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City adopts $89.37 million 'basics' budget

By Thomas M. Waller
City government reporter

Mayor Joseph Sensenbrenner, who started talking about the need for a back-to-basics budget nine months ago, said the city got one Tuesday night when the City Council adopted a 1987 budget of $89.37 million.

The budget will require a 2-percent spending increase and an 8.7-percent tax levy increase.

"The mural took some ink, but we delivered on the back-to-basics budget," Sensenbrenner said. "We were able to add to streets, police, fire and quality productivity."

The mayor cast a tie-breaking vote to approve spending for a $60,000 mural on the Olin Terrace retaining wall.

"I do think we have an opportunity here for a very dramatic piece of art," Sensenbrenner said before voting on the most controversial issue of the evening.

Council President Eve Galanter said she has raised $8,000 for the mural from private contributors to go with $52,000 from the city. She hopes to raise more money and said it will be used to reduce the city's contribution to the project.

In a related issue, the council voted, 15-7, to stop borrowing money for the Municipal Arts Fund or spending money from it until a formal municipal arts plan is prepared.

City budget comparison

	1986	1987
Budget	$87,628,694	$89,372,600
Tax levy	$40,936,000	$44,488,600
Tax rate (per $1,000 assessed value)	$8.94	$9.42

The 1987 tax rate will be $9.42 for each $1,000 of assessed property value, or 5.4 percent more than this year's.

The city tax rate is one part of the total tax bill that is mailed in December. The city's tax levy accounts for about 29 percent of a Madison resident's total property-tax bill.

Taxes levied by the Madison School District (53 percent), Dane County (13 percent), the Madison Area Technical College (4.5 percent) and the state forestry tax (.5 of 1 percent) are included in the tax bill.

The exact property tax cannot be figured until the city finds out how much money the state will return to the city and school district in property-tax credits.

City Controller Paul Reilly estimated property taxes for the average Madison home valued at $67,000 will go up 7 to 8 percent. Using the 8-percent figure, the tax for an average home would increase $141, to $1,911 from $1,766. The city's levy would account for $631 of the 1987 bill, which is $32.16 higher than in 1986.

About 80 percent of the city's budget will again go toward salaries and benefits for 2,300 or so employees. City costs will in-

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Elroy denies Morton is his choice

By Tom Butler
Sports reporter

University of Wisconsin athletic director Elroy Hirsch insisted Tuesday the Badger football coaching job has not been offered to Tulsa's Don Morton and UW interim coach Jim Hilles remains a viable candidate.

Hirsch emphasized that position Tuesday afternoon after it was pointed out to him that earlier in the day, in an interview with WIBA Radio, he had said, "We've boiled it down to a final candidate, which is Don Morton."

The remark came at the end of a 36-hour Madison visit by Morton and his wife, Sue. As Hirsch was saying goodbye to the Mortons around 9:30 a.m. at the Dane County Regional Airport, Hirsch told a reporter, "That's the candidate we want to offer the job to, but we have other candidates in mind should this fall through."

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Hirsch backed down on the statement in the afternoon, met with Hilles, who took over the program last spring after Dave McClain died, and Tuesday night attended the Badgers' football banquet, which honored Hilles and the football team.

"I don't even recall what I said," Hirsch said Tuesday afternoon. "My wife and I were saying goodbye to Morton and his wife. I got a tape recorder shoved in my mouth, and I'm trying to get over to say goodbye to him before his plane leaves. If it came out that way, I apologize.

"I don't know what I said on the doggone thing. Morton was there, and he (the reporter) apparently construed that he was the (No. 1) candidate.

"We have three or four very viable candidates, one of which is still Jim Hilles, as strange as it may seem to a lot of people. But we are seriously considering Jim Hilles."

Hirsch has scheduled a formal interview for Hilles today.

"There is very strong support for Hilly," Hirsch said. "We want to give this guy every chance possible."

Hirsch pointed out the Wisconsin High School Football Coaches Association sent him a letter endorsing Hilles. Hirsch said he has received considerable mail on the coach's behalf. Hilles coached the Badgers to a 3-9 season.

Morton, Wyoming coach Dennis Erickson and Hilles have been the only coaches interviewed by Hirsch and associate athletic director Otto Breitenbach.

Erickson said Tuesday he was withdrawing his name from consideration for the UW job.

Hirsch said the job has not been offered to anyone.

He said his job is to make a recom-

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Reid MVP. See Sports.
— State Journal photo



President Reagan gives way to Attorney General Meese at press conference.
—AP Laserphoto

Fallout over Iran deepens

By Bernard Weinraub
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WASHINGTON — President Reagan said Tuesday that he was not in full control of his administration's Iran policy, and the White House said that, as a consequence, up to $30 million intended to pay for American arms was secretly diverted to rebel forces in Nicaragua.

At the same time, he announced two men he held responsible — Vice Adm. John Poindexter and Lt. Col. Oliver North of the Marines — left their posts in the White House.

With the administration already in turmoil over the earlier disclosure of clandestine arms shipments to Iran, and with speculation rampant about a major overhaul of the White House staff, the president's disclosures Tuesday seemed to deepen a sense of disarray within the government. By all accounts, Reagan now faces the most serious crisis in his six-year presidency.

The State Department, meanwhile, announced that Secretary of State George Shultz was given control over future Iran policy, authority that apparently met his condition for remaining in office. State Department officials, including Shultz, said they were left in the dark on much of the Iran operation.

Reagan stunned legislators and ranking administration officials by announcing in a televised session with reporters that he was not fully informed of details of his Iran policy and that the two ranking National Security Council advisers were leaving after "serious questions of propriety had been raised."

