

PROBLEMS & NEEDS LIST
2013 FOURTH QUARTER REPORT

WKOW-TV, Madison, WI
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

October – December 2013

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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Oct 1

4 6 2:05 We don't know how long these federal employees will be furloughed which spooked a lot of investors. Yesterday the Dow dropped 128 points. But an area financial advisor says now is not the time to worry. Jennifer Kliese continues our coverage on the government shutdown's effect here in Wisconsin.

6 8 :20 You may notice some changes in Wisconsin's great outdoors because of the shutdown. The Ice Age Trail won't be maintained because insurance covering volunteer workers won't be available. Trails will remain open, though. Farther north, the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest is closed. Offices are empty, but firefighters and law enforcement officers will stay on the job.

4 :25 Madison's City Council approved a plan tonight to revamp the 700 and 800 blocks of State Street. Here's a look at the conceptual drawing. It calls for a 26-foot wide

zone for walkers, bikers and fire trucks that runs from Park Street to Lake Street. This is one of 2 projects in that area. The city is also collaborating with UW-Madison on redeveloping Library Mall.

4 :20 Council members also approved buying the Mount Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church on Mineral Point Road in order to turn it into a midtown police station.

4 1:00 Today we learned details of Mayor Soglin's 2014 operating budget. The mayor says the \$275 million budget maintains and enhances essential public services. It increases spending by about 3%.

4 :45 At the county level, Executive Joe Parisi introduced his spending plan for next year. It includes a \$508 million operating budget and a nearly \$45 million capital budget. Part of the plan gives funding to a partnership with Operation Fresh Start to create a Dane County Youth Conservation Corps which would build a team of young people to clean up county parks.

6 10 :25 The Alliant Energy Center in Madison will serve as 1 big barn this week. It's housing the World Dairy Expo which kicked off today. The event brings in about 70,000 people from all over the world each year.

4 6 :20 Crews began tearing down the Stadium Bar next to Camp Randall today. The building is being knocked down to make way for a new, private student housing complex called Varsity Quarters.

5 :25 Police in Madison arrested a 15-year-old girl after they say she drove a stolen truck into a house. Officers say the homeowners can't live there because of the damage. The teen was cited for operating while intoxicated and she faces other criminal charges.

Oct 2

4 1:55 The government shutdown has created a lot of confusion as to which parks and trails are still open to the public. Wisconsin's DNR has heard from hundreds of wildlife enthusiasts looking for a place to go.

4 13 :35 Members of the Badger Honor Flight say they won't postpone a trip to the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. even though it's officially closed. The National Park Service says Honor Flight members will still be able to enter the site. Veterans in our area have a trip planned for October 19th.

4 10 :25 The government shutdown could delay federal payments to help Wisconsin farmers. State AG Secretary Ben Brancel says farmers may see checks delayed that come from the federal Milk Income Loss program which helps them when milk prices fall below a certain point. Those checks could be the last farmers receive from the program.

3 4 :50 Governor Walker may look to make more changes to benefits for the state's public sector employees. The governor has been meeting with state insurance officials about switching public employee health insurance from an MO-based plan to a self-insurance plan.

2 4 :25 Tonight the Madison School District and its teachers have agreed on new contacts.

4 :25 The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation is taking steps to become more transparent. One way is a new interactive map that allows anyone to see where WEDC is investing. You can track grants and funding, the companies which received them and the number of jobs they're expected to create.

5 :25 A Minnesota jury convicted Jeffrey Trevino of killing his wife, Wisconsin native Kira Trevino. Kira's body was found in the Mississippi River in May, more than 2 months after she disappeared.

4 5 :25 Nine firefighters in Milwaukee are accused of vandalizing their own fire station. Authorities say the crew members were upset over being transferred.

Oct 3

4 5 :40 Congressional buildings were locked down after the report that shots had been fired. All of Wisconsin's congressional delegation and their staff members are safe tonight.

2 4 2:15 A youthful perspective is helping Dane County board members tackle the ongoing issue of bullying in our schools. Gordon Severson explains how a new youth program is getting local kids involved in community issues.

5 :40 Police in Madison are looking for the person who shot and killed a man early this morning. Officers say a 30-year-old man was shot in an apartment in the 2300 block of Fish Hatchery Road. Detectives say there was some kind of disturbance before the shooting.

5 :20 On the city's north side last night no one was hurt when a bullet flew through an apartment on Kennedy Road. Police say the shot came from a neighboring apartment.

3 4 :45 Two Democrats want to legalize medical marijuana. The bill from Senator John Erpenbach and Assemblywoman Chris Taylor would allow people with debilitating diseases and conditions to get a prescription from their doctors. Twenty other states have passed similar legislation.

2 4 :20 Wisconsin's Common Core educational standards were the focus of a hearing today. Some Republicans are concerned the federal government has too big of a role in establishing the standards. State Superintendent of Schools Tony Evers defended the requirements saying he's never received a federal directive and that individual districts set their own curriculum.

4 1:05 Scott Suder is out and Jeff Stone is in at the state's Public Service Commission. Suder was supposed to start as the PSC's new division administrator for Water, Compliance and Consumer Affairs next Monday. But today the Governor's Office announced Representative Jeff Stone would be taking that job. Around the same time the Wisconsin Paper Council announced Suder was taking a job there as the vice president of government relations.

4 :40 An Adams County sheriff's deputy, shot while on duty, is back on the job. Todd Johnson received a special award for what he calls a life-changing moment. He was shot in the lower abdomen in February while responding to a domestic violence call at a cabin in Big Flats.

11 :25 The Leo Frigo Bridge is closed after the Department of Transportation says corrosion caused part of it to sink about 2 feet. Investigators think soil composition in the area and changes in the water table caused the corrosion. The DOT is now working on a plan for repairs.

Oct 4

5 :10 Madison Police say they've arrested 3 men in connection with a murder on Moraine View Drive. Manford White, Tavon Meyers and Anthony White each face a tentative charge of 1st degree intentional homicide. Police say they believe these are the only men involved.

5 2:05 The Moraine View case is the second murder in Madison in the last 2 days. Gordon Severson spoke to police who said this is rare for the city. Before this week the Madison Police Department had only seen 3 homicides this year.

5 :25 Charges are filed against the Madison man accused in a more than 12-hour standoff in September. 51-year-old Steven Boyle faces 7 felonies including resisting arrest and battery to law enforcement officers. Officers say Boyle threatened to kill neighbors and police and he strangled a police dog as officers tried to arrest him at this home on Berwyn Drive.

2 6 :20 Madison College will not go forward with a proposed sports complex. The school said it determined it couldn't raise enough private funding for the project. Madison College wanted to spend \$18 million to build 4 softball diamonds, a baseball field and a soccer field. Some neighbors were concerned about noise, traffic and the complex getting closer to their neighborhood.

2 :35 It was a full house tonight on the UW campus for an ironic lecture on ethics. John Dean, the former counsel to President Richard Nixon, spoke to UW law students about the ethical issues lawyers face, using his own involvement in the Watergate scandal as an example.

Oct 5

5 :30 We have new information about a homicide on Madison's west side. The Dane County medical examiner has identified the victim as 43-year-old Jason Wilcox but has not been able to determine an exact cause of death.

