

PROBLEMS & NEEDS LIST

2014 FIRST QUARTER REPORT

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Listing of Problems and Needs

1. **POLITICAL:** Candidate profiles; campaign issues; polling; election issues; voter registration.
2. **EDUCATION:** Budget deficits; state funding; taxpayer opposition; need to upgrade school infrastructure; school district adaptation to new technology; need for upgrading of system and high educational standards; school funding and support of system; education for non-traditional students; postgraduate educational opportunities; educational priorities; retaining & acquisition of new job skills; continuing education; more parental involvement.
3. **HEALTHCARE:** Aids; rising medical costs; childcare affordability; availability of child care; need for resources for elderly; strengthening of family unit; transportation and housing for poor and elderly; more programs for elderly; needs for the disadvantaged; nurses, doctors, and dentists; problems of alcohol and drug abuse; racial problems; child abuse; spouse abuse; sexual abuse; support for single parent families.
4. **GOVERNMENT:** Budget deficits; unfunded federal and state mandates; rising costs of employee medical insurance; need for adequate housing for poor and elderly; strong community leadership; community pride; growth/population decline; long range community planning; community clean-ups; better enforcement of minimum housing codes; city-wide effort against alcohol and drug abuse; annexation and zoning issues.
5. **LAW & ORDER:** Need for honest government; crime prevention; getting tough on drunk drivers; problems of vandalism; crime rate including white-collar crime; arson; overcrowded prisons; increase in spouse, child and sexual abuse; seat belt usage; gun control and substance abuse; gang activity.
6. **ECONOMY:** Health care system; unemployment; underemployment; medical insurance costs; affordability of utilities; need for more industry; more tourism; more jobs; downtown revitalization; economic and industrial development; improved tax climate; lower worker's compensation; availability of liability insurance; more regional cooperation.
7. **COMMUNITY:** What are our neighbors doing for each other; people who are making a difference everyday in our community. Our franchises that encompass these stories are "Someone You Should Know" and "Jefferson Awards". We strive to bring humanity to all of our stories.
8. **ENVIRONMENT:** Management of ecology; waste disposal; landfill space; problems of hazardous waste; weapons proliferation; nuclear energy; soil conservation; swine confinement and livestock waste management; need for preservation of environment;

pesticides and herbicides run-off problems; conservation and recycling; flood control; sewer/water-system/water quality; pollution control; animal control; cost of water/sewer/pollution control systems.

9. **CONSUMER:** Consumer information involving recalls, comparison shopping, government programs.
10. **AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY:** Commodity prices; high agricultural production costs; interest rates; availability of credit; foreign competition tariffs and embargos.
11. **TRANSPORTATION:** Need for better highways, including expansion of four-lane Beltline; completion of Hwy. 12 project; federal highway bill; transportation funding for state, county and city roads and bridges; diversion of highway and transportation funds to general uses; rail service; maintaining air service; retaining bus routes; city street repairs.
12. **RECREATION:** Need for more and improved facilities; more cultural programs; women's recreational center; teen & youth centers.
13. **MILITARY:** Local soldiers; community and family issues relating to local troops overseas; military funerals; call-ups; training; funding.

CONTENT REPORT

January – March 2014

At 27 News we pride ourselves on covering a wide variety of topics that affect the people who live in the communities we serve. For the purposes of this report, we decided to concentrate on topics we locally covered. National stories are not included.

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Jan 1

11 :35 Mechanical problems grounded a Delta Airlines flight after it landed in Milwaukee today. WISN reports the plane was damaged in a hard landing at General Mitchell airport. The flight had come from Minneapolis. Passengers say the plane's brakes locked and caused several tires to blow out.

5 :20 A Georgia man is in the hospital tonight after he was hit by a semi on Interstate 39 near Milton this morning. The Wisconsin State Patrol says 19-year-old Sean Odegaard stopped on the shoulder of the northbound lanes to pick up a piece of luggage in the roadway.

5 :30 One person is dead after a house fire in Sun Prairie. Firefighters were called to the 800 block of Birchwood Trail shortly before noon today. The Sun Prairie Volunteer Fire Department says the body was found inside the home. Fire Chief Tory Strauss says

investigators aren't sure whether the person died before the fire or as a result of it. No word yet on how much damage the fire caused.

3 :30 Health care reforms under the Affordable Care Act fully kicked in today. Health Department officials say more than 2 million people have signed up for coverage so far.

Jan 2

8 2:00 When we say dangerous, we're talking about temperatures cold enough to give you frostbite in less than 10 minutes and cold enough to kill a vulnerable car battery.

8 11 15 The storm led to thousands of flight cancellations and delays. At least 300 of those cancelled flights were at Chicago O'Hare. That impacted some flights at the Dane County Regional Airport.

8 :45 Nothing is immune to this brutal cold, including wildlife. A bird rescue group in Prairie du Sac says the freezing temperatures lead to more animals coming in and it also makes it harder to take care of them.

5 :20 Investigators say 33-year-old Carrie Gray of Sun Prairie is the woman who died yesterday in a fire. That fire started around noon at a home in the 800 block of Birchwood Trail. The Dane County Medical Examiner's Office says Gray died from injuries she received during the fire. Firefighters are still investigating the cause of the blaze.

4 :20 Wisconsin is now an open book when it comes to public spending. The long-anticipated Openbook Wisconsin website is designed to be a one-stop site for people looking for information on expenditures by the legislature, state agencies, courts and the UW system. Officials with the Walker Administration launched an uncompleted test version of the website this morning.

2 4 1:00 The University of Wisconsin System narrowed down its search for a new president to 3 men. The finalists are: Raymond Cross, chancellor of the UW Colleges and Extension; Peter Garland, the executive vice chancellor of Pennsylvania's state higher education system; and, Robert King, who is president of Kentucky's council on post-secondary education. We spoke to King over the phone today.

6 :25 A historic home in Madison will be demolished. The developer of an apartment building was trying to give away the house at 1022 Mound Street for free, but the new owner had to pay to move it. Well, no one bought the house and now it will be torn down.

Jan 3

5 8 :20 As the wind picked up tonight it led to blowing and drifting snow on the roads, resulting in dozens of slide offs according to the Dane County Sheriff's Department. We found this SUV in the ditch on Old Sauk Road west of the Beltline.

8 :25 A water main break tonight could lead to a few icy roads in Madison. A 7-inch water main broke at Wyota Avenue and Cross Street behind Mallatt's Pharmacy on Monroe Street. The Madison Water Utility says most customers had full water pressure restored about a half hour ago. Repairs are now underway and they'll take 2-4 hours.

8 2:05 Another effect of the bitter cold could be heard, quite loudly, last weekend. And it could happen again next week. Gordon Severson explains what caused those loud cracking sounds and what you can do to keep your house warm through the winter.

2 :30 As you may have already heard, the forecast of 30 to 50 below zero wind chills next Monday has forced a growing number of schools to cancel class. About 3 dozen districts have already cancelled classes for next Monday, January 6. Today Governor Walker's administration said local governments and school districts in Wisconsin are encouraged to make their own decisions on whether or not to close.

3 4 :30 Many counties are opening up warming shelters to give people relief from the cold. Several places will be open in Madison, like Porchlight's Hospitality House on Martin Street.

4 11 :45 You'll be able to get around on Madison Metro buses on Monday. They'll be running their full schedules despite the sub-zero cold.

5 :25 A trial is ahead for the Monroe man accused in a drunk-driving crash that killed a 10-year-old boy. Today a judge bound over 21-year-old Trevor McGuire for trial.

5 :25 Early this morning fire gutted a historic building in the Racine County town of Waterford. The 4-alarm fire totaled Martini Mo's, a local landmark for 140 years. Fire hydrants froze up, but crews were able to get water by pumping directly out of the nearby Fox River.

3 :25 Meriter Health Services of Madison officially became part of Unity Point Health today. The affiliation agreement also includes Physicians Plus Insurance, Meriter's HMO.

4 11 :25 And ahead of schedule and just in time for the Packer's playoff game on Sunday, the Leo Frigo Bridge in Green Bay is re-opening. Officials say work to fix the sagging 1-43 bridge over the Fox River was finished 12 days ahead of schedule. The bridge was closed September 25th when one of the supports sank about 2 feet. New cement was poured around all 5 of the bridge pier supports.

Jan 4

2 :25 We've got you covered on the school closings that keep coming in. As you can see they're scrolling at the bottom of your screen right now. They'll do so at the top of every hour on WKOW.

8 9 :25 People across Wisconsin flooded local grocery stores today hoping to get everything they need to stay inside for the next couple of days.

8 11 :20 Things are starting to get backed up at airports across the U.S. FlightAware.com says more than a thousand flights were cancelled today because of the snow, ice and brutal cold.

5 :20 Madison Police arrested a driver for hitting 2 cars and taking off last night at the corner of Raymond Road and Whitney Way. Police say the victims gave good descriptions of the car and which way it was going and they were able to find John Willborn. He was arrested on more than 10 charges including hit-and-run and possession of drug paraphernalia.

4 6 :20 People living in the Twin Cities, Chicago and Rockford will soon see commercials promoting Wisconsin. The state's job creating agency, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation is launching a TV ad campaign Monday to bring businesses here. The 30-second spots will feature business executives talking up working in Wisconsin. They'll air on CNN, CNBC and Fox News.

Jan 5

2 :20 Many schools in our area don't want kids waiting out at the bus stop tomorrow morning so they've canceled class, most making the call early. You can check all school and other cancellations on our web channel, WKOW.com.

2 :15 Despite the chilly weather, Edgewood College is open tomorrow. It's the first day of the winterim. UW-Madison is also going to operate as normal, although classes haven't resumed yet.

8 10 1:50 No matter how cold it gets there are some people who will still be working outside. Danielle Lama takes us to a local farm as the bitter temps set in.

5 :25 Authorities have identified one of the victims who died when a car plunged into the Mississippi River early this morning. The Winona Daily News says 36-year-old Christina Lee Hauser was found in a submerged car, along with an unidentified 30-year-old man.

5 :20 Tomorrow the man accused of a multi-county crime spree will learn if he will stand trial in Dane County. In December 36-year-old James Kruger was found not competent to stand trial in Grant County.

1 4 :25 National interviewers are searching for a definitive answer from Governor Scott Walker on whether he's running for president in 2016. He was asked about it again on CNN's *State of the Union* today.

Jan 6

10 2:00 As the number of macaroni-and-cheese specialty restaurants across the country continues to grow, so do different versions of this popular classic. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* we stop at a local restaurant that specializes in distinctive macaroni and cheese creations.

8 :40 Breaking news tonight in Monona where more than 500 people haven't had power for most of the night. At its peak the outage affected about 900 people.

3 2:00 It seems impossible that someone would prefer spending the night outside when it's this cold, but Madison Police see some people night after night. Jennifer Kliese was on patrol with officers whose help isn't always accepted.

2 :25 Madison and most districts across our area have already cancelled school for tomorrow. All of the closures are on WKOW.com.

4 8 :20 Although some businesses were closed, this type of weather makes more work for a select few. And they have to do it outside, no less. Madison Water Utility crews responded to 7 main breaks today in the city, including this one on East Badger Road this morning. The water utility says a main break on Mineral Point Road was repaired around 9:45.

4 8 :40 Workers with the Madison Streets Division also had to be out today, picking up old Christmas trees across the city. The crew we met up with spent 8 hours outside.

6 11 :40 The cold also added a challenge to just getting around today. Dead batteries led to hundreds of calls for towing companies.

8 11 :20 The deep freeze is responsible for hundreds of flight cancellations out of Chicago O'Hare. That included flights coming into Dane County Regional Airport.

4 :25 Civic duty is taking Governor Walker away from his office for a few days – he has jury duty. He got his summons today. Today Walker was notified to arrive at the Milwaukee County Courthouse promptly at 8:30 am tomorrow for the start of what's expected to be a 2-day personal injury trial. The governor said it's the 3rd time he's been called for jury duty since holding public office. He didn't get picked to sit on a case either time. Office holders can serve on juries, but often get bumped for reasons that usually go unstated.

2 4 :20 Finalists to be the UW System's next president took the hot seat today. All 3 answered questions from faculty members across the state. Finalist Ray Cross who's currently the chancellor of UW Extension and Colleges promised to restore credibility to the UW System by increasing transparency.

4 :25 The State of Wisconsin has an extra \$35 million in funds from economic development-related business. More than 18 million came from revenues from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation. Another \$17 million is from an economic development tax

on businesses. State Republicans say they're talking about what to do with the surplus. Democrats want to use the money for worker training programs.

6 :30 K-Mart will be closing 3 more stores in Wisconsin, eliminating more than 300 jobs. The Wisconsin State Journal reports that Sears Holdings will close the stores in Hales Corners and Greenfield in mid-April followed by the store in Portage. Of those 300+ jobs being eliminated, 78 are in Portage. A spokesman for Sears Holdings says the stores are closing because the leases were not renewed and they're trying to reduce expenses. This follows the closure of K-Mart stores in Brookfield, Fort Atkinson and Racine.

3 4 :50 Wisconsin's U.S. Senator Ron Johnson is taking his fight against part of the Affordable Care Act to court. The Republican filed a lawsuit challenging a ruling by the Office of Personnel Management. That ruling allows members of Congress and their staff members to receive health benefits similar to other federal employees. Johnson says that's unfair to the American public.

Jan 7

8 2:10 It's been a long stretch of frigid weather and it's been shattering Madison's old, city water pipes.

8 :20 Madison isn't the only city dealing with these problems. Milwaukee crews were out fixing at least 4 breaks today.

3 8 :20 A break in the water line damaged the UW Health East Clinic on East Terrace Drive, meaning it's going to be closed for a second day on Wednesday. The break damaged all 4 floors of the facility.

2 :25 At long last school is back in session tomorrow in Madison and across the area. No districts have notified us that they are closing Wednesday.

3 :20 State health officials are investigating 2 more deaths related to this cold weather. A 66-year-old man died of hypothermia last Friday in Milwaukee. Now the Department of Health Services is also looking into deaths in Ashland and Marquette Counties. Both of them happened on Friday.

11 :20 More flights were delayed today because of the cold.

5 :45 Police in Beloit arrested a mother who left her 2 kids alone inside a car that wasn't running and was parked in a store parking lot. 23-year-old Codi Davis was taken into custody last night on tentative charges of child neglect. Police say they found the 2 kids, ages 18 months and 5 years, inside a car at the Walmart in Beloit. At the time the temperature was -12 degrees below zero with a wind chill of -34 below.

5 :25 Not guilty pleas were entered for the Rock County man accused of burning the body of a Fitchburg teenager. Nathan Middleton stood mute in court today so a judge entered the pleas for him.

3 5 :30 A former employee is charged with stealing from a skilled nursing facility in New Glarus. Police say 55-year-old Joyce Ziehli of Belleville stole more than \$850,000 from the New Glarus Home, Inc. Ziehli stole the money from 2003 to 2013 while serving as the nonprofit's administrative secretary. She now faces 6 felonies.

4 :30 A bill in the State Senate would close a loophole in Wisconsin's drunk driving laws. It applies to convicted drunk drivers who drive without an ignition interlock device. Right now drivers who are required to use the device only have to have it installed when they get their license back.

4 :55 Local judges won't have to worry about the Legislature taking away their power to block state laws. The implementation of recent state laws relating to collective bargaining and voter ID have been delayed due to injunctions ordered by Dane County judges. The Assembly passed a bill last year that would have allowed the state to effectively freeze such injunctions merely by filing an appeal.

Jan 8

5 2:00 Breaking news tonight out of Waunakee where 1 person is dead after a fire in an apartment building. The Waunakee Fire Department is still on scene of the fire on O'Malley Street. Two people transported with nonlife-threatening injuries.

6 :45 A historic brewery nearly 170 years old is back up and running after November's devastating fire. Brewing will begin again at Minha's on January 20th, more than a month ahead of schedule.

2 8 :20 An elementary school in Sun Prairie will reopen tomorrow after it was damaged by water from a burst pipe. Administrators at Sandhill Elementary School say several classrooms and the library were damaged.

6 8 :15 Other places are having pipe problems, too. A break in the sprinkler system at the Hatchery Hill Shopping Center in Fitchburg this morning led to significant damage throughout the building, impacting businesses and an apartment above the shopping center.

3 8 :15 And the UW Health East Clinic in Madison will be closed again tomorrow because of troubles with the pipes in the sprinkler system. Crews are still working on repairs from Monday's break.

5 :35 New details came out today about the 2007 murder of Kelly Nolan in Madison. The Dane County Medical Examiner's Office filed to change her manner of death. Since 2007 it was classified as "pending". According to a file obtained by the Wisconsin State Journal, the death certificate will now read that Nolan died from homicidal violence.

1 5 :55 The state's only Republican candidate for attorney general says he pleaded guilty to drunk driving in 1990. Waukesha County District Attorney Brad Schimel acknowledged the OWI after it was revealed by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

2 4 :30 We'll know tomorrow who the pick is to be the UW System's next president and apparently it's down to just 2 finalists. The Wisconsin State Journal says Robert King is no longer being considered. It's unclear why King is out of the running, but there were concerns raised about his work with the controversial American Legislative Exchange Council.

2 :15 The state high school swim meets may have to find a new home if a proposal is approved in Madison. UW-Madison's division of recreational sports wants to expand the Natatorium and the Southeast Recreational Facility. The plan does not include a competition pool.

8 :50 The extreme cold this week has chilled many of us to the core. And it's working its way deep into the ground, too. So deep, that it appears to be causing what scientists refer to as frost or ice quakes, seismic activity similar to an earthquake caused by water freezing deeper than normal.

8 :25 The cold may help Madison's fight against an invasive pest. A study out of Minnesota suggests the cold may kill off the emerald ash borer.

5 :25 A gun rights group in Wisconsin wants to be able to carry guns on buses in Madison. It filed a lawsuit today against the city to let them do so. Wisconsin Carry, Incorporated says Metro Transit's ban on gun violates the state's concealed carry law.

4 :25 Governor Walker has completed his civic duty as a juror. Actually, he ended up serving as the alternate on a jury in a personal injury case in Milwaukee County.

4 :25 The governor will deliver the annual State of the State address 2 weeks from tonight, Wednesday January 23rd. He'll speak to a joint meeting of the Legislature at 7 o'clock that night.

4 :25 The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation will be fully funded for the next fiscal year. Today the State's Joint Finance Committee approved the release of about \$60 million to the jobs agency.

Jan 9

8 :50 3 people were taken to the hospital as a precaution after a hazmat situation in Madison tonight. The Madison Fire Department says their injuries are minor. The call came from Mentor Biologics, a drug manufacturing facility in the 500 block of Science Drive.

5 :50 We learned today that the person who died last night in a fire in Waunakee was a 56-year-old woman. Her name has not yet been released. A 65-year-old woman was taken to the hospital.

5 :20 Police in Beloit arrested a man for an attempted homicide. Police say 51-year-old Norman Bourgard and a 24-year-old man got into a fight at a home on Colley Road Wednesday afternoon. Officers found the 24-year-old with 3 knife wounds to his right arm.

4 :45 Dane County supervisors decided tonight to take the issue of legalized marijuana to voters. They approved an advisory referendum for the April ballot with this question: Should the state government enact legislation legalizing marijuana?

1 4 :45 Dane County District Attorney and candidate for State Attorney General Ismael Ozanne admitted today to being ticketed in an alcohol-related crash in 1986. Ozanne said he crashed his car in Madison as a 16-year-old. His blood alcohol level was .04 which was under the legal limit at the time of .10. Ozanne said he was given a ticket for being underage with alcohol in his system.

3 4 :55 The parents of children who died of heroin overdoses gave emotional testimony at the State Capitol today. They spoke at a public hearing in support of 3 bills authored by Representative John Nygren whose own daughter is a recovering heroin addict.

8 :15 Water main troubles in Madison continued tonight. A main broke at 210 West Johnson Street around 6 pm. The Madison Water Utility says the main was 103 years old.

4 2:00 Madison city officials are urging everyone to properly clear city sidewalks this winter.

Jan 10

8 11 :30 Freezing rain stuck to the roads tonight, making for a messy drive home. Police in Madison say the conditions led to a semi jack-knifing and its trailer landing on a pickup truck. This happened on the off-ramp from the westbound Beltline to northbound Stoughton Road.

5 11 :25 Authorities in Idaho say they've found the missing plane that was carrying a man from Sun Prairie and his fiancée's family. The local sheriff says there were no survivors. 24-year-old Jonathon Norton of Sun Prairie was flying with his fiancée's family from Oregon to Montana on December 1st when the plane disappeared.

5 :55 Police in Janesville arrested 2 people they say forced a 16-year-old girl into being a prostitute. Patrick Cooper and Erica White each face a felony charge of soliciting a child for prostitution. Police say the teen had run away from Walworth County and stayed with Cooper and White at this home on Center Avenue in Janesville.

5 :20 Brian Stowe will spend 15 years in federal prison for taking nude pictures of a 17-year-old girl as he sexually assaulted her. It was one in a series of assaults in which the 29-year-old pleaded guilty.

5 :20 We now know the name of the woman who died Wednesday night in an apartment fire in Waunakee. She is 56-year-old Raeanne Tucker. Tucker lived in the housing complex on O'Malley Street.

2 4 :45 The new president of the UW-System got right to work just a day after being appointed. Ray Cross visited with lawmakers at the State Capitol today. Cross says he plans to work closely with legislators so they're aware of what's going on with the UW-System.

4 6 :45 Governor Scott Walker highlighted a manufacturing success story in Beloit today. The governor toured the new facility leased by Universal Acoustic and Emission Technologies. With its new "Center of Excellence", the company says it will add 50 jobs. Governor Walker said the state was happy to help the manufacturer grow.

3 :40 We are now in what experts describe as "the thick" of flu season; it really kicked in last week. The CDC says 35 states now report widespread flu cases, up from 25 states the previous week.

