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Bucks part ways with coach Ford

Two losing seasons and failure to make the playoffs cost Chris Ford his job in Milwaukee. C-1

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Younger set at Artstreet
Kids will get their own chance to display creativity at the Green Bay festival this weekend. In 1998

More than 3rd of U.S. adults use Internet
WASHINGTON — One of the domains of the young and technologically inclined, the Internet increasingly is taking root with a wide cross-section of Americans.

Area braces for possible Northwest strike

Pilots set Friday night deadline

Northwest Airlines' pilots are set to go on strike Friday night unless a deal is reached by then. The airline is looking for ways to get off the ground. Northwest pilots say they'll strike if their union and the airline can't reach a labor dispute by 11:51 p.m.

Northwest carries 58.9 percent of the passengers who fly out of Brown County's Austin Strubel Airport. Kambler said Northwest is doing its part to make things easier. The airline is keeping agents aware of developing news and is helping travelers make other arrangements. Other airlines serving Austin Strubel also are trying to help. "Usually in this type of situation, we end up taking Northwest passengers with us on a standby basis," said North American regional vice president and acting chief of operations for Continental. "I haven't heard of any plans for extra jets."

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Austin Strubel boardings

Airline	Aug 26	Aug 27	Aug 28	Market Share
American Eagle	1,878	1,878	1,878	17.9%
Continair	0	0	0	0
Midwest Express	1,878	1,878	1,878	17.9%
NW Airlines	1,794	1,794	1,794	16.8%
Skyway Airlines	1,087	1,087	1,087	10.2%
United Express	5,031	5,031	5,031	47.3%
All Wisconsin Express	748	748	748	7.1%
Charters	431	431	431	4.1%
Total	28,749	28,749	28,749	100.0%

Bonnie loses strength

But heavy rain threatens coast with flooding



Buildings show damage by winds from Hurricane Bonnie Wednesday at North Myrtle Beach, S.C. Taking one of the city's busiest storm routes, Hurricane Bonnie blew into the Carolinas with 115 mph winds.

WILMINGTON, N.C. — Hurricane Bonnie lost its punch as it floored across North Carolina today, but the storm's heavy rain and slow movement threatened severe flooding on the state's coastal plain. Bonnie came ashore with 115 mph wind Wednesday and gradually lost strength. The maximum sustained wind was down to 75 mph, barely hurricane strength. There were no reports of widespread damage or deaths, though nearly a half-dozen homes had been destroyed in North and South Carolina. Some 300,000 customers had power in the two states. Forecasters in Beaufort and Tyndal counties noted the continuing threat of floods they expressed relief this morning that the damage was limited, at least so far.

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Few Wilmington, N.C., residents ride out storm
Hurricane Danielle following close behind
Emergency services
The Pamlico River was in effect from Little River just east of the Carolina state line to the Virginia state line.

Today it was centered near New Bern and moving slowly northward at 6 mph, roughly paralleling the coast but still some miles inland. It was expected to continue moving toward the northeast, and a hurricane warning was in effect from Little River just east of the Carolina state line to the Virginia state line. The storm was expected to be downgraded to a tropical storm, defined as a storm with winds of less than 74 mph, by midday, said Jerry Darrin, director of the National Hurricane Center in Miami. "The good news is the rain threat will stay around for a while," he said.

Beach at Whitefish Dunes to reopen

By Ron Scamman Press-Gazette

JACKSONPORT — The beach at Whitefish Dunes State Park reopens to the public Saturday, 15 months after Hurricane Opal forced the state to close it. The Department of Natural Resources closed the beach in May 1987 to protect the park's rare and fragile dunes from erosion. Opening the beach brings relief of sorts to park superintendent Allen Smith. "It sounds like it'll be easier with the beach open, but it's a difficult project because you have to keep filling potholes in the sand," Smith says. "I still want visitors to the beach to be warned people on top of the narrow spit of land between the unique cliffs and the water. In July 1998, who owns the beach, Cottage Bed & Breakfast, 4884 Gladden Drive, says the dunes from her.

