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Secretary of State Hillary Clinton reassured Lebanon that U.S. talks with Syria will not mean weakened support for its country. > A-11

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CLEANING UP THE PAST



A worker welds at the dewatering facility at 1611 State St., Green Bay, in preparation for the Fox River PCB dredging project, which is scheduled to begin this week prior to the federal government's Friday deadline. H. Marc Larson/Press-Gazette

let the cleanup DREDGING BEGIN to start this week

BY TONY WALTER
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The Lower Fox River cleanup is expected to start making history this week.

The dredging, dewatering and transporting of PCB-contaminated sediment were scheduled to begin today, but a spokesman for the three major paper mills involved in the project said the work will probably start Tuesday instead.

Tetra Tech Inc., the general contractor hired by the paper mills to complete the work, was still without a long-term contract Friday.

The eight paper mills named by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as potential responsible parties in polluting the river, have been ordered by the government to start the dredging by Friday.

It's the largest project of its kind. Workers are using equipment so foreign that most of it was shipped from Europe.

A dredging barge, floating

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A detailed graphic that explains how PCB polluted sediment will be removed from the Fox River, how the dewatering process works and where the sediment will be disposed.

near the new dewatering facility built just north of the Georgia-Pacific West plant, 1919 S. Broadway, is expected to begin sucking PCB-contaminated sediment from the river bottom Tuesday.

It's the first step in a process expected to take 3.8 million cubic yards of river bottom from the Fox River and move it to a landfill in Calumet County.

Nowhere in the country, not even on the Hudson River in New York where a similar pollution cleanup project has been in a planning phase for years, is there an undertaking that could

rival what is being attempted on the Fox River.

"This (project) is in a whole league by itself," said Greg Smith, project manager for J.F. Brennan, the La Crosse-based company that did a similar dredging project on Little Lake Buttes des Morts between 2004 and this year. "It's the same equipment, but the volume we'll have to move and the distance will be a significant challenge."

It will take nine years — with work being done between April and November each year — and at least \$580 million to complete.

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Marathon numbers boosted by free registration

Youth response up after their 5K fees temporarily waived

BY PATTI ZARLING
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A cap on participants in this year's Cellcom Green Bay Marathon and free entry for 5K runners age 17 and younger has related events filling up faster.

It's the first year organizers waived the registration fee for people 17 and under for the 5K walk/run and the first time they limited the number of people who can participate.

The free registration, which runs through the end of April, led to a spike in youth sign-ups, race director Sean Ryan said. Organizers decided to waive the fees to celebrate the marathon's 10th anniversary.

He's not sure if they will offer the incentive next year, but it's been popular with young runners, Ryan said. As of the end of March, 516 kids had signed up, compared with 78 at that time in 2008.

"We're seeing a dramatic increase," he said. And while some officials were worried about how the lost revenues would impact the

Video online

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marathon, Ryan said many parents are picking up the slack by signing up to run with their kids.

"It's kind of what I thought would happen," he said. "Someone has to drive the kids to the race, and since it's only 3.1 miles, parents are opting to run with

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Sean Ryan, Green Bay Marathon race director

their kids. For every kid entry, we're seeing an adult entry, so the increase is about one for one. That means parents are taking advantage of it, too."

Adult entries for the race as of the end of March were nearing 1,000 compared with just less than

400 in 2008. Marathon organizers capped registration at 10,000 among the three events: the marathon, half marathon and 5K races.

Interest in the May 17 event has grown steadily each year, and organizers decided to cap it so it doesn't get too big and change the experience, Ryan said.

Registration was capped at 2,000 for the full marathon event, 4,000 for the half marathon event and 4,000 for the 5K run. As of Friday, the half marathon was full; the full marathon was about 86.4 percent full and the 5K was 71.5 percent full.

World races to contain swine flu

U.S. declares public health emergency as a precaution

BY LAURAN NEERGAARD
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WASHINGTON — The world's governments raced to avoid both a pandemic and global hysteria Sunday as more possible swine flu cases surfaced from Canada to New Zealand and the United States declared a public health emergency. "It's not a time to panic," the White House said.

Mexico, the outbreak's epicenter with up to 86 suspected deaths,

canceled some church services and closed markets and restaurants. Few people ventured onto the streets, and some wore surgical masks.

Canada became the third country to confirm cases, in six people, including some students who — like some New York City spring-breakers — got mildly ill in Mexico. Countries across Asia promised to quarantine feverish travelers returning from flu-affected areas.

The U.S. declared the health emergency so it could ship roughly 12 million doses of flu-fighting medications from a federal stockpile to states in case they eventually need them — although, with 20 confirmed cases of people recovering easily, they don't appear to be now.

There were no reported cases in Wisconsin, the Department of Health Services said Sunday. Make no mistake: There is not a global pandemic — at least not yet. It's not clear how many people truly have this particular strain, or why all countries but Mexico are seeing mild disease.

Nor is it clear if the new virus spreads easily, one milestone that distinguishes a bad flu from a global crisis. But waiting to take protective steps until after a pandemic is declared would be too late.

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