6 8 :25 A potential setback to plans for a new iron mine in northern Wisconsin. A state report shows it poses a potential threat to human health and water supplies. The Wisconsin State Journal reports the Department of Natural Resources produced the report to identify issues that need review and won't replace an environmental impact study that will be done when the company applies for a mining permit. A spokesman for Gogebic Taconite which wants to dig the mine in Iron and Ashland Counties, accused the DNR of bias.

4 :25 You may have to take a quiz in order to get your state tax refund this year. The Department of Revenue is using the 4-question quiz to confirm identities and fight fraud.

4 9 :25 The IRS has never been very popular, but a new survey helps explain why so many Americans are frustrated with the taxman these days. The study from the National Taxpayer advocate finds the IRS quote desperately needs more funding to do its job. The agency's budget has been cut by about 8% since 2010 and much of that money once paid for employee training. There are also about 8,000 fewer full-time workers on staff.

6 :20 The latest national jobs report fell far below expectations. Economists had been expecting 193,000 jobs to be added in December, but the Labor Department's report shows only 74,000 jobs were added. This makes December the weakest month for job growth since January 2011.

9 11 :25 Your best chance of a safe airline flight is to fly Qantas. The Australian airline comes out on top of a new list of the world's safest airlines by Airline-Ratings.com.

Jan 11

6 8 2:05 Local ski hills are bouncing back from a rough few days during the extreme cold earlier this week.

5 8 :30 The warm-up also made the roads pretty icy. There were a number of crashes across Wisconsin last night.

5 11 :25 Due to bad weather this weekend, authorities will not be able to recover the bodies of a Sun Prairie man and 4 others who were on a small plane that crashed in the Idaho mountains. Johnathon Norton, his fiancée, and her family went missing in early December.

4 :20 The search for Madison's next police chief continues. A statement from the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners says 20 people applied for the position, 4 from within the police department. Four others are living in Wisconsin and 12 came from out of state.

5 :20 Police say this man's distinctive outfit may have helped lead to his arrest. 18-year-old Demetrius Smith was apparently caught on camera wearing the clothes after he took a woman's purse on December 30th at a Verona Road laundry mat. Yesterday an officer spotted Smith wearing the same outfit on State Street.

5 :20 Marathon County's sheriff says the man found dead inside an exploded Wausau Home is the owner. Crews found 43-year-old Jesse Jehn beneath the rubble of the leveled home yesterday. Investigators believe the Thursday explosion was deliberate. Explosive devices were set around the property connected to timed fuses. A motive is still unknown.

4 5 :25 A judge has dealt a major setback for the secret investigation into Governor Scott Walker's campaign financing. The Wall Street Journal reports a judge ruled some subpoenas were improper and ordered investigators to return property to the targets of the John Doe investigation. In a sealed ruling, Judge Gregory Peterson writes the subpoenas don't show probable cause of any campaign law violations.

3 4 :25 Heroin is a growing problem across Wisconsin and the State Department of Health Services is participating in a pilot program to prevent overdose deaths. 47 agencies in Wisconsin have EMTs who are allowed to administer Narcan. Once the drug is injected, it can counter the effects of an overdose.

Jan 12

5 :20 Suspects in a downtown Madison shooting are still at large. It happened on the 100 block of East Gorham Street just before 2 am. Police say a man in his 20s was hurt but is expected to survive. Officers found multiple shell casings at the scene.

5 :45 A week after an SUV missed a turn and flew through a guardrail into the Mississippi River, a passenger believed to be in the vehicle is still missing. Responders recovered 2 victims found submerged in the car and found another in the water about 75 feet

from the crash site near Winona. Today authorities were out searching for 29-year-old Andrew Kingsbury of La Crosse. He's presumed dead but searchers won't give up until they find him.

5 :20 Authorities in Polk County are trying to find the driver responsible for a hit-and-run that killed 2 men. It happened around 6:30 last night. Police say the victims were involved in a fight shortly before they were hit. Officials are looking for a dark-colored pickup truck, possibly a Ford that might have amber warning lights.

3 5 :15 In Milwaukee police are investigating a 3-month-old baby's death. Authorities are calling it "mysterious".

5 :20 Authorities believe speed and alcohol contributed to a deadly snowmobile crash in Racine County. Officials say the victim is 52-year-old Thomas Dretzka.

4 6 :20 Wisconsin workers could legally work 7 days in a row if a new bill is passed. The Republican measure would affect retail and manufacturing workers. Right now employers have to give a 24-hour break every 7 consecutive days. Opponents say the bill could allow employers to force employees to work longer.

Jan 13

10 2:00 Any good business has a solid mission. That's true for dairy farmers as well. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* we'll meet a woman whose adventures in dairy farming are a social media hit.

5 1:55 Tonight a family is grieving and investigators are looking at how a worker was killed at a construction site in downtown Madison this afternoon.

5 :20 Agents with the State Division of Criminal Investigation busted a local man they say had child pornography. 39-year-old James Shempert was arrested last Thursday after authorities raided his home in the Town of Madison. The criminal complaint says Shempert admitted to downloading videos of child pornography. Today he was charged with 2 felonies.

4 6 1:05 A New Mexico company picked to help manage the state's new \$25 million venture capital fund has had some problems running a similar program in its home state. Sun Mountain Capital is joining forces with a firm from Fitchburg to help manage the state fund that will provide money to Wisconsin entrepreneurs. In 2012 that company almost lost its contract to manage New Mexico's venture capital program when it gave money to a company without disclosing it to the state investment council.

3 4 :25 Nearly 2.2 million people picked health plans from the state and federal marketplaces through the end of December. About 1.8 million of those registrations came in December alone. In Wisconsin more than 40,000 people got through the process.

1 4 :45 Voters in Dane County will see something new the next time they vote. The county has new vote tabulators that will save a digital picture of your ballot and will let you

know within a few seconds if you've filled in your ballot correctly. Madison's city clerk says her office has been troubleshooting the equipment and they find them to be user-friendly.

4 :25 The first floor doors of the State Capitol are open for the first time in more than a decade. They've been closed as a security precaution since the attacks on September 11th. Since then everyone going into the Capitol has been entering on the ground floor.

3 4 2:10 Authorities in Columbia County say drunk driving is a bigger problem there than other parts of the state. They hope a new OWI court will keep repeat offenders off the roads for good.

Jan 14

8 11 1:50 The farther north you go the more snow fall, causing some hangups on the roads. Jennifer Kliese caught up with a deputy out helping stranded drivers. She reports on the conditions from Sauk County.

8 11 :25 The snow caused a big chain reaction crash just south of Wausau today. This happened on I-39 near the Town of Knowlton.

5 :25 We learned today that it was 40-year-old Robert Lund of Cambridge who died yesterday after falling at the Edgewater hotel construction site in Madison. The Dane County Medical Examiner's Office says Lund died from the fall. He was working for Findorff Construction.

3 4 :50 A package of 4 bills aimed at reducing heroin-related deaths passed the State Assembly today. Representative John Nygren whose daughter is a recovering heroin addict authored the bills. They allow anyone to administer the drug Narcan to bring people out of a heroin overdose and give immunity to drug users who call for emergency medical help for someone suffering an overdose. Another bill will require people to show an ID when picking up a prescription.

4 :35 The author of a bill to change the state's child support laws has withdrawn the measure. The bill came from Republican Assemblyman Joel Kleefisch, but it was partially written by Michael Eisenga.

2 :20 The school's superintendent in Madison wants to make education a little more high-tech. She wants every student to have a laptop or tablet. Superintendent Jennifer Cheatham's plan would cost \$31 million.

3 7 :30 Thousands of Madison-area families will be able to stay a little warmer and drier this year thanks to many of you. It's called the Big Bundle Up and this year they collected nearly 900 donated items of winter clothing. This is part of a statewide clothing drive sponsored by tourism groups and together they collected more than 11,000 coats, hats and gloves.

9 :30 What do you have in your wallet? If it's a Capital One credit card, then you've got the card that gets the most complaints in the nation.

3 9 :25 Merck is recalling all 4 dose strengths and every batch of Liptruzet distributed since last May. The company says a packaging issue could reduce the drug's effectiveness, but it says patients can continue taking any pills they still have. There are no reports of any patients being harmed. Merck says it plans to get the drug back on the market as soon as possible.

Jan 15

2 5 1:05 A teacher fired for viewing pornography while at work is likely going to get his job back. Andrew Harris was fired from Glacier Creek Middle School in 2010 for looking at emails that contained sexually explicit images. The case went to an arbitrator who ruled Harris should only be suspended because some of Harris' colleagues who also saw the images received suspensions. The school district appealed and eventually the case made its way to the State Supreme Court.

5 :40 An incident on a city bus in Janesville has led to a federal lawsuit. The bus camera caught it all on video.

2 :20 The UW-Extension has removed Gideon bibles from guest rooms at the Lowell Center on the UW-Madison campus. The move came after a complaint from the Freedom From Religion Foundation. The group's attorney says private hotels can put any type of literature they want in their rooms, but state-run colleges should remain neutral toward religion.

2 4 :50 The state would have a new system for developing academic standards under legislation presented at a public hearing today. The GOP bill is designed to weaken the Department of Public Instruction's ability to unilaterally adopt new standards by forcing it to work with a committee of educators and people from other disciplines. Republicans made it clear this bill was written due to the way DPI adopted the current Common Core standards.

4 :25 State revenue estimates set to come out tomorrow are expected to show Wisconsin has a big budget surplus. That surplus will allow Governor Scott Walker to propose a property tax cut and an income tax withholding plan in his State of the State address next week, according to a spokeswoman for the governor. Last year the Legislature cut income taxes by \$650 million and property taxes by \$100 million.

1 4 :40 The campaign trail for one of Walker's potential Democratic opponents, Mary Burke, took her to Dodgeville today. Burke toured Uplands Cheese Company which she says is the type of business that makes Wisconsin's dairy industry strong.

6 2:15 The Occupy Madison group has a new idea to help out the homeless in Madison. They're proposing to build a village of tiny houses and already have a spot picked out on the east side of Madison. Gordon Severson explains their plan and what neighbors think of the idea.

6 :25 A shopping option in Janesville is closing its doors. The J.C. Penney store is shutting down. The retailer is closing 33 stores across the country by early May. 4 other locations in Wisconsin will be shuttered – in Fond du Lac, Rhinelander, Rice Lake and Wausau. Overall, 2,000 jobs will be cut. 71 employees in Janesville will be affected.

Jan 16

4 2:30 Madison's north side is about to get a face lift with several large housing projects in the works. City officials are hoping the developments will help solve the city's low vacancy rate of just under 2%.

5 :40 A UW-Madison employee died today after she was hit by a delivery truck on campus. Madison Police say the truck was backing up on Mendota Court when it hit the woman who was walking behind it. Police spokesman Joel DeSpain says the truck's backup alarm was sounding and there's nothing to suggest the woman's hearing was impaired.

5 :35 Police in Madison are looking for 3 people in connection with an attack at the McDonald's on Park Street. Officers say this woman wanted a refund after showing the manager a receipt from a different McDonald's Restaurant. When she was denied, police say she became belligerent and ordered 2 men, one pictured here, to attack the manager.

3 4 :25 Governor Walker signed a bill today changing the timing of Medicaid coverage for some people in Wisconsin. It creates a 3-month coverage delay. So now in April, 77,000 people just above the federal poverty line will lose Medicaid coverage. That was supposed to happen this month. And it also pushed back by 3 months when 83,000 childless adults will begin receiving Medicaid. Anyone who qualifies for Badger Care could receive it through March 31st, if they apply before February 1st.

4 :30 Wisconsin's budget surplus will likely lead to tax relief for you. The original estimate from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau showed the state with a \$130 million surplus. But the new projection shows a surplus of about \$977 million. The Fiscal Bureau says the increase is largely due to \$893 million in tax collections above earlier projections. Governor Scott Walker wants to use some of the surplus for property and income tax relief. He'll announce details in his State of the State address next week.

1 4 :20 Democratic State Senator Kathleen Vinehout will not run for governor. The Eau Claire County Democratic party leader confirmed that tonight to our affiliate, WQOW. Vinehout never officially declared, but she did hire a statewide campaign organizer in December.

7 3:05 A local woman who has been blind since birth hasn't let that stop her from making a difference in her community. Karen Perzentka is breaking down barriers in volunteering and that's why she's this month's Jefferson Award winner.

2 1:05 A dozen UW-Platteville students are spending part of their winter break in Texas, working. They're training to become teachers and a school district in Houston works with

the university to set up the intensive, 2-week session of student teaching. The schools there need the teachers and the students need the experience.

Jan 17

2 6 :10 The future of energy could be drastically changed by some research going on at UW-Madison. Researchers have discovered a possible breakthrough in biomass fuel. Down the road it could lead to new forms of ethanol, gasoline and even plastic packing material. And it all starts with a few researchers who started chemically separating plants.

4 5 :55 Dispatch audio shows a state trooper regretted investigating a fellow officer before that officer's OWI case was dismissed. Court records show Trooper Christopher Vandenhoven's recorded comment that off-duty officer Brent Brown's drunk driving case would probably get dropped, contributed to a prosecutor dropping the case. Dispatch audio also shows Vandenhoven reluctantly investigated the hit-and-run portion of his friend Brown's case.

5 :20 A man who once served as mayor in Duluth and Superior is now in jail in Sauk County for his 2nd OWI. 57-year-old Herb Bergson is serving a 22-day sentence for his arrest in May of 2012 in Baraboo. Bergson also faces a trial for a 3rd OWI in Dane County from September of 2013. Bergson currently lives in Waunakee.

5 :30 The Madison man charged with sparking a threat at the State Capitol will receive mental health treatment from the state. The Wisconsin State Journal reports Kvon Smith was found not guilty by mental disease or defect today. A judge ordered the state to design a treatment plan for Smith. He's been diagnosed with schizophrenia. The 21-year-old was arrested last year after planning to use Molotov cocktails at the Capitol before the State of the State address.

1 4 :55 Democratic State Senator Kathleen Vinehout confirmed today that she will not run for governor. Vinehout said it had a lot to do with the broken arm she got in a crash last month. Vinehout says she won't have time to run the campaign she wants to because of her rehab.

2 4 :25 UW-Extension's interim chancellor will come from in-house. The Extension's Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor Aaron Brower will start as interim chancellor beginning February 15th, pending approval by the Board of Regents.

3 6 :30 A Milwaukee food processor is up and running again, 2 months after it shut down production and recalled all of its products. Garden-Fresh Foods says they've fixed the problem that caused potentially dangerous listeria contamination. Garden-Fresh supplies prepackaged salads and dips to stores around the country under familiar brands like Market Pantry, Archer Farms and Garden-Fresh.

4 6 :45 Wisconsin's Republican U.S. Senator Ron Johnson is vowing to keep navy ships coming out of Marinette Marine. Johnson is reacting to a Pentagon recommendation to order 20 fewer ships from the shipbuilder. He's concerned a smaller contract could lead to job

losses. Marinette Marine employs about 1400 people. Johnson acknowledged some initial problems with the ships, but he says those are in the past.

5 :20 Police in Wisconsin arrested 2 people as part of an undercover drug investigation. Officers took in 36-year-old James Kuhnke of Fort Atkinson and 46-year-old Krystal Sawyer of Watertown. Police say an undercover officer bought heroin from the duo.

Jan 18

2 5 :25 The UW-Madison is mourning the loss of a long-time employee in Library Services. Today the Dane County Medical Examiner said 62-year-old Edith Dixon died of her injuries after she was hit by a truck on Thursday.

5 11 :35 An incident in Indiana has local police reminding drivers to keep their cool on the roads. A driver shot another after saying he was cut off on the road. Police say beware of aggressive drivers. They say if someone is tailgating you, maybe yelling, don't make eye contact and don't retaliate.

5 :20 Here in Madison, a man attempted to rob a gas station overnight while a police officer was inside. The suspect showed a weapon to the clerk and demanded money. The Madison officer chased the 34-year-old man on foot out of the store on Mineral Point Road. Eventually the man was caught. No one was hurt.

5 :20 A former Packer is facing 2 rape charges related to sexual assaults in the Los Angeles area. Former Safety Darren Sharper played for Green Bay for 8 seasons. ESPN reports Sharper was arrested.

3 :45 An event in Madison aims to show the public the struggles homeless people in our area go through every day. The Homeless Home Art Show combines music, poetry and photography.

4 :20 Today Governor Scott Walker is talking about his plans for future job growth in manufacturing. Governor Walker was 1 of 5 speakers this afternoon at the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin Manufacturing Conference in Milwaukee. The governor says offering tax credits and workforce training are key to job creation and economic growth.

3 :20 The flu has officially become an epidemic; it's now widespread in 40 states.

8 :40 This time of year eagles are the most welcomed guests in the Sauk Prairie area. Today the Raptor Education Group came to release some rehabilitated bald eagles back into the wild. Organizers say the release helps people gain a better understanding of the previously endangered species.

12 :35 Hockey lovers and ice skaters have a new facility in our area to get out and enjoy. The public was invited to the grand opening of Sun Prairie's new 2-sheet ice arena tonight. The facility has been in the works for 8 years.

Jan 19

4 2:10 The governor will deliver his State of the State address to the legislature on Wednesday. Pete Zervakis joins us now with more on what we can expect.

5 :25 Some relief came for family and friends, still searching for the body of a victim of a deadly Mississippi River crash. Today rescue crews found 29-year-old Andrew Kingsbury at the bottom of the river, using a robot and sonar. Two weeks ago a car was discovered submerged in the river with 2 bodies inside. A 3rd victim was found in the water but Kingsbury was still missing.

5 :20 A passenger in a car that went off the road in Dodge County has died. Authorities say the driver lost control on a snowy Highway M in the town of Clyman which is north of Watertown. The car hit a railroad signal gate crossing near County J. The 77-year-old Jefferson woman was airlifted to the hospital where she died.

5 :15 The American Red Cross is helping a family displaced by a fire in Janesville. Fire officials say flames and smoke were pouring out of the 2-story home on Rockport Road when crews arrived this morning. The fire caused about \$60,000 in damage. It's still under investigation.

5 :45 A recent carbon monoxide leak in Madison is an important reminder of how dangerous a leak can be. Madison fire officials say a man's furnace malfunctioned and carbon monoxide escaped earlier this month.

11 :40 Union Pacific crews hope to have broken railroad tracks in Racine County repaired by tomorrow. A crack in the rails caused 19 freight cars to derail in Caledonia early this morning. The 135-car train, carrying coal, made quite a mess on the busy tracks but Wisconsin's railroad commissioner says the scene actually looks worse than it is.

Jan 20

10 2:00 Wisconsin winters can be brutal. In an effort to keep the roadways clear, the Polk County Highway Department has come up with a cheesy solution that's catching on in Milwaukee County and other Wisconsin counties. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* find out why excess cheese brine is making a difference.

2 :35 The Middleton-Cross Plains School Board has a plan on how to reinstate Andrew Harris, the teacher originally fired for looking at explicit images on a school computer. But some parents want the board to fight an arbitrator's order that Harris get his job back. Six

other teachers were also found to have committed similar offenses, but Harris was the only one fired.

2 4 1:40 Pete Zervakis talked with school officials and some of those parents who don't want Harris back. The school board, along with school officials like the superintendent, went into closed session at 6:30 this evening and re-emerged about 1.5 hours later.

2 :25 Another controversy in the Middleton District – accusations of cheating. School officials say high school students will no longer be able to access their cell phones when taking tests. There were allegations last month that some students used their phones to cheat on a calculus exam.

8 9 :45 With another cold stretch on the way, propane suppliers are struggling to provide enough fuel for everyone who needs it, including homeowners. Right now there's a nationwide shortage on propane hitting the Midwest hard.

5 :25 We now know the name of the woman who died in a crash yesterday at County M near County J in Dodge County. The Dodge County Sheriff's Department says she is 77-year-old Helen Wellman of Jefferson.

5 :50 A newspaper delivery man in Manitowoc is recovering tonight after being hit by a car, crashing through its windshield and the driver kept going all the way home. Steven Gove crashed through the windshield. Police say the driver went on to hit a car before driving 1 block to his home when he finally noticed Gove.

5 :35 The State of Wisconsin and a man kept in jail more than a year past his sentence are at odds over whether he should be compensated for his extra time behind bars. 52-year-old Robin Gavinski was released last year after he spent 417 days beyond his actual sentence. Gavinski says the state owes him for lost wages.

3 2:20 Prescription drugs of all kinds have become increasingly more expensive in the past few years. Jennifer Kliese reports on the effect rising costs have had on those who work to keep you safe in a medical emergency.

2 3 :25 The State of Wisconsin also faces a shortage of nurses and 4 UW schools are trying to keep that from happening. Campuses in Eau Claire, Madison, Milwaukee and Oshkosh are offering grants to potential nurse educators so they can teach more people to become nurses. The Wisconsin Center for Nursing says the state could face a shortfall of 20,000 registered nurses by 2035.

3 :20 Meriter Hospital in Madison will shut down its inpatient pediatric unit at the end of February. The hospital says the 3-bed unit sees fewer than 1 in-patient per day. In the future kids who need to be admitted will be transferred to American Family Children's Hospital. Meriter sees 7,000 pediatric patients in its ER department each year and 98% go home the same day.

4 1:10 The nation's longest-running tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr. marked its 34th year today. And Wisconsin has the distinction of hosting it. The first MLK tribute ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda was held in 1981.

1 4 :20 A longtime state lawmaker from northeastern Wisconsin plans to leave the legislature. Republican Assemblyman Garey Bies won't seek reelection in November. He plans to continue running his seasonal restaurant in Sister Bay, but doesn't have any other firm plans after leaving office.

4 :20 The Assembly will take up Bies' bill tomorrow that's designed to protect your social media accounts. The measure bars employers from asking their workers or applicants for their usernames and passwords to sites like Facebook and Twitter. The Senate unanimously approved the bill in November.

Jan 21

2 5 1:50 The Middleton-Cross Plains teacher fired for looking at explicit pictures on a work computer will be back on the job in a few days. Andrew Harris was reinstated to comply with an arbitrator's order.

