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Inside

Students expected to be more political

Being his hunch on developments during the last month of the spring semester, Dean of Students Paul Griebner said he has "a sense that UW-Madison will be more politically active this year."

South Africa will be a focal point, he said, "and there is always Central America and nuclear war." See Metro.

Good, bad news for former Badgers

There was good news and bad news Monday for the two Green Bay Packers rookies from the University of Wisconsin. Gary Elterich made the team but Ken Stills was placed on waivers. See Sports.

Choir visits Europe

Thirty members of the St. Paul's choir recently visited Europe, including some areas behind the Iron Curtain. Read about their escapades. See Look.

Chuckie

Sure, science has given us the nuclear bomb... but it also has given us a wrinkle-free world.

Weather

Partly sunny, warm and humid today. High in the mid-80s with south winds at 12-22 mph. Tonight and Wednesday continued warm and humid with a 45-percent chance for showers and thunderstorms. Low tonight in the mid-60s; high Wednesday in the low 80s. Details on Page 12.

Pizza rolls in for needy

It's not just a pizza kitchen with projects and stable homes.

Little Caesar's, a pizza restaurant chain, is bringing to Madison a new project, called Little Caesar's Love Kitchen, a non-profit foundation to help the needy.

The difference is the Little Caesar's kitchen serves pizza. The kitchen travels the country in a 40-foot truck, stopping at designated spots to offer free pizza to needy people. Company officials report 2,000 people in three states have been served at the kitchen.

In Madison appearance will be at an established soup kitchen. Company officials request that the destination be kept secret to ensure that the need is limited to the kitchen's supply.

"Pizza means to draw out a lot of people whose level needs," said Susan Sherwin, Little Caesar's Enterprise public relations manager.

State offers amnesty to tax cheaters

By Chuck Martin
Economic reporter

Wisconsin's tax amnesty program that starts this month promises to provide second chances, provide compliance, produce money and — for future taxpayers — project larger risks.

For the 48,000 people and businesses known to owe the state taxes, it will be a 10-week chance to file up or pay up — at a discount — and avoid prosecution.

For the 1.2 million people and businesses who pay their taxes, it will be a cause for complaint that the state is treating cheaters with a gentler hand than they deserve.

For the state, it will draw what officials estimate could be \$10 million in unpaid taxes.

For the future, it will be a warning that the risks are rising. Accompanying the amnesty are increased fines and prison terms for tax law violators and provisions that make it easier to collect unpaid taxes.

Wisconsin is to follow 12 other states when it offers an amnesty program to tax delinquents and non-filers beginning Sept. 15. The amnesty ends Nov. 30.

The goal is to recover income lost through failure to pay state taxes, ranging from income taxes to inheritance to liquor to motor fuel.

The targets are people and corporations with overdue tax bills and people and corporations who have failed to file tax returns. They will be invited to file and pay taxes due.

To pay up, delinquents and non-filers must apply to the Revenue Department for amnesty. The department will calculate taxes owed and send a bill. The delinquent or non-filer then has 90 days to pay in full.

The law will be tougher. First, there are to be no criminal prosecutions, civil penalties or late filing fees on those who take advantage of the amnesty.

Second, the state is to forgive 20 percent of the amount due, up to \$5,000 for proprietor households who are income delinquents. The forgiveness will not be available to non-filers.

Third, the state will charge 12 percent interest on unpaid taxes.

John Laible, executive assistant to the revenue secretary, said individuals and corporations owe the state about \$20 million in taxes. Officials estimate the amnesty can bring in about \$10 million.

The estimate is based on a similar amnesty program in Minnesota that brought in \$11.4 million.

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Tax help for elderly

Money collected during Wisconsin's tax amnesty program is to be used to start a property tax deferral program for the elderly.

The program is designed to help elderly people cash in on their property taxes. The program lends eligible elderly homeowners up to \$10,000 to pay property taxes.

