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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 Karil Van Boxel
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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 Romdenne 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 curbing the Steele Street Point 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 lakes projects," Romdenne said.

The village of Howard's \$5,000 request for a boat 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.

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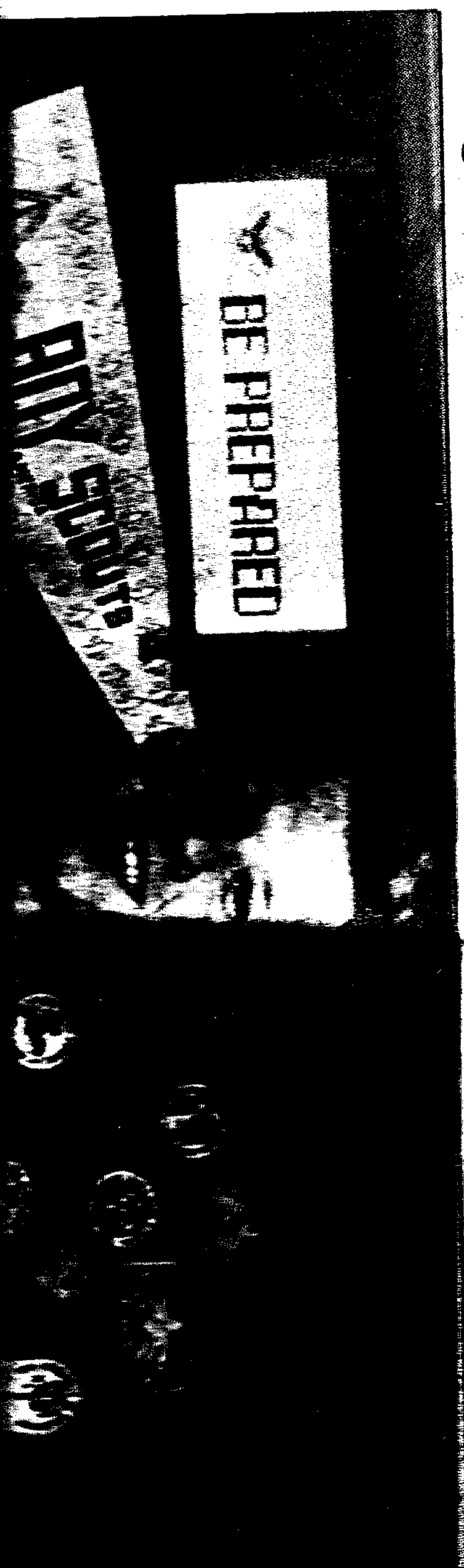
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Tip needed by police in razor blade thefts

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Unless someone comes forward with a tip, police can do little to find, whoever was responsible for

He's got them all



Victim' living in Kew

By Stephanie Reid
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To those who knew death Saturday at age "I don't believe it" Harlowe, a bartender Male Highway 42, w

Scout earns 19 merit badges

Serious scout: Eagle Scout Tim Vertz wears a sash holding his 19 merit badges. The Green Bay Southwest High School senior has earned every merit badge a Scout can earn.



Press-Gazette photo by Mary A. Berger.

By Elizabeth Ridley

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 19 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 Hallain.

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

"I did it because I had the chance to do it. A lot of people never had the chance that I did, so I wanted to make the most of it. I tried to earn one badge every week."

— Eagle Scout Tim Vertz

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.

GOP candidates pledge unity

6th 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. Tom Loftus made a courtesy call by 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."

The district includes all of Lincoln and DeKalb counties and portions of Dodge and Grant counties.

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.

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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 warlike reform to Wisconsin property tax relief.

will do believe in the future.

Schramm — The GOP needs someone to represent immediately and his experience corporate attorney and former ment affairs representative that I can hit the ground running in Madison.

Williams — Sell the GOP to Madison.

never got the credit for as a County supervisor from Madison. He said he would carry on his battles against corruption, all-terrain vehicles and resolution of the Highway 100 Schuster landfill dispute.

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