2 5 :30 Students and staff at a school in Madison are mourning the loss of an administrator. The dean of students at Sennett Middle School died this morning in a crash in Rock County. The crash happened around 6:30 on I-39 in Janesville. Troopers identified the SUV driver as 37-year-old Tim McKinley of Milton.

5 :25 Police in Madison arrested 3 people involved in last week's attack at the McDonald's on Park Street. 39-year-old Nicole Gordon, 19-year-old Travers McDaniel and 21-year-old Julian Parks were arrested Monday morning.

5 :20 One person was seriously hurt when a van got pinned between 2 semis this afternoon. Police say the van stopped behind the first semi on Verona Road, then a second semi hit the van and pushed it into the first truck. The driver of the van had to be pulled from the vehicle. His injuries are not believed to be life-threatening.

5 13 :45 A former marine may have a second chance at getting a pat felony conviction forgiven. Eric Pizer was convicted of battery after a fight in Grant County in 2004, a felony that has kept him from becoming a police officer.

4 :25 The State Assembly approved a bill today that would protect your social media passwords from your boss.

4 :25 Other approvals by the Assembly: more power for cities to enforce and prosecute anyone who violates marijuana ordinances; a bill to end the state's no-call list, which would push people to sign up for the federal no call list. Both of these are going to Governor Walker. Another bill would allow people in Wisconsin to buy rifles and shotguns from dealers anywhere in the nation. The measure goes to the State Senate.

4 6 :45 Minimum wage would be going up under a bill Democrats have proposed in the State Legislature. If enacted, Wisconsin's fair minimum wage bill would immediately raise the minimum wage to \$8.20 an hour, then to \$9.15 the next year and finally to \$10.10 two years from now. Racine Assemblyman Cory Mason says raising it would not only be good politics, but even better for the state's economy.

4 :15 Just a reminder that we've got you covered for Governor Walker's State of the State address tomorrow night. We'll stream the speech on WKOW.com which starts at 7 pm.

4 6 2:05 The City of Baraboo is gaining national attention as an example of economic stability. Jennifer Kliese shows us why it's not just tourism that draws people and business to Baraboo.

4 11 :20 More people are taking to the B-Cycle program in Madison. The bike-sharing system saw another increase in ridership last year. There were nearly 82,000 trips in 2013, an increase of about 29% over 2012. Madison B-Cycle plans to add 5 more stations along University Avenue this year. The bikes will be available again beginning in March.

Jan 22

4 2:40 A blueprint for prosperity – that's what Governor Scott Walker calls the plan he laid out in tonight's State of the State address. It includes an \$827 million tax cut and a \$100 million contribution to the state's rainy day fund.

4 1:40 It didn't take long for Democrats to weigh in on the governor's speech. And those we spoke with want the governor to do something different with the state's extra money.

7 :45 A young man from West Bend was remembered tonight in prayers at the church where he grew up. 21-year-old Andrew Boldt was shot and killed yesterday at Purdue University.

5 :20 Police in Beaver Dam are investigating the death of a man found lying on a frozen pond. He was found Tuesday afternoon at a retention pond behind some businesses in the 1600 block of Spring Street. Police say the middle-aged man was missing a shoe and didn't appear to be wearing a coat. They don't suspect any foul play was involved.

2 8 :15 School resumes tomorrow at Janesville Parker High School. Students were dismissed early today around 9:30 am because of a broken water main.

8 :55 For the second time in as many months, thousands of gallons of manure leaked from a digester in Dane County. This time the operator says none of the waste left their property north of Waunakee. The company Clear Horizons says a pipe burst Monday afternoon releasing an estimated 20,000 gallons of manure.

4 :45 Changes are coming for deer hunters in Wisconsin. One of the notable moves approved today by the State Natural Resources Board is the elimination of in-person deer registration. Instead, hunters will have to register online, over the phone or through the DNR's app. Wardens say the change will be phased in. The idea is to make the process more efficient. Critics say the new method will be less accurate and it will remove the social aspect from hunting.

10 :25 Farmers in Wisconsin had a good year in 2013, nearly breaking a financial record. A report from UW-Madison's Renk Agribusiness Institute shows farmers earned about \$3.75 billion last year. That's just short of the record of \$3.8 billion set in 2011. Much of the profit was driven by record milk sales. Farmers sold more than \$5.5 billion in milk last year.

4 :35 Wisconsin's State Senate approved a slew of bills today. A dozen of them dealt with mental health. One provides \$250,000 to create mental health crisis teams. Another sets aside \$1 million for a consultation hotline for kids and teenagers. A third provides \$1.5 million in grants to encourage mental health professionals to practice in underserved areas. These bills go to Governor Walker. A separate bill approved today allows more people to contribute to Edvest accounts which is the state's college savings program. This goes to the State Assembly.

Jan 23

4 5 2:25 A movement with roots in Madison to change how authorities investigate a killing by law enforcement officers has almost reached its goal. Pete Zervakis has reaction to a bill that passed an Assembly committee today.

5 :20 Murder charges were filed today in the shooting at Purdue University that killed a student from Wisconsin.

5 :25 There's closure tonight in a gang-related murder in Madison nearly four years ago. The U.S. Marshal's Service says the final suspect in the case, 27-year-old Billy Wenner-Say has been found dead in Guatemala.

4 :50 Governor Walker spent the day selling his tax cut proposal across the state but he may have to convince a few senators to make it a reality. The governor laid out the details of his \$827 million tax cut in last night's State of the State address.

4 :30 The governor also expressed his frustration today over the fact that a registered sex offender joined him at the podium during the State of the State speech last night. Christopher Barber, the man in the yellow gloves, also has 2 felony convictions on his record and 3 drunken driving offenses. Governor Walker says Ariens Company of Brillion recommended Barber and he had no reason to question their judgment.

4 6 :30 Meantime, the governor says he's meeting Monday with representatives of the propane industry, along with state and local leaders to talk about the fuel shortage. Walker said there's no quick fix but in the meantime rules have been relaxed on the number of hours propane transport drivers can be on the road and on the amount their trucks can carry. The U.S.

Energy Information Administration says the shortage is due to the cold, increased exports to other countries and a record corn crop because propane was used to dry the product.

6 :20 New numbers show the state's unemployment rate dropped slightly in December. The State Department of Workforce Development says unemployment was just over 6%, down 1/10 from the previous month.

1 :25 Another Democratic candidate is in the race to be Wisconsin's next attorney general. Jefferson County District Attorney Susan Happ filed her paperwork yesterday. Happ was first elected as D.A. in Jefferson County in 2008. She joins a Democratic field that includes Dane County D.A. Ismael Ozanne and Assemblyman Jon Richards.

3 :45 A big donation will help homeless students in Madison.

6 :25 A Milwaukee area printing company, the industry leader, is closing 2 plants this year. Officials with Quad Graphics announced today that about 200 people will lose their jobs when plants in Marengo, Iowa and Pomona, California are shut down.

Jan 24

6 9 2:15 More than 250,000 Wisconsinites are feeling the effects of a propane shortage in the Midwest. Suppliers say the situation is getting critical as prices skyrocket. Gordon Severson explains what caused the shortage and what people are doing to cope.

4 :40 Republican Senator Dale Schultz says he thinks the state can do more to help alleviate the shortage. Schultz has proposed using some of the state's surplus to help people pay for the fuel. Yesterday the governor said it's not a money issue, but a supply issue and he'll work with stakeholders on Monday to see if there are alternatives to help them out going forward.

8 11 :20 Here's one example of how strong the wind was today. It blew off part of a pre-fabricated home from a semi-trailer this morning on Highway 151 in Blue Mounds.

5 :25 Investigators say hypothermia played a significant role in the death of a man found on a frozen pond in Beaver Dam. The local police department says he is 51-year-old Robert Freund of Beaver Dam.

5 :25 Three men are now charged with selling heroin in Madison. Agents with the state's division of criminal investigation arrested Robert Adams, Eric Derring and Laquandis Gibson.

2 1:00 The Middleton-Cross Plains School District is trying to ease concerns from parents about the reinstatement of Andrew Harris. The science teacher was originally fired for looking at explicit images on a school computer but he got his job back after an arbitrator's ruling. About 20 parents protested outside Kromrey Middle School today, the school where Harris will begin teaching again on Monday.

4 :25 An assemblywoman from Madison wants to make marijuana legalize pot for recreational and medicinal purposes.

7 :45 McFarland honored a hometown hero today. That's why it was Drew Birrenkott Day in the city.

2 :25 MMSD Superintendent Jennifer Cheatham scaled back her plan to give all students a laptop or tablet. Cheatham wants to put just 10 tablets in each classroom at the kindergarten and first grade. All students from 2nd to 12th grades would still get their own device.

2 4 :25 Governor Walker said he believes the state will end up with tougher educational standards than the current Common Core standards. At a meeting of school board members in Milwaukee the governor also said he'll back legislation to create a panel to review the academic standards and recommended changes.

5 11 :25 Some roads have been closed near a mine site in northern Wisconsin to keep protesters out. The Department of Natural Resources says Gogebic Taconite closed a 600-foot strip on each side of each private road running through the site in the Penokee Hills.

4 :20 Make sure you pick up stamps this weekend, the price is going up on Sunday.

Jan 25

8 11 :25 Once again officials are reminding drivers to be prepared as the bitter cold lingers and more snow is on the way.

8 :20 The cold has a Wisconsin power company breaking records. The Racine Journal Times reports We Energies customers used about 7% more Natural Gas than the record amount set in 2009. Customers used 40% more gas in December 2013 than in December 2012.

4 11 :35 The constant cycle of cold and snow is taxing street crews all over Wisconsin. Some municipalities have to get creative to be able to keep the roads safe. In the Town of Waukesha, officials say they've already used up all the salt they have for the entire season.

4 :30 Governor Scott Walker has declared a state of emergency because of a nationwide propane shortage made worse by unusually cold weather that's caused people to use more fuel to heat their homes.

Jan 26

2 8 :30 Despite the bitter cold expected tomorrow morning, Madison Metropolitan Schools will remain open. The district asks that parents make sure kids are properly dressed for the cold.

9 :35 With all this cold, many are expecting the worst when the January energy bill arrives.

9 :25 And another home heating concern is the nationwide propane shortage. Tomorrow Governor Scott Walker will tell us more about what's being done to combat the problem in our state. The governor will meet with propane stakeholders in the morning.

5 :20 Police are looking for a group of suspects who got in a fight and stabbed 2 men at a Madison restaurant. Madison Police say the victims were smoking outside of Jolly Bob's early this morning when 8 to 10 other men started a physical altercation. Both victims went to the hospital with stab wounds.

5 :20 Authorities are searching for a suspect believed to have shot a man at a Milton bar. Rock County officials say a 28-year-old Madison man showed up at a hospital with a gunshot wound on his leg this morning.

5 :20 Dodge County authorities say a man is fighting for his life after he was hit by a car that drove away early this morning. Officials say the victim was walking on Madison Street in Beaver Dam when a dark-colored sedan hit the 33-year-old man at about 40-45 miles an hour. Anyone with information is asked to call the Dodge County Sheriff's Office.

11 :20 Traffic is significantly down on a Green Bay area bridge that had to close because of buckling pavement. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation says on average, 23,000 cars pass over the Leo Frigo Bridge on I-43 daily since it reopened on January 5th. Last year it was 29,000.

Jan 27

10 2:00 According to the research firm NPD, sales of soup are increasing at restaurants. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* we'll head to two restaurants to talk to two chefs about a Wisconsin soup that warms the soul during the long, cold winter, yet endures through other seasons as well.

3 1:50 We've had so much of this brutally cold weather this year that local homeless shelters are being pushed to their limits. Tonight Pete Zervakis visited a men's shelter in downtown Madison that's been overwhelmed with people trying to survive this winter.

4 9 :45 Many people who heat their homes with propane are starting to wonder if they'll be able to survive the winter. Today the governor announced the state would set aside an additional \$7 million to help low-income people deal with the skyrocketing price of propane caused by a nationwide shortage. That's if they can get it in the first place. If you use propane and want to see if you qualify for low-income energy assistance, you're urged to call 1-866-HEAT-WIS.

9 :20 Meantime Xcel Energy is lifting its appeal to customers in western Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota to regulate their use of natural gas. The utility asked

people to keep their homes at 60 degrees and limit their use of gas appliances after an explosion in Canada on Saturday knocked out 3 pipelines. It says customers responded and no one lost service.

2 :50 Madison is among the many school districts that will be closed tomorrow. Today was a different story. Officials say they didn't close schools because, generally, a wind chill advisory is not enough to cancel.

2 :15 We've got you covered on school closings in our area. It's a long list on WKOW.com.

2 :20 Local colleges are also taking precautions. UW Madison cancelled early classes for tomorrow, although buildings will remain open.

11 :20 Metro buses will still be going and they want to make sure you're not waiting in the cold. Metro will have warming buses at all 4 of the transfer points – east, north, south and west. They'll be available starting at 6 am through 9 pm tomorrow.

5 :25 People trying to keep their place warm now need to find another place to stay after a fire in their apartment. It broke out around 11:30 at a building on South Walker Way in Sun Prairie.

1 4 :45 Wisconsin's 17th Senate District will have a new senator next year. Republican Senator Dale Schultz says he won't run for re-election. As for what's next, Schultz says he's not sure what's to come but says he hasn't closed the door on running for office again.

Jan 28

2 4 2:20 The controversy surrounding a Middleton-Cross Plains teacher has gone all the way to the governor's office. After complaints by parents including one of the governor's staffers, Scott Walker is asking the state superintendent to revoke Andrew Harris' teaching license.

1 5 :25 A legislative aide from northwest Wisconsin is facing felony charges of election fraud. 33-year-old Marcie Malszycki is accused of voting in Onalaska in 2008 and 2010 when her home address was in Madison, where she owns a home.

4 :25 A new report shows you may save a little more than originally expected under the governor's tax cut proposal. The nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau says the average homeowner will save \$177; that's up from the \$150 estimated last week.

5 :25 It was an all-day battle against both fire and ice for firefighters on Madison's east side. It broke out around 6 am at Windsor Building Systems on Atlas Avenue. The building was a total loss, but there were no injuries.

5 :25 Police in Milwaukee are investigating the theft of a violin worth \$6 million. Officers say the concertmaster of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra was robbed of the violin Monday night following a performance at Wisconsin Lutheran College. Police Chief Ed Flynn says it appears the thieves targeted the instrument.

4 6 2:20 Tonight the city council in Stoughton is deciding whether or not to allow a developer to bring in a big-box retailer. It would bring jobs and low prices, but a group of citizens says it doesn't want the store in town.

2 :45 School districts are faced with a tough challenge – what to do about all days cancelled, time lost, because of cold weather this month.

2 4 :25 Public schools that aren't performing well would be forced to close under a new bill. The latest version of a school accountability bill would force them to shut down and reopen as charter schools. The Republican penned bill would also assign letter grades to schools. The changes would take effect in the 2015 school year. The Senate Education Committee is scheduled to vote on the bill on Thursday.

Jan 29

2 4 1:55 Tonight Madison parents are weighing a proposal to give their young students more time in P.E. There was a public hearing on the plan at the Capitol today.

2 4 :25 The future is uncertain for a bill designed to increase school accountability in Wisconsin. Senate Education Committee Chairman Luther Olsen cancelled tomorrow's vote on the measure, saying he doesn't have the votes to pass it.

5 :40 A 5-year prison sentence was handed down today for the father convicted of abusing and neglecting his teenage daughter. Authorities say Chad Chritton and his wife starved the girl and kept her in the basement of their Madison home. Chritton apologized to his daughter today. Judge Julie Genovese gave Chritton the same sentence as his wife, Melinda Drabek-Chritton who was sentenced in July of last year.

4 :20 President Obama's post-State of the Union tour brings him to Wisconsin tomorrow.

4 6 :50 Tomorrow when he's in Wisconsin, the president will focus on jobs.

4 :20 While the president is in town Governor Scott Walker will meet with him about the propane shortage. Walker sent a letter to Obama today asking for the administration to speed up the release of money that helps low-income people pay for heat.

2 4 :50 Governor Walker says one of his aides did not ask him to send a letter to State Superintendent Tony Evers about the controversy surrounding a Middleton teacher. Walker told Evers to revoke the license of Andrew Harris who was caught viewing explicit images on a school computer. As we first reported last night, Deputy Press Secretary Julie Lund posted

several messages on Facebook critical of Harris's reinstatement, but Walker says they only talked about how that type of situation could have been avoided under Act 10. Lund has a daughter in the Middleton-Cross Plains School District which cannot act on the changes in Act 10 because it still has a union contract with its teachers.

1 5 :50 We also know more tonight about the charges against a legislative aide accused of voter fraud. The charges stem from her voting in La Crosse County in both November of 2008 and 2010 even though she lived in Madison. Wisconsin's attorney general says it usually takes a long time for voting fraud charges to be filed.

5 :20 Damage is estimated at up to \$2 million after Tuesday's fire on Madison's east side.

5 :25 Still no sign of the multi-million dollar Stradivarius stolen in Milwaukee Monday night.

5 :25 Tonight a big sign on the UW campus is missing. UW-Madison Police say thieves took off with the sign outside Camp Randall Stadium that directs visitors to the football offices. A surveillance camera caught these images of 2 males and 2 females. Police say it was probably some sort of prank.

3 4 :15 Dane County is trying to keep e-cigarettes out of the hands of minors. The County Board of Supervisors recently passed an ordinance that bans the sale of e-cigarettes to kids under 18.

4 6 :25 A proposed development centered around a Wal-Mart in Stoughton is moving forward. The city council approved about \$5 million in financing for the project late last night. The developer wants Wal-Mart to anchor a complex with space for other, smaller stores. Some people are pushing back against the proposal because they're concerned Wal-Mart's presence will hurt local businesses. If the developer's plans are approved, it could begin preparing the site in the spring.

Jan 30

4 9 1:40 The federal government is sending money to Wisconsin to deal with the current propane shortage. Hundreds of thousands have been affected. Pete Zervakis spoke to one family feeling the pinch.

4 :40 Increased job training and pay equity were the themes of President Obama's speech at the G.E. plant in Waukesha today.

4 :35 In an interview with CNN, Wisconsin Congressman Paul Ryan said Republicans are frustrated because it seems like the president is trying to circumvent Congress.

2 :25 Schools in Madison will be adding extra time to make up for days lost due to the cold weather. For 4K, the afternoon session will add 6 minutes to each day starting Monday, February 3. Elementary schools will also have 6 minutes added to each day.

5 :20 Snowy roads contributed to a deadly crash in Dodge County this afternoon. Deputies say 2 vehicles hit head-on on Highway 33 near Highway I about 2 miles northwest of Juneau. One driver was killed. Two people in the other vehicle were taken to the hospital.

11 :20 The snow led to dangerous driving across the Midwest.

4 5 :25 A Madison police officer resigned from the force after misusing his authority. Police say the officer got surveillance video from a local business in 2011 after a personal domestic situation. During their internal probe, police say the officer lied to them on multiple occasions.

3 :25 Unity Health Insurance is looking for a hard drive that contains information about thousands of its members. The drive contains data about more than 41,000 people. It has information like their birthdays and the drugs they've been prescribed.

Jan 31

5 :20 Breaking news out of Walworth County where crews are trying to put out a big fire at S&R Egg Farm. This is in La Grange near Whitewater.

2 2:10 The reinstated Middleton-Cross Plains teacher who had been fired for viewing explicit content on a school computer sent a letter out to parents this week. He apologized for his actions and attempted to ease their concerns about his ability to teach their children.

5 :55 The man convicted of killing 3 people in LaFayette County last April will spend the rest of his life in a mental institution. The sentence came down today for Jaren Kuester. Authorities say he killed Gary, Chloe and Dean Thoreson with a fireplace poker.

5 :25 A Madison man is now charged with having child pornography. 36-year-old Jason Thomas faces 4 felonies. The State Department of Justice says agents searched Thomas' home in Madison and found child porn on his computer.

4 :45 Governor Scott Walker says the federal government gave Wisconsin everything we asked for to help alleviate the propane shortage.

1 4 :25 Governor Walker is well ahead of his Democratic opponent when it comes to fundraising. Walker reported raising more than \$5 million in the last half of 2013. Democratic challenger Mary Burke reported just under \$2 million.

4 10 :50 Senator Tammy Baldwin says she's still studying the 5-year farm bill passed by the house this week. The Senate votes on the bill next week which has made for some strange bedfellows. Wisconsin's House delegation split 4 to 4, with Republican Jim Sensenbrenner joining the state's 3 Democrats voting against it. But Senator Baldwin says she could support the bill if she's convinced cuts to the nation's food stamp program aren't too severe.

5 :15 We now know the name of the man who died Thursday in a crash in Dodge County. The sheriff's department says he is 46-year-old Paul Wilder of Beaver Dam.

5 :20 There's now a \$100,000 reward for the historic violin that was stolen in Milwaukee this week.

4 :20 Tax season is officially underway. The IRS began accepting and processing last year's returns today.

Feb 1

3 1:50 The harsh winter has been tough on Madison's homeless shelters. Porchlight has seen record numbers of people in need of assistance. Gordon Severson explains why the organization is grateful for some UW-Madison students' help.

5 :35 Today we learned a massive fire at a Walworth County egg plant killed up to 300,000 chickens last night. Fire officials say crews worked 15 hours to put the fire out at the S&R Egg Farm in La Grange. The company says one of its barns is destroyed. Fire officials are still working to figure out how the fire started.

8 9 1:00 As we first told you yesterday, a northeast Wisconsin gas company is leaving some of its customers in the cold this winter. The Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection says it received a number of reports that a Marinette County company called Customers Gas Service is not providing propane to people with pre-paid contracts. DATCP has also gotten calls from more than 100 people who say they're still waiting for their propane.

4 :30 Governor Walker is urging President Obama to establish a propane task force. The governor wrote a letter asking for a propane supply chain group to coordinate moving propane to places across the U.S. with low access.

5 :25 There are many ways to celebrate the Super Bowl, but driving drunk should not be one of them. The Wisconsin State Patrol says law enforcement is focused on preventing drunken driving tomorrow.