5 :40 Police are also investigating an overnight armed robbery in Madison. Authorities say a 19-year-old victim was approached by a man with a gun in the Lathrop Street area. The thief got away with the victim's cell phone. The suspect is described as a black male in his 20s, with a thin build, about 6 feet tall, 150 pounds.

5 :20 Janesville Police say good Samaritans helped detain this man after he stole a 69-year-old woman's purse. 28-year-old Curtis McGill is accused of taking the victim's bag outside the Janesville mall and running.

2 5 :20 Federal officials have determined complaints are not valid against a UW-Madison research study involving cats. PETA claimed researchers were mistreating animals but federal investigators found the complaints didn't accurately reflect actual conditions.

4 10 1:45 Some farmers and dairy producers are worried they'll feel the effects of the shutdown, too. Gordon Severson stopped by the World Dairy Expo today to check in.

Oct 6

8 1:50 People in Marquette County are cleaning up after a tornado passed through last night. Gordon Severson explains why they didn't see it coming until it was practically in their backyards.

5 :20 Madison Police are searching for a suspect after a second overnight armed robbery this weekend. Shortly after midnight on Saturday a 17-year-old was walking near Kendall and Summit Avenue when a man with a gun approached him. The suspect got away with the victim's cell phone and wallet.

5 :20 A convicted killer who walked away from a north woods prison earlier this week has been arrested in Florida. 54-year-old Todd Brecht is now headed back to continue serving his life sentence for 1st degree murder.

5 :40 A Culver's Restaurant became a crime scene this morning in Washington County when officers shot a robbery suspect. Jackson Police say 2 employees were prepping the restaurant for opening when they were approached by an armed man.

5 :20 A hearing is scheduled in Jefferson County to determine whether charges will be filed in a 1988 death, previously determined an accidental drowning. 8-year-old Artis Echoles' mother says there were conflicting reports where children said they saw a man holding the boy's head under water.

2 5 :40 This month fire officials plan to work towards education promoting fire prevention. Their efforts kicked off today with the annual Dane County Fire Chief's Association Fire Truck Parade.

Oct 7

10 2:00 October is National Pizza Month and in celebration we're highlighting a local business that's been around for over half a century. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* see how Jack's Pizza is making the most out of locally made Mozzarella cheese.

9 :45 Packers' quarterback Aaron Rodgers is showing his support for efforts to end conflict in the Congo. He spoke at a rally on the UW-Madison campus this evening. The rally had one focus – encouraging young college students to become more aware of where their electronics and jewelry are coming from and the violence that brings those materials to the U.S.

1 4 :45 Two big moves today will affect the 2014 general election. The first is a new entrant into the race for governor. Democrat Mary Burke announced her entry with a video on her campaign website. She's a former state commerce secretary and former Trek Bicycle executive. Burke says the state can benefit from her business experience.

1 4 :30 Governor Scott Walker says voters will have a clear choice in 2014 – moving the state forward or backward.

1 4 :25 The other shakeup today – Attorney General J. B. Van Hollen won't be on the 2014 ballot. Van Hollen announced today that he will not run for a 3rd term. The Republican was first elected to the post in 2006 and was re-elected in 2010. He says he came to the decision in the last few weeks saying it was time to give someone else a chance. Van Hollen has not said what he plans to do after leaving office.

13 :30 A U.S. marine from Milwaukee has died in Afghanistan. The body of Lance Corporal Jeremiah Collins, Jr. returned to the U.S. today. The Department of Defense says Collins died Saturday while supporting combat operations in Heilmand Province.

5 :20 Police say a man from Madison is wanted for an attempted homicide in La Crosse. Police in La Crosse say 31-year-old Tomas Beitlich broke into his ex-girlfriend's home and hit another man numerous times with a blunt object, then took off.

Oct 8

5 :25 A 10-year-old boy was killed and his father seriously hurt when deputies say they were hit by a drunk driver. The driver is behind bars in Green County. Deputies say 21-year-old Trevor McGuire was drunk when he hit an oncoming van on Highway 59 in Albany Monday evening.

5 :20 Bail is set for 2 of 3 men accused in a murder in Madison: \$75,000 for Manford White and \$20,000 for Anthony White. The 2 along with Tavon Meyers are accused in the death of 43-year-old Jason Wilcox at his apartment on Moraine View Drive on Friday.

5 :20 A Madison man wanted for an attempted murder in La Crosse turned himself in. Thomas Beitlich appeared in court where a judge set bond at \$250,000 cash.

5 :25 Police in Madison are looking for a man they say robbed a business on Park Street tonight. Officers were called to the Klinke Cleaners on Park around 6:45 pm. Police say the suspect came in with a gun in his waistband, asked for a job application and was told to fill it out online. He left and came back with a note demanding money.

5 :50 A new deal should cut down on arrests of protesters at the State Capitol. It allows people to demonstrate without getting a permit. The Department of Administration and the American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin reached the settlement today.

4 :25 State lawmakers are moving forward with a few bills you may want to keep track of. The Assembly approved a bill that gives landlords more power over tenants. Among other things it allows landlords to evict tenants more easily and to get rid of their property as soon as an eviction is granted.

4 11 :15 And an Assembly committee approved a measure to increase the speed limit to 70 miles an hour on Wisconsin freeways. The Assembly is expected to take it up next week. Its author, Republican Representative Paul Tittl says he expects it to pass with bipartisan support.

4 13 :25 The shutdown is hitting some Americans at one of the worst points in their lives. Families of service members killed in action are not getting the usual survivor benefit to help pay for things like funeral expenses.

4 13 :40 Thousands of Veterans' Affairs employees are also feeling the impact of the shutdown. Many were sent home today when they showed up to work at the office in West Milwaukee. Even veterans had to be turned away.

4 13 :25 In spite of the shutdown, about 900 civilian employees are returning to work at Wisconsin's Fort McCoy.

Oct 9

5 :25 Happening now in Monroe – police are involved in a standoff and have been for several hours. Police Chief Fred Kelley says a 32-year-old man is holed up in his house in the 600 block of 19th Avenue.

4 2:20 Officers at Madison College are trying out a new technology that they say could revolutionize law enforcement. Gordon Severson introduces us to body cameras and how they're being used.

2 5 :20 Lakeland College near Sheboygan is taking a different approach to increasing campus security – it's arming its guards. Security guards will carry 45 caliber glocks starting next month. School officials began considering the change about a year ago in response to gun violence on other campuses.

5 :50 Police are looking for the person they say lured a Madison woman to St. Louis so he could steal her diamond. The suspect found 32-year-old Emily Graham's ring on Craigslist last month and offered her \$19,000 for it.

1 4 :55 The State Assembly will once again take up a resolution to only allow recall efforts against elected officials who have committed crimes or ethics violations. The Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections passed the resolution today on a 6 to 3 vote with all Democrats voting against it. Republicans say the recalls of 2011 and 2012 were too costly and leaders like Governor Walker shouldn't have to worry about facing one because of a policy decision.

4 :25 A longtime Democratic state senator is calling it a career. Senator Bob Jauch of Poplar will retire and won't run for re-election in 2014. Jauch says he's become worn out with the lack of bipartisanship in Wisconsin politics today.

