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Little Leaguers hit big time

Teams are competing to be one of four champions in the first citywide Little League tournament. C-1

Heat drives demand for power to record high

By THOMAS COFFERT
Press-Gazette Staff

The heat and humidity outside and air conditioning humming inside pushed Northern Wisconsin to a new record demand for power Thursday afternoon.

A record demand of 12,000 megawatts was reached at 5 p.m., breaking records of 11,500 and 11,000 megawatts set last summer, Wisconsin Public Service Corp spokesman Kerry Spies said.

Some WPS industrial customers that pay discounted rates in return for paying a premium when market prices spike were paying higher prices Thursday afternoon.

Shortly after 1 p.m., WPS customers of service for an hour to the air conditioners and electric water heaters of customers who receive monthly credits on their bills in exchange for volunteering to have their spot-on regulation.

WPS was able to supplement its own plants power to meet the high demand by tapping the line at the Perry Center for some power and buying more power from other utilities.

"All of our generating units were working, and there was an adequate supply available for purchase," said Tom Matti, WPS vice president of public affairs.

Wisconsin and the Upper Midwest have more power available this summer than in previous summers.

Thursday's high temperature of 87 is expected to be topped this afternoon, with the National Weather Service forecasting a high of 90 showers and thunderstorms forecast for tonight may cool the area somewhat.

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National group to observe work on Fox PCBs

Science group's review could affect other cleanups

By SUSAN CAMPBELL
Press-Gazette Staff

The panel of 15 scientists is tentatively scheduled to visit the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay on Monday, Sept. 27 and Tuesday, Sept. 28.

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Children's writer makes fun of science
Nationally acclaimed author Seymour Simon will make a dignified appearance next month in De Pere, D-1

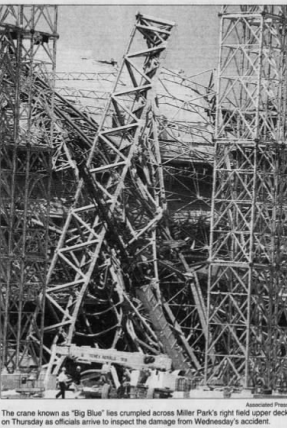


A pilot dredging project of the Fox River will take place on the property on the west side of the river north of Port James Corp. in Green Bay.

Wind speed at site concerned workers

Probe at Miller Park continuing

Associated Press



MILWAUKEE — The wife of a worker killed when a crane collapsed at the partially completed Miller Park stadium will be interviewed by police officers Thursday for an investigation into the cause of the collapse.

The crane known as "Big Blue" lies crumpled across Miller Park's right field upper deck on Thursday as officials arrive to inspect the damage from Wednesday's accident.

HMO bill passed; veto threatened

Clinton, Dems say GOP plan doesn't do enough

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans, rolling over Democrats in a week of party-line votes, approved a modest plan of cutting costs Thursday aimed at millions of Americans who face cost-conscious HMOs.

The final vote was 52-47, with two Republicans joining Democrats in opposing the plan as too little.

That vote is expected this year, Vice President Al Gore said Thursday.

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Testimony begins in mercury spill hearing

Witnesses testify against Hernandez

By ANN NEUMAN
Press-Gazette Staff

After the first day of testimony all fingers pointed at Destiny Hernandez, the 18-year-old girl accused of dumping a bottle of mercury and causing a spill that canceled classes at a Green Bay high school for two days in March.

Hernandez had the 9-ounce bottle of mercury and was giving it to anyone with their hand out.

Mercury, often called quicksilver, is a metal that is liquid at room temperature. It is not toxic to casual touch but can cause health problems if it is inhaled and the fumes are inhaled.

Xiong said he was given some of the mercury but quickly threw it in the trash.

"I was saying, 'Don't you know what that is?'" Xiong said. "I know it is dangerous. I didn't want to touch it because of the vapors."

Green Bay Police Station officer Frank Jones testified Hernandez first told him she had found the mercury in a school bathroom.

Hernandez asked that her testimony be kept confidential.

Destiny Hernandez being tried in juvenile court.

Study says breast-feeding decreases risk of childhood obesity

Associations Press

LONDON — Babies are less likely to become fat children if they are fed breast milk exclusively, a new study shows — providing powerful ammunition for the campaign to encourage mothers to choose the breast over the bottle.