2 :55 Children of all ages had the opportunity to be both artistic and athletic today at the Wisconsin Institutes of Discovery.

Feb 2

4 :30 Dane County Sheriff Dave Mahoney says his department has increased patrols on the road tonight after many headed out to watch the game.

7 :45 The ads always get a lot of attention during the game. This Super Bowl, the Wisconsin woman known around the nation as the “Grandma Drummer” got some commercial success.

4 :40 Congressman Paul Ryan says President Obama’s time in office has become what he describes as “increasingly lawless”. Today on ABC’s *This Week* Ryan said the president is contradicting law with his executive orders.

1 4 :25 Democratic candidate for governor Mary Burke weighed in on the minimum wage debate today. On *UpFront with Mike Gousha* Burke said she would support a \$10 minimum wage in Wisconsin. Right now minimum wage is \$7.25 an hour.

5 :20 Crews worked fast to put out a fire at a transitional housing facility in Madison. Fire officials say crews were called to Porchlight on North Brooks Street around 2:30 this afternoon. Crews were able to keep the fire in just one apartment unit.

Feb 3

10 2:00 We Wisconsinites love our cheese and pairing it with a complimentary accompaniment can make it even better. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* we visit with a local chocolatier to get ideas for creative cheese pairings.

4 6 1:45 A Madison city committee has decided on a recommendation to redevelop Judge Doyle Square downtown. That proposal would now have to be approved by the city council.

4 :45 Tomorrow night a Madison alder will introduce a plan to control the pit bull population. Alder John Strasser’s proposal would require pit bulls over 5 months old to be spayed or neutered. Owners that don’t comply would face a \$500 fine.

5 :20 S&R Egg Farm says a fire Friday night will not affect the state’s egg supply. An S&R spokesman says they supply 80% of the eggs produced in Wisconsin and there will be no disruption in service. The farm lost 1 of its 14 barns near Whitewater along with thousands of chickens. S&R says it will rebuild the barn.

4 :40 Four same-sex couples filed a federal lawsuit in Madison today. They’re challenging Wisconsin’s constitutional amendment that bars them from getting married. Attorneys for the ACLU say Wisconsin’s ban violates the due process and equal protection clauses of the U.S. constitution.

5 :30 A federal agency announced a major illegal immigration bust in the Madison area. Agents from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement arrested 20 people over the weekend. They were people previously convicted of crimes like armed robbery, drug possession and domestic abuse.

Feb 4

9 :40 Salt supplies are dwindling in southern Wisconsin because of the winter we've had. Relief is on the way but it's been delayed. Two ships are bringing tons of salt from Canada to the Port of Milwaukee, but they've been delayed because of ice in the Straits of Mackinaw. Even when the ships get in, the port manager says there's a waiting list for salt.

4 :25 Governor Walker along with other Midwest governors is asking the federal government for more help to address the propane shortage.

6 2:35 A group of condo owners in downtown Madison is joining forces to stop a new development being proposed right next door. City officials are calling it one of the most controversial developments they've seen in years.

4 10 :15 President Obama will sign the new farm bill on Friday. It got to his desk after the Senate passed it today. The measure costs \$100 billion a year. It re-structures subsidies for farmers and cuts about \$800 million a year from the nation's food stamps program.

7 :35 The new head of Microsoft has Wisconsin ties. Satya Nadella is a graduate of UW-Milwaukee.

1 :45 Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mary Burke says she expects campaign fundraising to be a possible wedge issue in this year's election. Today the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign released findings that more than half of the money Governor Scott Walker raised in 2013 came from out of state. Burke says she's concerned outside interested are trying to buy the governorship.

Feb 5

5 11 :25 Highway 60 in Columbia County near Columbus is closed in both directions right now because of a crash. The sheriff's department says 2 cars crashed on Highway 60 near Wendt Road just after 8 o'clock tonight.

5 3:00 A Juneau County dog handler defiantly keeps her animals despite citations, convictions, evictions and a recent tragedy. She spoke with our Tony Galli, reluctantly at first, as community leaders turn up the pressure on her.

9 :20 In the Port of Milwaukee this morning salt barges brought in 50,000 tons of salt and trucks were ready to ship it out across southern Wisconsin.

4 5 :20 A Dane County judge struck down permitting rules being used to prosecute protesters at the State Capitol. Today Judge John Markson dismissed a ticket given to Michael Crute back in August of 2013 saying state rules requiring protesters to obtain a permit were unconstitutional. The State Justice Department says it's reviewing the ruling.

4 :45 Governor Walker admitted today he may have to compromise on his tax cut proposal. Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald has said he may not have the votes to pass the tax cuts as is, so they're meeting about changes they want to see in the plan. Governor Walker says he thinks the proposal will get through with some minor tweaks.

3 4 :40 Local food banks are concerned about the impact of the new farm bill. The bill cuts more than \$8.5 billion from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP. Second Harvest Food Bank in Madison is afraid it won't be able to keep up with increased demand.

5 :20 A crash near Stoughton this morning left 1 dead and 2 others hurt. Around 7:40 am deputies responded to Highway 51 at Lake Kegonsa Road. Two cars and a truck were involved. The driver of 1 car, a 44-year-old man from Oregon, died at the scene.

5 :20 Three suspects are now in custody, but a stolen, historic violin remains missing.

3 6 :25 A national drug store chain is getting out of the tobacco business. CVS says it's removing cigars, cigarettes and chewing tobacco from its stores by October. The pharmacy says it's trying to focus on being more of a health care provider.

9 :20 Telemarketers topped the list of consumer complaints in Wisconsin. It's the 11th year in a row that telemarketers have been number one. Many of the complaints in 2013 involved robocalls. Here's the list of the rest of the top 5: landlord-tenant issues; problems with telecommunications companies; identity theft; and, home improvement.

6 :40 The craft beer industry is seeing a nationwide blowup in recent years. Since 2010 more than 900 breweries have joined the marketplace. In Wisconsin nearly 200 are currently making beer, creating thousands of jobs and pumping millions of dollars into the local economy.

Feb 6

5 2:15 Detectives are continuing their search for 5-day-old baby Kayden J. Powell who has been missing since early this morning. He and his parents were staying with family in the Town of Beloit. When his mother woke up in the middle of the night she realized Kayden was gone.

5 :20 Officials are asking anyone who might have information about where Kayden is or any other tips that could help in the case to please call authorities. The 2 numbers

given out by the Rock County Sheriff's Department to call are: The Amber Alert Tip Line at 608-758-8477 or the Rock County Communications Center at 608-757-2244.

5 :20 Investigators say a Cottage Grove man died after a crash this morning. This happened on County Highway N near Natvig Road. Cottage Grove Police say the driver's car crossed the center line and hit a semi coming the opposite direction. The man who died is 44 years old and from Cottage Grove, but his name has not been released. The semi driver was not hurt.

5 :25 Deputies in Columbia County arrested 1 of the drivers involved in a crash last night near Columbus. Tanya Holhstein faces 6 potential charges including OWI causing injury.

5 :15 Meantime, we learned the name of the man who died in a crash near Stoughton yesterday. The Dane County Medical Examiner's Office says he is 44-year-old Raife Melloch of Oregon.

5 :40 After an extensive search, the rare Stradivarius violin has been found. Milwaukee Police say several tips led them to an east side Milwaukee home where officers found the \$6 million violin in the attic.

3 4 :30 Governor Scott Walker signed 7 different bills today designed to improve mental health services in the state. Walker put pen to paper at a ceremony in Green Bay. The bills set aside about \$4 million to attract psychiatrists to underserved areas, create a consultation hotline to help treat kids and teenagers and help people with mental illnesses find jobs. Governor Walker called the package a huge step forward to make sure everyone living with a mental illness gets the care they need.

2 :45 A study of Wisconsin charter schools concludes they are not producing higher student achievement levels. The Forward Institute of Madison presented its findings at a news conference in Spring Green today. The study shows that charter schools are only doing better than public schools because they are taking on fewer problematic students.

4 :25 An Assembly committee today approved the governor's \$504 million dollar tax cut proposal. Passage by the Committee on Jobs, Economy and Mining sends it to the full Assembly. That chamber is scheduled to take up the measure on Tuesday.

3 :30 UW Hospital is notifying some patients and staff members that they may have been exposed to measles. The hospital says a patient came into the emergency room on February 1st and left February 3rd.

Feb 7

3 5 :55 6-day-old Kayden Powell is back with his family tonight.

5 :55 The baby's aunt, the half-sister of his mother, is accused of kidnapping him. 31-year-old Kristen Smith faces a federal kidnapping charge. The U.S. Attorney's Office says she will be tried in federal court because she crossed state lines with the boy.

2 5 :30 Police in Sun Prairie arrested a high school staff member for having an inappropriate relationship with a student. 25-year-old Janet Kula was arrested for sexual assault of a child by a school staff person. Kula worked at the high school as a special education assistant.

5 :25 Two men are now charged with stealing a \$6 million violin. 41-year-old Salah Sala-Hadyn and 36-year-old Universal Allah are each charged being party to robbery.

5 :25 Charges were filed against the driver in a crash that sent a newspaper delivery man through the vehicle's windshield. The driver, 20-year-old Jamie Hang, faces 4 counts including 1st degree recklessly endangering safety.

5 :25 In Cottage Grove authorities have released the name of the man killed in a crash yesterday. The Dane County medical examiner says it was 44-year-old Scott Carviou of Cottage Grove.

4 10 :25 Farmers and other rural businesses are going to get some help to sell their products around the world. Today at Michigan State University President Obama signed the 5-year, \$500 billion farm bill into law.

1 4 :20 In Wisconsin's political scene, State Assemblyman Fred Clark is not running for re-election. The Democrat from Baraboo announced today that he will be retiring at the end of the year.

Feb 8

3 5 1:55 Family tells 27 News 7-day-old Kayden Powell is back in Rock County after a long couple of days since he was kidnapped. In continuing coverage Gordon Severson shares doctors' reactions, who say it's nothing short of a miracle that Kayden survived in the frigid cold all alone.

7 :40 Hundreds of people swapped their winter coats for swimming suits today at the 15th Annual Polar Plunge in Madison.

8 :15 The bitter cold temperatures we've seen in the Midwest have left more than 3/4 of the Great Lakes covered in ice. Researchers at the Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory say that's much more ice coverage than usual. Ice coverage has an impact on hydropower and climate patterns.

6 8 :35 Believe it or not, some businesses are actually benefitting from the long winter and from the propane shortage. Many stores like Menards are experiencing a high

demand for alternative heating since the shortage began. One manager of a Menards says space heaters are the go-to option.

4 :20 This year we'll see some changes to the deer hunting season. Governor Scott Walker announced some new regulations today at the 8th Annual National Rifle Association State Convention in Weston. The main changes include a simplified 4-day season and holiday hunts, changes to deer management units by county, and eliminating in-person registrations for phone and online.

6 :45 The mayor of Racine says he expects the S.C. Johnson plant to come back stronger after a round of layoffs. The company announced this week it will lay off between 300 and 400 employees. That's about twice as many as announced back in October. The layoffs are set to begin Tuesday. Mayor John Dickert says S.C. Johnson is still a major employer and calls the cuts a "bump in the road". Dickert says Racine's unemployment is around 11%.

4 :20 More than 300 libraries across the state are getting an internet upgrade this year. The Harold Times Media reports libraries are getting a fiber optic network upgrade to improve consumer experience. The internet upgrade is funded in part by Wisconsin's Technology for Education Achievement program.

3 :25 A nationwide shortage on saline solution used in IVs is causing some Wisconsin hospitals to conserve their supplies. Federal officials warned it could be linked to an influenza outbreak. Middleton's EMS Department told 27 News last month it is part of a larger problem of rising drug costs. Some hospitals in Wisconsin are cautious about supplies but expect patient care will likely not be affected. Saline suppliers say they're ramping up production.

Feb 9

5 1:40 It's been 4 days since a Beloit neighborhood was shaken by the disappearance of newborn Kayden Powell. The boy was reunited with his parents Friday.

5 :45 The multimillion dollar Stradivarius violin that was stolen and found last week is making music once again.

4 :25 On Tuesday the Assembly will take up a proposal that would eliminate the state treasurer position. A constitutional amendment would make Wisconsin 1 of 5 states without a treasurer. Some Republican lawmakers also want to do away with the secretary of state. But the amendment looks at just the treasurer position. The measure must pass in 2 consecutive legislative sessions and voters have the final say. A referendum would be possible by January 2019.

5 :35 A deadly house fire in southeastern Wisconsin is a reminder of the importance of home safety. Last night one person died in a house fire in Glendale.

5 :20 A Wisconsin woman was killed after leading police on a high-speed chase in Minnesota. Authorities say Dawn Pfister from Elkhorn and Matthew Serbus were killed Friday in an officer shooting on Highway 212 in Eden Prairie, Minnesota.

4 :20 The State Senate is set to vote on a bill that would do away with 6-person juries on misdemeanor cases. The bill requires a 12-person jury in all criminal cases, unless a judge and attorneys agree to a smaller panel.

4 11 :15 Wisconsin's Department of Transportation is releasing a new mobile app to help people applying for a commercial driver's license. DMV administrators say the app will help prepare applicants for a written CDL test.

Feb 10

10 2:00 In Wisconsin's dairy industry, it's not uncommon to have multi-generational businesses; but when one of these has been around for 100 years, that's cause for celebration. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* we check in with Henning's Cheese, celebrating a century of award winning cheese making!

5 2:25 A couple of area humane societies are joining forces after an early morning fire at the animal shelter in Adams County.

8 9 :55 The relentless sub-zero temperatures have pushed the deep freeze down to the water line. And it's causing water pipes in the city to freeze up between the street and homes. It's called a frozen lateral.

2 :15 A frozen water main shut down Sauk Trail Elementary in the Middleton-Cross Plains School District today. But school will be open tomorrow.

5 :40 Authorities released the 9-1-1 call made by the mother of a baby taken from the Town of Beloit. The call shows the woman didn't think her half-sister was involved in the crime.

5 :25 Smith faces a federal kidnapping charge. She is currently being held in Iowa, apart from other inmates for safety reasons.

4 6 :45 Tonight leadership is changing for the Menominee Tribe and it could have an impact on the future of its proposed casino in Kenosha. Chairman Craig Corn is out and now Laurie Boivin is stepping in. That raises questions for some, like Assembly Speaker Robin Vos. He represents nearby Racine County and has supported the casino project.

4 :30 The State Assembly is likely to approve the governor's \$504 million tax cut proposal tomorrow. The bill would reduce individual income tax rates and provides property tax relief.

2 :45 Students get to see some progress after almost a year and a half of construction at UW's Memorial Union. It was the grand opening of Der Stift-Skeller.

1 4 :35 A Democratic candidate for Wisconsin attorney general started a petition against the state's ban on gay marriage. Representative Jon Richards of Milwaukee is calling on the Department of Justice to stop defending the ban. Richards says he is for marriage equality and would not defend the ban if he were elected. Another Democratic candidate, Ismael Ozanne says he also would not defend the gay marriage ban. Republican candidate, Waukesha County District Attorney Brad Schimel says it's the attorney general's responsibility to defend the state's laws, not substitute personal opinions for the law.

1 4 :40 A pair of retiring state senators want Wisconsin to change the way it draws its political boundaries. Senators Tim Cullen, a Democrat, and Dale Schulz, a Republican, held a public meeting on the topic at the Capitol this morning. They say Wisconsin would be best served by adopting a non-partisan commission that would lay out legislative districts. Right now boundaries are drawn by the State Legislature. There's been no sign that Republican leaders in the Senate and Assembly have plans to change redistricting in the current legislative session.

1 4 :20 A decade in the Legislature is enough for a Wisconsin Republican assemblywoman. Pat Strachota of West Bend says she will not run for re-election in November. She says she wants to spend more time with her 90-year-old mother. Strachota has served in the Assembly since 2004 and she's a member of the Joint Finance Committee.

2 :50 UW-Madison is trying to get back into the area of classified government research. It's something not allowed on campus since the days of the Sterling Hall Bombing. State lawmakers say that 1970 bombing - aimed at the Army Mathematics Research Center in Sterling Hall - caused the UW System to eliminate all classified research. But now state lawmakers and IT professionals say the school is losing out on federal cyber-defense research dollars because of that policy.

9 :25 Two major credit card companies are making the switch to new plastic that could cut down on fraud. Visa and MasterCard are going to Smart Cards by October of 2015.

Feb 11

4 2:10 In what would be a first of its kind ordinance in Wisconsin, Lodi is considering a move to keep kids away from 2 common problems. The idea is, if they don't see advertisements for alcohol or tobacco, they won't be tempted to try them.

4 :25 A Madison city committee approved a plan to add a buffer zone for protesters outside of health care facilities. The ordinance calls for demonstrations to be at least 160 feet from a clinic and protesters to be 8 feet from patients as they walk in and out. Critics say the plan violates their first amendment rights. Supporters say it strikes a balance between patient safety and free speech.

4 :15 The committee also approved a proposal to require all pit bulls over 5 months old to be spayed or neutered. People who don't comply would face a fine of up to \$500. Both of these ordinances now go to the board of health for Madison and Dane County.

5 :35 A teenager in Kenosha is charged with attacking a bus driver and the brawl was caught on camera.

4 :20 The state is a step closer to a big tax cut. The Assembly approved Governor Walker's proposal today. The measure passed on a 62 to 37 vote. Assembly Republicans rejected a Democratic plan that called for more spending on job training and reducing property taxes. The bill now goes to the State Senate.

1 4 :35 Democratic candidate for governor Mary Burke has other ideas for the state's \$977 million surplus. Burke wants to use half of the money for property tax relief and the other half to pay off debt and bolster the Rainy Day Fund. She says the state needs to take care of its obligations.

4 :35 It would be more difficult for lawmakers to raise taxes under a proposal passed today by the Assembly. This is actually a proposed constitutional amendment and would require a 2/3 majority vote before taxes can be raised. The Assembly also passed a proposed amendment that would eliminate the job of state treasurer. To become part of the constitution, an amendment must pass 2 consecutive sessions of the legislature and be approved by voters.

4 6 1:45 The effort to bring a new Wal-Mart Super Center to Stoughton continues. Some citizens aren't happy with the development process. The city council took up the issue tonight and Pete Zervakis stopped in.

9 :30 Graco is recalling nearly 4 million seats because kids can be trapped by buckles that may not unlatch. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says some parents reported they've had to cut their kids free because they couldn't get them out of the seats.

Feb 12

5 1:50 Bail has been set at \$20,000 cash for a woman accused of killing her 1-year-old daughter. Police say 23-year-old Tallie Strommen gave the child a prescription painkiller to help the girl go to sleep.

5 :25 A Fitchburg man was arrested on accusations he had child pornography. Authorities say 22-year-old Brandon Finch had images of porn on his computer. In an unrelated case, Finch is also accused of taking pictures of young girls at a church in Oregon where he worked. The church's pastor says some of Finch's photos were of children's underwear but the kids were fully clothed. Finch was fired from the church.

5 :25 First it was the Stradivarius violin, now pieces of American history are missing from the Milwaukee area. QPS Employment Group in Brookfield is missing 3 documents written by George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Benjamin Franklin. The owner

of the business said he noticed them missing after the relocation of their headquarters. They're offering a \$5,000 reward for the return of the documents.

2 :15 Lakeside Lutheran High School in Lake Mills will be closed tomorrow due to a water main break. The district says boys' basketball games against Watertown Luther Prep will go on as scheduled.

4 6 :50 A bill to limit local living wage ordinances could be moving to the full State Assembly by tomorrow. That bill was just introduced yesterday, causing many at a public hearing to criticize the way it's being rushed through the legislative process. It was written to prevent a possible living wage ordinance from going into effect in Milwaukee County, but would impact similar measures in Madison and Dane County as well.

2 :50 Students and staff members at Madison Memorial High School are remembering their principal who passed away last night. Bruce Dahmen died while visiting a former Memorial High School student who plays basketball at the University of Tennessee. Dahmen had been at Madison Memorial for 40 years.

11 2:20 Hear that clunking? That's not what you want to hear when you're driving down the road, but it's what people who travel Highway 69 experience every time they're on that road.

4 11 :25 Put down your cell phone the next time you drive through Wausau. Last night Wausau's city council passed a ban on drivers using cell phones. The ban does not include hands-free calls or GPS devices, as long as you've put in the destination before starting the trip. Violators will be fined \$40. City council members say they've already received positive feedback about the new ordinance.

5 :25 As part of its bankruptcy plan, the Milwaukee Archdiocese will set aside \$4 million for clergy sexual abuse victims. Under the proposal announced today, the archdiocese estimates about 125 victims will be eligible for a settlement.

Feb 13

2 1:55 A local school district is experiencing the excitement and challenges that come with rapid growth.

5 :20 State patrol troopers arrested a driver tonight after they led officers on a chase that ended in Madison. The driver was arrested in the area of Cottage Grove Road and Acewood Boulevard on the city's east side.

11 :25 In northeast Wisconsin 3 people were hurt when a twin-engine plane made a hard landing at the airport in Oconto north of Green Bay. The local sheriff's department says the pilot notified the airport in Green Bay that the plane's instruments and wings were icing up and he needed to make an emergency landing. The plane skidded off the runway and was heavily damaged. 3 passengers were taken to the hospital with minor injuries.

8 9 :35 Madison Water Utility says its crews are working almost non-stop to restore water to homeowners with frozen laterals. The utility says it's received more than 100 calls since Saturday because of problems with pipes that take water from city mains into homes. Normally it gets fewer than 5 calls.

2 :15 The water is back on at Lakeside Lutheran School in Lake Mills so classes will resume tomorrow. The school was closed today because of a broken water main. The missed day will be made up on Monday, April 21st.

4 9 :40 Complaints of possible propane price gouging have tripled in Wisconsin in just the last 2 weeks. On February 3rd the state had 30 complaints about propane dealers. Today they had more than 100. Customer Jayna Zobel says she's contacted the state over her recent propane delivery which cost more than 4 times what it did last year.

