

Lotteries	2B
Science Notebook	3B
Obituaries	4B

LOCAL

1B

• Sunday, August 4, 1996

AROUND THE AREA

Fall suspected in Sauk death

A young man's decomposing body was found Friday at the base of a radio tower near Highpoint Road in the town of Greenfield, Sauk County Sheriff's officials said.

An employee of Communication Services, Inc., who leases the tower, found the body in a field while out doing a routine maintenance check on the tower, sheriffs officials said.

An autopsy, done Saturday at University Hospital, showed the man died from trauma to the head, fractures to the spinal column and other bones, and internal injuries.

Sauk County Sheriff's officials said they believe the man fell from the tower. The man has not yet been identified.

FITCHBURG Mall sues Fitchburg over sprinkler order

The owner of a Fitchburg strip mall is suing the city's Zoning Board of Appeals over an order to install a sprinkler system.

The lawsuit, filed Thursday in Dane County Circuit Court by Madison attorney Allen Arntsen on behalf of Charles Prestigiacomo, claims the order was based on an inaccurate reading of the ordinance.

Prestigiacomo, 5659 Whalen Road, owns the Liquor Town strip mall, 5276 Williamsburg Way.

In May, Deputy Fire Chief Skip Sharpe ordered Prestigiacomo to install a sprinkler system as part of a remodeling project.

The order was based on Sharpe's interpretation of the ordinance that a building where at least 50 percent of the interior is remodeled must be brought up to code.

Sharpe's order was upheld after a June 26 hearing by the Zoning Board of Appeals. The order was based on the fact that the mall, built in 1977, was remodeled during the mid-1980s.

But the lawsuit claims the ordinance doesn't specify that a sprinkler system with an estimated cost of \$50,000 is required.

Sharpe's order is "unreasonable" and has "procedural defects," the lawsuit claims.

FOND DU LAC Vandals dump solvent at river's edge

Vandals apparently caused four thousand gallons of a solvent used to clean engine parts to spill outside a Condon Oil plant Friday, fire officials said.

The solvent was released from a storage tank into a holding dike located a few feet from the Fond du Lac River. The spill was discovered about 6 a.m.

"We won't know until later the impact on the environment," said Thomas Rose, a Department of Natural Resources warden.

Condon Oil employees placed booms with a highly absorbent material in the river to contain the spill. It wasn't known how much of the Naphtha solvent soaked into the soil or drained into the river.

The storage tank usually is padlocked, but the lock was inadvertently left off the tank Thursday, said Steve Schuster, a Condon manager.

It took some effort to cause the spill, since two valves had to be turned and a nozzle released, Schuster said. The heavy tank hose then was placed in the dike.

The incident is the latest in a series of vandalism acts at the company in recent months that included broken truck windows, a shop break-in and spray-painted fuel tanks, Schuster said.

MILWAUKEE TB death spurs hunt for others infected

Health officials here are looking for hundreds of people who may have come into contact with a woman who died of a multi-drug-resistant strain of tuberculosis.

Some 242 patients and dozens of employees at Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital were being contacted because the woman was hospitalized there in April, in May and briefly in June before her TB was diagnosed and she was placed in medical isolation.

About 140 people in the community also are being contacted and offered TB testing and risk counseling, Health Commissioner Paul Nanni said Friday.

The woman had lived in area homeless shelters and a group home for people with AIDS before she died.

■ Snoop will return Tuesday.



Husband-and-wife team Daniel Heligoin and Montaine Mallet perform close-formation maneuvers Saturday. The duo, called "French Connection," flew in from Bunnell, Fla.

Aviators gather at EAA

By Roger Gribble
Wisconsin State Journal

OSHKOSH — Looking like something out of a comic book drawing, Burt Rutan's newly designed Boomerang sits on an apron not far from the B1-B Bomber. The massive bomber's tail and fuselage tower above other parked aircraft.

Nearby are enough modern military jet aircraft to equip a small nation. At the other end of the convention

grounds where this year's annual Experimental Aircraft Association Fly-in Convention is being held are 16 former members of the Raven Project, a CIA-directed secret air war in Laos during the 1960s and '70s.

They are hawkling souvenirs and signing copies of a book written about their exploits.

Former test pilots and veteran aviators of the Korean and Vietnam wars tell of their tales at small stages near

the B1-B and Boomerang, adding still other perspectives to the world of aviation encompassed by the Fly-in.