In exchange for the loan the state receives a lien on the home and collects interest. The loan is to be repaid when the home is sold.

The Legislature authorized the program in 1981, but the plan has remained without financing. In addition to the tax amnesty money, the deferral program is to receive \$10 million in general state money.

Elena batters mainland

BELOIT, Wis. (AP) — Hurricane Elena finally battered above about the Mississippi coast Monday with winds up to 125 mph, ripping off roofs, uprooting trees, flooding highways, shattering telephone poles and leaving about 300,000 customers without power.

Despite the damage, no serious injuries were reported as the season's fourth hurricane made landfall after striking the Gulf of Mexico for four days earlier. The storm continued to move quickly in Florida.

More than half a million people were evacuated in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana after Elena reversed course off the coast and headed northwest with winds of 125 mph.

The hurricane's highest sustained winds quickly dropped after it hit land here just before 8 a.m. By late afternoon, winds were down to about 40 mph, just above tropical storm strength, and all hurricane warnings were discontinued along the coast.

By 5 p.m., the storm center was about 55 miles north of Baton Rouge, La., and it was moving west-northwest at around 15 mph.

Carfers were sent to at least five strikes between the National Guard troops were called out to help with relief and food. Several dozen of the 120th National Guard troops called out in Florida over the weekend and remained on duty through Monday.

It was a major hurricane — worse than Frederic in 1979, said that Gerritt, a forecaster at the National Hurricane Center in Florida. He said the hardest hit areas appeared to be Douglas Island, Fla., and Panama.

Federic caused between \$1 billion and \$1.5 billion damage, mostly in the Mobile-Panama area, the National Hurricane Center has said.

Herb Sully, a Red Cross volunteer worker, described Panama as "combed out," according to Terry Gaskins, an American Red Cross spokesman in Mobile.

The wind there were trees in half, houses collapsed, areas turned over," Mr. Gaskins said. "It was like one God-awful storm where all there was was shoveling. Completely gone. It looked like one big, lumpy in the whole town. The words were 'washed out.'"

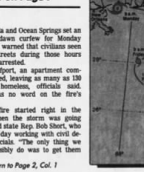
The mayors of Biloxi, Gulfport, Turn to Page 2, Col. 1



Beachfront houses in Indian Rock Beach, Fla., were damaged by Hurricane Elena.

—AP Wirephoto

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Hippo rides out storm

By Ralph Blaser News Service

HOMESBORO SPRINGS, Fla. — Lucifer, the 4,000-pound hippopotamus, had his first real test Monday when Hurricane Elena broke for the Homesboro River.

Park manager J.P. Garner had his biggest test, ready "to do anything" to get the hippo out to evacuate the central Florida park. For 24 hours, rain fell, winds blew and trees limbs snapped. The hippo was completely drenched, up to its eyes in mud.

The showman came at 4 a.m. Sunday.

The scene of this drama, Homesboro Springs Attraction, a park of nature trails and animals 80 miles north of Ocala, was in the eye of the storm. Garner and his wife and daughter in a van with a cousin further inland. For 24 hours, rain fell, winds blew and trees limbs snapped. The hippo was completely drenched, up to its eyes in mud.

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"The same right to be like a puppy dog," Garner said. "I rubbed his side and patted, and managed the roof of his mouth and he was comfortable."

Together, they weathered the storm.

France confirms finding of Titanic

By Boston Globe

Scientists using the latest in sonar technology and a new deep-sea vessel have found the wreck of the luxury passenger ship Titanic about 20 miles below the ocean's surface 20 miles south of Newfoundland, a French agency announced Monday.

Reports that a joint U.S.-French expedition had made the discovery earlier Sunday from London, Monday, were the first confirmed, from France and Canada, but a spokesman for sonographic researchers aboard the Navy-owned Korois said the report confirms the reports.

The French Institute of Research for Exploration of the Sea, the government agency participating in the expedition, announced Monday the discovery of the Titanic, which hit an iceberg and sank in 1912 in a disaster unparalleled in marine history.