5 :25 Prosecutors in Iowa filed a child endangerment charge against Kristen Smith, the woman accused of kidnapping a baby from the Town of Beloit.

4 :45 State Democrats want to repeal Wisconsin's ban on same-sex marriages. They introduced a constitutional amendment today that would eliminate the ban. Milwaukee Assemblywoman Joecasta Zamarripa, who is bisexual, said the measure is one way to educate the people of Wisconsin about the importance of equality.

7 :45 Several local organizations are coming together to bring peace to Madison neighborhoods. The community non-profit Today Not Tomorrow, or Club TNT, is partnering with the Madison Police Department to launch a new program called Peacemakers. Organizers say their focus will be improving relationships between teenagers and young adults and police officers.

4 :45 The new tribal chair of the Menominee Nation scolded lawmakers during her annual State of the Tribes address this afternoon. Laurie Boivin criticized legislators for changing state law to make it harder to force public schools to drop their race-based mascots, logos or nicknames. One issue that did not come in today's address was the Menominee's proposal for an \$800 million off-reservation casino in Kenosha.

4 :25 After the State of the Tribes, the Assembly took up a few bills. One that's headed to Governor Walker is a proposal that would allow anyone to contribute to an Edvest account -- the state's college savings plan. The Assembly also sent a couple bills to the State Senate. One measure tightens Wisconsin's human trafficking laws. A third bill approved by the Assembly legalizes rubber duck races as fundraisers.

2 4 :40 A new \$2 million seed fund will give Wisconsin college students the opportunity to start their own business. The UW System and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation are joining forces to create the fund. Each applicant can get up to \$75,000. Educators say students across the state have unique business proposals.

Feb 14

4 11 2:20 A bumpy stretch of Highway 69 is about to get a much needed facelift. We brought you the story earlier this week about the terrible road conditions between Verona and Belleville. Tonight Gordon Severson explains what the Department of Transportation is doing to fix the road in the fall.

5 :25 A Fitchburg man is part of a class-action lawsuit filed against Target following its massive security breach last year. The Wisconsin State Journal reports Kas Schafer joined Integrity First Bank in Wausau in filing the lawsuit. It's the first of its kind to be filed in Wisconsin but one of about 80 nationwide.

5 :25 Accused kidnapper Kristen Smith waived her extradition to Texas today. Smith was originally arrested in Iowa on charges from Texas.

5 :45 Kaden and his mother, Brianna Marshall, and father, Bruce Powell, are all back home in Beloit. Kayden's great grandmother Shirley Bennett says she thinks Smith should be severely punished for what she's accused of doing.

5 :15 A Madison man now faces 4 felony charges for having child pornography. Prosecutors file the charges today against 22-year-old Brandon Finch.

5 :25 Records show a driver who hit a Milwaukee County sheriff deputy's SUV on Thursday shouldn't have been behind the wheel. The officer was hit on Highway 45 yesterday in Milwaukee while on the scene of a rollover crash. The deputy was hurt but he'll be okay.

5 :25 New details tonight on a high-speed chase that ended in Madison last night. Raymond Lizardi was arrested on charges that include eluding an officer and recklessly endangering safety.

5 11 :40 A street in downtown Ripon is open again tonight, 2 months after a fire destroyed 2 buildings. Watson Street is returning to normal after the fire in December.

4 :30 Dane County's street cleaners are getting cleaner themselves. The county now has a snow plow that runs on compressed natural gas. County Executive Joe Parisi says the fuel is cheaper than diesel and better for the environment.

2 7 :25 Officials are expecting an overflow crowd at Madison Memorial High School Sunday afternoon for a tribute to their late principal, Bruce Dahmen. The 61-year-old Dahmen spent 40 of those years at Memorial.

11 :30 The rough winter has led to the highest number of flight cancellations in more than a quarter century. Numbers from Flight Aware, an aviation data company, show airlines have cancelled more than 75,000 domestic flights since December 1st and about 14,000 this week alone. Storms are mostly to blame, but officials say airlines are also quicker to cancel

flights because of new regulations that increase the amount of rest pilots need and the length of time planes can be kept waiting on the tarmac.

4 8 :25 The 2014 sturgeon spearing season on Lake Winnebago is over and it set a new record. DNR officials say 95 of the more than 1,800 sturgeon speared weighed more than 100 pounds. That's the most of that weight ever registered in a single season.

2 4 :20 An administrator from UW-Madison is taking a job with the Obama Administration. The president nominated Maria Cancian for assistant secretary for children and families in the Department of Health and Human Services. She serves as an associate dean and professor in the College of Letters and Science.

Feb 15

8 2:00 A lot of snow nationwide has created a road salt shortage in parts of the country, including southern Wisconsin. Gordon Severson explains how it's affecting local businesses and street crews.

8 :45 In north central Wisconsin the City of Neillsville is currently under a water boil advisory after a series of water main breaks that have kept crews working around the clock since yesterday trying to restore water to most of the city that's been dry.

5 :20 Police are searching for the driver of an SUV involved in a hit and run crash. Fitchburg Police say the driver was following a sedan near Crescent Road last night. During the pursuit gun shots were fired and one of the cars hit a parked truck. Later the car was located but the SUV is still missing.

5 :40 A 34-year-old man is in critical condition tonight after a massive garage fire at a home in Waukesha.

1 5 :20 A recent court decision in Pennsylvania is giving opponents of Wisconsin's voter ID law hope that it could be overturned. Last month a Pennsylvania judge struck down a requirement for voters to show ID at the polls and a federal judge will rule on a similar challenge in Wisconsin. Supporters say voter ID cuts down on fraud; opponents believe the laws exclude the poor and minority voters.

2 :30 A Wisconsin dad wants answers after his 4-year-old daughter was left on a school bus twice by the same driver. Robert English says his daughter Bailey told him she fell asleep in November then again on Thursday and woke up in someone's driveway. The driver works for Dousman Transport which serves the Trevor-Wilmot School District.

7 13 :40 Two Wisconsin Iraq veterans who set out on a remarkable journey last year have made it home. This afternoon fellow veterans and others gathered in Milwaukee to welcome home Anthony Anderson and Tom Voss. The 2 walked 2,700 miles from Milwaukee to Los Angeles in 155 days. They say this is just the beginning. The goal is to raise \$100,000 for Dry Hooch, a veteran support organization.

Feb 16

5 :40 A skier found dead in the Colorado Mountains today is from Wisconsin. A family member tells 27 News a Portage man was killed while on a ski trip yesterday.

2 7 2:05 Madison Memorial High School was packed this afternoon with people looking to pay tribute to Principal Bruce Dahmen who died suddenly on Tuesday.

5 :50 A father is in Sauk County custody tonight after police say he kidnapped his son from a Minnesota home. Authorities say the boy is doing fine and was reunited with his mother in Wisconsin tonight.

5 :20 A Madison Water Utility worker is recovering after he was hit by a drunk driver last night. Madison Police say Patrick Klitzman hit a utility vehicle on Stoughton Road around 11:30 where workers were repairing an underground water valve. The victim's leg is broken but he'll be ok. Klitzman faces a charge of driving while intoxicated, causing injury.

5 :45 An Oregon church community, still in shock, comes together to talk about how to move on from the arrest of a former employee.

5 :25 A trial begins this week for the 3rd and final defendant in an ongoing child abuse case in Madison. Joshua Drabek is accused of sexually assaulting his stepsister, the daughter of Chad Chritton. He was found guilty of abusing and neglecting the then 15-year-old girl. Joshua Drabek faces 3 counts -- child abuse and 1st and 2nd degree sexual assault of a child.

8 11 :35 A snowy day will likely make for a tough morning commute tomorrow all over the state. State patrol officers are urging drivers that you should give yourself plenty of extra time to get to your destination.

10 :20 A dramatic increase in dairy exports means Wisconsin dairy farmers are getting record prices for milk. The Wisconsin State Journal reports the demand for dairy products has never been higher. The average price for milk is more than \$23 for 100 pounds, topping the previous record set in November of 2012 by a dollar. Officials say prices in stores should remain steady.

Feb 17

10 2:00 Everyone's heard of the pub crawl, but here in Wisconsin we're following a new take on the pub crawl. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* we're tracking a group of fried curd fanatics on their cheese curd crawl!

8 11 1:55 Pete Zervakis joins us now live with more on how Madison copes with this latest winter storm.

8 11 :50 Driving was a struggle for part of the day on the Beltline in Madison. Whiteout conditions and the slick surface led to many slide offs and crashes.

4 8 :25 Madison declared a snow emergency which means all residential streets will be cleared and odd-even parking is in effect downtown.

5 :30 We learned more today about the 2 men from Portage who died in an avalanche in Colorado. The Lake County Sheriff's Office in Colorado says the men are 32-year-old Justin Lentz and 34-year-old Jarrard Law. Their bodies were found Sunday on a mountain about 80 miles southwest of Denver.

5 :25 Opening statements should begin tomorrow in the trial of Joshua Drabek, the man accused of sexually assaulting his teenage stepsister.

5 :25 A judge found an Adams County man not guilty by reason of mental disease in the death of his girlfriend. 29-year-old Coleman Dybul is accused of shooting and killing Toni Voss in March of 2013. Dybul's attorney says doctors determined his client wasn't making his own decisions that night because of PTSD following his service in the Marines.

5 :20 It's a not guilty plea in the historic violin heist in Milwaukee. Salah Salahaydn is charged with being a party to the robbery of the Stradivarius violin. Prosecutors say Salahaydn had been plotting for a while to steal the instrument. He faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted.

6 :35 American TV and Appliance is closing after 6 decades in business. The Madison-based company is shutting down all 11 of its locations. In a statement, American said the economy has been unforgiving, especially in the last 5 years. The decision will leave nearly 1,000 people without work.

3 5 :30 Wisconsin's drunk-driving prevention efforts get a failing grade. That's according to Mothers Against Drunk Driving or MADD. The group gave Wisconsin a ranking of 2 out of 5. We got the poor grade because MADD says the state can't force a suspected drunk driver to provide a blood sample on their first offense, since the offense is only a traffic citation, not a crime. The non-profit says Wisconsin can improve its grade by expanding the use of deterrents like ignition interlock devices.

4 :55 The new man in charge of determining which of Wisconsin's sex offenders should be released back into society was pressured to resign from a similar position in Florida. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services hired Dr. Daniel Montaldi as its sex offender evaluation director last week. But Montaldi came under scrutiny in his last position after authorizing the release of more sex offenders than he was committing to confinement.

4 :25 Two Republican members of the State Assembly are leaving the Legislature. Representative John Klenke of Green Bay and Representative Mary Williams of Medford each announced they are not going to run for re-election in November. Klenke has served 2 terms in the Assembly. Williams has served for 12 years.

4 9 :15 You may have to wait longer for help from the IRS this tax season. USA Today says the agency has fewer employees because of budget cuts. The IRS chief says phone lines will be very busy and that you could spend a long time on hold.

6 8 :40 The harsh winter hasn't been all bad – it's actually been great for snowmobilers, especially near Green Bay. The National Weather Service says this is the deepest snow pack around the Green Bay area since 1982. And that not only means good business for snowmobile dealers, but also local bars and restaurants.

Feb 18

4 2:15 Enough is enough. That's the message to the Dane County Dispatch Center today. Mayor Paul Soglin and the Madison Police and Fire Departments called them out this afternoon. They're upset about 32 dispatch errors over the last 10 months that they say put both first responders and the public in danger.

5 :45 The teenager who was allegedly assaulted by her stepbrother took the stand today in the stepbrother's trial. 20-year-old Joshua Drabek faces charges of sexually assaulting and abusing the girl. Today the girl said she had told her parents about a time when she says Josh tried to have sex with her.

5 :20 An autopsy tomorrow will give investigators more insight into how a man died in Lone Rock today. The Richland County Sheriff's Department calls the death of 53-year-old Richard Calandra unusual, but not suspicious. Calandra was found in a snow bank along Main Street around 8:30 this morning.

1 2 :40 Results are coming into our newsroom on this election night. One of the school referenda we're following is in the Lomira School District. Voters there narrowly approved a \$24 million renovation of the main school building. And voters in the Heran School District in Dodge County voted against a referendum for an additional \$1 million for maintenance.

13 2:00 The Wisconsin National Guard says it's saddened and outraged after a soldier posted controversial pictures on social media. The soldier serves in a unit responsible for funerals of fallen military members.

4 5 :25 A bill moving forward in the Legislature would change investigations into officer-involved shootings. The Assembly passed the measure tonight.

2 4 :25 Earlier in the day the State Senate approved a bill to hold schools more accountable. But the Assembly has different ideas for the measure. The Senate bill requires all schools in Wisconsin to have their test scores reported on a statewide report card, starting in the 2015-16 school year. Assembly Republicans want a more comprehensive bill that would punish failing schools. They believe that measure could get through the Legislature.

4 :25 Tomorrow the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee will vote on the governor's tax cut plan.

4 :20 The Finance Committee will also hear a proposal for a loan program for people struggling with high propane prices. Under the bill, a person could get up to \$2,500 to pay for the fuel or other heating supplies. Republicans say it would help middle class citizens who don't qualify for low-income assistance.

2 :25 Edgewood College in Madison has its search for a new president down to 3 finalists. They include former state superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster, who's now president of Nicolet College in Rhinelander. Scott Flanagan is currently Edgewood's executive vice president. And Robert Pastor is the vice president for student life at Marietta College in Ohio.

Feb 19

4 2:40 The heads of Madison and Dane County don't see eye-to-eye on addressing mistakes at the County 911 Center. Today Dane County Executive Joe Parisi responded to Madison Mayor Paul Soglin's concerns about 32 errors over the last 10 months due to a \$3 million software upgrade last April.

1 4 1:35 Emails released today show Governor Scott Walker may have known about illegal campaign activity going on at his Milwaukee County executive's office in 2010. Those emails were used as evidence to convict Walker's deputy chief of staff with the county, Kelly Rindfleisch, for doing campaign work on county time.

4 :25 Hours after the governor said he wasn't pleased with the state's new sex offender violation director, the new hire lost his job. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel says the State Department of Health Services rescinded its verbal job offer to Daniel Montaldi. Montaldi resigned from a similar post in Florida in September amid accusations too many sex offenders were released while he was on the job.

13 :20 The Wisconsin National Guard suspended a second soldier from funeral honors duty. The suspension of Sergeant Luis Jimenez also came after a social media post.

5 :20 A federal grand jury indicted the woman accused of kidnapping a baby from the Town of Beloit. Jurors returned the indictment today against Kristen Smith.

5 :40 Prosecutors rested their case today in Joshua Drabek's sexual assault trial.

5 :20 3 people were taken to the hospital after a stabbing in Beloit. 23-year-old Luis Munoz was arrested in the case. He was also 1 of the 3 taken to the hospital. Police say Munoz stabbed 2 people he lives with: a 44-year-old woman and a 72-year-old man. 1 of the victims has already been released from the hospital.

9 1:45 The price of coffee beans is on the rise. It's due to speculation about a drought in South America but it could impact the price of your morning cup.

4 :25 A slightly modified version of Governor Walker's proposed tax cut plan passed a key committee today. The Joint Finance Committee passed the property and income tax cut for the same amount, \$504 million. But Senate Republicans wanted, and got, a change in where to put \$118 million. It'll go into the general fund, along with another \$38 million from state agencies.

4 :20 That same committee also signed off on a bill designed to help people afford skyrocketing propane prices. Under the bill the state would guarantee up to \$2,500 in loans to purchase propane or other heating supplies. Governor Scott Walker last month declared a state of emergency due to the propane shortage and established a \$3 million loan guarantee program for propane dealers.

Feb 20

8 :20 It hasn't been too bad here, but they're getting it in western and northwestern Wisconsin. Plows have been busy all day in Eau Claire – they're prepared for about a foot of snow.

8 :20 Many people in the Midwest are without power. Thousands of them are in Rochester, Minnesota and that could be because of this transformer explosion.

5 2:00 We're still waiting for a verdict in Joshua Drabek's sexual assault trial. But there are signs the jury is close to a decision.

5 :25 Accused kidnapper Kristen Smith will appear in a federal courtroom in Madison tomorrow. The 31-year-old was indicted for the kidnapping of baby Kayden Powell from a Town of Beloit home 2 weeks ago.

5 :20 Investigators in Richland County say a man who died this week was not murdered. The sheriff's department says Richard Calandra had been drinking all day Monday and couldn't get into his home that night. The 53-year-old's body was found outside his home Tuesday morning.

5 :25 A LaFayette County man faces charges for neglecting a dozen of his horses.

4 5 :55 We're still assessing the fallout from yesterday's release of thousands of secret emails from the first John Doe investigation involving Governor Walker and his staff. But their real impact may not truly be felt for months. UW political expert Ken Mayer says many of the things contained in the emails are good fodder for Democrat Mary Burke to use in campaign ads against Walker in the governor's race. And he predicts the offensive emails from Walker's former staffers may hurt more than any information about wrongdoing.

4 :20 Right now the State Assembly is debating a bill that would end minimum wage mandates for local government workers. The bill would impact workers in Madison, Dane

County and Milwaukee County. Governor Walker has said the measure is not part of his agenda, but has not said whether he would veto or sign it.

6 :20 There were lines to get into the parking lot as American TV started its Going Out of Business sale today.

6 8 :40 Two local energy companies are pitching in to help the less fortunate in Wisconsin who depend on propane. Madison Gas & Electric and WE Energies agreed to give the state access to an estimated 117,000 gallons of propane. The fuel is available to people who qualify for low-income assistance. MG&E is providing up to 45,000 gallons of propane. The state will replace the supply taken from both utilities once the heating season is over.

10 :20 Wisconsin is known for its farms. But the latest USDA census shows our numbers are dropping. The report shows Wisconsin lost 8,700 farms as well as 620,000 acres of farmland from 2007 to 2012. Both figures are among the most in the nation. But Wisconsin is still in the top ten in both categories. There were nearly 70,000 farms in the state in 2012.

3 12 :40 A local non-profit is one step closer to opening a new teen shelter in Dane County. Youth Services of Southern Wisconsin moved into a new building on Rimrock Road that will more than double the space for its services but more importantly, will provide a shelter for runaway and homeless children.

Feb 21

5 :25 Right now Dane County deputies are on scene of a crash northeast of Cross Plains. Officers say the road is likely to be closed for several more hours. The Dane County Sheriff's Office tells 27 News that 2 cars crashed at the intersection of Highways K and P.

2 8 :20 A gas leak interrupted a girls' basketball game tonight at Parkview High School in Orfordville. The building was evacuated around 7 pm after people smelled gas. A leak was found on the roof and after repairs, everyone was let back in around 8 pm and the game went on.

8 9 2:10 Area plumbers say the ground is frozen 8 feet below the surface in some areas. They're urging home and business owners to monitor their pipes in the coming weeks. When the ground thaws, problems that were hidden most of the winter will start to emerge during the spring.

8 :20 Along with the cold, wind was another weather headline today.

8 :20 Meantime, people in northern Wisconsin spent the day clearing away more than a foot of snow in some areas.

2 7 :25 Purdue University has awarded a posthumous degree to Andrew Boldt. He's the student from West Bend, Wisconsin who was shot and killed on campus last month.

5 :25 A federal court hearing in Madison today for the Colorado woman accused of kidnapping her baby nephew in Beloit and taking him to Iowa 2 weeks ago.

5 :20 In Rock County a mother accused in the death of her daughter is headed to trial. Investigators say Tallie Strommen gave her 13-month-old daughter part of a methadone tablet to help the child sleep. The girl was found dead the next morning.

5 :20 Joshua Drabek will be sentenced next week after his conviction early this morning.

5 :20 One man is dead and another hurt after a crash involving a semi. It happened around 9:30 this morning on Highway 11 and Dunbar Road near Janesville. The Rock County Sheriff's Office says the semi tipped over after avoiding a pick-up truck that crossed the center line.

4 5 :50 Today Governor Walker addressed the release of documents from the John Doe investigation. While at the National Governor's Association's winter meeting, Walker was asked if he knew about the secret email system in the Milwaukee County executive's office. Walker stressed the investigation ended last March and he was cleared. He also said his political opponents are trying to draw attention to something that's already been resolved.

5 :30 The Columbia County Sheriff's Office makes an arrest in a nearly 13-year-old cold case. Today officials arrested 38-year-old Leah Waldhart of Beaver Dam for 1st degree intentional homicide in the 2001 death of her then boyfriend Curtis Wylesky. Wylesky was found in a ditch outside of Fall River in April 2001.

8 :30 The rough winter has many people wondering what's in store for the spring. At this point flooding could be a minor issue.

10 :35 Farmers say they understand why their numbers have dropped in Wisconsin. The USDA's latest census report shows Wisconsin lost 8,700 farms from 2007 to 2012. Todd Augustian runs a farm in Kewaunee County. He says in this economy, small farms face an uphill battle.

3 4 :45 Dane County officials gathered at Madison College today to remind young adults of the deadline to enroll in private health insurance. The deadline to apply for insurance through the Affordable Care Act is March 31st.

3 4 :25 The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says the flu is hitting one age group harder this year. Data shows people between the ages of 18 and 64 represent 61% of visits to the doctor's office due to the flu, compared to 35% in previous years.

3 9 :25 A teething toy for babies is being recalled. It can pose a choking hazard. The Infantino recall of the Go-Gaga Squeeze and Teethe Coco the Monkey. The toys were sold exclusively at Target nationwide.

Feb 22

2 2:20 Swimming fans are excited to be back for the boys' WIAA state meet. But this year's tournament could be one of the last in Madison.

13 :45 Friend and family gathered at Camp Williams today to send off a group of Wisconsin Army National Guard soldiers. The members of the 32nd Brigade will deploy to Kuwait and Jordan. 29 of the 65 soldiers are deploying for the first time.

8 11 :45 That high wind has made for some really dangerous driving conditions in some areas. The Wisconsin State Patrol is asking people to drive with extreme caution up north because snow drifts cover parts of some roads in Marathon County.