Oct 10

7 1:45 Hundreds of people shared their grief and support tonight for a Stoughton family whose young son died this week. 10-year-old Michael Iverson was killed Monday evening by a suspected drunk driver. He and his family were driving home after a volleyball game in Monroe.

4 5 :55 The accused drunk driver in that case, Trevor McGuire, has not yet been formally charged. A package of bills that would increase the penalties on repeat drunk driving offenders is stalled in the Legislature.

4 :20 A bill to combat cyber bullying is moving forward. A State Senate committee approved the measure today that makes it illegal to threaten to harm someone over the internet or through a text message.

4 :45 Governor Walker wants to provide \$100 million in tax relief for homeowners. The governor says the money would come from a \$700 million reserve built up from higher than anticipated tax collections. Republicans are hailing the proposal but Democrats are concerned it may lead to cuts down the road.

5 :25 Police in St. Louis now have a photo of a person of interest in the robbery of a woman from Madison.

5 :30 A Sauk Prairie man was convicted today in a 26-year-old murder but was also released on parole. Terry Vollbrecht was initially convicted in 1989 for the 1987 murder of 18-year-old Angela Hackl.

5 :25 A Dane County judge suspended the murder case against a father accused of killing his 2-year-old son. The judge determined Jesus Castillo-Dimas was not competent to stand trial.

5 :20 Investigators are checking the mental health of the man involved in a standoff last night in Monroe. Police say it all ended peacefully and they took the man into custody around 6:30 this morning, about 12 hours after the standoff began. Police say the 32-year-old man threatened to shoot himself. He has not been identified.

3 :40 Meriter Health Services is teaming up with a health system from Iowa. The affiliation pairs Meriter with Unity Point Health.

6 9 :30 Your days of tax-free shopping on Amazon.com are almost over. The company is going to start collecting sales taxes from Wisconsin residents by November 1st. The Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel reports the change is tied to Amazon's proposed distribution center in Kenosha.

6 9 :20 It's going to cost more to heat your home this winter. The U.S. Department of Energy predicts homeowners with natural gas will spend 13% more this year compared to last year. It's a 9% jump for propane users. Homes with heating oil may get a bit of a break. The DOE says oil prices look to be down about 2%.

Oct 11

3 4 :25 State officials will take more time before deciding whether to self-insure state employees. Members of the state's group insurance board heard from a consultant from Minnesota about that state's success with self-insurance. Right now the state uses HMOs for insurance.

3 :25 It'll be another month before we know how many people have successfully enrolled for health insurance through the Affordable Care Act. A health and human services representative said it will likely be mid-November before they share enrollment numbers.

3 6 :15 St. Mary's Hospital says uncertainty in the healthcare industry is driving it to lay off workers in Baraboo, Madison and Janesville. The reduction plan includes 38 employees in Madison, 2 in Baraboo and 1 in Janesville. Most of the positions are administrative.

5 :25 Deputies arrested several men for a vandalism spree in Cambridge. Brian McGrail, Cody Vieth, Jacob Jameson and Samuel Poirior all face charges of criminal damage to

property. The Dane County Sheriff's Department says the men spray-painted a church, school, fire department and several businesses in Cambridge.

13 :30 A fallen marine from Wisconsin was honored today in his hometown. A ceremony was held at Hamilton High School in Milwaukee for Lance Corporal Jeremiah Collins, Jr. Collins was killed Saturday while serving in Afghanistan.

4 13 :20 The Department of Defense says payments to families of fallen service members were initiated today and they should receive the benefits early next week.

Oct 12

5 :20 Cottage Grove Police say a 24-year-old Cambridge woman died in a crash this morning. 12-18 near Deerfield was closed down for nearly 5 hours while investigators were on scene. Police say the woman's car crossed the centerline and hit a dump truck.

5 :15 The Dane County Medical Examiner's Office has identified the man killed in a crash in Stoughton Thursday. Officials say 68-year-old Merrill Colby died from his injuries in a single-car crash on Highway 51. Authorities are still investigating what happened.

5 :15 Madison Police are looking for a suspect in a gas station robbery. Police say a female suspect entered a Mobil Store on East Washington last night and implied she had a weapon, demanding money.

4 :15 Flags are half-staff across the state today. Governor Scott Walker gave the order in honor of Firefighters' Memorial Day. The day recognizes Wisconsin firefighters who have given their lives in the line of duty.

4 6 1:50 Wisconsin breweries have been feeling the effects of the government shutdown but Gordon Severson explains how the state is working to help them out.

Oct 13

2 2:00 A petition is going around to rename the gateway at Madison College in honor of longtime counselor Al Studesville and his wife Jan. The couple died in a motorcycle crash this summer.

5 :20 Divers pulled the body of a missing man out of the Baraboo River this afternoon. This video is of the search effort for 57-year-old Frank Shimniok almost a week ago. According to the Sauk County Sheriff's Office, Shimniok's body was found in the same area family members believed he had disappeared last weekend. His death remains under investigation.

5 :30 There were a number of serious crashes in our area over the weekend.

5 :20 Sun Prairie Police are looking for suspects they believe robbed a McDonald's this morning. Police say 4 people walked in the restaurant off Highway 19 just before 6 am and told the employees to get on the floor. They showed weapons but no one was hurt.

5 :25 The man who escaped Mendota Mental Health Institute more than 3 months ago is back in custody. Fond du Lac Police say they helped the U.S. Marshal's Office pull over Graham Stowe and a passenger last night. Stowe was serving time at Mendota for tying up his ex-girlfriend and 2 of her family members in their Brown County home.

5 :15 The Madison man accused of neglecting his teenage daughter is expected to appear in court tomorrow. Chad Chritton's re-trial is scheduled for next month.

4 :20 Also tomorrow – Madison's Police and Fire Commission is hosting a public listening session to talk about finding a new police chief. Commissioners hope to make a decision on Chief Noble Wray's replacement by early next year and they want people in Madison to weigh in. The meeting starts at 6pm at the New Central Library downtown.

5 13 :20 Veterans nationwide are protesting the government shutdown and its impact on those who've served our country.

5 13 :35 Groups of veterans also gathered across Wisconsin today. The movement is called the "Million Vet March".

4 :25 A bill that makes it harder for schools to drop race-based mascot names is up for a vote this week. It requires signatures from 10% of a school district's students to trigger a review. Right now, just one person's complaint can lead to a hearing.

Oct 14

10 2:00 Once a year some dedicated school kids get to play like a Packer football player at the Hutson Center in Green Bay. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* see how efforts of these young students to fuel up with healthy food and 60 minutes of daily exercise are giving them big rewards.

4 2:00 Madison's Police and Fire Commission found out tonight that it has to replace more than just the city's police chief. It also needs to replace public trust in the department.

4 11 :25 The Department of Transportation held 5 public meetings to gather input. Officials say many people were frustrated with traffic and they offered ideas on how to ease that congestion.

4 11 :20 The State Senate and Assembly are expected to take up several high-profile bills tomorrow. The Assembly will debate a bill to increase the speed limit from 65 to 70

miles an hour on the interstates. If approved, the Department of Transportation would also have to study raising the limit on other 4-lane highways within a year.