Robert Ballard, among the expedition's team of international scientists, reportedly told the Canadian television network in a ship-to-shore interview that pieces of the Titanic were found Sunday morning. He is a geologist with the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, the American agency involved in the expedition.

Scientists used a Navy-financed autonomous craft named Argo, which is robot controlled, and a new sidescan sonar system the French have developed. Both were first used for the first time on the expedition, which began last month.

"We went around, dab over a grid of points," Ballard reportedly said. "I mean, just straight out, get above it."

The Canadian television network said the expedition did not raise to raise the wreck and would still the United Nations to discuss the site as international waters territorial.

One-third of the about 2,200 passengers on the ship's maiden voyage from Southampton, England, to New York were rescued, but the remaining 1,513 died. The ship, which had 13 millionaires aboard, had a strong-room filled with valuables, including diamonds, valued about \$7 million in 1912 prices.

Technology center eyed on North Side

By AP Wirephoto

A vacant laboratory complex on Madison's North Side will be turned into a technology center with the potential to employ 100 in five years if a proposal by a Madison partnership succeeds.

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The goal is to establish a center for technology and research-related businesses.

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The proposal comes from husband and wife Don and Brenda Warren. Warren is founder of Clinical Convergence Products, Medical Monitoring Systems and Dynamic Modulators.

The business performs contract research for the National Institutes of Health and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and develops equipment to allow people to cope with physical handicaps. The business employs about 25.

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Elena storms ashore

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Dauphin Island received at least two hours of sustained wind at 12 mph to 14 mph, with a gust peaking at 18 mph, said Bill Givens, a spokesman for the Dauphin Island Sea Lab Mobile County Sheriff Tom Purvis estimated damage in the narrow island resort area at \$5 million.

Officials said they had expected winds to be as strong as 10 mph.

"We can go to bed tonight and thank the great tragedy we have been spared," Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards said after receiving the damage in Bogalusa, which he called the hardest hit by the storm. "I'm grateful it wasn't worse."

Purvis declared a curfew at 8 p.m., forbidding anyone other than rescue teams from being on the streets of the city of 11,000 people. Trees had broken through dozens of houses in the town, near the Mississippi line, and debris littered about half the streets.

"We had fully expected to get some much higher winds on the back side (of the eye)," said Richard Clendler of the Harrison County Civil Defense Office. It feared high winds and 15-foot storm surge failed to materialize.

In Gulf Shores, Ala., Mayor Tom Norton could not estimate total damage, but said the city's sheltered downtown would cost \$200,000 to \$300,000 to replace.

Givens said the latest weather station had to evacuate when winds hit 150 mph, "before the strongest winds arrived, so maybe they didn't get the strength."

Gov. Bill Clinton asked President Reagan to declare the coastal route a disaster area. He said authorities would begin damage assessments immediately. The Public Safety Commissioner James Roberts said major roads were closed by high water.

Clinton activated the Mississippi National Guard and a spokesman said 100 marines were sent into the coastal area to control traffic and prevent looting. Louisiana National Guardsmen were sent into Bogalusa to help clean up there.

Hurricane chronology

MIAMI (AP) — There is a chronology of hurricane Elena, which was organized by meteorologists after the storm's passage through the Gulf of Mexico.

At 10:30 p.m. on Sept. 2, the National Hurricane Center reported that the storm, then designated Elena, was about 100 miles off the coast of the Gulf of Mexico.

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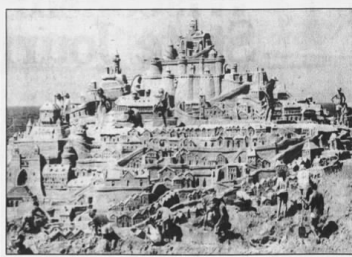
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At 12:30 a.m. on Sept. 4, the storm was about 100 miles off the coast of the Gulf of Mexico.