5 :20 A Janesville man is in jail, accused of sexually assaulting a child. Kenneth Kimpel was arrested yesterday. Janesville Police say the victim knew Kimpel for the past few months before the assault which happened in Kimpel's garage.

Feb 23

6 11 1:15 Construction on Verona Road between Raymond Road and the Beltline starts tomorrow. Today Pete Zervakis checked in with a business nearby to see how it might be impacted.

4 5 :50 Governor Scott Walker is still under fire after the release of documents in the John Doe investigation last week. The governor was in Washington, D.C. today and appeared on Fox News' ***Face the Nation*** where he discussed the documents' emails that suggest his former aides mixed campaign and official business in his Milwaukee County executive office. Walker says it's old news and blamed Democrats for not letting it go. Today the Democratic National Committee released a statement saying the governor has broken the public's trust, calling for Walker to provide an explanation as to why illegal activity could happen under his leadership.

5 :20 Authorities have identified a man who died in the hospital a day after a crash in Dane County. The Dane County Medical Examiner's Office says 58-year-old Dale Wood died yesterday.

5 :40 After a search this morning, crews found the body of a missing snowmobiler in Walworth County. The victim's family had found his snowmobile out on Lake Delavan. He had been missing for 12 hours.

5 :40 Chippewa Falls police are investigating a chilling discovery – body parts found near railroad tracks. Police found clothing and an ID card near the remains but have not identified the victim. Police say a man was possibly dragged by the train for several miles, but the investigation is ongoing.

1 4 :25 The State Supreme Court is set to hear arguments on Wisconsin's voter ID law Tuesday. The NAACP of Milwaukee and the League of Women Voters are challenging the law in separate cases. Dane County judges ruled in their favor in both. But the District Court of Appeals found the law constitutional.

4 7 :45 A Department of Natural Resources warden is known in northern Wisconsin as the human tracker. He helps hunt down missing people.

6 :20 There's a high demand for manufacturing workers in Wisconsin. The State Journal reports the construction industry is starting to rebound here, which is creating more jobs. And some parts of the state are having a hard time finding skilled workers because many switched industries or retired in tough times. Construction companies say it's been challenging to recruit young people to the industry.

Feb 24

10 2:00 Kefir is a product that has been widely available in Europe for many years and now it's taking hold in the United States. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* find out why Kefir offers consumers another option to help create a healthy lifestyle.

4 5 4:50 It was called Operation Black Veil – a sting targeting child sex predators. 5 men were arrested in Dane County but the cases led to just 1 felony conviction. But now one of those cases is open again.

5 :20 Police arrested a man they say robbed a pharmacy in Evansville. 56-year-old Paul Engel was arrested around 8 tonight. Officers say Engel robbed Evansville Family Health Pharmacy on West Main Street around 2:20 this afternoon.

5 :45 New details came out today during a murder suspect's first day in court. Leah Waldhart's bail was set at a half million dollars. The criminal complaint says that back in 2001, Waldhart thought her then-boyfriend Curtis Wyleski was cheating on her, so she killed him by giving him a large amount of cocaine. The sheriff says the case against Waldhart is strong, but investigators are always looking for more information.

5 :20 We'll know more tomorrow about a "suspicious death" in Mazomanie. The Dane County Sheriff's Department says a 43-year-old woman was found dead at a home on Scott Street.

5 :30 Police in Fond du Lac are investigating a case of animal abuse after 2 puppies were burned with bleach.

8 :30 A close call for a dozen people near La Crosse who were overcome by carbon monoxide poisoning. The family was using a charcoal grill to heat their home because they had run out of liquid propane gas. 10 of them were found, some unconscious, by authorities in Arcadia after an emergency call came in yesterday afternoon. The fumes were so strong a police officer and 2 EMT's were also overcome and taken to the hospital.

11 :25 Plan for delays if you're driving on Verona Road in Madison. Initial work began today on the section from the Beltline to Raymond Road.

4 13 :15 The Pentagon's proposed budget cuts could impact business in Wisconsin. It includes reducing the army from 522,000 soldiers to about 450,000, closing some military bases and retiring a certain type of attack jet.

5 :45 A new study shows clerks in Dane County are getting better at not selling tobacco to minors. But the authors of the study say there needs to be more progress.

1 4 :25 Tomorrow the Wisconsin Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in 2 lawsuits challenging the state's voter ID law. The NAACP and the League of Women Voters have separate cases challenging the law requiring voters to show ID at the polls.

Feb 25

8 9 2:20 The demand for heat has meant a busy winter for local utility companies. And an expensive one for their customers.

3 4 :20 Madison's city council approved adding a buffer zone for protesters outside of health care facilities in town. Demonstrators will need to be at least 160 feet from a clinic and 8 feet from any patients going into the facility. Violators would face a ticket of at least \$50.

4 :20 The council also approved the closure of the Olin Park boat launch for a couple weeks around this summer's Rhythm & Booms. Madison Festivals is bringing the event to Lake Monona this year. The launch would be the base of operations as fireworks would be set off from a barge on the lake.

5 :45 Dane County investigators are now looking for the killer of Cheryl Gilberg, the woman found dead at a home in Mazomanie. The medical examiner's office says Gilberg was shot in the head on Sunday. Dane County Sheriff Dave Mahoney says detectives have interviewed more than 100 people so far, but no one has been arrested.

1 4 :40 Governor Scott Walker is staying silent about specific emails from the first John Doe investigation released last week. The governor made his first public appearance in Wisconsin since the release at the Hyvee grand opening in Fitchburg this morning. Walker says he's not hiding from the story, he just refuses to talk about what he considers to be old news.

4 :30 The State Department of Transportation's top lawyer is the first casualty of the email release. John Schulze left his job as chief legal counsel 2 days after the messages became public. Schulze sent an email in March of 2010 that contained a fake press release he wrote in 1998 in which he jokes about legalizing prostitution as a tourist attraction in Wisconsin Dells or as a job opportunity for people on welfare. A spokesman for Governor Walker said there's no room for such poor conduct in the governor's administration.

4 6 :30 City leaders in Marinette are confident they'll be okay if the Navy does scale back its order of combat ships from Marinette Marine. The shipbuilding program supports more than 1,000 jobs in the area.

1 4 :50 Wisconsin's highest court heard arguments today on the state's voter ID law. The arguments consolidate separate lawsuits filed by the League of Women voters and the Milwaukee chapter of the NAACP.

4 11 :25 The DOT is taking a hard line on new roundabouts in Wisconsin. Officials spoke out today against a bill that would give cities more say in where and when roundabouts are built. Right now it's up to the DOT or county officials.

4 2:15 The City of Fitchburg tonight is debating taking a major step towards developing a neighborhood on the northeast side; but there's a petition to stop the development altogether.

9 11 :25 Nearly 600,000 vehicles are being added to the list of a General Motors recall after dozens of accidents and 13 deaths. The recall now includes Saturn Ion's from 2003 to 2007, Chevy HHR SUVs, Pontiac Solstice, and Saturn Sky sports cars, all from 2006 and 2007.

2 6 :25 The University of Wisconsin is part of a new effort to make the United States more competitive in manufacturing. UW-Madison is a research partner with the new digital lab based in Chicago.

10 :25 Wisconsin farmers could qualify for help to improve their pastures. The U.S. Department of Agriculture says it will spend millions of dollars to help farmers in 5 Midwestern states provide food for the struggling honeybee population.

Feb 26

8 11 2:15 Winter will eventually come to an end which means pothole season is just around the corner. Many Wisconsin drivers have already experienced the bumps when driving down the road.

5 :15 Police are looking for the man who robbed the Associated Bank branch inside the Cops on Whitney Way tonight. It happened around 6:30. Officers say the man stole cash and ran away.

5 :20 Investigators named Phillip Byrd as a person of interest in the murder of Cheryl Gilberg. The 39-year-old Byrd is being held in Rock County on other charges. Gilberg was found dead in her home in Mazomanie Sunday night.

5 :20 Janesville Police arrested the grandmother of the baby who died of a methadone overdose. 51-year-old Tina Strommen was booked Monday on a reckless homicide

charge. Police say Tina gave methadone to her daughter, Tallie Strommen and Tallie gave part of a tablet to her 13-month-old daughter thinking it would help the girl sleep.

5 :35 A Madison man convicted of sexually assaulting his stepsister will spend 5 years in prison. 20-year-old Joshua Drabek is the last of his family members to be sentenced in the mistreatment of the girl. Today he expressed regret for how his stepsister was treated.

5 :20 It was a not guilty plea today for the woman accused of kidnapping a baby from the Town of Beloit. Kristen Smith entered the plea to a federal kidnapping charge.

4 :40 Governor Scott Walker says property taxes will continue to go down if he's re-elected. Walker made the promise today while speaking before the Wisconsin Realtors Association. The governor didn't say how he was going to do it, but he said he has the track record to get it done.

6 2:00 A Wisconsin restaurant owner is backing a minimum wage increase for American workers, similar to the rate of \$10.10 an hour proposed by the president this year.

4 9 :45 State officials have a message for discount shoppers. It's about American TV's going-out-of-business-sale. State investigators checked American's 7 Wisconsin stores Monday and found an overcharge rate 4 times higher than average.

5 :25 The federal government is suing a for-profit college chain with a campus in Madison. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau says ITT Educational Services which runs ITT Tech, pushed students into high-cost loans knowing they'd likely end in default.

5 :20 An anti-abortion group is going to court to fight a new ordinance in Madison. The ordinance approved last night by the city council creates an 8-foot buffer around patients who are within 10 feet of a health care facility. Protesters would still be able to demonstrate outside. The group "Vigil for Life" says the rule violates the First Amendment.

4 6 :15 Early this morning council members voted to allow the mayor's office to begin negotiations with JDS Development on the Judge Doyle Square Project. It's expected to include a new hotel, retail space and apartments.

6 11 :30 The Southern Wisconsin Airfest in Janesville may be grounded for good. The event's executive director, Tom Morgan told the Janesville Gazette there won't be a show in 2014 and it's unlikely the show will ever return to Rock County.

Feb 27

5 2:00 Deputies in Dane County expanded their search for new evidence that could help them solve a murder in Mazomanie. Investigators have identified a person of interest but they're still looking for evidence to either rule him out as a suspect or charge him.

4 :50 The family of 2 murder victims and their accused killer want the Legislature to change a state law. That law allows suspects to argue they were too drunk to be responsible for their crimes. Brian Cooper admitted to police that he strangled 21-year-old Alisha Bromfield in August of 2012, killing both her and her unborn daughter at a Door County resort.

4 :45 State Democrats are calling for quicker action on a bill that would require universal background checks for all gun purchases. Lawmakers showed they have support in the form of signatures from more than 16,000 Wisconsinites.

3 4 :25 A bill that is moving forward makes first time OWI offenders appear in court. Right now a first drunken driving offense is just like getting a speeding ticket, the offender can pay the fine without going to court. This bill requires a court appearance and if the offender doesn't show, they could face another \$300 fine.

5 :20 Police released pictures of the man who robbed a bank in Madison last night.

2 :20 There'll be no class tomorrow for some students in Racine because of a fire at their school. It broke out around 1:30 this morning in the building for Mitchell Elementary and Middle School. The fire caused the roof over the school gym to collapse.

5 :15 Up in north-central Wisconsin an explosion in a duplex sent 1 woman to the hospital. The fire chief in Mosinee says a small propane tank exploded knocking out doors, windows and 1 wall.

2 :45 Schools that donate unused but previously served food to local food pantries have been told to stop. The Department of Public Instruction sent a memo to schools saying it's an unsafe practice. Mt. Horeb is 1 of the schools that donates sealed milk, yogurt and other items. The district's food service director feels she deserves a better explanation.

8 :20 A Madison police officer got a scare last night when looking up into the sky. He was parked near Westgate Mall around midnight when he saw a white fireball in the sky. His squad car's camera caught it and another officer confirmed he saw it, too.

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5 :40 The search continued today for any evidence linked to the murder of a woman from Mazomanie. Deputies from the Dane County Sheriff's Office scoured the area along Highway 14 near Black Earth.

5 :25 Police say the suspect in a sexual assault nearly 12 years ago is now in custody. 40-year-old Manuel Campo-Seco was arrested this week in Austin, TX.

5 :20 A prominent Madison attorney could avoid jail time after authorities say he used a cane to beat his wife. Daniel Rottier pleaded guilty to misdemeanor battery as a part of

a plea deal that sends him to a first offender's program. If he completes it, the charges will be dismissed.

5 :25 The president of Gogebic Taconite faces charges in Spain for violating environmental laws at a mine he used to manage. Bill Williams and 2 others are accused of polluting groundwater at a copper mine in southern Spain.

6 :30 A new report shows income inequality in Wisconsin is widening. The study by the Center on Wisconsin Strategy and the Wisconsin Budget Project shows that between 1979 and 2011 the average income of the top 1% in Wisconsin grew by more than 100%. The average income for the bottom 99% dropped by less than half of 1%.

5 :20 A national organization wants a federal judge to freeze Wisconsin's gay marriage ban. The American Civil Liberties Union has filed a lawsuit challenging the ban and now it wants U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb to block the restriction while its lawsuit continues.

4 :15 The search for a new chief of the Madison Police Department is narrowing down. The Police and Fire Commission says there are fewer than 10 finalists now.

4 6 :20 The governor wants more time to make a decision on the proposed casino in Kenosha. Governor Walker, the Department of Administration and the Menominee Tribe sent a letter to the Bureau of Indian Affairs asking for an extension. They want to move the deadline from August 23rd of this year to February 19th of next year.

4 13 :25 Governor Scott Walker is calling on the president to reject proposed cuts to the Army National Guard. Walker signed a letter sent by the National Governor's Association saying reduced troop levels would be a step backwards in the defense of the country.

6 13 :20 The army base in Wisconsin, Fort McCoy, had an economic impact of more than \$900 million last year. That's according to the post's information office.

4 6 :20 A new bill is designed to keep Wisconsin's craft brewing industry booming. The measure from Republican Assemblyman Gary Tauchen would create a Wisconsin Beer Commission to market and promote the beer made in the Badger State, similar to what the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board does for the dairy industry.

Mar 1

4 5 1:45 Assembly Majority Leader Bill Kramer is checking into a treatment center after allegations he sexually harassed multiple women.

4 :55 Senator Ron Johnson is blasting Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid for calling his constituents "liars". The Nevada senator said Republicans and their donors are planting false reports and ads about the negative impact of the Affordable Care Act saying,

“There’s plenty of horror stories being told...all of them are untrue.” Senator Johnson calls that statement offensive, ignorant, and irresponsible.

4 :25 The State Senate is scheduled to vote Tuesday on Governor Scott Walker’s property and income tax cut proposal. The plan cuts property taxes for middle income homes by \$131 and the income tax cut would save the average taxpayer \$46.

5 :25 A popular Wisconsin Dells restaurant and golf course clubhouse will be closed indefinitely after an overnight fire. Kilbourn crews were called to Big Moe’s Restaurant around 6:30 this morning. Officials say a wood stove that was in use last night may have started the fire. No one was hurt.

11 :20 There’s a growing shortage of pilots at regional airlines across the country.

Mar 2

4 :35 Political experts say sexual harassment allegations against Assembly Majority Leader Bill Kramer could impact the current legislative session and upcoming elections.

5 :20 Authorities believe alcohol played a part in a rollover crash near Baraboo. The Sauk County Sheriff’s Office says shortly after midnight responders were called to Lehman Road. The driver was pinned inside the vehicle and pronounced dead on scene. Authorities say the driver was not wearing his seatbelt.

13 :45 It was a happy homecoming for 2 dozen military families who were reunited this afternoon. Some of the Wisconsin National Guard’s 115th Fighter Wing Security Forces Squadron arrived at the Dane County Regional Airport after spending time serving in Africa.

2 4 :45 UW-Platteville College Republicans and the Grant County GOP teamed up to host a Lincoln Day dinner on campus this afternoon. Governor Scott Walker was featured as key note speaker.

4 :40 Today was the deadline to remove ice shanties from lakes throughout Wisconsin.

6 8 :40 The weather has been good to the state’s tourist towns. The City of Minocqua has been a snowmobiler’s paradise. Hotels in the area are booking faster than ever.

Mar 3

10 2:00 Wisconsin is home to several generational family businesses, and one of them is celebrating a milestone. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* we catch up with the owners of Vern’s Cheese in Chilton who are proud of their fifty years of quality cheese distribution.

5 1:50 Breaking news tonight in Madison where police are investigating a murder on the city's near east side. Authorities tell us 1 person was shot and killed.

4 5 :45 Tomorrow Assembly Republicans are expected to remove Representative Bill Kramer from his post as majority leader. Republican Caucus Chair Joan Ballweg says the move comes after accusations that Kramer sexually harassed 2 women in connection with a fundraiser in Washington, D.C. last week.

4 :20 Also tomorrow the State Senate is expected to pass the governor's tax cut proposal.

4 :20 Earlier today the governor signed a bill that strengthens the state's screening program for babies. It'll likely allow the State Department of Health Services to require the Pulse Oximetry Test which detects congenital heart defects.

5 :25 A central Wisconsin woman is now charged with planning the murder of her fiancé. Authorities say 33-year-old Jessica Strom of Merrill asked a former classmate of hers to help kill her fiancé. That person refused, but did help police set up a sting operation to catch Strom going over her plan.

5 :20 We now know the name of the man who died this weekend in a crash near Baraboo. The Sauk County Sheriff's Office says he is 58-year-old Terry Fisher of Baraboo. Fisher's vehicle rolled over early Sunday morning and deputies say he wasn't wearing a seatbelt.

7 :20 The Urban League of Greater Madison will be looking for a new leader. It announced today that president and CEO Kaleem Caire is stepping down after 4 years on the job. In a statement Caire said this move gives him the chance to focus on his family and completing his MBA. Caire will stay on through March.

2 :45 Students at UW-Madison are voting on a referendum to expand the rec facilities on campus. The university wants to rebuild the southeast recreational facility and the Natatorium to the tune of about \$223 million. The project would be primarily funded by increased student fees, which some students and TAs aren't happy about.

6 2:25 All over the world millions of people are writing code that 1 day might be in software for your car or cell phone. But with developers sharing code, security is a big concern. Jennifer Kliese shows us how a groundbreaking new program in Madison could help prevent future security breaches.

6 8 :25 Normally by this time of year the sap is collected from Wisconsin trees and maple syrup's being made, but not this year. The cold weather has kept the sap from flowing.

4 6 :20 The State of Wisconsin is hoping a new ad can take tourism in the state to new heights.

Mar 4

5 :50 Madison Police have identified the man accused of killing his brother. They say he's 39-year-old Bonnell Hanger. Hanger is accused of shooting and killing his younger brother, 33-year-old Fredrica Hanger last night. This all happened outside of Fredrica's home in the 1300 block of East Wilson Street.

5 :20 A Madison man convicted of killing his wife more than 2 decades ago now faces new charges. 81-year-old Habib Amim is charged with stalking an ex-girlfriend.

3 5 :30 Animal feces, clogged toilets and rotting food -- these were all in a home where authorities say a Dodge County mother kept her young children. The mother, 25-year-old Secoy Koch-Miller, is now charged with child neglect.

11 2:20 A new-age transportation service is drawing praise and criticism after launching in Madison this weekend. Gordon Severson explains what the Lyft Rideshare program is all about.

5 :20 Police in Madison are recommending charges against the former president of the Kennedy Little League Baseball organization. Officers say 59-year-old Steven Verhage took about \$200,000 from the league dating back to 2005.

4 :50 State Assembly Republicans have a new majority leader tonight after ousting embattled Representative Bill Kramer. Less than a week after 2 women accused Kramer of sexually harassing them on a fundraising trip to Washington, D.C., the GOP caucus unanimously voted to remove Kramer from his leadership post.

4 :20 During the Senate's session today, lawmakers approved the governor's \$504 million tax cut plan. The proposal reduces property taxes on the average home by \$131 and saves the average taxpayer \$46.

2 3 :35 The UW Marching Band marched right into seniors' homes today in Madison. They helped deliver Meals on Wheels and put on a show. It's part of the March for Meals campaign to raise awareness of senior hunger in our area.

8 2:05 This winter's brutal cold could be bad news for the emerald ash borer, a tiny beetle that burrows into ash trees and kills them.

8 :15 Here's another impact of the deep freeze – the Great Lakes are heading for a potential record ice cover. Right now the lakes are at 90.5%. The record is 94.7% set back in 1979.

6 :20 Radio Shack has fallen on hard times – it may close up to 1,100 stores. That's nearly 20% of the company's locations. Radio Shack's sales dropped nearly 20% last year. The electronics retailer has 5 locations in Madison.

Mar 5

5 2:10 Detectives in Dane County have identified a suspect and possible murder weapon in the shooting death of 43-year-old Cheryl Gilberg of Mazomanie. After hundreds of interviews and 11 days of investigating, 39-year-old Phillip Byrd is now the primary suspect in the case.

5 :25 Investigators in Beloit are trying to find the cause of a fire that killed a man and his daughter and left his wife in critical condition. The fire broke out around 4 this morning at a home in the 1900 block of Fairview Drive. The Beloit Fire Department says 61-year-old Clint Christensen tried to shelter his sleeping daughter, 33-year-old Jamie Christensen, from the flames.

5 :25 A 19-year-old woman died in a crash in Rock County this afternoon. This happened just before 1 pm on Highway 59 between Milton and Whitewater. The Rock County Sheriff's Department says the 19-year-old's car was going into the ditch but she overcorrected. The car spun and was hit by an oncoming van. Deputies say the woman was not wearing a seat belt. 2 people in the van were taken to the hospital. That driver is in serious condition.

4 :25 A new program may help Dane County improve its 911 dispatch times. According to the Wisconsin State Journal, Dane County Executive Joe Parisi sent a letter to the 911 center asking it to try quicker alerts to get responders out faster.

2 :25 Students at UW-Madison approved a \$223 million plan to revamp the campus recreational facilities. The project would be funded mostly on higher student fees.