The event, which began Thursday and continues through Wednesday, draws people and aircraft from all over the world. Rutan's Boomerang is the latest in a series of imaginative designs he has conceived.

His Voyager aircraft turned heads

Please see EAA, Page 2B



Left: Ross Grady, of Edmonton, Alberta, flew his World War-II vintage P-51 Mustang in to the Experimental Aircraft Association's Fly-in for the 18th straight year. The plane burns 60 gal-



lons of fuel an hour. Right: Spectators view the "warbird" section Saturday. The convention continues through Wednesday.

State Journal photos/SCOTT SEID

Thompson's book extols Progressive movement

By Jeff Mayers

State government reporter

GOP Gov. Tommy Thompson's first foray into the bookstores of America is heavy on old-fashioned populism, "Elroy common sense" and arguments that Wisconsin is a model state for a "new progressive movement" that would "take power from a government sector elite that has grown too controlling."

"Like the early Progressives, we have experimented with different reforms — in welfare, education, job creation, and tax cuts — to determine what works in the real world," Thompson writes in a new book, "Power to the People," that attacks the federal bureaucracy.

"We have had successes and failures — but still we have fashioned new relationships between people and government and created new approaches to solve pressing social problems," writes Thompson, who promotes shifting much more power back to the states. "To be sure, Wisconsin is not Shangri-La. We still have problems. But among America's laboratories of democracy, the state has a proven record of solutions on tough issues that Washington hasn't handled well. Maybe we've just been at it longer than most states. Or maybe there really is something special going on here."

This call for a new progressive movement based partly on the ideals of Robert "Fighting Bob" La Follette, a Wisconsin political icon, is liable to rattle those Democrats who see themselves as heirs to the La Follette tradition of open and responsive government.

Appearing to anticipate the criticism, Thompson said his opponents have been "Wisconsin liberals" who liked to consider themselves 'progressives.'

Yet, the Progressive movement that grew out of Wisconsin's Republican Party was a meshing of old-fashioned individualism, traditional values and concern for the needs of the poor and ordinary working people.

Of course, Democrats in Wisconsin have been charging for years that Thompson is just the opposite — a partisan Republican who looks out for the needs of the rich and corporate executives who donate so freely to his campaigns and who looks for ways to avoid open government.

Portions of the book were released this weekend. The entire book, due in bookstores later this month, will be circulating among major political players this week. The governor, a possible running mate for Bob Dole, put the book together with the help of campaign aide Mark Liedl, who, as Thompson said, "helped shape my recollections and experiences into a manuscript."

The book is dedicated to his wife, Sue Ann, and their three children. Thompson thanks them "for putting up with a politician in the family." The book opens with a black-and-white photo of Thompson behind the handlebars of a Harley-Davidson, giving the thumbs-up sign. This photo was used by his 1994 re-election campaign.

Thompson's royalty arrangement with publisher HarperCollins of New York hasn't been released.

The promotional dust cover of the hard-bound book (\$24 retail) calls the book "a genuinely new, truly American story, one that weaves together articulate ideas and bold actions."

But some of it will seem familiar to Thompson-watchers. Thompson tells again — this time to a national audience — about his unexpected victory in 1986 and how he and like-thinking Republicans took control of a state government led by Democrats. Former Gov. Anthony Earl (the incumbent Thompson beat in 1986), former Assembly Speaker Tom Loftis (the Sun Prairie Democrat Thompson beat in 1990), former Senate Democratic leader Bob Jauch, current Democratic Assembly leader Walter Kunicki, and former Assembly Majority Leader Dave Travis all are mentioned in an index obtained by the Wisconsin State Journal. But Thompson's 1994 opponent, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Chvala, D-Madison, doesn't get a mention in the book. Thompson dispatched Chvala

Please see BOOK, Page 2B

Please see EAA, Page 2B

People asked to help with minority achievement

By Andy Hall

Wisconsin State Journal

In the summer before Timeka Rumph enrolled in third grade, the Madison Urban League issued a report that the grades of high school blacks lagged far behind those of whites.

Community leaders expressed outrage.

School officials promised reforms.

But the gap only widened — even after two school committees issued lengthy reports suggesting solutions.

Now Rumph, an African American, is about to enter her senior year at East High School. She



avoided slipping into the grade chasm by following her mother's example of working hard. An honor student, she plans on becoming a lawyer.