4 :20 The Assembly also allotted 3 hours for debate on a bill to change the state's race-based school mascot law. The legislation would make it harder to force schools to drop American Indian nicknames. It would also erase all existing name-change orders from the State Department of Public Instruction.

4 6 :20 And over in the Senate lawmakers are likely to approve Governor Walker's proposed \$100 million property tax cut.

4 :20 Some of the money to pay for the tax cut will come from the state's budget surplus which is up to \$759 million as of June 30th. That's \$89 million more than an earlier estimate. Governor Walker says \$153 million will be put into the state's rainy day fund, bringing its balance up to \$278 million.

1 4 :25 The district attorney in Waukesha County is the first to announce he's running to replace Wisconsin Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen. Brad Schimel officially entered the race today. The Republican says his top priorities are fighting internet crimes and curbing heroin use which he called a public health crisis.

5 6 1:05 There's a delay in the opening of a new, unique business in downtown Madison. City officials have some concerns with a place called the Snuggle House. The business promises intimate, non-sexual cuddling for \$60 an hour.

2 2:45 The Nobel Prize in physics was awarded last week to 2 men who predicted the existence of what's been deemed the God particle -- the Higgs Boson. A monumental discovery last year is credited to physicists, some who are working right here at UW-Madison.

Oct 15

5 11 :25 Breaking news out of Dane County where a semi rollover has closed down a stretch of Highway 18-151 near Mount Horeb. Authorities say the trailer was carrying cattle and some of them got loose. The Wisconsin State Patrol says both lanes of 18-151 are closed down at Highway E.

4 :40 A \$100 million property tax cut is on the fast track to becoming law. The Senate approved it tonight despite some objections that it will add to the state's deficit in the future.

4 :40 The Assembly passed a bill to raise the speed limit from 65 to 70 miles an hour on the interstates. Lawmakers also approved discounts for hunting and fishing licenses for wounded veterans. And they okayed a measure to increase penalties for stealing cable television. All of these now go to the Senate.

4 :20 Over in the Senate they passed a bill to allow crowdfunding to help small businesses find investors online. Senators also passed a bill that allows bars and liquor stores to sue underage customers. And they approved giving veterans priority when they register for classes at UW System schools and technical colleges.

4 5 :25 A former Mount Horeb police officer facing sex assault and child porn charges has been arrested again.

5 :45 Police in Beloit are investigating whether 2 armed home invasions are connected. The first happened around 8 last night on Hurst Street.

2 5 :25 Police in Johnson Creek arrested a man they say was involved in a tactical situation that led to a school lockdown this afternoon. Chief Gary Bleecker says the 42-year-old threatened to harm some of his relatives.

5 :25 Opening statements are expected to begin tomorrow in the trial to determine who was at fault when part of a parking garage fell and killed a teenager in Milwaukee. The final jury members were picked today.

Oct 16

5 2:00 Fire investigators are still on scene of a fire on Madison's far east side. One person was found dead inside the apartment where investigators believe the fire originated.

5 :25 Tonight Madison Police are looking for the parents of a boy they say may have walked away from home. They say the child couldn't tell them where he lives. Officers say they found the boy around 9 pm in the 5100 block of Camden Road. He's 8 or 9 years old with brown hair and blue eyes and he was wearing Green Bay Packers pajamas.

13 :30 The body of a Wisconsin marine who was killed in Afghanistan returned home today. The body of Lance Corporal Jeremiah Collins, Jr. arrived at General Mitchell Field in Milwaukee ahead of his funeral this weekend. The shutdown delayed both the payment of benefits to Collins' family and the transportation of his body to Wisconsin.

5 :25 Madison Police are notifying people living on the south side about a sex offender moving in. James Morgan will be moving into an apartment on the 1600 block of Gilson Street on November 1st.

1 4 :50 A Democratic state assemblyman is running for attorney general. Representative Jon Richards of Milwaukee says he's filed the paperwork to enter the race. Richards has served in the State Legislature since 1999.

4 :25 Changes to the state's school mascot law will have to wait until November. The Senate was expected to pass a bill this morning but delayed its vote until November 5th.

4 11 :25 Project engineers say so far, so good on work to stabilize the Leo Frigo Bridge in Green Bay. The Department of Transportation released new video of the work today. They're building a support system to hold up part of the bridge that's been sinking for the last 3 weeks. Engineers say so far the bridge hasn't sunk any more.

6 11 :20 A private airline in the Green Bay area is closing after a year of operation. DePere-based MetJet is cancelling flights at the end of next week. The company's CEO says the airline doesn't have enough demand to continue flying.

Oct 17

4 13 2:05 The shutdown couldn't have ended at a better time for local veterans. 3 Honor Flights in Wisconsin are set to take off this week, including 1 in Madison. Gordon Severson explains how their plans have changed.

4 6 :45 One realtor says the local housing market weathered the shutdown, but not without some hiccups. Some programs like the USDA home loan program were unavailable to potential buyers while the government was closed.

4 :20 Homeowners in Wisconsin will be getting a property tax cut. The State Assembly approved Governor Walker's \$100 million tax cut today. It passed the Senate on Tuesday and now goes to the governor who could sign it as early as tomorrow. The bill gives the average homeowner a \$13 cut this year and \$20 next year.

5 :25 The Dane County Medical Examiner's Office identified the man who died Wednesday in an apartment fire as 51-year-old Christopher Williams. Autopsy results show he died from thermal injuries and smoke inhalation.

5 :20 Three men accused in a murder in Madison are headed to trial. Tavon Meyers, Anthony White and Manford White were all bound over for trial today.

2 5 :20 A former Dane County bus driver will spend the next 9 years in prison for distributing child pornography. 37-year-old Benjamin Minor was convicted Tuesday on that single federal charge. Authorities say they found pornographic pictures of young girls in Minor's home in Mazomanie. Minor's sentence includes 15 years of supervised release.

4 :45 The Village of Waunakee may soon become more friendly to pit bulls. As we first reported on WKOW.com the village is drafting an ordinance that would remove a ban on the animals. This comes after a push from Kelly Lappen who rescued her pit bull Clay after moving to Waunakee last year.

7 :25 You may have heard of a flash mob, but how about a cash mob? There was one on tonight on Madison's east side. In this cash mob about 2 dozen people got together to spend money as a group. They chose Nature's Bakery Co-op on Williamson Street tonight. The idea is to give local business owners a small stimulus through spontaneous spending.

4 6 :45 One of three tribes that had voiced concerns over a new off-reservation casino in Wisconsin is now throwing its support behind the project. The Oneida Nation announced today it will support the Menominee Tribe's efforts to establish a Hard Rock Casino in Kenosha. But the Potawatomi and Ho-Chunk tribes still haven't endorsed the casino and Governor Scott Walker says he needs to see support from all the tribes by Tuesday in order to approve it.

Oct 18

5 :50 Authorities in Sauk and Juneau Counties are working together to track down what may be a serial predator. They say details of an abduction attempt this week in Baraboo are similar to other recent cases. On Wednesday the Sauk County Sheriff's Department says a man tried to pull a teenager into his car near Haskins Park. The 18-year-old's mother says it started when the suspect asked the teen for directions.