5 :25 Target's big data breach last year led to some people in Wisconsin having their child support payments stolen. The Wisconsin Department of Children and Families says the breach affected nearly 4,000 people who had their child support payments connected to their debit accounts, but only a handful had confirmed cases of fraud.

4 5 :15 The State Capitol was briefly evacuated this morning. The Department of Administration says a light bulb in State Senator Dale Schultz's office popped and began to smoke, which set off fire alarms. This happened around 10:45 and everyone was let back in around 11.

4 :25 It's unlikely a federal judge will temporarily freeze the state's ban on gay marriage.

2 4 :25 Tomorrow educators in Wisconsin are expected to speak out on a bill to replace the Common Core standards.

Mar 6

5 2:10 A 64-year-old man was rushed by Med-Flight to UW's trauma center after falling from a roller coaster ride in Lake Delton. The accident happened around 5:30 this evening.

5 :40 Homicide charges were filed today against the Madison man accused of killing his younger brother. According to the criminal complaint, 39-year-old Bonnell Hanger shot 33-year-old Fredrica Hanger while Fredrica sat in a car outside of his home on East Wilson Street. The complaint says Bonnell told a detective he "shot his kid brother".

5 :15 In Juneau County a man accused in a murder is competent to stand trial. Authorities say 29-year-old Cody Treul shot and killed 29-year-old Gail Howland and injured 23-year-old Ebony Lasher outside a bar in Mauston in May of last year.

2 4 :55 A 9-hour public hearing on the state's academic standards wrapped up tonight. Hundreds testified on the bill in front of the Senate Committee on Education. Right now the State Department of Public Instruction alone develops the standards but Senate Bill 619 would create a 15-member board to take over that responsibility.

4 :20 Another bill that's likely not going anywhere is one that would end minimum wage mandates for some local government workers. It's been passed by the Assembly and a Senate committee approved it today, but Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald says it probably won't go any further.

3 4 :20 The Dane County Board of Supervisors showed its support for women's health issues tonight. The board passed a resolution supporting the federal Women's Health Protection Act which would prevent restrictions on access to abortions.

4 11 :25 The State of Wisconsin is rolling out commercials to educate people about roundabouts. The instruction video gives drivers a step-by-step guide on how to navigate a roundabout.

13 :40 A group of Wisconsin National Guard soldiers is headed to Afghanistan, but first they said goodbye to their families today.

6 8 :40 The long winter has made it tough on construction workers to meet deadlines on homes in Wisconsin.

6 9 :25 Next time you buy beef at the grocery store you may notice a price increase. The USDA says the price of beef is the highest it's been in nearly 30 years.

Mar 7

5 :45 Mount Olympus in Lake Delton is back open tonight after a man fell from a roller coaster last night. The State Department of Safety and Professional Services was on scene today, checking out the Opa Roller Coaster.

5 :25 The mother of an 8-year-old boy accused of burning 2 puppies with bleach is now facing charges. The 30-year-old Fond du Lac woman is accused of failing to take action after learning about the injured puppies.

5 :20 The murder trial of the Purdue student accused of killing West Bend Wisconsin native Andrew Boldt is being delayed. Cody Cousins' trial was set to start next month, but was moved back to October 6th.

2 3 2:20 New research at UW Hospital is showing exciting potential in the treatment of leukemia.

2 :40 Another UW research endeavor is coming to an end. The UW Synchrotron Center shut down today due to a lack of government funding.

2 5 1:00 An investigation into a principal's actions has brought attention to the use of seclusion and restraint in Wisconsin schools. Jeanne Smith, the principal at Harmony Elementary School in Milton is now on administrative leave. A police report says Smith placed a disruptive, autistic 2nd grader in a 5 x 5 ft. seclusion room.

2 :25 The school board in Waterloo will consider revising its policy on students who have a negative balance on their lunch account. Middle and high school students who have negative balances when they go through the lunch line have their meals taken away and they're given a sandwich and milk. The new policy would allow those students to receive normal lunch for 3 days.

1 :25 The campaign season is underway in Wisconsin and the first ads are already stirring up controversy.

1 4 1:00 Two controversial campaign finance bills may be going different directions in the State Legislature. On Thursday a Senate committee amended, but passed a bill that would allow lobbyists to donate directly to political campaigns starting on April 15th of an election year instead of the current start date of June 1st. But another bill that would legally protect special interest groups from disclosing donors who fund so-called issue ads may be dead.

9 :20 The USDA now believes a beef recall is larger than first suspected. The beef may have come from diseased cattle. The California-based meat producer is now recalling beef sold in 30 states including Wisconsin. The USDA says Bender Foods in Fennimore received meat from Rancho Feeding Corporation. Rancho recalled more than 8 million pounds of meat in February.

6 :20 The latest US jobs report showed surprising job growth in what was a rough February. Employers added 175,000 jobs last month, despite the cold that shut down factories and slowed car sales. The figure is up from 129,000 added in January.

Mar 8

5 :40 Authorities are still investigating how a fire broke out at a Catholic boarding school in northeastern Wisconsin. Officials say the fire started in St. Joseph Hall at St. Lawrence Seminary High School in Mt. Calvary. Crews had to knock down the 150-year-old building to keep the fire from spreading to the main part of the school.

2 7 :45 A Madison woman has offered a school in northern Wisconsin a generous donation for students who have unpaid lunch balances. An unexpected call came yesterday saying the woman wanted to donate her tax refund to the Algoma school lunch program. More than half of students there are part of the reduced lunch program.

7 3:10 Cars are commonly seen as a way of getting from Point A to Point B. But for some, it's much more than that. Gordon Severson explains how one man's passion for cars earned him an all-expenses paid trip to the Indy 500.

Mar 9

3 1:55 A Mercy Health program in Janesville was recently recognized as one of the top 25 in the nation this week. The class teaches kids and teens proper babysitting techniques to make sure they're well-versed in safety.

3 5 :25 A state investigation into a Middleton foster agency is now closed. The Wisconsin State Journal reports the Department of Justice found no evidence improper expenses at Community Care Resources were used in setting rates for counties. The placement agency was accused of overcharging counties about \$6 million between 2009 and 2011.

5 :20 In Milwaukee a baby is dead and his mother in custody after police responded to a call this afternoon. Milwaukee Police arrived at the home around 1:15 pm and found the 14-month-old boy and his mother semiconscious. Police say she may have been attempting to overdose on pills. Responders were able to revive the mother but the child was pronounced dead on scene. The cause of death has not been determined.

5 :20 Two people were killed in a crash this morning in the Town of Beloit. Beloit Police say a jeep was driving on Highway 51 around 3 am when it went off the road and hit a utility pole. Two people were inside and both were found dead at the scene.

5 :15 A disturbance led to a shooting at a Madison Denny's Restaurant. Madison Police say blood and shell casings were found in the parking lot around 4 am but no victims were located. 20-year-old Jamal Greer was arrested for obstructing officers after giving them a false name.

5 :45 Police are still searching for a suspect after a gunshot was fired last night at UW-Oshkosh, but they are getting some leads.

4 :45 Representative Paul Ryan says right now bipartisanship in foreign policy is lacking.

9 :15 You may have noticed a price increase when filling up your gas tank in recent weeks. The average price per gallon jumped 10 cents over the past 2 weeks.

10 :40 So that extremely cold winter we're just starting to recover from means good news for one Wisconsin crop. A good growing season is ahead for fruit trees which do better if it's cold enough for them to grow dormant in the winter. The owner of Apple Holler in Racine says the later spring arrives, the better.

Mar 10

10 2:00 If you've ever gone to a cheese judging competition, you may have noticed a few judges wearing red hats. It is a very prestigious honor to be chosen to wear a red hat and for the first time in the history of the World Championship Cheese Contest a woman has been selected for this honor. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* meet the newest red hat judge, Sandy Toney.

6 2:15 Plans continue to move Rhythm and Booms to downtown Madison. It's been held at Warner Park for more than 20 years, but this year it'll be centered around John Nolen Drive.

5 :30 Police in Lake Delton have identified the man who fell from a roller coaster at Mount Olympus last week. They say he's 63-year-old Anthony Theisen. Police say he may have recovered enough to have been discharged from the hospital.

5 :55 Madison Police arrested 6 people connected to a home invasion they're calling one of the most heinous they've seen. Police say on February 23rd, 3 men broke into a home that wasn't their intended target. Even so, police say they brutally attacked a couple, sexually assaulting the woman who is 6 months pregnant.

5 :20 It was the first day in court for a Dodge County mother charged with child neglect. A judge ordered a \$1,000 bond for 25-year-old Secoy Koch-Miller.

7 13 :30 A man from Wisconsin is playing a crucial role in the search for the plane. 33-year-old Dylan Artuss of Ashwaubenon serves on the U.S.S. Pinckney helping to keep search helicopters running.

4 8 :20 The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is out across the Midwest measuring the snow cover that's left. Today they were taking samples at a golf course near Marathon in central Wisconsin. They say the measurements will help the National Weather Service make flood predictions. Snow in that area will eventually flow into the Wisconsin River...

4 8 :15 ...leading to concerns about flooding in the Portage area. That's why the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center has free sandbags available. It's at 403 Jackson Street in Portage.

2 :45 The school lunch debate has hit Waterloo but it's not about nutrition. Hundreds of parents have signed a petition for their kids to be able to get a 3-day grace period on receiving hot lunch if they run out of money in their account.

4 2:50 A unique program at the Dane County Sheriff's Office aims to keep track of people who are at risk of going missing. And for the first time deputies used it to find a boy who was out in the cold on his own.

3 :45 Local jail inmates will soon be signing up for health insurance through the Affordable Care Act. Dane County is in the process of hiring a re-entry coordinator to work with inmates on things like job training, education, and also signing up for benefits they're eligible to receive. As of April 1st that will include Badgercare Plus health insurance because most have incomes below the federal poverty level and many suffer from addiction or mental illness.

2 4 :25 The deadline to sign up for the federal marketplace is coming up quickly for thousands of people in Wisconsin. More than 70,000 people who are on Badgercare Plus or health insurance risk sharing plan have until March 15 to sign up in order to have coverage effective March 31st. Anyone who enrolls between March 16th and the 31st will get coverage beginning May 1st. If you miss the deadline you'll have to wait until the next enrollment period in November.

Mar 11

1 4 2:00 The State Senate is considering changes to absentee voting in Wisconsin. Pete Zervakis has more on the debate.

2 4 :20 Earlier in the day the Senate approved a bill to allow schools to have longer, but fewer school days. The measure would end the requirement to teach for 180 days but schools would still have to teach for the same number of hours. It has widespread support from educators and lawmakers.

1 4 :55 The Legislature could be back for a special session this summer in order to pass a modified voter ID bill. Governor Walker says he'll call for the session if the State Supreme Court or the U.S. District Court in Milwaukee strike down parts of the current law which is on hold due to a court injunction.

5 :30 Charges were filed today in a violent home invasion in Madison.

5 :25 A husband and wife are dead after a murder-suicide in Crawford County. Deputies were called to a home on Highway X in Clayton Township around 5:30 Monday

evening. Investigators say it appears the 70-year-old husband shot and killed his 68-year-old wife inside the home, then went outside and killed himself. They're trying to determine why it happened. The couple has not been identified.

5 :20 In Dane County, a Sun Prairie man died in a crash on Highway 151 early this morning. Police say the 28-year-old's car ran into a semi head-on. The driver's name has not been released. Investigators say it appears he was driving without his headlights on. The semi driver was not hurt.

5 :25 Bond is set at \$2,500 for the Fond du Lac mother charged with letting her son abuse their puppies. 30-year-old Amanda Farr appeared for the first time on a charge of mistreatment of animals.

5 :50 There's a reward to find the person who shot a peregrine falcon in the Milwaukee area.

4 :50 The protocols used to handle emergency calls at Dane County's 911 Center are going to be reviewed. County Executive Joe Parisi says an oversight committee will consider changes starting this week. City officials have criticized response times and call handling.

6 :30 Marinette Marine plans to add 200 jobs in the next 6 months for its ship building program despite calls from the Department of Defense to cut back on the number of ships being built. The company says it's going to focus on the ships it needs to build now, not on the contract proposal.

6 13 :20 If approved the federal budget plan would eliminate 39 Wisconsin Air National Guard positions starting in October. That would bring down the total number of Wisconsin Air National Guardsmen to just over 2,200.

3 4 :20 More than 71,000 people in Wisconsin have signed up for health insurance through the federal marketplace. Those numbers came out today from the U.S. Department of Health Services. That's an increase of about 26% from mid-February. The government predicts 79,000 Wisconsin residents will sign up by March 31st when enrollment ends.

1 4 :20 The sheriff of LaFayette County says he won't run for re-election. Sheriff Scott Pedley made the announcement today. When his term is up in January Pedley will have served 25 years as sheriff.

4 :40 People who call 911 and don't have an emergency tie up the phone lines for those who actually need help. That's why dispatchers in Rock County came up with a creative way for you to remember their non-emergency phone number.

Mar 12

4 2:10 The city council is preparing to vote on a proposal calling for mandatory neutering and spaying of some pit bulls. But the Dane County Humane Society is urging people to contact their alders and tell them to vote “No”.

5 :15 Investigators identified the couple involved in a murder-suicide in Crawford County. The sheriff’s department says they are Robert and Karen Reagan. Authorities say Robert shot his wife, then turned the gun on himself. They’re still trying to determine the reason behind the shooting.

5 :15 In Dane County we know the man who died in a crash yesterday is 28-year-old Joseph Kreklow of Sun Prairie.

11 :40 More people are riding the bus in the City of Madison. Last year 14.7 million people hopped on a Metro transit bus, the second highest number in the company’s history. Metro wants to keep growing and it’s looking at bringing a bus rapid transit system to town.

6 11 2:00 Two rideshare companies, Uber and Lyft, have officially launched in Madison. But not everyone is happy with their arrival.

10 :45 The future of farming in Wisconsin may be up in the air. By that we mean flying above farm fields. Today Precision Drones demonstrated its drones to farmer in Oshkosh.

2 4 :20 More schools want to take part in the state’s school voucher program. The Department of Public Instruction says 68 schools applied this year, compared to 48 last year. The 25 schools admitted last year all applied again this year. The student enrollment cap will double next year from 500 students to 1,000. Students can apply through April 21st.

3 4 :45 Today Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald intentionally blocked a vote on a bill designed to help cancer patients. The bill would require insurance companies to cover the costs of oral chemotherapy at the same level they cover traditional intravenous chemotherapy. Senator Jon Erpenbach wanted to pull the bill out of committee for a vote on the Senate floor today because it has broad bipartisan support, but Fitzgerald used a procedural move to block him.

1 4 :20 The Senate did pass some election-related bills they were debating last night. One limits in-person absentee voting 2 weeks before an election and doesn’t allow it on the weekends. Another allows election observers to stand as close as 3 feet to people registering to vote or picking up their ballot. All these bills go to the Assembly.

3 4 :15 Wisconsin’s Medicaid director is leaving his post. The State Department of Health Services announced Brett Davis is resigning to take a job in the private sector. Davis was appointed as Medicaid director in January of 2011. His last day will be March 21st.

13 :20 Two units from the Wisconsin Army National Guard are headed to Afghanistan later this spring. About 240 soldiers in all will deploy from a Sussex-based artillery regiment and the 829th Engineer Company which is headquartered in Chippewa Falls but has a detachment in Richland Center.

Mar 13

8 9 40 Many of us are welcoming the warm up. But any melting snow could be flowing to your basement.

4 8 :40 After another spill from a manure digester in Dane County, state officials are deciding what to do next. 35,000 gallons of manure spilled yesterday from the Clear Horizons facility near Waunakee, the 3rd spill in 4 months. The DNR hopes Clear Horizons can make changes to ensure it won't happen again.

6 :15 Unemployment in Wisconsin is at its lowest since November 2008. The State Department of Workforce Development says unemployment in January was just over 6%. That's down from December. It's also below the national unemployment rate of just over 6.5%.

5 :20 A conviction today in a deadly shooting in Juneau County. Court records show 29-year-old Cody Treul pleaded no contest to one count of intentional homicide and one count of attempted homicide. Authorities say Treul killed Gail Howland and injured Ebony Lasher after shooting them outside a bar in Mauston in May of 2013.

5 :20 In Madison the man charged with killing his brother is headed to trial. Bonnell Hanger waived his preliminary hearing during a court appearance today. Police say Hanger shot and killed his brother, 33-year-old Fredrica Hanger outside a home on East Wilson Street last week. Bonnell Hanger is being held on a \$100,000 bond.

5 :20 A man arrested in a child sex sting last year appeared in court for the first time today. Timothy Marking faces charges of child enticement and child trafficking. He was arrested on those charges as part of Operation Black Veil last March but they were dismissed after state investigators lost video evidence. Marking is free on signature bond.

2 5 :20 The UW Police Department fired one of its long-time officers. Captain Peter Ystenes was terminated from the department on Wednesday. UW Police say they are investigating his possible misuse of camera and computer equipment. Records show Ystenes had been with the department for 18 years.

2 4 :25 Wisconsin public schools could be forbidden from sharing the identifying data of students. The Assembly's education committee passed the bill today and will be taken up by the full Assembly next week. The bill would allow schools to collect information about students like fingerprints and retina scans if parents agreed. But the schools would be banned from sharing the information with state or federal officials.

4 :20 A proposal to exempt e-cigarettes from the state's indoor smoking ban clears a Senate committee.

Mar 14

6 2:20 We begin tonight with signs that Beloit is beginning to recover from its long economic nightmare. Gordon Severson explains how a new industry is starting up where an old one left off.

5 11 :20 The intersection of Whitney Way and Mineral Point Road on Madison's west side was shut down for a time tonight after a crash. The Dane County Communications Center says initial reports indicate 2 people were hurt.

5 :45 Convicted rapist Brian Stowe was sentenced to 38 years in prison today for drugging, assaulting and taking pictures of 8 women while they were unconscious. Dane County Judge William Hanrahan was blunt as he handed down the sentence today.

5 :20 In Rock County the man charged with hiding and burning the body of Aprina Paul reached a plea deal. 30-year-old Nathan Middleton pleaded guilty to hiding and mutilating a corpse.

2 5 :20 Nearly 2 dozen young women from a UW-Whitewater sorority may have to find a new place to live after a fire this morning. The fire broke out at the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority house around 10:40 am. One of the students had minor injuries but the house has significant damage.

5 :40 Local Native American leaders and their allies were at the Kohl Center tonight to protest race-based mascots. Protesters gathered before Mukwonago's state basketball tournament game to show their opposition to the school's mascot, the Indians.

2 :20 Wisconsin middle school students will now be able to earn high school credits. Governor Walker signed a bill into law today requiring 7th and 8th graders to be taught using the same curriculum and tests as high schoolers.

7 :45 For the next 6 months former Madison Police Chief Noble Wray will be leading a high profile, non-profit group. Wray was named interim president of the Urban League of Greater Madison today. His focus will be on correcting the organization's finances.

9 11 :30 Many more people may have been killed in connection to a GM ignition defect than previously thought. The Center for Auto Safety says more than 300 deaths could be related to the company's recall of nearly 1.4 million automobiles. The defect can cause cars to shut off while moving, disabling the airbags.

2 4 :45 More than 50 Wisconsin middle and high school students showed off their projects to lawmakers at the Capitol today. Students from 9 school districts who participated in

the Project Lead the Way engineering and technology curriculum spoke with legislators in the Capitol Rotunda.

6 :40 A family business in Lodi that's spanned 3 generations is now closing its doors. Weber's Bakery has been in business for 93 years. Owners David Weber and his wife Noel say they're closing because of financial reasons.

Mar 15

2 2:05 In 2012 the average UW-Madison student graduated with nearly \$25,000 in debt according to the Institute of College Access and Success. But as Kristen Barbaresi explains, new research shows millions are missing out on federal funding that could reduce that debt.

5 :20 Authorities say a man was hit and killed by a car this morning in Richland Center. The Richland County Sheriff's Office says 27-year-old Andrew Drake was wearing dark clothing and walking in the traffic lane on Highway 14 around 6 am. Authorities say the driver did attempt to avoid hitting the Spring Green man. The driver was not charged.

5 :25 Two men are accused of identity theft and leading police on a chase yesterday afternoon. Albert Gordon and Ralph Williams were eventually arrested near DeForest.

4 :25 The State Senate may vote soon on a bill that would require an outside investigation into officer-involved deaths. The State Senate could take up the bill by April 1st. The proposal was passed by the Assembly in February.

8 10 :45 Some farmers here in Wisconsin are still unsure what the long winter will mean for the spring crop.

Mar 16

3 2:00 A recent analysis published in the Journal of the American Medical Association found strong evidence linking bullying to suicidal thoughts and even attempted suicide in children and teenagers.

5 :20 A Beloit man was killed fleeing from police early this morning. Beloit Police say an officer tried to stop a car that was speeding on Roosevelt Avenue but that vehicle fled, crashing into another car, then hitting a pole, which caused the car to split in half. The 22-year-old man and a female passenger were taken to the hospital with critical injuries. The man has since died.

4 5 :20 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources show 26 employees were disciplined last year for agency violations. One employee viewed pornography on an agency computer, another misused a DNR boat, a 3rd punched a co-worker in the back.

5 2:00 A non-profit group that uses horses to help local veterans returning from war says 2 of the animals are missing.

8 :25 Janesville water crews worked all afternoon repairing a massive main break in a neighborhood.

7 :45 A Madison-area mom is fighting to get a new bill passed, one she thinks might save her son's life. Amy Lynn's 9-year-old son Nic has about 100 seizures every day and current medications aren't helping. She recently heard about Cannabidiol, known as CBD.

9 11 :20 Honda is recalling nearly 900,000 minivans for a possible fire risk. The recall includes some Honda Odyssey minivans from 2005 to 2010. The company says the fuel pump strainer can crack which could lead to a gas leak.

3 4 :30 Governor Walker is teaming up with Rosita and Abby from Sesame Street to promote healthy habits for kids.