And she's volunteering many hours to a community-wide Schools of Hope campaign that she believes, finally, promises to begin

closing the racial achievement gap — a gap that each year threatens the futures of thousands of African American, Hispanic and Southeast Asian students in the Madison School District. Racial achievement disparities are a problem in every urban school district in America.

Unlike previous efforts at reform, the preliminary recommendations issued last week by a Schools of Hope panel on minority student achievement emphasize that people across the community — not just in the schools — are being asked to make significant changes.

The proposals attempt to lure large numbers of students and

adults into volunteering for such activities as tutoring, mentoring and helping with homework.

Businesses are asked to release workers who wish to attend school events or meet with teachers.

Students are asked to participate in shaping what's taught, and to become more engaged in their classes, in homework and, in some cases, in extra-curricular activities believed to encourage academic achievement.

Parents are asked to remain engaged in students' lives by helping with homework, showing up for school events and teacher meetings, and helping find ways to keep students motivated. Parents also are reminded that according to re-

search, students who work at jobs more than 20 hours a week tend to fare more poorly in school than others.

Teachers are asked to make courses relevant to students of diverse backgrounds, to participate in more rounds of training, and to consider visiting students' homes.

Rumph, the lone student representative on the 15-member panel, said she endorses the proposals but realizes it'll be difficult to make school an interesting, important part of the lives of many students who prefer to focus on socializing, sports or rebellion.

"I see high school as just a

Please see HOPE, Page 3B

Kline to Leach: It's the changing of the guard at UW Arboretum

Mark Leach's new laboratory is easily the biggest of all the labs at the UW-Madison.

Leach is the UW Arboretum's new ecologist. He was named last month to replace longtime ecologist Virginia Kline, who retired at the end of June.

And what is the Arboretum but a big laboratory? Especially for a botanist like Leach who specializes in the community ecology of southern Wisconsin oak systems.

In an article in the NewsLeaf, the Arboretum's newsletter, Leach, who is finishing his doctorate at UW-Madison, said he looks forward to learning more about oak savannas by studying the Arboretum's restorations. He's already done considerable work at the Arboretum as a graduate student.



RON SEELY
SCIENCE
NOTEBOOK

"Oak savannas haven't really been recognized as something that's important conservation-wise," Leach said. "My research has shown that there are a considerable number of species specific to this area that are in need of protection and restoration."

Leach was selected after a national search and was chosen from a final field of five candidates. Arboretum Director Greg Armstrong

said Leach brings valuable knowledge to his new job.

"Mark has an exceptional knowledge of savannas and prairies," Leach said, "and has demonstrated some very fine work and research in those areas that are a vital part of what we do in the Arboretum."

Leach lives in Madison and begins his duties this month.

Kline, by the way, was given an appropriate send-off. She was honored on June 29, which was declared "Virginia Kline Day" at the Arboretum. Kline was presented with a gift that would make any ecologist proud — a rock from the Arboretum.

Inscribed on the rock was the following:

"In honor of Virginia M. Kline on the occasion of her retirement June 29, 1996, after 21 years as Arboretum ecologist. Gina is mentor, teacher and friend to all, exceptional ecologist, inspiring teacher and treasured friend. Her amazing eye for ecological detail and gracious charm touch all who meet her. From her friends and colleagues."

The Arboretum's August schedule includes a couple of interesting public sessions that you might want to note on your calendar.

On Saturday, Aug. 10, you can participate in a new moon walk from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. You can look forward to seeing underwing moths and hearing the late summer crickets.

And on Aug. 11, the wild flowers

of Curtis Prairie should be just about at their colorful peak for a tour scheduled from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

For more information about these and other programs, call 263-7888 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays or from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekends.

Pesticides on crops

If you're concerned about pesticides or just interested in learning more about them, you might be interested in a session on the subject sponsored by the International Joint Commission.

The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday at the Sheraton Inn, 706 John Nolen Drive.

The International Joint Com-

mission was created by the 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty between the United States and Canada to resolve issues facing the boundary waters. The commission evaluates progress by both countries to accomplish the goals of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.

This session will focus on pesticide use in row crop agriculture and the environmental impacts of such use. Local experts on the current agricultural use of pesticides will make presentations. A discussion is also scheduled.

Seely covers science and the environment. This column appears weekly. To reach Seely, call 252-6131. Or send electronic mail to rseely@statejournal.madison.com.

UW-Madison goes online, but advice carries a price

Businesses have long been able to turn to UW-Madison for expertise to solve their problems.

Now they can go online for help. But there's only one hitch — it may cost them some money.