5 :25 Bail is set at \$10,000 for the man accused in a drunk driving crash that killed a 10-year-old boy. 21-year-old Trevor McGuire is charged with 5 felonies including homicide by intoxicated use of a vehicle. Authorities say McGuire was drinking tequila from a flask before causing the crash on Highway 59 that killed Michael Iverson of Stoughton.

5 :25 The woman whose husband was convicted in a fire that killed their 3 sons now faces criminal charges herself. Court records show Sharon Wand faces 7 felonies for identity theft.

5 :20 Dane County District Attorney Ismael Ozanne may join the race to be the state's top prosecutor. The Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel says Ozanne is seriously considering a run for attorney general but hasn't set a timeline to make a decision. Ozanne was appointed as D.A. in 2010. Assemblyman Jon Richards and Waukesha County District Attorney Brad Schimel have already entered the race.

4 :15 Governor Scott Walker will sign his \$100 million property tax cut Sunday. He has a signing ceremony set for 2 pm in Burlington. The plan gives homeowners a \$13 cut this year and \$20 next year.

4 8 :20 Help is coming for homeowners in southwest Wisconsin affected by flooding this summer. The State Department of Administration awarded nearly \$2 million to Crawford, Grant and Iowa Counties along with the City of Boscobel.

4 5 1:55 Military leaders have praised unmanned drones as the tool of the future to combat terrorism overseas. But a group of activists is traveling the country to protest their use. Gordon Severson takes us to tonight's rally here in Madison.

Oct 19

5 2:00 A Madison neighborhood is working to prevent accidents like the one that hospitalized 9-year-old Bailee Chadwick this summer. Gordon Severson takes us to Vera Court where neighbors and police are working together.

5 :15 A laundromat fire in Madison is under control tonight, but when firefighters got to Quick Clean Laundry on North Bassett Street, they could see flames.

5 :30 McFarland Police are asking for your help to check on a teenager. They're looking for this man and his car.

1 4 :50 Democratic candidate Mary Burke says if she becomes governor she'll change the type of leadership in Wisconsin. Burke is a former commerce secretary and executive at Trek Bicycle. Earlier this month she became the first Democrat to announce she's challenging Governor Scott Walker in next year's election.

13 :35 It was an emotional ceremony in Milwaukee today as a fallen marine was laid to rest. 19-year-old Lance Corporal Jeremiah Collins, Jr. was killed in Afghanistan 11 days ago.

13 :20 A fallen marine from Green Bay has a new trail dedicated in his honor. A large crowd gathered to mark the change as the West Side Trail in Green Bay became the Sergeant Ben Edinger Corridor.

7 13 :30 About 90 area veterans are back home after the trip of a lifetime to our nation's capital. The Badger Honor Flight returned to Madison about an hour ago to a welcome crowd of hundreds of people – families, service men and women and other veterans.

Oct 20

5 :20 Police are on the scene of a death investigation on the 4100 block of Kennedy Road. Rock County Communications says the call came in just before 5:30 tonight. Authorities haven't released any other information yet.

5 :20 We have new information tonight about a deadly crash in Columbia County. According to the sheriff's office that crash killed a 53-year-old woman from Waunakee. When her car collided with a pickup truck at the intersection of Highway 51 and County P near Portage.

4 :35 Property owners will soon see a \$100 million tax cut here in Wisconsin. Governor Scott Walker signed a bill into law at a farm in Burlington earlier today. The tax cut will save the average homeowner about \$13 this year and \$20 next year.

1 4 :25 Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mary Burke doesn't think the cuts will help Wisconsin families at all. Burke released a statement today saying property taxes went up all over Wisconsin when the Walker administration cut school funding by \$800 million.

3 :35 Some people in Madison are putting their heads together to better understand the Affordable Care Act. East side progressives held a meeting earlier in the day. Rabbi Bonnie Margulis led what she called an Affordable Care Act 101. She says she's been keeping herself as informed as possible to pass along the information to others.

5 :20 The man who led police on a chase across southern Wisconsin last month is scheduled to be in court tomorrow. Authorities say 36-year-old James Kruger went on a crime spree after stabbing someone in Madison.

3 2:00 In the past 2 years Dane County's Child Protection Services has seen 25% more abuse cases. But as Gordon Severson shows us, officials have a new program hoping to reach more victims.

Oct 21

10 2:00 For the second year, the American Cheese Society has held a rigorous exam to certify cheese professionals. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* find out why more and more Cheesemongers are putting their cheese knowledge to the test.

2 5 2:10 UW-Madison Police say they're deeply concerned with the number of students making dangerous choices on campus. Some are risking their lives to get drunk. Jennifer Kliese has more on the challenge officers are facing to keep them safe.

7 :45 One year ago today a gunman opened fire in a salon in Brookfield, killing 3 women. Tonight, families of the victims gathered to remember the relatives they lost.

4 5 :25 Authorities say the body found Sunday night in Janesville is that of a Milton Police lieutenant. The Department of Justice says 43-year-old John Conger died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Conger had been with the Milton Police Department since 1992.

5 :25 We now know the name of the woman who died in a crash Sunday morning near Portage. The Columbia County Sheriff's Department says she is 53-year-old Jane Dederich of Waunakee.

5 :20 Authorities in Grant County are looking for a convicted sex offender who they say cut off his monitoring device. Police in Prairie du Chien were trying to arrest Willard Tyler last night for violating his parole. He didn't answer the door and when they went inside they found the device on the floor.

4 5 :30 A Dane County judge who dismissed felony child sex charges against a former Department of Administration supervisor says state investigators left him no other choice. Judge William Hanrahan dismissed the case against 50-year-old Timothy Marking last week.

Marking was arrested in March for trying to meet a 14-year-old girl for a sexual encounter at this East Madison Menards. Judge Hanrahan says the State Division of Criminal Investigation failed to make evidence in the case available in a timely manner, causing multiple trial delays.

5 :30 A ruling against the state in the ongoing collective bargaining court battle. Dane County Judge Juan Colas found state labor relations officials in contempt of court for moving ahead with certification elections for hundreds of unions despite a ruling that they are unconstitutional. Colas' ruling last year determined the provisions were unconstitutional as applied to unions representing Madison teachers and Milwaukee city workers and his ruling today says the decision applies statewide.

6 :50 Members of the Menominee Nation still believe they can get a deal done to open a new casino in Kenosha. Time is running out – they need to turn in their proposal to Governor Walker tomorrow. The governor has said he will not sign off on the project unless all of the other 10 tribes in the state are on board.

Oct 22

9 11 2:15 A new TSA program could speed up your travel plans. It's an expedited line for some frequent flyers. Jennifer Kliese visited Dane County Regional Airport today where security officials recently got it started.

6 :35 Heating bills may be harder to pay for low-income people in Wisconsin because the state expects less federal funding. The State Department of Administration says the average benefit will be \$227 down from \$337 last season. To qualify for help, a family of 4 must earn less than \$47,485. An individual must earn less than \$24,692. For more information on heating assistance, you can call the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance program at 1-866-432-8947.

