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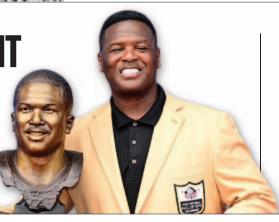
The waitlist continues to grow for a family therapy center that specializes in helping people of color

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### THE BUTLER DID IT

Safety who played entire 12-year career with the Packers is inducted into Pro Football Hall of Fame

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#### Lakes advocate wrote the book

Forever on the hunt for his next wild adventure, John Bates wants to share them with you

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#### RENEWABLE RESOURCE | THE URBAN WOOD MOVEMENT



**AMBER ARNOLD PHOTOS. STATE JOURNAL** 

Paul Morrison, owner of The Wood Cycle of Wisconsin, shows logs stockpiled at the town of Oregon mill where he cuts, dries and builds with wood from urban trees that could otherwise be turned into mulch.

## Search for value, carbon

Irregular shapes of city trees won't stop advocates of reuse

#### **CHRIS HUBBUCH** chubbuch@madison.com

When architect David Rousseau designed a manufacturing facility for Promega Corp., he specified a unique material for the lobby stairs: Walnut trees from the biotech company's land.

Cut for various reasons over the preceding decades, the trees had been sawed and dried at a nearby mill and stored on the Fitchburg campus for just such a use.

Columbia but has worked with a mass-production economy. Promega on multiple projects over the past three decades, designed the \$120 million Feynman Center to look more like a retreat restored prairie. than a factory, with soaring lam-



Generally seen as waste, wood from urban trees can be a valuable Rousseau, who lives in British resource, but there are challenges to marketing an irregular material in

Incorporating local timber was

inated wood beams and floor-to- a way to honor the trees while material in a mass-production ceiling windows that overlook a making use of locally sourced

"We love the quality of wood,

we love to work with wood," Rousseau said. "If we have to remove them, we like to see them reborn in place."

Most of the lumber used in U.S. construction comes from managed forests, where trees grow tall and straight, producing wood that can be efficiently harvested and milled into uniform products.

Trees cut from city streets and lots are generally considered waste to be ground into mulch for ground cover or thrown into landfills.

That urban wood could provide a valuable stream of locally sourced building materials that could lock up millions of tons of heat-trapping gases. The only problem is figuring out how to create markets for an irregular economy.

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#### **FORT MCCOY** 'TOXIC' WORKPLACE

## **Chief** hired despite abuses

Suicide occurs amid familiar case of lax oversight by military

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Officials at Fort McCoy hired a former police chief despite a history of bad behavior that had been investigated by the U.S. Army, which found he sexually harassed a subordinate and two other women while he was the acting police chief of an Army base in Alaska.

Ryan Cunningham, one of the top civilian employees at the Army base near Sparta, oversaw

a "toxic" workplace environment that may have contributed to the suicide of another high-ranking civilian on the though base, what led to the



Cunningham

man's death was inconclusive, according to an internal Army investigation obtained by the Wisconsin State Journal.

The investigation into Fort McCov's civilian-led Directorate of Emergency Services, which includes an on-base police department, fire department and 911 communications system, found Cunningham routinely used slurs in referring to his officers, and uncovered mistreatment that prompted calls for other investigations into claims that Cunningham racially discriminated against officers and made death threats toward some employees.

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### 'Help line' hid sexual abuse in Mormon church

#### **MICHAEL REZENDES Associated Press**

BISBEE, Ariz. - MJ was a tiny, black-haired girl, just 5 years old, bishop that he was sexually abusing her.

The father, a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and an admit-

in counseling with his bishop when he revealed the abuse. The bishop, who was also a family when her father admitted to his physician, followed church policy and called what church officials "They said, 'You absolutely have dubbed the "help line" for can do nothing," Herrod said in guidance. But lawyers for the church,

widely known as the Mormon

around the clock told Bishop John for another year, and brought in who also kept the matter secret Herrod not to call police or child welfare officials. Instead, he kept the abuse secret.

a recorded interview with law enforcement.

Herrod continued to counsel

ted pornography addict, was church, who staff the help line MJ's father, Paul Douglas Adams, Herrod later told a second bishop, Adams' wife, Leizza Adams, in after consulting with church ofhopes she would do something to ficials who maintain that the bishprotect the children. She didn't. ops were excused from reporting



Mormon church help line hid child sexual abuse. **NEWSVU** 

the abuse to police under the state's so-called clergy-penitent privilege.

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