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# Thompson: Superfund bad idea

## In letter to EPA, governor maintains opposition to listing

By Susan Campbell Press-Gazette

Gov. Tommy Thompson will oppose a Superfund designation for the Fox River and downstream of the lake has designated from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Thompson was responding to a request by Timothy Sledge Jr., the EPA's acting assistant administrator in Washington, D.C., seeking final information on cleanup plans for the Fox River.

Thompson said in his letter that if the river is listed, the state will have to divert valuable resources away from other cleanup projects.

Thompson said he would like to see the river listed as a Superfund site without the governor's concurrence.

### ■ PARKING

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hours were criticized by nighttime visitors who had to pay for parking in the past.

This would charge downtown business owners a fee to keep parking lots open.

That is an idea Green Bay All-City Zoning Commission is considering for a city ordinance.

It is the idea that business owners have responsibility to fund part of the parking.

Keeping downtown parking rates low is important to Green Bay and Appleton for many of the same reasons.

"We have a very real concern," he said. "There is a maximum amount of money we can get out of the parking system."

### ■ Hang out your hats



Wear your helmets: Ron Baylory, left, shows Priscilla Munoz, lower right, why helmets are an important accessory for the Green Bay Packers Club. They participated

### AROUND THE BAY

#### GREEN BAY

##### Wynyard family offers scholarship

The Elizabeth Wynyard Scholarship is a new source of financial assistance for nontraditional students and employees older than 25 in the Extended Degree Program at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

#### DE PERE

##### Ducks Unlimited plans golf event

The De Pere-Nicollet Chapter of Ducks Unlimited will sponsor the 10th annual Ducks Unlimited Spring Migration Golf Outing on Tuesday at Royal Coast Country Club, New Franken.

#### OCONTO

##### District bands to perform today

Oconto School District residents will get the chance to hear the best of the school bands today.

#### OCONTO FALLS

##### Memorial day planned

The city will hold a Memorial Day celebration Thursday.

#### GREEN BAY

##### School will hold auction Sunday

St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 710 S. Bond St., will conduct a public auction in the school gymnasium at 11:30 a.m. Sunday.

#### MARINETTE COUNTY

##### Immunization clinics set

The Marinette County Health Department will hold five immunization clinics monthly on the following locations:

#### STURGEON BAY

##### Car wash slated for Sunday

St. Joseph School eighth-graders will hold a car wash from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

# Abortions halted pending appeal

By Sean Schultz Press-Gazette

MILWAUKEE — Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin Inc. scheduled abortions for the week of Thursday in its Appleton, North and Milwaukee Jackson clinics.

The cancellation is pending the outcome of an appeal of Assembly Bill 228, the bill banning partial birth abortions.

Partial birth abortion, according to the bill, means an abortion in which a person partially vaginally delivers a living child, causes the death of the partially delivered child with intent to kill the child, and then completes the delivery of the child.

AB 228 was approved by the Legislature a week ago and signed by Gov. Tommy Thompson.

Four of the five clinics in Wisconsin that perform abortions are waiting for word on the appeal.

The only other abortion provider in the state is a Green Bay physician's office, clinic officials said. The Green Bay doctors would not comment on the law.

The 7th District Court of Appeals in Chicago said late Thursday it would take no action before Monday on the appeal.

Planned Parenthood questions the constitutionality of AB 228. Annika Vagta, legislative director for Wisconsin's Planned Parenthood, said her organization immediately filed suit against the law when it was passed.

"The entire women throughout the entire state of Wisconsin," she said. "Any woman making an abortion may find she is unable to get

into because of the law."

Some women are being referred to clinics in Illinois or Minnesota pending the outcome of the appeal.

She noted that it doesn't refer to any particular type of abortion or any time during the pregnancy.

"The doctors do not know which abortions are banned and not banned, and it clearly bans the refer procedures for women," Vagta said.

She noted that it doesn't ban just third trimester or late-term abortions, but initial intent to ban every abortion procedure for termination.

A physician who performs a partial birth abortion in violation of the law is guilty of a Class A felony.

Planned Parenthood maintains that Wisconsin's law violates the Supreme Court's decision in Roe v. Wade, the landmark abortion rights case in 1973.

It also says the law would deny women legal access to abortions in the first and second trimesters of pregnancy and in the third trimester if the health or life of the pregnant woman were at risk, Vagta said.

If the bill would be in effect at least until a hearing on June 10.

Stacy Lieberow, spokesperson for Planned Parenthood in Milwaukee, said the agency opened 23 clinics in Wisconsin.

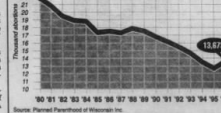
It said the board and WGA had an agreement not to elaborate on contract negotiations before the public hearing.

But Lark said he is optimistic about settling the contract.

"(Contract) has always been worked out very negatively in the past and we're optimistic that this one will, too," Lark said.

### Abortions decline

Abortions have been on the decline in Wisconsin since the number peaked in 1980. The number was up again in 1995, the most recent year for which figures are available.



Source: Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin Inc.

planning information, pregnancy testing and counseling, not making the public about pregnancy prevention. "Nearly half of all unintended pregnancies end in abortions," Vagta said.

The Associated Press contributed large part due to efforts to educate in the report.

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