4 6 :25 Governor Scott Walker meets with the Menominee Nation tomorrow about its proposed casino in Kenosha. The tribe turned in its plans today and it says they meet the governor's criteria.

4 :45 Senator Tammy Baldwin says she believes it's unlikely we will see another government shutdown next year. The senator toured a UW research lab today to talk about her desire to end cuts to science research that are a result of the sequester. Baldwin will join Senator Ron Johnson and Congressman Paul Ryan on a conference committee charged with coming up with a compromise budget resolution by December 13th.

4 :15 Senator Ron Johnson echoes Baldwin's hope for bipartisanship, but in an interview with the Associated Press he says Republicans and Democrats can't even agree on the size of the problem they face. Johnson says he's going to do everything he can to avoid another shutdown.

4 6 :20 The shutdown slowed hiring which shows in the latest jobs report. 148,000 jobs were added in September. That's down from 193,000 in August.

6 :30 Madison's assistant city attorney says the Snuggle House needs to get business insurance before it can open. Jennifer Zilavy says the insurance is needed in order for officials to issue an occupancy permit to business owner Matthew Hurtado.

7 13 :50 A homeless veteran who helped save a woman's life in Madison a few months ago is getting a second chance for what he did. James Lofton was on the upper deck at Monona Terrace one day in June when a woman tried to jump off in an apparent suicide attempt. Lofton and city worker Sadie Villegas stopped her. Lofton was commended as a hero and city housing officials found out he spent 10 years in the army and got him a veteran's voucher for an apartment. Now Lofton tells us he's in line for a possible job at the UW thanks in large part to his permanent housing.

4 11 :30 The now infamous sagging bridge in Green Bay is to remain closed until at least early next year. The state is getting bids for the repair work which they hope to begin November 4th. The Leo Frigo Memorial Bridge has been closed since September 25th when it was found to be sagging about 2 feet. The bridge has sunk another 3/4 of an inch since then.

13 :45 Veterans reunited in Madison today to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the re-commissioning of the U.S.S. Wisconsin.

4 :20 The Navy's Blue Angels will be flying a full schedule next year. Crew members were grounded last year because of the federal sequester.

4 :25 The government's recent budget troubles mean tax season will start later than normal. IRS programmers couldn't update the agency's computers because of the shutdown so the agency will delay the start of next year's filing season by up to 2 weeks.

Oct 23

5 1:55 The man who caused a lockdown in a Sun Prairie neighborhood is in jail tonight.

5 :45 Records obtained by 27 News show family members of a 7-year-old boy killed by an out-of-control driver pleaded with that driver to never get behind the wheel again. Aiden Mueller was killed in June of 2012 when Margie Whalen's car left Mineral Point Road and hit the picnic bench where Mueller's family was sitting.

5 :30 No charges were filed in the death of a skydiver from Belleville.

5 :25 Authorities in Juneau County say a teenager who reported that she was sexually assaulted made up the story. Police say the 17-year-old originally told them a man abducted her while she was jogging near Lyndon Station and that she was taken to a wooded area where she was assaulted.

4 :55 Wisconsin Supreme Court justices are now weighing a decision on the state's domestic partner registry. The registry gives same-sex couples some of the same legal rights as married couples.

4 6 :45 Governor Scott Walker met with the Menominee Tribe today to discuss their final proposal for an \$800 million off-reservation casino in Kenosha. The governor was originally supposed to make his decision on the casino yesterday but extended the deadline until the end of the week, to hear more from the Menominee and their partners, Hard Rock International.

2 4 :35 More than half of school districts in Wisconsin will receive more state aid this school year compared to last year. The Department of Public Instruction says districts will receive nearly \$4.4 billion which is up more than \$87 million from last school year. That's good news for some districts in Dane County like Middleton-Cross Plains and Verona. Middleton-Cross Plains will receive nearly \$10 million, up more than 22% from last year. Verona will receive nearly \$24 million, up 18%. It's a different story for Madison schools. They'll get more than \$52 million which is down nearly 11% from last year.

2 :25 Spring commencement will be different next year at UW-Madison. The university is moving graduation to Camp Randall from the Kohl Center and it will condense 4 ceremonies into 1 big one. The UW says the event would also be shorter than current ceremonies.

Oct 24

5 1:45 Sun Prairie Police are working a child abuse case tonight involving a 5-year-old with life-threatening injuries.

5 :25 Tonight Madison Police are still looking for a man they say caused a school to lock down. Officers say the lockdown at Our Lady Queen of Peace School stemmed from a child custody issue.

5 :25 A Madison man faces at least 15 years in prison for taking explicit pictures of a 17-year-old girl. Federal court records show 28-year-old Brian Stowe pleaded guilty to the charge today.

5 :15 The man who escaped from Mendota Mental Health Institute is headed to trial. Graham Stowe got out of the facility in July and was found earlier this month in Fond du Lac.

5 :15 The suspect in a series of robberies in Madison is behind bars. Madison Police say Kendredge Dillard was arrested this morning in Illinois. He was wanted for a robbery Wednesday on Mifflin Street in Madison. Police say Dillard may be connected to 25 to 30 other cases.

4 :20 Madison's next police chief will come from a national range of candidates. After taking public input, the city's police and fire commission says it will open the process to the widest range of applicants, including candidates from within the MPD.

2 :45 Some students at a half dozen Madison schools are basically segregated from their classmates because of the way the school is built. The students have physical disabilities and can't climb stairs. The multi-floor school buildings don't have elevators.

4 8 :55 Hundreds of people from around Wisconsin converged on the Capitol today for a public hearing on the regulation of sand mines. The growth of those mines is booming in the state because Wisconsin sand is perfect for use in hydraulic fracking.

4 6 :45 Tomorrow is Governor Scott Walker's self-imposed deadline to decide on the Menominee Tribe's proposal for a casino in Kenosha. Today builders in the Kenosha area tried to sway the governor's vote.

6 :20 The sporting goods store Cabela's is coming to Sun Prairie. The retailer plans to build an 86,000 square foot facility in the Prairie Lakes Development at the corner of Highway 151 and Grand Avenue.

11 :20 The Cannonball Bike Path over the Beltline in Madison is now open.

Oct 25

5 :50 A child abuse investigation in Sun Prairie has turned into a homicide investigation. Police say the 5-year-old boy involved has died. Our coverage continues with the boy's identity, named today as Brayden Turnbull.

5 :20 The man whose actions police say sparked a school lockdown in Madison yesterday is now in custody. Police say officers in Milwaukee arrested 46-year-old Christopher Swatzak.

4 6 :25 Governor Scott Walker will take more time before deciding on a casino in Kenosha. Walker said today the Menominee Tribe makes a compelling case for the gaming facility but it makes sense to fully understand the project's implications.

9 11 1:55 Last year 48 teenagers were killed in traffic crashes here in Wisconsin. During National Teen Driver Safety Week transportation officials are working to shrink that number. Gordon Severson introduces us to a new Smart Phone app that aims to make a difference.

Oct 26

7 :40 It's a Halloween tradition in Madison when Freakfest takes over downtown. State Street and some surrounding roads have been closed for the costumed attendees.

