

# Opinion

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## Alcohol, driving deadly mix

Wisconsin drivers can do more to make their roads safer. The state's record has improved, but more must be done.

**Issue:** Drunken-driving report

**Our view:** State's record has improved, but more must be done

Several days produce results, she said. But "the nation is becoming a little complacent with the drunk driving issue," Smith said. "We've made really hard to bring the numbers down, and we don't want to see a trend that is an increase."

**Our advice:** Put the effort to end drunken driving in family terms. Any



The danger of drunken driving will be amplified during a segment of Sunday's Extra Edition program.

Guests will be Sandy Smith, chairman of the Wisconsin chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and Lew Clark, who speaks in schools about being injured in a drunk-driving accident.

Extra Edition airs at 10 a.m. Sunday on WFRV-TV, Channel 5, a local production of WFRV, the Press-Gazette and the Green Bay Foundation of Northeast Wisconsin.

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## Hunting safety record improves

Thanks to careful hunters, Wisconsin's 1996 deer season was the safest in history.

Even with an estimated 650,000 hunters afield, only one died of a gunshot. In all, 14 shooting accidents wounded 15 people.

That's an improvement over 1995 when 32 people were shot and one killed. The previous saddest year was 1981 when 17 people were shot and 31 wounded.

By contrast, the bloodiest season was 1906 when 44 hunters were killed and 57 wounded.

Contributing to 1996's good record:

- Blue orange clothing that makes hunters more visible.
- Education programs that focus on safety and caution.

Good as the record is, it can be improved.

For 1996 wounds were self-inflicted, including one involving alcohol. Two people were wounded by the same bullet from an illegally loaded weapon in a vehicle; this accident was caused by unsafe gunhandling.

We congratulate hunters for a safe season — and remind them to be as careful every time they hunt as they were this year.

## Guard can keep buses safe

Green Bay Transit has taken a sensible step to prevent problems by hiring a security guard.

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The guard's only weapon is radio communication with the Green Bay Police and Transit office. But so far, his presence has been enough to reduce Transitway hounding and to quiet hounds of noisy riders apt to distract drivers and make a trip difficult for other passengers.

Hiring the guard is a thoughtful step by Transit administrators who must do all they can to keep buses safe and pleasant to attract riders.



## Fury over Hillary's role misguided

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## Corporations the problem

WASHINGTON ISLAND — As a fisherman, I read with great interest the article about the Lake Koshong perch fishing on the No. 29 Local/State section.

Much to my amazement, there was no mention of permit degradation. I read elsewhere that one permit cost only \$400 per day. It doesn't take citizens to figure out that a flock of 100 birds has a potential of some 100,000 fish per day.

Since there seem to be four perch and small mouth bass (although I have seen them and will catch them) on the No. 29 section, where the young fish have gone. You, conversely, has had an impact, as have the inflated permit limits (who needs \$1,000 per day?).

But we can't let the problem of the feet of any citizen, with the possible exception of the Department of Natural Resources. How about mandating our resources for our own good? To our common good? I'll be looking for that.

## People's Forum

Knows about to Green Tech.

The argument that thousands of jobs may be lost if the poll tax is implemented is worn out and wrong. The poll tax is a tax on education, not on education. It is a tax on education, not on education. It is a tax on education, not on education.

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## Scare tactics used

BY PACE — Your recent article about the FBI's pending local paper campaign was a good example of corporate manipulation and scare tactics. The article was poorly researched, biased and completely untrue.

David Alesh claims the closing would be absolutely devastating to Fox-Hunter. Come again? The FBI has responded to financial needs on the response to a lawsuit over a Brown County farm contract. The FBI is not the target.

## FBI files on Marshall may be hard to believe

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court justice and NAACP general counsel is reported to have given the FBI information of one sort or another in the 1950s. The story is reported to be true.

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