"The people that stay here like to walk the beach," she said. "If they open it up, it's a plus for us." Unfortunately, the state's fiscal needs do not all get over. "We're probably a little late for the swimming," said Matt Water, superintendent of the park. "The water temperature was 71 degrees Tuesday."

WEATHER

Partly cloudy, 83
Tornado alert 63
Above 63

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Fox River dredging plan makes some residents nervous

By Susan Campbell Press-Gazette
Plans for a pilot dredging project in the Fox River are being discussed in a public meeting on Wednesday night. Residents already worried about the project. During a more than two-hour meeting at the Brown County Library, representatives of the state Department of Natural Resources and paper mills charged with cleaning PCB contamination from the river outlined their plan to attack a nearby river bed spot this fall. Engineers plan to remove about 10,000 cubic yards of sediment and will use up to 3,000 pounds of polychlorinated biphenyls — from a 9-acre site adjacent to Fort James Co. in West Hill. The plan is to remove the sediment from the river bed. The project is scheduled to start in October. The project is scheduled to start in October. The project is scheduled to start in October.

PCB hot spot

Paper mills and the state Dept. of Natural Resources plan to remove PCB-contaminated sediment from the Fox River. The project is scheduled to start in October. The project is scheduled to start in October. The project is scheduled to start in October.

Thompson will view damage

He will decide if Door County needs U.S. aid
By Amy Nelson Press-Gazette
Gov. Tommy Thompson is expected to visit Door County today to check out the damage done Sunday by a tornado south of Egg Harbor. Thompson also is expected to get damage reports from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Wisconsin Emergency Management. He says he will decide whether to ask President Clinton to declare Door County a disaster area which would clear the way for federal grants and low-interest loans. Local authorities have said they want it to say, said Perry. The plan is to remove the sediment from the river bed. The project is scheduled to start in October. The project is scheduled to start in October. The project is scheduled to start in October.

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Northwest/Other carriers take bookings

Northwest will accept reservations for its 1,700 flights scheduled nationwide on Friday, those from Green Bay. It also canceled 50 flights for Saturday. Three of those are out of Green Bay.

Through the weekend and airlines are hesitating to get ready, but Northwest says it has enough notice of a possible strike to make other travel arrangements.

"I've not heard, we are flying other carriers," said Dave Beckman, manager of travel services for Fort James Corp. "I suppose that if Northwest goes on strike there will be a shortage of capacity out of Green Bay. We'll have to wait and see what that means."



The normally busy tarmac at Green Bay's Straubel Airport was quiet Wednesday morning. As the deadline for a possible strike nears, travelers are shifting away from Northwest.

Green Bay's most prominent business also will make its Friday morning. "The Green Bay Packers, scheduled to play a preseason football game in Milwaukee on Friday, have postponed the game to Saturday," said Mark Schellhoffer, the team's travel coordinator.

He declined to say what those arrangements are.

One of the leading Packers tour coordinators in the area brought a sign of relief that the threatened strike is coming during a pre-

Canceled Northwest flights

The following Northwest Airlines flights have been canceled from Austin Straubel Airport in Green Bay and Gen. Mitchell Airport in Milwaukee:

Friday
Departing Milwaukee
Flight 488 to Detroit, 4:05 p.m.
Flight 665 to Minneapolis-St. Paul, 7:40 p.m.

Saturday
Departing Green Bay
Flight 471 to Minneapolis-St. Paul, 6:50 a.m.
Flight 488 to Detroit, 7:35 a.m.
Flight 489 to Minneapolis-St. Paul, 8:50 a.m.

U.S.: Iraq used Sudan as cover for chemical weapons

WASHINGTON — Iraq may have used Sudan as a cover to develop and use chemical weapons, U.S. officials say. The United States has accused Iraq of using Sudan as a cover for chemical weapons activities, U.S. officials said Wednesday.

The two countries established very close relations after the Persian Gulf war in 1991, and "we believe there were links between the Sudanese and Iraq on this issue," said James Foley, the department's deputy spokesman.

"U.S. cruise missiles destroyed a plant in Khartoum, Sudan's capital, last Thursday in retaliation for Aug. 7 terror attacks on U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. Sudan's government said the missiles were aimed at a pharmaceutical plant owned by a Sudanese businessman named Ibrahim al-Badri," U.S. officials said.