5 :20 Janesville Police are investigating whether a 20-year-old man is responsible for a rash of burglaries. They say last night Nicholas Wuthrich broke into 2 homes and tried to break into a 3rd. He was arrested after a homeowner confronted him.

5 :35 The owners of a Sun Prairie home where police say a 5-year-old boy was seriously hurt are trying to cope with the tragedy of his death. Authorities say Brayden Turnbull was taken to the hospital Tuesday night where he died on Thursday.

3 5 :35 It's National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. Verona Police say a steady flow of people visited a drop-off box at the department today. Authorities don't want people flushing pills down the toilet and say leaving them in the house could lead to abuse or possible theft.

1 4 :15 Rob Zerban says he'll run against Congressman Paul Ryan again. The former small business owner visited UW-Parkside today where he made the announcement.

3 9 :25 A Milwaukee company is recalling 100,000 pounds of food in its 3rd recall this fall. USDA officials are concerned some of Garden Fresh Foods' chicken and ham products may be contaminated with listeria. No illnesses have been reported but the company is taking precautions.

Oct 27

5 1:55 With every Freak Fest authorities say it's becoming a safer way to celebrate Halloween. Gordon Severson spoke to event organizers and business owners who reflect on how much Halloween on State Street has changed over the years.

5 :25 A Janesville man is accused of punching 2 men for not speaking English. 23-year-old Dylan Grall was arrested for hate crime battery after the attack early yesterday morning in downtown Madison.

2 :15 The number of virtual charter schools is going up in Wisconsin but many aren't making the grade. According to report cards released by the State Department of Public Instruction, 50% of the children in virtual schools are attending one that did not meet performance expectations.

3 9 :20 A Kansas meat company is expanding a recall because of a possible listeria contamination. Some of Reser's Fine Foods' chicken, ham and beef products made between September 5th and October 9th are at risk. There have been no confirmed illnesses but the recalled products were distributed nationwide.

1 4 :25 Governor Scott Walker's only known Democratic challenger could be the first female governor, but it's not a focus for her campaign. So far, Mary Burke has downplayed comments about gender.

4 :25 A bill that would weaken local control over the state's sand mining industry could be stalled until next year. It's sponsor, Senator Tom Tiffany, tells the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel government officials have raised objections that need to be addressed.

4 :40 Oneida Nation leaders are scheduled to meet with NFL officials this week to discuss the growing controversy surrounding the Washington Redskins' team name. So far owner Daniel Snyder has refused to consider changing what the Oneida call a racist and offensive team name.

Oct 28

10 2:00 Over the past several years, mobile food carts and trucks have become a lucrative business for many. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* see how a few small business owners are offering Wisconsin cheese to the masses with simple, delectable food choices.

5 2:55 It's been nearly a week since a 5-year-old boy was found with serious injuries in a Sun Prairie home and later died in the hospital. Today authorities revealed they're considering the boyfriend of the boy's mother a suspect. 23-year-old Dakota Black has been in custody on unrelated warrants since last Tuesday when Brayden Turnbull was taken to the hospital.

5 :25 Two people were killed this morning in a house fire in Adams County. The fire started before 2 am at a home in the town of Easton about 18 miles east of Mauston. The Adams County Sheriff's Department says 2 people were found dead inside the home.

5 :25 A federal judge approved a settlement between Madison Kipp Corporation and some of its neighbors. The deal settles an environmental lawsuit brought against the company by 32 homes along South Marquette and Waubesa Streets. The homeowners will split \$4.6 million.

1 4 :50 Governor Scott Walker says he can't answer any questions at this time about possible discrepancies in his new book. According to the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel several people mentioned in the book are disputing the governor's version of certain events and conversations including Janesville State Senator Tim Cullen. The governor writes that Cullen told him he could have convinced the other Democratic senators to stay in Wisconsin in February of 2011, but Cullen tells the paper he never said that.

2 4 :40 The governor made the comments while visiting Beloit Memorial High School to see its manufacturing program. Walker and State Schools Superintendent Tony Evers toured Memorial's technology programming space.

2 3:10 It's the end of the line for a UW-Madison physics lab that's been making breakthroughs in everything from computer chips to cancer research since the 60s. But those achievements didn't stop a federal agency from pulling the plug.

3 :25 Anyone wanting to sign up for health care coverage under the Affordable Care Act will have more time to do so. The Obama Administration announced it is granting a 6-week extension.

Oct 29

6 2:05 The City of Madison wants to expand ways people can access local foods. Officials think an indoor, year-round public market is the answer. Jennifer Kliese was at a meeting tonight where the community had its first chance to speak out on the idea.

6 :45 The future may be in doubt for the Snuggle House in Madison. The owner says he's still trying to get insurance. The venture promises cuddling sessions for \$60 an hour. It hasn't opened yet because city officials need to see proof of insurance before issuing an occupancy permit.

5 :25 Three suspects who police say robbed a home in Sun Prairie are still on the loose tonight. It happened at a house on Eddington Drive just before 11 this morning. A man inside the home was taken to the hospital with injuries that aren't life threatening.

5 :25 The Department of Natural Resources says wardens busted up an illegal sex ring centered at a state park in Lafayette County. The DNR received complaints about illegal sexual activity at Belmont Mound State Park north of Belmont.

5 :25 Charges are filed today against the man who sparked a school lockdown in Madison last week. 46-year-old Christopher Swatzak faces 4 felonies including domestic stalking.

1 4 :15 A Democrat says he's running to represent Wisconsin's 17th Senate District in southwest Wisconsin. Ernie Wittwer made the announcement today. He's a 24-year veteran of the Department of Transportation who says he knows government and he's unhappy with how the statehouse is being run.

4 11 :25 It won't cost nearly as much money to fix a Green Bay bridge as transportation officials originally thought. The State Department of Transportation has gotten 3 bids to fix the Leo Frigo Bridge. They all average about \$8 million. Officials originally thought it could cost \$50 million.

Oct 30

4 :45 A State Assembly committee will vote on a bill tomorrow that would make it legal to carry a gun on school grounds. The person with the firearm would need a concealed carry license to do so. Republican Assemblyman Joel Kleefisch proposed the measure as an amendment to a bill that would have only given that privilege to off-duty or retired law enforcement officers.

2 1:55 The Madison School District is firmly against the proposal. Gordon Severson spoke to the district's top security official who says it's a bad idea.

2 5 :25 A private school in Madison will have armed guards after a lockdown last week. The guards will be outside Our Lady Queen of Peace the rest of the week.

5 :25 The Sheriff's Department says 79-year-old Ronald Peak is one of the people who died Monday in a fire in the town of Easton. Peak's wife, 77-year-old Joann Peak, was hurt and is still in the hospital in Madison.

5 :40 The DNR now says at least 1 person was arrested for having sex illegally at a state park. People complained to the DNR about the hookups at Belmont Mound State Park in Lafayette County.

3 5 :35 Today Meriter Hospital made sure its staff members are prepared for a large scale emergency. Doctors and nurses took part in a mock mass casualty event.

Oct 31

4 6 2:10 Starting tomorrow more than 800,000 Wisconsin families on food stamps will have less money when they head to the grocery store. Federal cuts mean more than \$89 million less to the state's foodshare program.

