

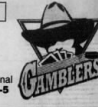
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SEASON PREVIEW

Gunning for a repeat

Team's new coach feels the pressure for another national title but doesn't mind C-1, C-6



Assembly approves state budget

Associated Press and Press-Gazette

MADISON — Motorists and residents could pay more, workers would get an income tax cut and parents could meet their children to see public school under a \$37.4 billion state budget approved Tuesday by the Assembly.

The Assembly passed the long-delayed bill 76-64 and sent it to the Senate, where it has to be approved today.

The proposal would raise Wisconsin's 21.8-cent-per-gallon gasoline tax 1 cent and local public registration fees \$1. The state's 4.5-cent-per-pack cigarette tax would increase 15 cents.

The 1997-98 budget raises state spending 7.4 percent compared with the previous year's budget. "I think the biggest and boldest thing we did in the budget is to raise the tax on, and by, cars," said Rep. Scott Jensen, R-Cross Plains.

The budget cuts state for property owners by \$87 million over the two years. Families earning about \$18,000 or less should pay no state income tax after 1997.

Rep. Scott Jensen said most of the budget increase will finance the state's commitment to fund two-thirds of public school costs, provide \$100 million more for child care and \$115 million more for public education.

settlement with state retirees over a 1987 pension fund deal.

"Which one of those do you want to cut?" Jensen, R-Wausau, asked legislators who criticized the plan. "Essentially, what we've done in this budget is cut them from the bottom up."

Rep. Frank Boyer, D-Douglas, said he could not support the budget because "it raises the price and gives tremendous tax incentives to the rich."

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Individual income tax rates 1 percent by 2002. That would mean an average reduction of \$23 million, rising to \$119 by 2005.

Gov. Tommy Thompson said the new fiscal period began July 1. State government has operated without a budget since 1995.

Legislature in June. Under an agreement between Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schulz, D-Madison, and Assembly Speaker Ben Raylone, R-Eau Claire, the Senate was to vote first.

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Packers Profile



On D-1 Eugene Robinson proved to be one of the final pieces in the team's Super Bowl XXXI puzzle. He's also been an active player off the field.

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A new weapon: Fullback William Henderson is developing into a key complementary player-C-4

Antiques dealer in Suring abducted

Statewide alert put out for 2 suspects in car

By Paul Strodes
Press-Gazette

SURING — Investigators this morning were looking into the disappearance of an elderly antique dealer, who was last seen exiting his store early today.

Chief Det. Greg Olson of the County Sheriff's Department declined to name the exact neighborhood in Suring, but said the store is on Highway 100, west of the Suring Farmers Mart on Main Street.

Starting at about 56 miles northwest of Green Bay, the store is on Highway 100, west of the Suring Farmers Mart on Main Street.

Investigators put out a statewide alert for a maroon 1986 Pontiac Buick Riviera, Wisconsin license number PKR 351.

Olson declined to say whether the suspect had broken into the store, but he said the dealer lived alone — or whether Estevan had left in Olson's car, he said.

Olson would not speculate on a motive.

A neighbor, 33, who declined to be identified, spotted the abduction. He told the Press-Gazette he was alerted the dealer before the suspect was caught. "I don't want to talk to the media," he said.

He said he got home from work shortly before the incident, heard two loud bangs — which he said could have been car doors — and looked out to see the couple forcing Estevan into the back seat of his car, parked outside the side entrance to his store and living quarters on Mill Street.

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Runoff poses main threat to Fox now

Summer algae bloom is just a smelly symptom of problem

By Susan Campbell
Press-Gazette

The stretch was an oversteering that a business on Lake Winnebago's south shore had to cancel its outdoor deck parties.

A girl canoe manager sees High Cliff State Park in Outagamie County refused green fees, and people in downtown Neenah could smell it.

In fact, the smell is the odor of a massive algae bloom that has been spreading since late August.

"It really, really reeked," said Bruce Johnson, of Fox Wolf Beach 2000. "It was absolutely offensive."

What people are talking about at the other end of the Fox River is the summer algae bloom that took over Lake Winnebago the summer before last.

Although regulators have tightened their grip on water-polluting industries for more than 20 years, they have been powerless to curb the flow of runoff into the water from countless sources and activities — the soil, fertilizers and

organic waste routinely washed off the land and into waterways by polluting rain. Aids contribute to the water that make conditions ripe for algae and other waterborne plants to grow.

Helped by warm weather, stagnant water and soil run, the algae bloom takes shape.