Mar 17

10 2:00 Being selected as one of the National Collegiate Agriculture Ambassadors is an achievement that few are selected to receive. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* we'll introduce you to one of this year's ambassadors, Sam Tauchen.

3 4 :45 A Republican senator is working on an amendment to the oral chemotherapy bill blocked by his majority leader last week. Senator Paul Farrow is opposed to the original version of the bill which requires insurance companies to cover oral chemotherapy treatments at the same level they cover traditional IV treatments. He's offering a compromise amendment.

3 4 :20 Tomorrow the State Senate is expected to pass 2 bills targeting heroin use. One requires the State Department of Corrections to set up a system of sanctions for offenders who violate their parole or probation. The second requires the state to start opiate treatment centers.

5 :20 Police are on the scene of a crash on the westbound Beltline at Todd Drive. The Dane County Communications Center says 3 injuries were reported.

5 :20 A Fitchburg woman was killed in a crash this morning in Rock County. 36-year-old Shondra Morbley died in the crash.

5 :25 A former Badger football recruit is now charged with sexual assault. 18-year-old Dominic Cizauskas of Mukwonago appeared in Dane County court today on the felony charge. Authorities say he assaulted a UW student he knew from high school when he visited her in her dorm room. This happened when he was on campus for a recruiting visit to UW.

2 2:05 A group of local school districts is working to raise awareness about bullying.

9 11 :30 General Motors issued 3 new recalls today. They're different from the company's recall of more than 1.5 million vehicles.

2 5 :25 A school in Racine damaged by a fire will reopen tomorrow.

Mar 18

3 4 2:20 The Madison Common Council is re-considering a proposal to establish buffer zones around medical facilities like abortion clinics.

4 :20 The search for Madison's next police chief is down to the final two. The candidates are current MPD officers Sergeant Mike Koval and Captain Carl Gloede.

5 :25 Police are looking for a man they say robbed a bank in Monona this afternoon. These are pictures of the suspect as he walked into the Chase Bank on Broadway around 3:30.

3 4 :25 The State Senate approved a bill requiring insurance companies to cover the pill form of chemotherapy the same way they cover IV treatments. Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald blocked a vote on the bill last week, but it came to a vote today and passed on a 30-2 vote.

4 :20 The Assembly approved a new treatment for children who have seizures that can't be cured with other medication. It allows certain doctors to prescribe CBD, a chemical found in marijuana.

4 :15 The Assembly also approved Governor Walker's tax cut plan so it goes to the governor for his signature. It's a \$504 million plan. This will mean the average homeowner will see a property tax reduction of \$131 and the average taxpayer will save \$46 a year.

1 4 1:55 Two of the Democratic candidates running to replace J.B. Van Hollen as Wisconsin attorney general took part in a forum tonight and it was moderated by our Capitol Bureau Chief Greg Neumann.

10 :35 Tough choices are ahead for judges at the World Championship Cheese contest being held in Madison. Judging started today at Monona Terrace.

Mar 19

4 5 :45 The Wisconsin Claims Board is considering compensation for a former inmate kept in prison more than a year too long. 52-year-old Robin Gavinski made his case to the board today.

5 :20 Four people are headed to trial in connection with a violent home invasion in Madison. Court records show Eric Bass, Deandrae Mayweathers, Efemia Neumaier and Michon Thomas were all bound over in Dane County court today. The court entered not guilty pleas for all 4.

5 :25 Investigators in Beloit ruled the cause of a deadly house fire as accidental. Clint Christensen and his daughter Jaime Christensen died in the fire on March 5th.

5 2:05 Today firefighters in Beloit had a busy morning with 2 fire calls in 2 hours.

2 4 :55 The State Assembly will vote on a bill tomorrow to increase accountability of Wisconsin schools. It would apply to taxpayer-funded schools like voucher schools.

3 4 :15 Tomorrow the Assembly is set to consider a bill that requires insurance companies to cover the pill form of chemotherapy at the same level they cover the IV version.

6 :20 A software company is closing its facility in Middleton by the end of the year. AMSC, formerly American Superconductor, is consolidating operations from the Middleton location to its headquarters in Massachusetts. The company did not say how many employees will be affected. AMSC designs software for the wind turbine industry.

6 :25 Job growth in Wisconsin is lagging behind much of the nation. The latest quarterly report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics shows Wisconsin ranked 35th in private sector job growth from September of 2012 through September of 2013.

5 11 :25 Toyota has agreed to settle a criminal case against it by paying a \$1.2 billion penalty.

9 :30 Lots of people in Madison are getting letters from a company offering insurance to cover the water pipes to their homes. The company is Home Serve USA and they appear to be legitimate. But many homeowners are confused because the City of Madison has recommended a different company to provide insurance for the water line laterals, the pipes that run from the street to the house. Officials recommend you do due diligence and make sure you check out any company before signing a contract for coverage.

11 :25 Milwaukee Street is back open tonight after part of it literally fell through to the water below.

Mar 20

4 1:35 The State Assembly is trying to get a lot done tonight on its last scheduled floor session of the year. Debate is expected to go late into the night. The Assembly is currently debating a bill that would limit in-person early voting. The bill has already cleared the Senate.

5 :20 The Dane County Sheriff's Department resumed its search for evidence connected with a recent murder. Deputies were out again along Highway 14 near Mazomanie. They're trying to find a gun that may have been used to kill 43-year-old Cheryl Gilbert at her home in Mazomanie. 39-year-old Phillip Byrd is being held as the prime suspect in the case.

5 :20 Felony charges were filed today against the man accused of stealing about \$200,000 from Kennedy Little League in Madison. The attorney for Steve Verhage said his client admits to embezzling the money and Verhage is working to pay it back.

7 2:45 For most of her life one local woman has been taking care of kids and not just her own. Tonight we meet Mary Grimm, our Jefferson Award winner for March.

Mar 21

6 :45 With only a few months left of school, a lot of teens are searching for summer jobs. But studies show employment for teens is the lowest it's been since the Great Depression.

5 :25 A teenager from north-central Wisconsin is headed to trial for lying about having cancer. Authorities say she collected donations raised on her behalf. 19-year-old Celina Winchell pleaded not guilty to obstructing an officer and theft.

4 :25 The City of Middleton has its replacement for its outgoing police chief. The city's police commission selected Captain Chuck Foulke to replace current chief Brad Keil who is retiring from law enforcement.

1 4 :20 The field of candidates in the race for secretary of state is getting even more crowded. Republican Assemblyman Garey Bies of Sister Bay announced today that he's entering the race.

4 :25 The State Assembly wrapped up its marathon session just before 5 this morning. After we went off the air last night, lawmakers approved a bill to limit early voting hours. They also approved an amended version of the oral chemo bill, which caps co-pays at \$100. The change sends it back to the Senate which finishes its session on April 1st. Governor Walker has said he'll sign the bill if it makes his desk.

9 10 :25 Producers across the nation are struggling with smaller beef cattle herds. And that's driving up prices at the grocery store. In fact, Wisconsin Cattlemen's Association President Austin Arndt tells us herds are smaller than they've been in 63 years. That's because of drought conditions in recent years and an increase in global demand.

9 :30 The Wisconsin Better Business Bureau is warning everyone about what's being called the largest nationwide phone scam ever.

6 :40 Pabst Brewing Company could be coming back home. That's if a group of Milwaukee natives gets its way. Pabst started in Milwaukee in 1844 and left in 1996. One of the

co-founders wants residents to have local ownership of the company, similar to the way people own the Green Bay Packers.

11 :30 The Experimental Aircraft Association, or the EAA, has patched things up with the FAA after a spat last summer. At that time the FAA said it would charge the EAA nearly \$450,000 to provide air traffic controllers for the yearly Airventure in Oshkosh.

Mar 22

5 :20 Waupaca County authorities are investigating a gruesome discovery near New London. About a dozen animal carcasses were found dumped in a ditch and on the shoulders of a rural road.

5 :20 A Wauwatosa man is accused of making explosives in a Madison apartment. Police arrested 20-year-old Andrew Cockerham yesterday. Officers found items and documents indicating an explosive device was being made in an apartment on North Brooks Street. Police say the materials were stabilized and there is no ongoing threat to the public.

5 :25 One person is dead and another in serious condition after a crash near Waunakee this morning. Dane County Sheriff's Office reports a vehicle was on Highway 19 in Westport around 2 am when the driver missed a corner, hit a tree, and landed in a field.

3 6 :20 Today the public got a first look at the new hospital in Prairie du Sac.

10 :35 Wisconsin agriculture officials say the state's ginseng crop must be protected. Industry leaders gathered at the 11th Annual Ginseng Growers' Conference near Wausau today.

4 :35 Firefighters from all over Wisconsin are learning new techniques to save lives at an annual convention this weekend in Middleton.

Mar 23

10 2:00 There's a new attraction in downtown Eau Claire and it has parents and children eager to see it. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* we're checking out the new family dairy farm exhibit at the Children's Museum of Eau Claire.

9 10 2:05 Despite the cold temps outside, spring is officially here. And for fans of community-supported agriculture, or CSA, that means a season full of fresh produce. But as Gordon Severson explains, the season is off to a slow start.

5 :25 Waupaca County authorities are now saying dead animals were found dumped in 2 locations. Officials say the dead animals include a deer, a cat, and 4 chickens.

5 :25 Authorities believe alcohol contributed to a deadly crash in the Town of York. The sheriff's office tells us a car was driving on Highway T-T and missed a stop sign at Highway 73, colliding with a minivan.

4 5 :25 A close call has a Wisconsin sheriff's office reminding drivers to slow down when passing emergencies on the side of the road.

9 :20 Costs at the pump continue to rise across the country.

4 5 :25 Federal authorities are warning people of what they're calling the "largest nationwide phone scam ever." IRS officials say a caller claims to work for the IRS and tells the victim they owe back taxes, asking for payment with a pre-paid debit card or wire transfer.

6 :40 Microbreweries are one of Wisconsin's largest growing industries, becoming increasingly popular.

9 :20 A Minnesota company is recalling some of its products for possible listeria contamination. Parkers Farms is recalling peanut butter, cheese, salsa and spreads. Products are also sold under other names: Happy Farms, Hy-top, Say Cheez, and Bucky Badger.

4 9 :20 The State Department of Natural Resources is warning homeowners the spring thaw could contaminate your wells and drinking water.

Mar 24

4 2:05 Tonight the Town of Albion gave the go-ahead to a Waunakee company to dig a quarry outside of town. Supporters say it's needed to help with nearby road construction but opponents say it'll change the dynamic of their town.

6 9 :50 Just as rivers are rising with melted snow, flood insurance is also going up. We're talking about double-digit rate increases. It's because the National Flood Insurance program is \$24 billion in debt. Homeowners are going to have to pay that debt at an increased rate of 18% each year going forward, and some of them don't have a choice.

5 :25 A former Mount Horeb police officer took a plea deal in his sexual assault case. The Wisconsin State Journal says 45-year-old Dennis Jenks pleaded guilty to the repeated sexual assault of a child and 32 other charges were dropped.

4 :35 The UW-Madison Police Department is contacting people who were in photos taken by a former police captain, the photos which eventually led to his firing. Captain Peter Ystenes was fired earlier this month for misuse of camera and computer equipment. An email from Police Chief Susan Riseling says Ystenes took pictures of unsuspecting members of the public and the UW Police Department over a period of years. Riesling says none of the images contain nudity, but they were inappropriate.

5 :30 The Iowa County Sheriff's Department is investigating a possible case of animal neglect.

1 4 :20 The former majority leader of the State Assembly won't run for re-election. Republican Assemblyman Bill Kramer filed non-candidacy papers today.

4 :20 Taxes are going to go down in Wisconsin. Governor Scott Walker signed his tax cut plan into law this morning in Shawano County.

2 :50 Researchers at UW-Madison tested the theory behind the soda tax. The idea is that if you charge more for soda, people will drink less and that will cut down on obesity.

3 4 :15 There's just one week left to enroll in insurance through the Affordable Care Act. The deadline is March 31st.

Mar 25

8 10 2:00 Spring is off to a cold start with below normal temperatures which means the ground is still frozen solid. UW Extension says frost lines in the soil are between 20 and 30 inches in Dane County. So how will this impact planting season? Kristen Barbaresi spoke to organic farmers about the spring outlook.

4 8 :25 The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources issued a second notice of violation to the company running the manure digester near Waunakee. It stems from permit violations in 2013 and a spill of 35,000 gallons earlier this month.

5 :20 Two more suspects are headed to trial in connection with a violent home invasion in Madison. Not guilty pleas were entered today for 20-year-old Kristopher Hughes and 22-year-old DeMarco Mallit. Hughes faces 8 felonies in the case. Mallit is charged with 2 felonies.

5 :40 Police in Fitchburg arrested a man they say hit an officer with his vehicle, then led other officers on a chase. 28-year-old Shannon Patterson of Janesville faces several charges including reckless endangerment.

3 4 :25 It's official: the Obama Administration will give more time for people to sign up for health care insurance under the Affordable Care Act.

1 :50 Democratic candidate for governor Mary Burke unveiled her jobs plan for Wisconsin today. This while taking some shots at the governor for his performance on jobs.

1 :50 Governor Walker hit back against Burke's jobs plan today.

7 1:40 A program dubbed "Growth on the Triangle" is promoting gardening in one of Madison's low-income areas.

2 :20 Edgewood College in Madison has its new president. He's someone who knows the school very well. The college's board of trustees selected the school's executive vice president, Scott Flanagan, to be the next president.

5 :20 E-book readers in Wisconsin will get some money back after a national settlement. Five publishers will pay \$166 million to settle a price-fixing lawsuit.

Mar 26

5 2:20 A police report and an eyewitness both indicate a mechanical failure could be to blame for a man's fall from a Lake Delton roller coaster earlier this month. Pete Zervakis spoke with a woman who was on the ride minutes before the accident.

4 5 :25 The Waukesha County district attorney is reviewing sexual assault charges against the former Assembly majority leader. The Mukago Police Department referred to the DA its report on the actions of Bill Kramer. Waukesha County D.A. Brad Schimel says these allegations are separate from accusations that Kramer sexually harassed 2 women while in Washington, D.C.

5 :20 One of the men charged with stealing a historic violin says he's not guilty. The plea came today from 36-year-old Universal Allah.

1 :40 The latest Marquette Law School poll gives Governor Scott Walker a 7 point lead on Democratic challenger Mary Burke. The poll conducted last weekend shows 48% of registered voters would pick Governor Walker if the race were held now, while just 41% would support Burke.

2 7 2:00 Middle school students in Sauk City are learning how they can make a positive impact on their community through social action.

9 :30 State consumer protection officials say scammers are trying to set you up for a future scam. Here's how it works: they call you and say there are unclaimed Powerball prizes and ask you to pick some numbers. The scammers will call back to say you've won, and then they ask questions about your finances or the value of your home.

Mar 27

1 4 :45 You won't be able to vote early on nights or weekends in Wisconsin anymore. Governor Walker signed a bill into law today that limits in-person absentee voting to the hours of 8 am - 7 pm Monday through Friday in the 2 weeks leading up to a statewide election.

4 :20 Walker signed a number of bills into law in Milwaukee this morning. One changes the process for filing asbestos exposure lawsuits. Veterans' groups strongly opposed the measure saying it would make it harder for asbestos victims to get justice.

4 5 :35 Waukesha County District Attorney Brad Schimel says his office will still handle the accusations against former Assembly Majority Leader Bill Kramer, even though Kramer donated to Schimel's campaign for Wisconsin attorney general.

9 :45 If you've got Charter Cable, then you may be in for some changes. Charter is going all digital. Customers without digital boxes will have to put one on each television. Charter says 90% of its customers are already digital and they want to offer more services to everyone.

6 :20 The unemployment numbers are out and the rate fell slightly in Wisconsin. The State Department of Workforce Development says the seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate in February dropped from 6.2 % to 6.1%. That's below the national rate which is 6.7%.

Mar 28

4 5 1:55 In one of the few times in history, a sitting Wisconsin lawmaker has been charged with felony crimes. Republican Representative Bill Kramer was booked this week on 2 charges of second degree sexual assault. Kristen Barbaresi has details on the charges which are separate from previous accusations of sexual misconduct against Kramer.

5 :25 A teen accused of killing a restaurant co-worker in Portage last year changed his plea today. 19-year-old Jordan Scott withdrew a former plea of not guilty by reason of insanity.

5 :20 A Southwest Technical College student faces charges after making threats to shoot up the campus. 21-year-old Nathan Allbee was arrested yesterday on 2 counts of disorderly conduct.

2 5 :15 UW-Police are expecting some big parties for tomorrow night's game. They and Madison Police will have extra patrols out this weekend to ensure celebrations don't get out of control.

2 3 :45 An analysis finds 9 UW schools rank in the top 50 colleges in the nation for alcohol-related arrests. UW-La Crosse was number one and UW-Madison ranked 23rd on the list.

1 4 :50 Political experts and voters have now had a few days to break down Mary Burke's jobs plan. The Democratic gubernatorial candidate released 40 pages worth of ideas Tuesday on how to get the state working again.

13 :45 More than 150 Wisconsin National Guard troops based in Chippewa Falls are getting ready to ship out of Afghanistan. Members of the 829th Engineering Company were sent off by family and friends this morning at a ceremony at Ft. McCoy.

Mar 29

4 5 :35 State Senate President Mike Ellis says Representative Bill Kramer should be removed from office if found guilty of sexual assault.

1 4 :45 Governor Scott Walker is among a number of possible Republican presidential candidates in Las Vegas this weekend. He spoke today at the Republican Jewish Coalition Spring Leadership meeting.

4 :30 The State Senate will be busy on Tuesday, its last session day of the year. Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald says they'll vote on a number of bills including one to make oral chemotherapy drugs more affordable.

5 :40 Two La Crosse police officers are recovering after they were rear-ended by a drunk driver.

5 :25 A 29-year-old woman was airlifted to an area hospital after authorities say she drove drunk and caused a crash. Dane County Sheriff's Office says around 4:30 Danielle Abbott of Dodgeville was driving on Highway 19 in the Town of Springfield when she missed a turn, crossed the center line, and hit a car head-on. The 4 people in the other car had minor injuries.

9 11 :25 General Motors has announced 2 new recalls, expanding the list to 5 million vehicles. Some 2013 and 2014 Chevy Cruze models have trouble with axles coming apart while driving and almost 500,000 trucks are being recalled for a transmission problem that could cause a fire.

13 :40 Today is Vietnam Veterans' Day, marking the anniversary of the day the last U.S. troops withdrew from the war. A VFW post near Stevens Point is honoring veterans who served.

2 :40 The state's best spellers showed off their skills today at the Badger State Spelling Bee in Madison.

4 :45 The April 15th tax filing deadline is quickly approaching, but don't worry if you haven't filed yet; help is available. Throughout Wisconsin Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sites offer free assistance to low income residents, seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities.

Mar 30

5 2:00 Last night things got pretty rowdy after the game. Madison Police estimate 10,000 fans crowded onto State Street.

5 :25 Authorities are working to identify a body found in a cornfield in Jefferson County. Jefferson County Sheriff's Office says a driver spotted the body yesterday afternoon

near a highway in the Town of Ixonia. Deputies say the victim is a female, but haven't released any other information.

5 :25 A Baraboo woman is in the hospital with life-threatening injuries after a crash involving a drunk driver in Columbia County. The Wisconsin State Patrol says 2 cars collided on I-39 near Poynette early this morning. One of the cars, driven by the 33-year-old woman, went into the median and rolled over. The other driver, 34-year-old Scott Albrecht was arrested and is facing a charge of OWI causing injury.

4 :20 Some police in Wisconsin are able to secretly track the location of suspects or missing persons through cellphones. Gannett Wisconsin Media reports the devices known as Stingray can track the location of thousands of unsuspecting people. Many are concerned that police haven't said how often the device is used or whether a warrant is needed.

5 11 :25 An investigation into the General Motors' recall has found the company was aware of a defect but decided not to fix the problem.

3 :45 With temperatures rising over the past few days, many are beginning to deal with seasonal allergies. Experts are predicting an above-average pollen count this spring.

Mar 31

10 2:00 The Artisan Cheese Exchange often markets Wisconsin cheeses to foreign markets. When a need for a particular cheese arose in the UK, the company was happy to respond. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* see how this small business has filled a niche and created a new cheese that led to success at home and abroad.

6 :40 Many Badger fans made their Final Four travel plans today.

6 :25 Whether or not the team wins the university will when it comes to royalties on Badger products.

4 5 :30 From majority leader to out of office -- that could be the future of State Assemblyman Bill Kramer. Assembly Republicans will meet Thursday to discuss whether to remove Kramer from office. Kramer is now charged in a 2011 sexual assault in Waukesha County and he faces separate allegations of sexual harassment stemming from a trip to Washington, D.C.

5 :20 A former Badger recruit is headed to trial on a sexual assault charge. 18-year-old Dominic Cizauskas is accused of assaulting a UW student on campus in December.

3 4 :40 There was heavy traffic today on Healthcare.gov on the final day to sign up through the federal healthcare marketplace.

1 4 :20 Polls open at 7 am tomorrow across Wisconsin for the spring election. Voters will cast their ballots for municipal and school races. There are also several referenda on the ballot, including 1 in Dane County that urges state lawmakers to legalize marijuana.

2 3 3:00 UW-Madison researchers are studying how to improve patient care during surgery. Jennifer Kliese shows us how surgeons, Google Glass, and UW's top coaches have come together in the operating room.

9 11 :25 The latest recall from General Motors is more than 1 million vehicles.

4 11 :20 New cars will be required to have backup cameras. That's the ruling from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

4 11 :20 A fix is coming for Highway PD in Fitchburg. Dane County and the City of Fitchburg agreed to split the reconstruction of the section between Seminole Highway and Fish Hatchery Road. It'll cost more than \$3 million.

4 11 :15 In Madison utility crews got in some early work today before the bigger construction project on East Johnson Street. The stretch between North Butler to North Baldwin will be replaced.