Grand sand

Builders apply finishing touches to 48-foot high Shreveport, La., beach overlooking the Pacific Ocean on Sand Island Pacific.

Beach. About 1,000 people worked for five days to complete the beach, which has 100,000 sq ft of sand.

—AP Wirephoto

Tech center planned

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laboratory closed. Warren has been negotiating this summer with Intel, a major chip maker, to build a new facility.

Plans call for the city to borrow \$10 million to build the center. Intel would provide the equipment and software.

Warren said the center will have 100,000 sq ft of space. It will be used for research and development in microelectronics.

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Tax amnesty offered

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million from 11,000 delinquents and non-filers.

Larkin said, however, the amount of collection during an amnesty is difficult to estimate. The experience of other states has varied. Illinois collected \$154 million in two months in 1984, while Kansas collected \$68.9 million in three months during the same year.

Experts report the success of amnesty programs depends on advertising and incentives. Advertising is needed to inform delinquents and to provide the opportunity to pay on late returns, file discounts, receive age-paying tax.

Other important experts report, in order to attract voluntary delinquents, penalties against those who don't pay up. The program of fines, penalties and facing increased penalties can cause delinquents and non-filers to miss an amnesty program.

Recent taxpayers become delinquent with a system they perceive as unfair. Delinquent taxpayers often view evasion because they believe the system is unfair.

Nevertheless, the prospect of paying up on producing an amnesty program is a strong incentive. Five other states will join Wisconsin in starting amnesty programs before the end of the year.

British paper back on streets

LONDON (AP) — The Mirror, Britain's second largest selling daily, was back on newsstands Monday night after a 10-day dispute with printers that had threatened a shutdown of all Mirror Group papers.

Members of the National Graphical Association, the main print union, agreed to accept the agreement hammered out Sunday.

The Philadelphia Federation of Teachers scheduled a ratification vote this morning after reaching a tentative agreement in negotiations that began Sunday between the city and the union representing 10,000 educators.

If they ratify, they will be back on the job by Tuesday. The teachers, who contract with 12 cities, had said they would go on strike today if no pact was reached.

Jazz drummer Philly Jones dies

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jazz drummer Philly Jones, who played during the 1950s for the legendary Miles Davis Quintet, has died. Jones, who died Friday at his home here, contributed to more than 500 records in a career that spanned four decades. He was at the vanguard of the evolution from the pre-war big band styles to post-war "cool" jazz.

Chicago teachers vote to strike

Associated Press

Chicago teachers Monday overwhelmingly voted to strike the nation's third-largest school system, they returned to negotiation, while Philadelphia teachers and the city reached an agreement early today, resulting in a walkout there.

In three Michigan school districts, teachers that kept 30,000 students out of class last week continued, as did teachers affecting 1,000 students in two western Pennsylvania school districts.

The Chicago Teachers Union, which represents 30,000 professionals, most of them teachers, voted 1,400-60 to strike for the third consecutive year, beginning today. The first day of class for 430,000 students is scheduled for Wednesday.

Teachers and the school board have returned to negotiations in their wage dispute at the behest of a federal mediator.

Board spokesman Bob Singh said the board would repeat its offer of a 2.5 percent raise, which the teachers rejected early Sunday, when negotiations broke off. The union is seeking a 5 percent increase today.

Union President Jacqueline Vento described the 12 percent offer as "an insult" and said the board "has irresponsibly failed to address the key issues of a equitable salary increase, class size and the duration of the contract."

She said the teachers were seeking a multiyear contract, but refused to say whether they would accept anything less than a 5 percent pay raise.

District Superintendent Manfred Byrd said the school system cost at least \$40 million to be shut down by the extra 240 million he said the union's proposal would cost.

"We have opened our books," Byrd said, "and we have no dollars hidden in that budget."

A coalition of 17 unions representing 11,000 teachers, parents, voters, employers and other trade union members employed by Chicago schools also said it decided Monday to strike, beginning today, in another wage dispute.

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