The UW-Madison University-Industry Relations office, geared to match university professors and researchers with businesses needing expert advice, has put its database of contacts online.

You can hook up to UIR's computer home page this way: <http://www.wisc.edu/uiir>. The home page provides background information on UIR and how it can help businesses with technical problems, according to Steven Price, its director since 1994.

But to gain direct access to UIR's data base of university researchers and expertise, businesses need to be members of the Community of Science (COS), a consortium of similar groups that link universities with industry.

According to Price, membership in COS could run several

thousands of dollars annually. That could be a small expense for businesses who rely frequently on the university for technical expertise, he said. But businesses with only occasional questions are probably better off contacting UIR officials directly for help, he said.

"If getting technical expertise is your daily bread, it could be up your alley," Price said.

One advantage to joining COS: businesses can hook up with faculty experts at 125 universities throughout the country. So a business that needs expertise in plastics engineering, for instance, can get advice not only from UW-Madison professors but those at other leading schools like the University of Michigan or the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The UIR home page also provides access to the home page of the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, which can be helpful to businesses that want to license WARF-patented technology. It also provides access to the home page



PHIL MCDADE
VIEW FROM THE TERRACE

of the University Research Park, which can provide help to start-up businesses.

Also, UW System officials plan to hook up with UIR's data base and provide faculty experts at each of the UW's 26 campuses.

Despite the costs, the UIR online data base appears to be popular among businesses. It is averaging about 2,000 inquiries a month in the short time it's been up and running, Price said.

"That's a phenomenal usage," Price said. "We've been keeping track of this only since Jan. 1."

For more information on UIR and its online data base, call 263-2840.

View from the Terrace is a weekly feature. Please call Phil McDade, the State Journal's higher education reporter, with tips and ideas. He can be reached at 252-6134.

Town meetings offer unique forum

Later this month, you have an unusual opportunity to speak your piece on the future of education in Madison.

As part of the Schools of Hope project, the Wisconsin State Journal and WISC-TV (Ch. 3, Madison) are co-sponsoring four town-hall meetings to inspire and collect citizens' insights and opinions on the issue of minority student achievement.

These informal discussions, led by Neil Heinen of WISC-TV and State Journal Associate Editor Thomas Still, are meant for real people like you, not experts or special interests.

Four meetings are scheduled at the Madison Newspapers Inc. auditorium, 1901 Fish Hatchery Road:

■ School administrators and staff, Tuesday, Aug. 20, 1:30-3 p.m.

■ Parents, Tuesday, Aug. 20, 6-7:30 p.m.

■ Teachers, Wednesday, Aug. 21, 10 a.m.-noon.

■ Students, Wednesday, Aug. 21, 1:30-3 p.m.

The city schools have worked for years to boost minority student achievement, but leaders agree they need to do more. So a group of community leaders — acting on ideas gathered during a recent meeting of 250 parents, educators and others — has developed a series of recommendations that will be up for discussion at the town hall meetings.

Your perspective may be very important in helping the school district find its way on this difficult and complicated issue.

The problem is clear:

■ The gap in grade-point averages between blacks and whites is growing, with the average GPAs for whites increasing while for blacks it has fallen or remained the same.

■ The racial gap in test scores is larger in Madison than in any other Wisconsin school system with a significant enrollment of African Americans.

■ On average, poor white students fared better on standardized tests than blacks who weren't poor, a State Journal analysis found.

Town hall participants will discuss what works, what doesn't, and what can be done differently to raise minority student achievement.

Then, the Schools of Hope subcommittee on minority youth achievement — composed of teachers, district officials and representatives of several community organizations — will bring final recommendations to the Schools of Hope leadership group in September.

The leadership group, coordinated by United Way of Dane County, was formed to advise the Madison School Board and seek out community-based solutions to problems in the schools. The group includes representatives of the school district, teachers union, parents, the School Board and business. Leslie Howard, president of United Way of Dane County, facilitates the group.

Schools of Hope is a civic journalism project of the State Journal and WISC-TV. This series of town hall meetings is a key part of the project, which is gathering residents' views about public schools, assessing strengths and weaknesses in the school system and exploring solutions to problems.

As civic journalism, Schools of Hope relies heavily on public involvement. We hope you will be interested in participating in one of the four town hall meetings. Please use the accompanying coupon or send a written reply to Schools of Hope town meetings, P.O. Box 8058, Madison, Wis. 53708, before Friday, Aug. 16.

