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Bulls back in NBA Finals Chicago beat the Indiana Pacers 83-63 Sunday to claim the Eastern Conference crown.



An Elton John show in Brown Co.? Maybe

New arena could draw big names to area

By Tom Ciolek... Performers such as Tina Turner, Fleetwood Mac and Elton John could be some of the bands...

sound system to hear performers... Arena managers can estimate how much they expect arena...

"We have a great market area, and we live in a great, growing community..." - John Dederich, Brown County arena manager

...at a comparison. The Mark arena, which seats 11,000 for most concerts, is similar to the new 140 million arena planned for Brown County.

Clayton, Bush, John McLaughlin, the Blues Brothers, Sammy Hagar, Van Halen, ZZ Top, the Aerosmiths, Kansas in Prince and the Harlem Globetrotters.

Residents: Bigger arena needed... Marshall said she hasn't seen a concert at Brown County's arena since she graduated from high school eight years ago.

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Twister flattens S. Dakota town



Nasty weather: Severe thunderstorms dumped hail, sleet, that approached softball size Saturday near Huron, S.D. The same storms spawned a tornado that wiped out most of the small farming community of Spencer, S.D. At night, National Guardsmen walked down one of Spencer's nearly deserted streets Sunday. Complete story on A-2.

The twister flattened a town of 100 people in a matter of minutes. The storm was the first of its kind in the area since 1900. The town has had 200 seasons since then, compared with 180 last year. That's meant \$18.1 million more than last year's \$17.6 million in revenue from taxes. For daily fees, the course earned \$11,842 for this year, compared with \$7,748 last year.

Stock Lumber purchased by Carolina firm

Buyer says retail outlets won't be affected by sale

By Tom Murphy... Stock Lumber Co. is a 12-year-old firm founded in Oconto and owned by the late William W. Stock.

Buyer says retail outlets won't be affected by sale... The purchase price was not disclosed. Stock had sales of \$79 million in 1997, according to a report issued for several weeks last year.

Warm, dry May pleased area golfers

By Paul Rubin... May in the Green Bay area was just a sliver short away from setting a warm-weather record, sending golfers opening to the links this season to a fall in the number of days.

Private courses here are enjoying the run. "We opened probably the earliest in the state," said Steve Pappas, golf manager at the new Pine Point Golf Club in Pewaukee. "We had a lot of tee times this year. The course is a lot more popular than in the past."



Aid headed to quake-stricken Afghanistan

PARABAD, Afghanistan (AP) - Aerially dropped emergency aid left Pakistan today for remote northern Afghanistan, where aid levels by a powerful earthquake were high in several border villages.

While initial estimates are putting the death toll at 10,000, aid workers and local officials in the area expect it may rise to 5,000. Among those killed were 140 schoolchildren in Herat, the site of a Feb. 28 earthquake that killed as many as 1,200 people and left another 5,000 homeless.

The international Red Cross got one plane into Kabul on Monday and was preparing to set up a clinic in the area. "We're not starting off with the best ideal going weather. There is a 20 percent chance of showers this afternoon today, increasing to 50 percent tonight. Highs were expected in the mid-70s with lows in the mid-50s. Tuesday will be mostly cloudy and cooler, with highs in the low 70s."

Fox River PCB levels higher than expected

By Susan Campbell... An plan for two pilot cleanup projects on the Fox River near a goal of cleaning the site. The high surface concentration shows the chemicals are moving faster than expected toward the bay of Green Bay, he said.

The finding runs counter to expectations by paper mills. It is not clear how much of the PCBs are being broken down by the river's natural processes. The discovery follows an earlier finding that retention for PCBs in the river is lower than expected. The PCB concentrations there were 100 ppm, nearly double earlier estimates of 400 ppm to 5 ppm concentrations believed to cost much of the river bottom.

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LIFESTYLE: Grandparents such as Judy Mohr, at right with granddaughter Britney, face a variety of challenges in the '90s. But they also are reaping many rewards. B-5

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The site, 9 acres in the former Fort Howard turning basin containing about 7 percent of all the river's total PCB mass and considered the river's hottest spot, is one of two areas targeted for pilot cleanups this year.

The other, a 3-acre site 27 miles south of the bay near Kimberly, has lower PCB levels but is the only significant deposit in the river between Little Lake Butte des Morts and Wrightstown. The \$3 million cleanup project there will be financed primarily with state and federal tax dollars.

The Fox River Group, an alliance of seven Fox River paper mills that discharged PCBs to the river through papermaking and recycling from 1957-71, will pay \$7 million to \$8 million to start cleanup at the Fort James site.

Fitzpatrick said 40,000 to 60,000 cubic yards of river bottom is expected to be dredged from the location. More money would be needed to dredge all of the estimated 120,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediment there.

The biggest hurdle this summer will be finding a landfill willing to accept the dredgings.

Bidding for both projects was issued a week ago, and Fitzpatrick said dredging won't begin until a disposal contract is secured.

Outagamie and Winnebago counties have banned PCBs from their landfills, and any other location is likely to present equally stiff opposition.

Fitzgerald said some private landfill owners have expressed an interest, or the material could be disposed out of state. The farther away the disposal site is, however, the more costly the cleanup.

"We can put more money into the pilot projects and our full-scale project, or we can do less work,"

Cleanup plans to be outlined

Plans for a pilot cleanup project on the Fox River near Kimberly will be outlined Tuesday in Little Chute.

The meeting is scheduled for 7-9 p.m. in the Civic Center, 625 Grand Ave., Rooms S2 and S3.

The project manager with the state Department of Natural Resources and an engineering design consultant from Foth & Van Dyke in Green Bay will give a presentation on the project. Questions from the audience will follow.

A similar meeting to discuss a pilot project near the Fort James turning basin is tentatively planned for the Green Bay area later this month or in early July.

Fitzgerald said.

Concerns about PCB contamination from a landfill are "overrated," he said, adding modern landfill disposal is the safest method available.

Health risks from PCBs range from altered fetal development and lowered IQs in people to deformities and reproductive problems in wildlife.

Meetings to discuss the cleanup projects will be held on Tuesday in Little Chute and in late June or July in Green Bay.

The EPA also is expected to propose listing the river as a Superfund cleanup site this summer in light of the evolving research into PCBs' effects on people exposed to elevated levels — typically the result of eating contaminated fish.