The findings, published today in the British Medical Journal, are the result of the largest study to date investigating the link between breast-feeding and obesity later in life.

The study, which tracked 10,327 children in Britain, found that the longer babies were breast-fed exclusively before being switched to formula or food, the lower their chances of starting school as overweight children.

The German study found that infants given only breast milk until they were 1 to 2 months old were more than a third less likely to be obese by the age of 6 or 7.

Those breast-fed exclusively for 6 months to a year fared even better — they were 43 percent less likely to be obese the study found.

Breast-feeding beyond a child's first birthday was better still, giving babies a 72 percent lower chance of turning out to be obese children, the researchers said.

The researchers took into account several factors that could have skewed the results, such as eating habits, socioeconomic class, birth weight, parents' and siblings' ages, how long the children played outside and whether they had their own bedrooms.

Eckel noted that part of the phenomenon could be due to bottle-fed babies being "overfed" as mothers could have skewed the results, such as eating habits.

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Tiny 'Christian' town braces for 'Blair Witch' Customs

Residents worry horror movie will draw crowds

By Associated Press

BURKITTSVILLE, Mo. — The sacred hills in Burkittsville last the Blair Witch.

It's the curious mix of horror and reality that has made the Blair Witch Project a movie documentary opening nationally this month.

It purports to show the final days of three student filmmakers who vanish mysteriously while traipsing through the Black Hills Forest to make a movie on the legendary witch of Blair.

But there is no such legend here. No Black Hills Forest. And there never was a town named Blair around here.

Officials in Burkittsville — which consists of just 75 old homes, a post office and a Lutheran church in a country crossroads of the base of South Mountain — fear the sort of tourist surge that Annetville, N.Y., and Fort Myers saw after the film "The Blair Witch Project" was released.

Last week, council members approved a permit for an additional period known as a Frederick County "Blair Witch Project" during July and August, especially at an old town square in the film.

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"We cannot know what impact this will have on the community," she said, "and it's better to be safe than sorry."

Blair Witch Project filmmaker Daniel Myrick and Eduardo Sanchez, a native of Annetville, Montgomery County, have acknowledged the story in a letter.

The town indeed was founded in 1824, on the film says, but not, as it turns out, on the site of an 18th-century community called Blair, a show where without was produced.

But South Mountain, the desolate ridge just west of Burkittsville, has its own story.

Fallen soldiers from the Civil War battle of South Mountain are said to haunt the area.

Along one stretch of road, known as Spook Hill, legend has it that your car will roll up a hill, pushed by Civil War soldiers.



John Henry, front, of Frederick, Md., touches a gravestone in the Burkittsville Union Cemetery in Burkittsville, Md., on Thursday as his friend Mark Seal of Mt. Airy, N.C., stands by. The two were drawn to the cemetery by the Blair Witch Project, a documentary horror film based on Blair Witch.

Customs seizes gift from DiCaprio

Prohibits DiCaprio

By Associated Press

BANGKOK, Thailand — Leonardo DiCaprio is starting in a new career in Thailand. Last year, activists began hounding DiCaprio because they claimed his movie "The Beach" caused environmental damage to an island.

Now Customs officers have seized a parcel containing 100 videotapes DiCaprio sent to Thailand for a private island project on the outskirts of Bangkok.

The videos are mostly a profile of the DiCaprio star and others recorded by activists.

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Springsteen kicks off tour

East Riverfront, N.J.

By Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Bruce Springsteen kicked off his American tour Thursday night with a sold-out concert, the first in a 15-night stand at New Jersey's largest arena.

Springsteen, who has been recording solo in recent years, has returned with his E Street Band for his first tour with them in 11 years.

After the New Jersey show, the band moves on to Detroit, Boston, Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia.

Harrison to get hearing

San Antonio

By Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Woody Harrison's father will get another hearing in his battle to have his number conviction overturned.

Attorneys for Charles Harrison will brief the judge on his original defense. He is expected to be held in custody until the day of a federal judge Harrison's hearing on his conviction.

The hearing is expected to be held in San Antonio.

PCBs/GE says dredging could stir up contaminants

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Information from authorities

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