PCBs/Effectiveness of dredging questioned

Bernard Schaber of the Fox Valley Sierra Group. It's really scary to me that someone could come along and say this sort of thing about PCBs. I've been doing this for 15 years and you cleaned it up," said Schaber.

She cited a 1997 report from this year that determined dredging had left PCB levels in muds and sediments higher than when the dredging began.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said the muds had complied the report when the dredging was only half finished.

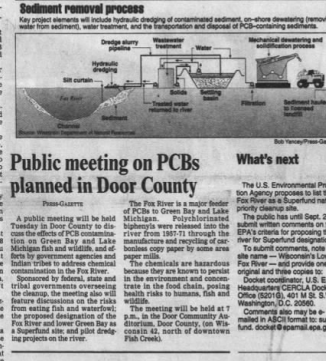
Bob Schmitt, president of the Wisconsin Waterkeepers, voiced similar concerns when he recalled that last year's report said that PCB levels in muds and sediments were higher than when the dredging began.

The video, which was broadcast by local TV stations, showed a type of dredging that is not used in the Fox River. It is a type of dredging that is not used in the Fox River.

"Now we're supposed to trust you people to go and do a \$10 million project? I don't trust you at all," Schmitt said. "What are you going to do if it doesn't work? Are you going to say 'I don't want it'?"

DNR project manager Bill Fitzpatrick stressed that although the muds are paying for the study, the DNR is overseeing the project.

Fitzpatrick said the project is a positive step for the river because it will remove the highest concentrations of PCBs in the river at this time, where levels measure up to 120 parts per million compared to 35 ppm along most of the river.



Billy Joel's throat problems delay tour

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Tornado/Volunteers help with cleanup

Thompson will have to evaluate whether the state and local governments can afford to clean up the aftermath of the tornado that struck near the town of Egg Harbor, in a sweeping downtown. Donations can be sent to: Red Cross, 3841 Glendon Drive, Shunon Bay, 54203.

Donations also can be sent to the Green Bay chapter at Door County Disaster Relief, 100 Lafayette Christian-American Red Cross, P.O. Box 6295, Green Bay, WI 54308.

The Salvation Army also is collecting donations at Salvation Army Relief Fund, 508 Union Court, Green Bay, WI 54303.

"The FEMA report will show how many people were affected by the tornado. How many were not covered by insurance and how much the state will cost local and county governments and utility companies to recover and other costs."

FEMA officials refused to say how many estimates Wednesday, saying they must first go to the governor's office.

"They're not looking at private homeowners but the costs to the municipalities," Oster said. "Overtime and the costs of a storm can wipe out a local government's budget."

How to volunteer

People wanting to volunteer are needed during the next two to four days to help clean up tornado-affected areas of Door County can call 920-4141, Door County Emergency Services will assign volunteers to areas that need help.

Homeowners or business owners for assistance can call the same number and request volunteers.

"We know there are 30 homes affected and 15 of those suffered major damage or were destroyed. We want door to door and talked to all the families in Door County that were affected and provided them with immediate needs. We have also called several hundred homes throughout the affected areas for emergency workers and people volunteering to support the clean-up efforts."

Abby Road walk set

Abby Road walk set for the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. The walk will be held on September 11th, 2001, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The walk will be held on September 11th, 2001, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Public meeting on PCBs planned in Door County

A public meeting will be held Tuesday in Door County to discuss the effects of PCB contamination on Green Bay and Lake Michigan fish and wildlife, and to hear from government agencies and the community on the PCBs.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Door County Administration Center, 200 Wisconsin Ave., Door County, Wis. 54801.

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What's next

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposes to list the Fox River as a Superfund priority cleanup site. The public has until Sept. 28 to submit comments on the EPA's criteria for proposing the site for Superfund designation.

To submit comments, note the site name — Wisconsin's Lower Fox River — and provide one page of comments on the site. Comments also may be submitted to: EPA Regional Office, 1411 S.W. Washington, D.C. 20565.

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