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Paraprofessional Elizabeth Mac Kenzie works on a reading lesson with third graders outside the sanctuary at High Point Christian School in Madison on Friday. State report cards released this week show the school “exceeds expectations.” The report cards gauge student achievement, growth in student achievement, achievement by students who tend to struggle academically and the extent to which students are on track to graduate.

Wide range of results for charters, vouchers

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The success of Dane County’s private voucher and independent charter schools on the state report cards released this week varied greatly, with scores oftentimes reflecting differences in student body demographics. Among the 10 schools rated, scores ranged from a high of 84.7 at Eastside Evangelical Lutheran Elementary in Madison, to a low of 56.3 at Westside Christian School in Middleton. The scores correspond to a rating of “significantly exceeds expectations” for Eastside and “meets few expectations” for Westside Christian. Both schools are in the state’s

parental choice, or voucher, program, and the scores only include those students whose families receive vouchers to cover the cost of tuition. A closer look shows that the schools have wildly different demographics: Eastside Evangelical reports having no economically disadvantaged students nor any with disabilities, and only 2.2% are English language learners. By contrast, at Westside Christian, 98% of students are classified as economically disadvantaged. That pattern was also evident to some degree with the second-highest and -lowest-scoring schools among the county’s

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Karen Lively teaches a math lesson to her third grade class at High Point Christian School on Friday.

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DOJ to probe Epstein’s ties to Democrats

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NEW YORK — Acceding to President Donald Trump’s demands, U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi said Friday she ordered a top federal prosecutor to investigate sex offender Jeffrey Epstein’s ties to Trump political foes, including former President Bill Clinton. Bondi posted on social media that she assigned Manhattan U.S. Attorney Jay Clayton to lead the probe, capping an eventful week in which congressional Republicans released nearly 23,000 pages of documents from Epstein’s estate and House Democrats seized on emails mentioning Trump. Trump, who was friends with Epstein for years, didn’t explain what supposed crimes he wanted the Justice Department to investigate. None of the men he mentioned in a social media post demanding the probe has been accused of sexual misconduct by Epstein’s victims. Hours before Bondi’s announcement, Trump posted on his Truth Social platform that he would ask her, the Justice

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WORLD CHEESE AWARDS | YOUNG CHEESEMONGER OF THE YEAR

Uplands worker takes top honor

28-year-old is the 1st American to ever win

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The company that makes one of the most awarded cheeses in the world can now boast one of the top cheese experts in the world. Hanna Lee, who joined Uplands Cheese Company north of Dodgeville last year, has become the first American to win the Young Cheesemonger of the Year award, from the Academy of Cheese at the World Cheese Awards in Bern, Switzerland. The event, which recognizes

rising stars in the cheese world age 30 and younger, concluded on Thursday and featured five rounds of judging, including cutting and wrapping, cheese identification, pairing and a “MasterKind” quiz about cheese. Lee, 28, whose trip was sponsored by the Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin, has been working since 2024 as a seasonal employee at Uplands, where she helps make Rush Creek Reserve and cares for Pleasant Ridge Reserve, a highly decorated aged alpine cheese made only from milk produced by cows on pasture. “It’s very exciting and

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Hanna Lee, 28, is the first American to win the Young Cheesemonger of the Year award from the Academy of Cheese. Lee, who works at Uplands Cheese north of Dodgeville, won the competition on Thursday in Bern, Switzerland. ACADEMY OF CHEESE

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