Reagan said that, "although not directly involved," Poindexter "asked to be relieved of his assignment" and would return to the Navy. A Poindexter assistant, North "has been relieved of his duties on the National Security Council staff," Reagan said. North was reported to be the central figure in the clandestine U.S. sale of arms to Iran.

After Reagan's announcement, Attorney General Edwin Meese III said the Justice Department was investigating the way in which Nicaraguan rebel forces received "somewhere between $10 million and $30 million paid to "representatives of Israel" funneling the arms to Iran.

Israeli and U.S. sources said Tuesday that a Saudi arms dealer played a central role in financing the Iranian purchase of arms transferred by Israel to Iran on behalf of the United States.

In San Jose, Costa Rica, civilian leaders of Nicaraguan rebel groups said Tuesday they knew nothing of secret transfers of funds to their organization ar-

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Oliver North

Arms sales stir capital

AP, N.Y. Times News Service

Here are the highlights of developments Tuesday in the controversy surrounding the secret sales of arms by the United States to Iran:

Poindexter-North — President Reagan, saying one element of the U.S.-Iran program was seriously flawed, announced Vice Adm. John Poindexter, his national security adviser, asked to be relieved of his duties and to return to Navy service. Reagan said Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North was "relieved of his duties" at the National Security Council." **Profiles on Page 5.**

Crisis hurts Reagan — After six years of seeming invulnerability, Reagan was grievously damaged by the crisis over secret arms shipments to Iran. **Details on Page 2.**

Congress reacts — Several members of Congress, in the Democratic and Republican parties, said the Reagan administration should not be left to investigate itself on the Iranian controversy. They called for the appointment of a special prosecutor to determine whether the administration broke the law in using millions of Iranian dollars to aid the Contra guerrillas in Nicaragua. **Details on Page 5.**

Shultz — Secretary of State George Shultz declared he intends to stay on the job and pursue "in every way possible" Reagan's foreign-policy objectives, including a better relationship with Iran.

But CBS News, quoting unidentified sources, reported Tuesday night Shultz submitted his resignation several days ago, that it was not accepted, although it remained on the president's desk.

Contra reaction — In San Jose, Costa Rica, Nicaraguan rebel leaders said revelations about the diversion of money to their forces from a U.S.-Iranian arms deal could damage their attempt to topple the Sandinista government. **Details on Page 5.**

Buckley linked to CIA — William Buckley, 58, one of the Americans kidnapped in Lebanon, was the chief of the CIA's Beirut operations at the time of his 1984 capture, the Washington Post reported. **Details on Page 5.**

Detachment disputed — The Reagan administration's assertions that Israel made unauthorized arms shipments to Iran and only two officials in government knew money was being diverted to the Nicaraguan rebels were immediately challenged Tuesday by knowledgeable officials, intelligence experts and members of Congress. **Details on Page 5.**

Filipino cease-fire near

By Joseph A. Reaves
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MANILA, Philippines — Philippine government negotiators said they agreed in principle Tuesday night to an unprecedented cease-fire with communist rebels, but cautioned that details still had to be worked out.

Agriculture Minister Ramon Mitra, one of the government's chief negotiators, said a tentative deal was worked out during a "make-or-break" meeting at a secret location in Manila.

"In general principle, I think we have come to an agreement," said Mitra, who twice before has told reporters a cease-fire agreement was at hand, only to be wrong.

He said the cease-fire would last less than 100 days while negotiations continued on trying to reach a final accord. The truce is expected to begin in early December.

President Corazon Aquino has made peace talks with the communists a cornerstone of her administration despite growing pressure from some elements of the military and the political right, who accuse her of being manipulated by the insurgents.

Aquino appeared to yield to that pressure last week when she suddenly ordered Mitra to reach a cease-fire agreement by the end of the month or call off the talks.

Mitra said negotiators for both sides made "substantial progress" during an 8-hour meeting Tuesday and planned another session today.

Arno Sanidad, a lawyer for the communist-dominated National Democratic Front, which represents the rebels in the talks, said both sides had agreed to make a joint announcement if a formal agreement were reached.

Tuesday's meeting was the first between the two sides since the NDF suspended talks Nov. 14 to protest the kidnapping and murder of Rolando Olalia, president of the nation's largest leftist political party. Olalia's supporters blamed his killing on the military, which has opposed the cease-fire talks.

Just before Olalia was killed, Mitra had told reporters a cease-fire agreement was near.

Last September, after Mitra made a similar announcement, Rolando Salas, reputed leader of the Communist Party in the Philippines was arrested by the military.

There are no reliable figures on casualties in the conflict, begun by a handful of dedicated Marxists in 1969. Officials said more than 2,000 people have died in insurgency-related violence this year.

The main sticking points in an agreement are a government proposal that the rebels stop "taxation" in the countryside and a counterproposal that the government stop arms procurement.

Aquino issued the deadline for an agreement with the rebels Sunday when she sacked Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile, whose criticism of her "soft" approach to the insurgency fueled unrest in the armed forces.

Inside

Martin fined

NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle Tuesday suspended Green Bay Packer nose tackle Charles Martin for two games without pay for his flagrant slam of Chicago Bear quarterback Jim McMahon in Sunday's football game. **Details in Sports.**

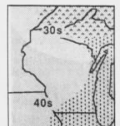
Food for thought

Naturally, what you eat could be toxic. **Details in Metro**

Large paper

You will get the largest weekday edition of The Wisconsin State Journal of the year Thursday, Thanksgiving Day. The 84-page edition will be loaded with news and hundreds of holiday gift ideas.

Weather



Source: Weather Central

Today: Cloudy early, becoming sunny to partly cloudy this afternoon. High near 42 with north winds 10 to 20 mph turning to the northwest and diminishing in the afternoon. **Tonight:** Clear skies and cooler. Low of 24 with winds continuing to diminish to light and variable. **Details on Page 12.**

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