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### Cleanup chronology

Dates of developments in the cleanup of PCBs in the Fox River:

- 1967: Paper mills begin discharging polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) into the Fox River through the recycling of carbonized copy paper, which contains the chemical.
- 1968-1970: The production, transport and disposal of PCBs are restricted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- 1966: The Green Bay Remedial Action Plan is developed in a joint effort by local, state and federal governments, industry and scientists.
- 1968: The state identified PCBs in Fox River sediments as the most important contaminant of concern.
- 1989-1991: The state Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service discuss starting a joint Natural Resources Damage Assessment to address PCB contamination.
- 1990: The state does not launch such an assessment.
- 1990: The state, paper mills and municipalities are required to clean up the Fox River corridor with the plan of planning a voluntary cleanup.
- 1994: The EPA's Hazardous Waste Act Plan is issued by the state and federal governments, industry and scientists whose health has been harmed by PCBs.
- 1994: EPA and state officials agree on potentially responsible parties for the contamination.
- November 1996: A cleanup agreement is signed between the state and the paper mills.
- December 1996: EPA and state officials agree on a cleanup plan.
- January 1997: The DNR and paper mills agree to a cleanup agreement.
- July 11: Federal, state and local officials sign an agreement in Green Bay to share their resources in devising a comprehensive cleanup plan for the river.

### BROWN COUNTY

#### DE PERE Board narrows center sites to 3

De Pere is edging closer to having a new community center built at the De Pere Board of Park Commission met in closed session Thursday to consider three sites.

Althea Twa Wash, also on the park board, said the commission has narrowed the list of sites to three, with one front runner among them.

"There's one site that I like better than the others," Wash said, but he declined to name the contender. The park board will take up the matter next at Thursday, Aug. 7.

### Governor names Schetter to board

A De Pere woman has been appointed by Gov. Tommy Thompson to the Wisconsin State Board of Parks and Recreation.

The appointment of Rose Schetter, a district court administrator, requires Senate confirmation. Her term expires May 1, 2001.

Others named to the board were Edward Telle, a special education librarian and director of the Area Research Center, Marjorie Libbey, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, and Monte Belmonte, La Crosse, and Monte Belmonte, La Crosse.

### Golf Fun Day set for July 21

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### MANTOWOC COUNTY

#### Open Dog Show scheduled Sunday

The sixth annual Open Dog Show will be held in Manitowoc County on Sunday, July 13, at the Manitowoc County Expo Center.

The event is sponsored by the Manitowoc County 4-H Club.

Registration is at 8 a.m. with four groups of different classes.

beginning at 9 a.m. The show continues throughout the day with all levels of obedience being judged through which dogs are awarded. Many breeds are welcome and will have their own competition class.

From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., adults and junior handlers will try out skills areas through obstacles.

In the afternoon there will be a presentation by the Dog Day of the Dog.

All profits go to support the expenses of area youth competing with dogs at the State 4-H Dog Show held in August in Shawano County and the hearing dog training equipment for the 4-H County Day Project.

Those wishing to show dogs can enter on the day of the show at the Expo Center. Admittance in these categories is free.

### 4 co-ops could gain 25% control of milk

#### Merger would include some state plants

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Four dairy cooperatives, including one in Wisconsin, are considering a merger that would enable them to control about 25 percent of the nation's milk supply.

The largest of the four co-ops is Hill America Dairy Farm, Inc., a Springfield, Mo.-based co-op with six plants in Wisconsin. Midland spokesman Don Bruce said Friday that the co-op now handles about 11 percent of the nation's milk production.

The other three co-ops are consolidation discussions are under way in Ohio, Texas, Michigan, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

Wisconsin Dairyman Cooperative Inc. Board members from each co-op will meet Friday to discuss the merger. Bruce said the merger would require the OK of the board of each co-operative as well as approval of the cooperative's delegates.

It's a pretty major kind of thing, these being cooperatives," Bruce said. "It requires a lot of people to sign on."

He said the merger could mean the loss of 200 jobs in Wisconsin. Bruce said Associated Milk Producers said that about 11 percent of Wisconsin's milk production is produced in Wisconsin. The four co-ops being discussed are currently producing about 11 percent of Wisconsin's milk production.

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### Media scrutiny: Television cameramen Indiana and David Ulrich of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sign an Onondaga Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, agreement Friday to work on a plan to clean up the Fox River.

### Neumann, Oby argue over Fox River cleanup

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governors before EPA could set up environmental cleanup sites to the Superfund list.

A Superfund designation allocates responsibility and forces polluters to share in the cost of cleanup.

It is expected that Neumann would be in charge of cleanup of the Fox River.

Rep. Mark Neumann, R-Thompson in control. Rep. Dave Oby, D-Wisconsin, says it should be the Environmental Protection Agency.

When the heated exchange in the House Appropriations Committee was over, Neumann had lost and the EPA remained in charge. But he vowed to try to fight again another day.

Both Oby and Neumann are members of the appropriations committee. It is only as a former member number.

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### Chamber opposes arena referendum

The Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Friday issued Mayor Paul Jullin in opposing a proposed referendum for a new arena and expanded convention center in the county.

The chamber urged the City Council to vote against holding such a referendum. The council is scheduled to vote on whether to hold an advisory referendum on Monday, Tuesday of City Hall, 100 N. Sherman St.

"Any delay to accommodate a referendum means increased costs to the projects. Interest rates are currently the lowest they've been in years," said chamber vice president of government affairs, Patrick Schillinger, in a news release.

"Delaying these projects may mean a loss in the opportunity to capitalize on these low rates and also serve as an impediment to the momentum that has been gained by our municipal leaders who have been diligently working on building a new arena and convention center."

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### CLEANUP

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Q: How much money will the cleanup cost?

A: That won't be known until the extent of cleanup and methods are determined. Estimates have ranged from \$100 million to \$1 billion.

Q: Will it pay?

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