 additional troops to Iraq and to send eight Apache helicopters for the first time into the fight against the Islamic State group in Iraq, the first major increase in U.S. forces in nearly a year, U.S. defense officials said Monday.

The uptick in American fighting forces — and the decision to put them closer to the front lines — is designed to help Iraqi forces as they move to retake the key northern city of Mosul. Speaking to reporters Monday in Baghdad, Defense Secretary Ash Carter said the decision to move U.S. advisers to the Iraqi brigade and battalion level will put them "closer to the action," but he said they will have security forces with them and the U.S. will do what's needed to reduce the risks.

A senior U.S. official said there will be eight Apache helicopters authorized to help the Iraqi forces when Iraq leaders determine they need them. The official was not authorized to discuss the numbers publicly so spoke on condition of anonymity.
 Last June the Obama administration announced that hundreds of troops would be deployed to help the Iraqis retake Ramadi — a goal they accomplished at the end of the year.
 President Barack Obama on Monday emphasized the additional troops won't be doing the fighting, but the extra training and intelligence support they provide can "continually tighten the noose."
 "As we see the Iraqis willing to fight and gaining ground, let's make sure we're providing them more support," Obama said in an interview with CBS that aired Monday evening.
 Obama also predicted success in Mosul: "My expectation is that by the end of the year we will have created the conditions whereby Mosul will eventually fall."
 Of the additional troops



Associated Press

Visiting U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter, left, and his Iraqi counterpart Khaled al-Obeidi stand for their country's national anthems Monday during a welcome ceremony at the Ministry of Defense in Baghdad, Iraq.

announced Monday, most would be Army special forces, who have been used throughout the anti-Islamic State campaign to advise and assist the Iraqis. The remainder would include some trainers, security forces for the advisers, and maintenance teams for the Apaches.
 The decisions reflect weeks of discussions with commanders and Iraqi leaders, and a decision by Obama to increase the authorized troop level in Iraq by 217 forces — or from 3,870 to 4,087. The advise-and-assist teams — made up of about a dozen troops each — would embed with Iraqi brigades and battalions, likely putting them closer to the front lines and at greater risk from mortars and rocket fire.
 The U.S., said Carter, is "on the same page with the Iraqi government" in how to intensify the fight against

the Islamic State.
 Sen. John McCain, chairman of the Armed Services Committee, said the deployment of troops was welcome but called it "yet another example of the kind of grudging incrementalism that rarely wins wars, but could certainly lose one."
 The proximity to the battlefield will allow the U.S. teams to provide more tactical combat advice as the Iraqi units move toward Mosul, the country's second-largest city, still under Islamic State control. Until now, U.S. advisers have worked with the Iraqis at the headquarters level, well back from the front lines.
 Carter called the addition of the Apache helicopters significant, because they can "respond so quickly and so dynamically to an evolving tactical situation."

IN BRIEF

911 caller won't be charged in Ohio Walmart police shooting

(AP) — A 911 caller won't be charged for reporting a man waving a gun in an Ohio Walmart store before police fatally shot the shopper, who'd picked up an air rifle from a shelf, a special prosecutor said Monday.
 The decision was made by Mark Piepmeier, the prosecutor who presented the shooting case to a grand jury. The grand jury concluded the August 2014 shooting of John Crawford III at the Beavercreek store, near Dayton, was justified.
 The grand jury had authority to bring charges against 911 caller Ronald Ritchie if merited but didn't, Piepmeier said in a Monday court filing outlining his findings that no charges are warranted.
 "I don't find any evidence that Mr. Ritchie knew any of the information he was providing was false," Piepmeier wrote.
 The Hamilton County prosecutor's office, where Piepmeier is chief assistant prosecutor, said he wouldn't comment further.
 A group of people who took interest in the shooting had used an obscure law to push for prosecution of Ritchie, who told investigators he thought the firearm was real.
 The law allows private citizens to make complaints for review by a judge, who can then refer them for further review by a prosecutor. A Fairborn Municipal Court judge reviewed the filings, including surveillance video synchronized with the 911 recording, and ruled there was sufficient evidence to prosecute Ritchie for misdemeanor making false alarms.
 One of the filers, Dayton area activist Bomani Moyenda, said he thinks the prosecutor ignored video segments that indicate Crawford wasn't doing what the caller described at certain moments.
 "There's just no semblance of justice anywhere at all," said Moyenda, who added he'll consider whether there are any other legal avenues to push the matter further.

Court upholds NFL concussion settlement

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A federal appeals court has upheld an estimated \$1 billion plan by the NFL to settle thousands of concussion lawsuits filed by former players, potentially ending a troubled chapter in league history.
 The decision released Monday comes nearly a year after a district judge approved the revised settlement. If there are no further appeals — either to a full panel of the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia within two weeks, or the Supreme Court within 90 days — former players already diagnosed with brain injuries linked to repeated concussions could begin receiving benefits within months.
 "I couldn't stress enough the urgency of getting this done," said attorney Christopher Seeger. He conceded the settlement was hardly perfect, but two courts had now judged it fair.
 Lawyer Steven F. Molo, who argued for several former players opposed to the deal, said his clients were disappointed and considering their options. In a statement, an NFL spokesman called the appeals court decisions "a significant step in implementing the clubs' commitment to provide compensation to retired players who are experiencing cognitive or neurological issues."
 The settlement would cover more than 20,000 NFL retirees for the next 65 years. The league estimates that 6,000 former players, or nearly three in 10, could develop Alzheimer's disease or moderate dementia.

LOTTERY

Saturday Numbers	
Powerball: 3-18-25-32-51; Power: 3; Power Play: 2x	Megabucks: 7-31-33-34-35-39
Monday Numbers	
5 Card Cash: 2s-9c-Jc-4d-3s SuperCash: 11-15-16-22-36-39; Doubler: N	Badger 5: 2-5-10-14-27 Pick 4: 4-0-2-0 Pick 3: 4-6-6