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## Picking flowers in style



SYDNEE RAUSCH, 6, left, Cassie Water, 10, and Elyse Mosier, 9, look glamorous in their mothers' old gowns as they pick flowers while picking flowers along Appleton's Prospect Avenue on Monday afternoon.



## Lawmakers send letter of caution on cleanup

Letter says federal Superfund classification of Fox River could divide the parties who need to find consensus on how to clean the waterway

By Bob White

WASHINGTON — The fact that federal officials are even considering Superfund status for the Fox River has begun to divide the very groups that should be coming together on a cleanup plan. Wisconsin lawmakers warned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Monday.

Herb Kohl

Kohl issued a separate statement Monday saying his biggest concern about the Superfund cleanup of 40 tons of PCBs between Neenah and Green Bay is that the whole matter will end up in court.

"Nobody wants PCBs buried in the river to continually be washed into Green Bay for the next 10 to 20 years," the senator's statement read. "I think it makes a lot more sense to negotiate now instead of through a bunch of lawyers."

If lawyers get involved, Kohl said, we'll have lawyers who clean up, instead of a cleanup crew.

The EPA, frustrated with 15 years of studies and negotiations between the state and seven area paper mills that discharge PCBs into the Fox River, began to process a year ago to consider the river as a federal Superfund site.

The designation would put the federal government in charge of the cleanup — although it has an agreement to let the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources oversee things — and pass the bill along to the paper companies.

In their letter to the EPA, the four Wisconsin lawmakers complained to Fields that they have not

ment to let the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources oversee things — and pass the bill along to the paper companies.

The letter was signed by U.S. Reps. Jay Johnson and Tom Petri as well as Sens. Russ Feingold and

of pollution history and then zeroed in on the molecules of the asbestos and human cells, where the balance process of life occur.

He explained how man-made chemicals, even at extremely minute levels, can disrupt these processes, causing the nervous system, for example to produce hormones that suppress the body's immune system, making it more susceptible to disease.

Warren Porter, a professor of zoology at the University of Wisconsin, took the audience on a tour

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## Residents oppose annexation

By Pete Bach

GRAND CHUTE — A group of residents came away from a gathering Sunday hoping to persuade county dwellers to refrain from joining the city.

The group has taken sharp offense at the way Appleton is trying to annex 17 acres of property east and west of Meade Street. Made to be extended route to extend sewer and water utilities to a 60-acre parcel at Meade and Edgewood Drive (Chippewa County 1) that Fox Valley Lutheran High School is eyeing for a new high school.

Grand Chute group says annexation of property near Meade Street would cause financial hardship

The city will legally be able to begin circulating an annexation petition shortly. To succeed, the petition will need signatures of the majority of those who live within the annexation zone and of the owners of a majority of the land.

The plan was also to contact members of the city's city council, which served as host for the group

of 25 to 30 people, said the annexation would pose a financial hardship to homeowners. Individual estimates put the job for sewer and water, coupled with anticipated increases in real estate taxes, in the thousands of dollars.

"We'll try to make our case to people who are in favor of there is such a person," said Carl, a resident of the School Road neighborhood. All Appleton residents, John Bender, said he contacted Fox Valley Lutheran Principal Paul Harting to express the feelings of the rural dwellers.

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## School tragedy



UNIDENTIFIED STUDENTS from James W. Pinner Middle School lined each other support before entering the building in Edgerton, Wis., on Monday, for the start of classes. The school is closed today for the funeral of slain science teacher John Gillette, who was shot while volunteering at an eighth-grade graduation dance last week.

## Advanced placement not rigorous enough, grad says

A former Appleton North student tells board that students are not being properly prepped for college

By Kathy Walsh Nuffer

Senia Ashari, a 1996 graduate of Appleton North High School, wants to see advanced placement courses offered at the high school level truly reflect the college rig- orousness.

Ashari, who now attends the University of Wisconsin, had planned to observe an Appleton Board of Education meeting as research for one of her college classes, but

when she saw new advanced placement classes on the agenda sent to her in advance, she felt she had to voice her concerns. In anticipation, she talked to several other Appleton alumni and current high school students to get their views. She said they also expressed disappointment in how some advanced placement courses are taught.

Most described themselves as being overwhelmed, a few works into their university courses, and still that their advanced placement classes had not really prepared them for the academic demands of college.

"Before you add AP courses, you need to improve them," Ashari told school board members Monday. "They need to be more demanding to better prepare people for college and AP classes."

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## inside today

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Mostly sunny today with highs in the low to mid 60s. Partly sunny on Wednesday with highs near 70.

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## Kimberly hosts forum on health dangers of PCBs

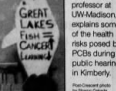
By Ed Culhane

KIMBERLY — Despite the 110-hour cancellation of the government speakers, more than 100 people showed up Monday evening to hear about the detrimental health effects of Fox River PCBs and how dredging is an option to clean up the river.

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