"The very fertilizer that we put on our farm feeds the algae," Johnson said. "The fertilizer here is the collective behavior of people throughout a watershed on a large property owner."

That's not the case in this case. In Green Bay and all the communities along the 20 miles of river in between.

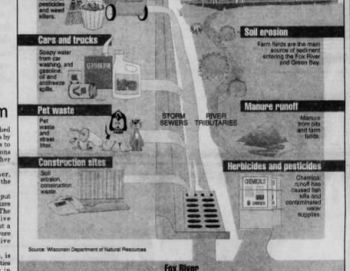
That makes the Lake Winnebago algae bloom a problem that reaches from there to here, a "watershed" concept environmentalists want to impose upon a public accustomed to making decisions based on political boundaries rather than natural ones.

The bloom was a nightmare for some areas — the south shore of the lake. But it blossomed into a public relations dream for people like Johnson, who for years have tried to raise awareness about an issue that has been slow to catch the public's imagination.

"It's not the Exxon Valdez, but it's a real environmental issue that has been going on for at least seven years," Johnson said.

Still polluting the Fox River

Industries are being forced to clean up after years of polluting, but the greatest source of pollution today is runoff from the land, fertilizers and organic wastes.



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Man charged in burned-car death

No bail set for Audeil Hernandez

By Anne Klemm
Press-Gazette

A Green Bay man charged Tuesday with the murder of his brother-in-law is charged with the murder of his brother-in-law.

The young man went on to a letter 107, Audeil Hernandez allegedly told law enforcement.

Hernandez, 33, 208 N. Maple Ave., said little of the case during his hearing where he was charged with the death of Julian Hernandez, whose body was found in his car trunk June 29 in

Hernandez County. Hernandez will return to Brown County Court Thursday. No bail was set at Tuesday's hearing because he did not have a designated defense lawyer.

He remains in Brown County. He is in lieu of \$50,000 bail for a second assault and lesser case that police have linked to the Rodriguez homicide.

Hernandez is accused of having a sexual relationship with his daughter, Gregoria, who was dating Rodriguez.

Although Gregoria Hernandez denied the incest allegation in a Press-Gazette interview in August, she told police Sept. 10 that she had sex with her father between August 1995 and May 1997, a criminal complaint says.

The complaint also says Gregoria told police she suspected her father was responsible for Rodriguez's death because he defiled Rodriguez.

She had planned to run away with Rodriguez to New York on June 18. Earlier that week, her father had become upset because she had left home with Rodriguez.

On June 18, Rodriguez told his house on way to work. His roommate, his work supervisor and Gregoria reported they never saw him afterward.

Rodriguez's body later was found, buried beyond recognition. An autopsy showed Rodriguez suffered massive head trauma from a gunshot or other blunt trauma, and his body was burned after a car

fire. Gregoria was in the area where he was picked up, Audeil Hernandez early June 19 and believed it was from a white car he'd seen Hernandez driving.

Gregoria learned Rodriguez's body was in the car only after police began questioning him. It later came to Hernandez's attention and Hernandez admitted killing Rodriguez, the complaint says.

Olson and Hernandez's brother, Hector Hernandez, material witnesses for the state, were in the 13 area shown by law and said there is a preliminary hearing Wednesday.

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Inflation remained benign last month despite the most spike in gasoline prices since the Gulf War. At the same time, factors changed their largest production increases in 15 months. Wall Street rallied in response Tuesday, with the Dow Jones soaring 174.78 points. A-7

LOCAL STATE
Some Sturgeon Bay residents are considering a petition drive for a referendum that could block plans to demolish the old high school building. They say the City Council's decision to demolish the building was shortsighted and carried out without listening to public opinion. B-1

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SPECIAL RIVER REPORT

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light and sucks up already low levels of oxygen that fish and other underwater creatures need to survive.

Soil, most of it from farm fields, seeps up to the harbor sloping channel. The Brown County Port Authority expects an expensive battle to beat it back, paying \$147 million a year to dredge the 100,000 cubic yards of soil necessary to keep the channel open.

And because the soil mixes with toxic contaminants already in the river bottom and the bay, ecological damage becomes more controversial — as the two-sided equipment at the detached land disposal site has shown.

With the health of Green Bay one of Wisconsin's greatest natural and recreational resources, threatened by runoff, legislators must turn their attention to controlling the source of runoff, Johnson said.

But there's no easy answer. Sources of runoff are varied and hard to track. And legislators must be sure that runoff is not the authority to control it.