Hope

Continued from Page 1B

bunch of kids trying to fit in with the right clique," Rumph said.

In her case, that peer pressure works to her benefit; she hangs out with honor students who, beginning with their ninth-grade Spanish class, amused themselves by competing for high grades.

Despite her enthusiasm for school, Rumph remains skeptical of the panel's efforts to increase homework assignments for some students. That proposal was based on research suggesting that students who do more homework,

and who are given support by teachers and community members, may increase their achievement levels and feel more connected to school.

"If you give students more homework, they're not going to do it," Rumph said. "Even me, and I'm an honor student."

However, Rumph said, the right assignments can motivate students to put in long hours after school. She became engrossed last year in a history project that required her to create a video. She compared Northern and Southern schools of the 1940s and 1950s.

"You got to choose what you were doing," Rumph said. "You were being creative. You were out there using your mind."

Rumph and other panel members also pointed out that some recommendations, such as one calling for sharp reductions in class size, might become too expensive to receive political support.

The panel plans to refine the proposals after receiving public reaction at four town hall meetings this month and after visiting schools to hear comments. The final recommendations will be forwarded to a larger Schools of Hope leadership group for discussion.

The effort to improve minority academic achievement was prompted by an April report in the Wisconsin State Journal revealing that racial disparities have grown during the first half of the 1990s. Blacks now trail whites by more than a full grade point on a four-point scale in ninth and 10th grades. Standardized test scores offer a gloomy picture, too. Hispanics and Southeast Asians also trail white students in Madison, Wisconsin's second-largest school system.

After leading the panel through nearly five hours of meetings last week, co-chair Leslie Ann Howard, president of United Way of Dane County, said the plan will succeed if two major changes occur in the community.

"The key thing we're going to be asking from this community is to step up and work with the kids," Howard said. "And we're going to be asking kids... to step forward to influence each other on the importance of school."

She added: "I think in two years we'll start to see a change. We'll reverse the direction we've been going. And in four years, the rest of the country will be asking us how we did it."

YES! I'd like to participate in Schools of Hope!

Name _____ Age _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Occupation _____ Ethnic origin _____
Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____

☐ Please register me for the meeting for school administrators and staff, Tuesday, Aug. 20, 1:30-3 p.m.
☐ Please register me for the meeting for parents, Tuesday, Aug. 20, 6-7:30 p.m.

☐ Please register me for the meeting for teachers, Wednesday, Aug. 21, 10 a.m.-noon.
☐ Please register me for the meeting for students, Wednesday, Aug. 21, 1:30-3 p.m.

Clip and return to: Schools of Hope town meetings, P.O. Box 8058, Madison, Wis. 53708 or fax this coupon to 252-6194 between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. only. Phone reservations to: 252-6139 (please leave a message).

SHOE BOX
HWY. 14 & MILLS, BLACK EARTH, WI 53515
787-3447 or 231-4445
PARKING LOT SALE TODAY 10-6 pm
Summer Sale On! (weather permitting)
Main Store Closed

NEW HORIZONS
Adults 50 & over, come join the band! It's a BALL!
For info call: (608) 271-1480
Wordbrodt MUSIC-MAU

great scores...
LSAT GMAT GRE MCAT
Summer and Fall Classes are forming now.
Call Today!
315 B. West Gorham 255-0575
get a higher score KAPLAN

Steroid Dependent Asthmatics
12-17 year olds with allergies
Taking Aerobid®, Azmacort®, Beclavent®, Vancril® or Beclomethasone®?
Compensation up to \$2,000
For Clinical drug study.
Call Evelyn at (608) 262-7169
University Hospital Allergy Research

MONTANA Sports Specialties
Columbia Sportswear Company
DACOR
THE NORTH FACE
Store Closing Sale! Save up to 75% Off!
Fixtures for sale!
MARKET SQUARE
Market Square Location Only 6670 Odana Road, Madison
20 to 75% off entire inventory
Scuba & Snorkeling Swimwear
Binoculars & Sunglasses
Fly Fishing Waterproof Outerwear
Camping Backpacking Climbing
Outdoor Clothing Ski Clothing
Fleece hats, gloves, pants, jackets
Boots and Shoes
In-Line Skates, Athletic Clothes & Equipment
Tennis & Racquetball
Activewear Clothing
Cross Country & Downhill Skiing
Snowshoeing & Snowboards
Hours: M-F 10-8 Sat 10-6 Sun 11-4