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Fatal explosion at Diana plant under investigation

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An investigation is continuing into an explosion Saturday that killed a 45-year-old Denmark man at Diana Manufacturing Co. in Green Bay.

Robert P. Schumacher, who has been employed at Diana since 1966, died in the explosion that occurred shortly before 3 p.m. Harland Hietpas, 45, Little Chute, was treated and released from St. Vincent Hospital.

"We really don't know what caused it," said Joseph Kaster, personnel manager at Diana, 1522 S. Broadway.

According to Kaster, the explosion occurred in an area where water-based glue tanks are stored.

Hietpas is employed by Piping Service Inc. in Appleton, which was contracted for a welding project at the plant.

"All of a sudden, I heard this loud crack, and was thrown into the air," Hietpas told the Milwaukee *Sentinel*. "When I came to my senses, I tried to get to my feet. There was glue everywhere."

Hietpas said he believed a spark might have ignited vapors in pipes or in the air.

Algoma project del

State panel turns down funding request for h

By Karl Van Boxel

Press-Gazette

Plans to begin work this winter on the city of Algoma's harbor project will be delayed until funding is available.

The city had applied for \$194,650 in matching funds for the first phase of its project, but officials learned at a meeting in Racine Friday that no funding would be provided this year by the Wisconsin Waterways Commission.

City Clerk Tom Tompendence said the commission had committed in

July and August to providing at least a portion of the funding requested and had financed the feasibility study for the harbor project. He said bids were ready to be let for work on capping the Steele Street

Pond and putting in a north-south breakwater wall. The entire harbor project is planned in three phases. They not only didn't fund Algoma, but the funds were taken away from the Great Lakes and given to inland lake projects," Tompendence said.

The village of Howarth's \$5,000 request for a bond landing was

among the inland lakes projects approved. Menominee County also received \$5,000 for a Menominee River boat landing and Gresham, \$4,480 for two access sites on Red Lake.

Larry Freidig, liaison between the Department of Natural Resources and the Waterways Commission, said funds for the year are exhausted but Algoma can reapply July 1. The commission, which is appointed by the governor, awarded grants of \$667,000 including \$417,000 for inland lakes and \$250,000 for Great Lakes projects.

Tip needed by police in razor blade thefts

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By Stephanie Reid
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Press-Gazette photo by Mary A. Penner
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Scout earns 119 merit badges

By Elizabeth Ridley
Press-Gazette

For Tim Vertz, the junior assistant scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 1095, tenacity has paid off.

Vertz, a 17-year-old senior at Green Bay Southwest High School, has earned all 119 Boy Scout merit badges, something that has been done by only 23 others since Boy Scouts of America began in 1910. He even has a day, Nov. 1, declared in his honor by Green Bay Mayor Sam Halloin.

It wasn't always easy. During junior high school, classmates made fun of Vertz.

"When I would walk down the street, kids would follow me saying, 'There goes the Boy Scout,'" he said.

At times Tim wondered if earning every badge was worth the trouble. Today he knows it was.

"I'm having a lot of fun right now. My friends all think it's great. It's not so bad when everybody supports you."

Vertz, the son of Len and Grace Vertz, has been active in Scouting since grade school. He worked his way up through Boy Scouts, earning recognition and awards each step of the way. He became an Eagle Scout, scouting's highest rank, at the unusually young age of 13.

By December 1985, Vertz had earned 43 badges. He realized then he had the opportunity to earn every badge by the

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He approached each individual badge with the same determination.

"Every merit badge is an opportunity," he said. "The whole merit badge program is not so you become an expert in one single field, just so you understand a little what it's about. If you like it you can go further into it."

Some badges, such as rabbit raising, were hard to earn. "That one took me three months to get. I had to find someone who had rabbits. That was a chore," he said. Vertz often spent up to 25 hours a week working on his badges.

In addition to his other awards and achievements, Tim was elected to the Order of the Arrow, a national brotherhood of honor campers, in 1983.

In 1985 he was chosen the top Senior Patrol Leader in his council and received the Youth Leadership in America award. In 1986 he was awarded the Vigil Honor, a national award for outstanding contributions to Scouting.

Vertz credits his parents for much of his success. "I never could have done it without them," he said. "They helped me and encouraged me every step of the way."

His parents, however, are quick to return the credit. "He went after it and he got it. We tried to encourage him and motivate him, but the work was up to him," Len Vertz said.

"We had to push him a little sometimes," added Grace Vertz. "But we're really proud of him. He's really a good kid. The more kids you see, the more you realize what good kids you have."

Vertz, an honor student, is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. He plans to study either law or business at Marquette University or the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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GOP candidates pledge unity

3th Assembly District contenders vow to support primary winner

By Tom Murphy
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Republicans, unlike Democrats, will remain neutral in the 6th Assembly District primary election, state GOP Chairman Steven King said today in Green Bay.

Democratic Assembly Speaker Thomas Loftus "already has endorsed Rosemary Hinkfuss" of Green Bay, King told four GOP primary candidates at a "unity breakfast" at the Embassy Suites.

King said as soon as Gov. Tommy Thompson made a courtesy call to Loftus prior to public announcement of the Nov. 10 primary date, Loftus told Hinkfuss who immediately was on the telephone to the Green Bay media.

a phone call from Tom Loftus," King said. The call constitutes a non-public endorsement over her Democratic opponent Paul Williams, said the Whitewater attorney.