Runoff also has caused farm fields accounts for 80 percent of the soil that makes for way into the bay from area waterways. Erosion from construction sites and urban runoff also contribute, but to a much lesser degree.

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About this series

This report series examines the health of the Fox River. SUNDAY: Although great strides have been made in cleaning up the Fox, it remains a sick river. MONDAY: A growing body of evidence links PCB contamination to health risks in wildlife and people. TUESDAY: Although fish consumption advisories have been issued since 1976, some fishermen still eat their catch. TODAY: Runoff of soil and sediments from farm fields poses today's biggest water-pollution threat. THURSDAY: Even the experts disagree over how to address PCB contamination.

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Runoff tacker: Hobart dairy farmer from farm fields into waterways is the Raymond Diederich guards against washing dollars down the drain, he runoff on his farm. Allowing soil to flow says.

For Hobart farmer, hurting land means hurting living

By Susan Campbell Press-Gazette

HOHART — Dairy farmer Raymond Diederich's interest in protecting the Fox River's health is rooted in something deeper than a weekend fancy for fishing and a love for the land. The land shapes his life and his living.

Yet Diederich said that fact is overlooked sometimes by those who see farmers as careless polluters of the nation's waterways.

City legislators, pesticide and herbicide use, and other farm field activities are what off Diederich's and other area farm fields watershed of rain. Much of it makes its way to the Fox River, which flows through the area.

Because farm fields are responsible for most of the soil entering the river, the environmentalists were the focus of the cleanup effort.

Like the rest of the area, Diederich's farm has been hit hard by the runoff. He said that the runoff has caused a loss of income and a loss of land.

And when chemicals like atrazine — a herbicide ultimately used to pollute well water — are washed into the river, they can harm the fish and other wildlife that live in the water.

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"We tend to look at chemicals we use on our soil as better for the environment. But you find out over time that some of the things the chemical company sent you weren't what they should have been."

Raymond Diederich, dairy farmer

Every farmer knows how important that is, Diederich said. "There are days when it doesn't work, and you need to appreciate it more, when soil runoff is concerned. When soil runoff is concerned, it's a problem that has made some farmers slow to respond to the problem. It's the cost of prevention."

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Runoff issues at symposium

Those interested in learning more about land use and runoff issues are invited to the symposium "Land Use and Runoff Prevention in the Great Lakes Basin," Monday and Tuesday in Ashwaubenon.

The symposium, hosted by the Great Lakes Basin Council, will focus on how to plan for growth while preserving open space and enhancing waterways.

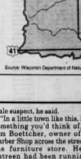
The symposium will be held at the Redwood Inn across from South Strubel Airport.

To register, send \$20 per person to the Wisconsin Nature Planning Department, P.O. Box 365, Okauchee, Wis. 54981.

For more information, call Jeff Siskov at (920) 884-4241.

Watersheds

Apple and Ashwaubenon creeks and Duck Creek priority watersheds



Land use map showing Agriculture 58%, Urban 22%, Grassland 12%, and Wetland 7%.

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walking under his own power but he was too tired to tell whether he had been injured in any way. The witness said there was something covering Estren's head but he couldn't tell what it was.

The witness reported that Estren was wearing a dark jacket and dark pants. Estren was wearing a dark jacket and dark pants.

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Nation/World

11 killed in Bosnia copter crash

SARAJEVO, Bosnia — Helicopters with 11 people on board crashed into a mountain in Bosnia Tuesday, killing 11 people, including a senior international mediator, were killed, Western diplomats said.

The only survivors appeared to be the four crew members, thought to be Ukrainian, said a senior Western diplomat who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The diplomat said German envoy Gerd Wagner, one of the most senior diplomats stationed in Bosnia, was killed in the crash. Wagner, 55, was a deputy

2 Air Force pilots rescued after jets crash off U.S. coast

POMONA, N.J. (AP) — Two F-16 fighter jets were training for night flying on Tuesday when they crashed off the Atlantic City, N.J., coast.

The crash Tuesday night was the fifth involving a U.S. military aircraft in the past four days. Three of the crashes have been fatal.

The jet crashed about 30 miles southwest of Atlantic City minutes after taking off from the National Guard's 10th Fighter Wing.

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Sports

Sportscaster Albert wants case dismissed

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Mary Albert's case should be dismissed because the indictment does not specifically say the sportscaster was a spy during one year, according to a defense lawyer.

Albert is accused of being the back of a woman and forcing her to perform oral sex. His trial on federal spying and sexual and battery charges is to begin Monday.

Prosecution is a key part of the crime of sedition, defense lawyer Roy Brock argued.

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