Despite the fact that the 6th District traditionally has been Republican, King said the election "will be the toughest special we've undergone to date."

"Tom Loftus' reputation, indeed his candidacy for governor in 1990, could very well hinge on this election," King said. The GOP has won six of seven special legislative elections since November 1986, he noted.

The district includes all of Ashland and Eagle counties and parts of Winnebago, Green Bay and

pledge that calls for them to support the primary winner on Dec. 8 were Tim Duckett, Otto Junkermann, Bernard Schramm and Robert Williams.

The general election winner will succeed state Rep. James Chartrand, R-Allouez, who resigned last month.

Here's how the GOP hopefuls commented on their candidacy this morning:

Duckett — Will help Thompson and property taxpayers, will not let welfare reform go without a fair hearing before the Legislature.

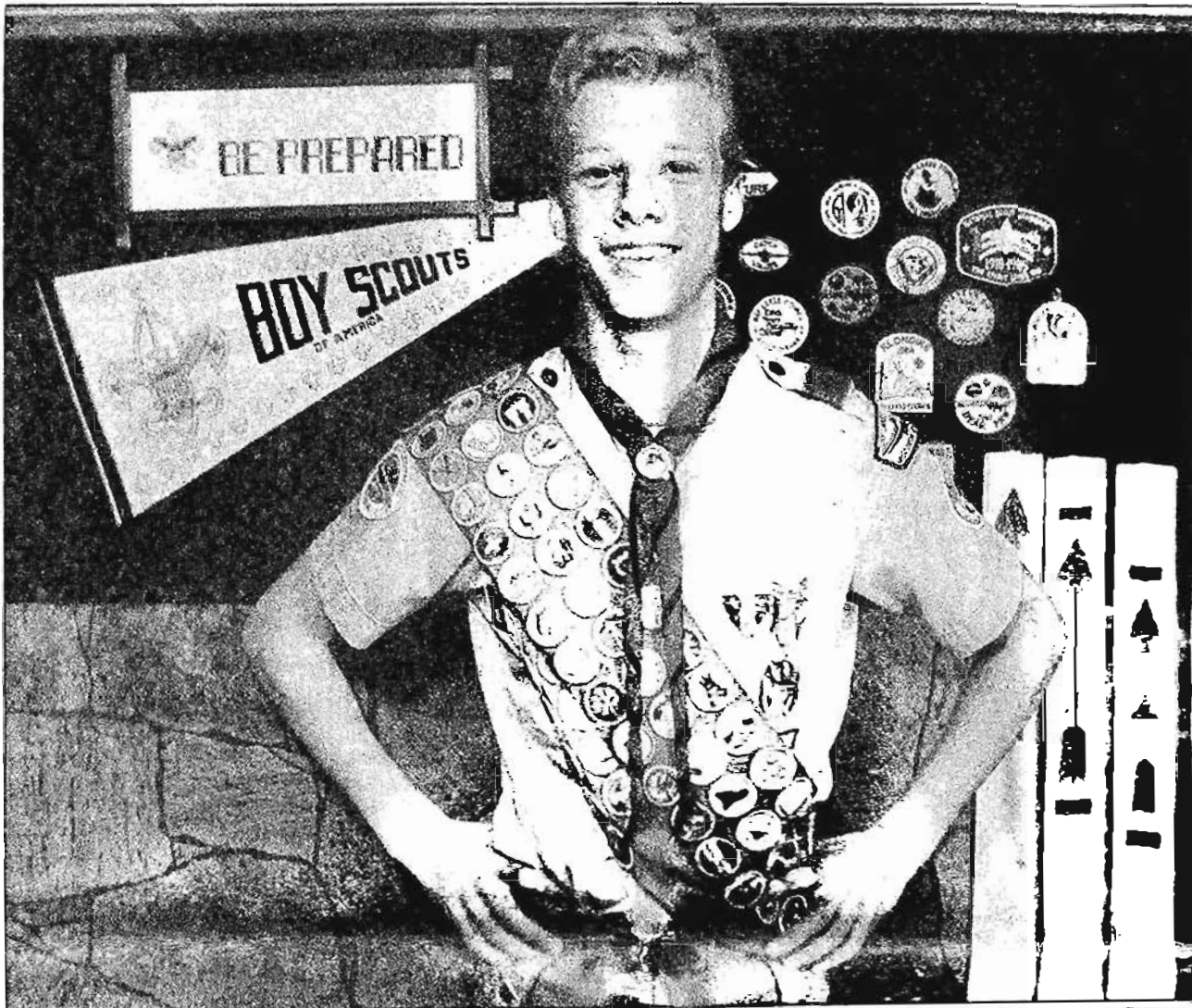
Junkermann — Will bring...

never got the credit for as a De County supervisor from 1981. He said he would carry on his battles against environmental, all-terrain vehicles and resolution of the Kinnelau Schuster landfill dispute.

Schramm — The district "needs someone to represent immediately and his experience corporate attorney and government affairs representative that I can hit the ground in Madison."

Williams — Said he feels fortunate as a Republican to be the September 1986 primary in the district as a Democrat supports recycling, higher education and...

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Vertz's achievement is a testament to his dedication and hard work. He has spent countless hours on projects, camps, and community service to earn each badge. His goal was to complete the set by the time he graduated from high school.

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By Stephen
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