4 :30 State Republicans are scrapping a bill that would allow guns in schools.

4 :20 And a new push to change the state's voter ID law appears dead on arrival. Two Republican representatives are circulating a bill that would require voters to show a photo ID at the polls. But Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald says he won't take it up in his chamber because he wants to see what happens with lawsuits holding up the current law.

5 :25 The man charged with killing 3 people in LaFayette County is incompetent to stand trial. 31-year-old Jaren Kuester is accused of killing Gary, Chloe and Dean Thoreson on Gary and Chloe's farm near Wiotia.

5 :20 The man accused in a multi-county crime spree entered an insanity plea today. James Kruger's pleas comes from the 16 charges he faces in Grant County.

6 :20 We learned today that 144 people will lose their jobs when a child care facility closed in Prairie du Chien. Yesterday we told you that Wyalusing Academy will close its doors November 8th. The Department of Children and Families revoked the academy's license in September. The academy says the kids will be relocated to other facilities.

Nov 1

5 :20 No one was hurt in a rollover in downtown Madison tonight. The Madison Fire Department says a car turned onto Broom Street from Dayton Street and ran up a

construction barrier causing the car to overturn. This is right at the site of a new development at Broom and West Johnson.

4 5 :55 The daughter of a state legislator is speaking out about her heroin addiction. Cassie Nygren is in the Marinette County Jail. She was arrested in Texas after violating her probation for a 2009 drug-related felony conviction. In a jailhouse interview with WBAY-TV, Nygren said she's become someone she never expected to be.

4 5 :25 Three Madison police officers involved in a deadly shooting in August have been cleared. Dane County District Attorney Ismael Ozanne says the officers were justified in their shooting of Charles Carll.

4 6 :40 Thousands of food stamp recipients in Wisconsin now have less to spend on food. Wisconsin is down more than \$89 million because of the expiration of funding for the Federal Supplemental Nutrition and Assistance Program or SNAP.

3 4 :25 Documents show about 3 million people tried to access Healthcare.gov when the site went live and just 6 people managed to enroll that day.

4 :20 A new bill would shrink the restricted area around a mine site in northern Wisconsin. The original legislation would have closed 3,500 acres in the Penokee Hills just south of Lake Superior. Now a bill from Republican Senator Rob Cowles would close off areas just around mining equipment and roads.

Nov 2

5 :45 Officials are collecting evidence to find out what happened to a missing Fitchburg woman. Rock County authorities have spent the past day searching a home and digging in a yard on Highway 14 near Evansville. A Fitchburg police investigation led authorities to the Evansville home yesterday. 18-year-old Aprina Paul from Fitchburg has been missing since Sunday. Investigators are trying to determine whether Paul died on the property.

5 11 :20 Terminal 3 at LAX reopened today. Yesterday more than 1500 flights and 167,000 passengers were affected including a Whitefish Bay man who landed just as the airport went into lockdown.

6 :20 Almost 900,000 people in Wisconsin are seeing cuts to food stamp benefits this weekend. A temporary boost that was part of the 2009 stimulus law expired Thursday. Cuts to the Food Share program will add up to about \$89 million through next September.

5 2:00 Aprina Paul's family members are certainly in shock tonight as this investigation continues. Gordon Severson spoke to Paul's mother this evening and shares her reaction.

5 :20 More firefighters may soon be carrying a drug that saves people from a growing heroin problem in Wisconsin. In La Crosse right now only an ambulance service carries the drug Narcan. EMTs say they're using it more often now than ever before. LaCrosse firefighters who often act as first responders, have seen a 50% increase in overdose calls and say they need to use the life-saving drug, too.

2 9 :35 The cold temperatures and snow we'll soon see can cause lots of problems for our cars. So today Madison College held their 11th annual free car care clinic.

Nov 3

5 1:45 Crime scene investigators found more human remains at a home in Evansville today. The Rock County Sheriff's Office believes they may belong to a missing Fitchburg woman.

1 4 :25 A federal trial is set to start tomorrow in a lawsuit over Wisconsin's voter ID law. It could set the stage for legal challenges in other states that require voters show photo IDs at the polls. The lawsuit was filed by a Wisconsin woman who never had a birth certificate and struggled to get a state issued ID to vote.

6 :45 We could know as early as tomorrow where Governor Scott Walker stands on a possible Kenosha casino.

11 :40 A group of Wisconsin skydivers are back on solid ground tonight after a scare in the sky last night. 11 people survived when 2 small planes crashed near Superior.

5 :40 A Greenfield man is now home with his family after coming face-to-face with a shooter at Los Angeles International Airport on Friday. 27 News caught up with Leon Saryan on the phone after it happened.

Nov 4

10 2:00 Wisconsin Cheese can be found all over the nation, and in this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* see how two restaurants in the Big Apple are making a huge hit with Wisconsin ingredients.

4 2:10 Pit bulls are no longer banned in the Village of Waunakee. It's the latest place to stop singling out a specific breed when it comes to vicious dogs.

5 1:00 A family in Madison is waiting to hear whether its missing daughter has been found. There's been no official confirmation, but the mother of 18-year-old Aprina Paul says she's been told that human remains found in Evansville are most likely those of her daughter.

5 :40 Madison Police are investigating a child pornography case after images were found on a thumb drive left in the Overture Center. The man who found the drive said he found it during a children's event at Overture.

5 :20 Police in Monona are looking for a man who they say robbed a woman at gunpoint. It happened before 5:30 tonight in the 5700 block of Monona Drive. Police say the suspect pulled the woman to the ground and took her purse.

4 12 :40 A project to build a "field of dreams" in Madison is moving forward. The City's plan commission approved a design to replace a dilapidated car wash with a park for kids. The Fountain of Life Covenant Church wants to build Badger Road Field of Dreams in the 700 block of West Badger Road.

4 6 :40 Governor Scott Walker now says he'll consider whether he set the standards too high for approving a casino in Kenosha.

4 :25 A Wisconsin appeals court will not put a freeze on a contempt of court order against state labor relations officials. Last month Dane County Judge Juan Colas found labor relations officials in contempt because they were preparing for union re-certification elections despite his previous order declaring them unconstitutional. The State Supreme Court will hear an appeal on Colas' initial ruling next week.

1 4 :25 A federal trial over the state's voter ID law is underway. The attorney for the groups that brought the lawsuit says the regulation disenfranchises poorer voters and the state doesn't have a problem with voter fraud.

Nov 5

5 7 2:10 Authorities are hoping for answers later this week in an unexplained death investigation out of Evansville. But tonight the community is coming together for a candlelight vigil to remember the Fitchburg woman believed to be dead.

5 :40 Police are recommending a homicide charge against the lone suspect in a 5-year-old boy's death in Sun Prairie.

5 :20 The suspect in a murder in Portage is headed to trial. A judge bound over 19-year-old Jordan Scott on a homicide charge today. Scott is accused in the September shooting death of his co-worker, David Johnson.

5 :20 One person died this afternoon in a crash in Columbia County. Investigators say a car went off the road on Highway 188 at Smith Park Road about 10 miles northwest of Lodi.

4 :45 The State Senate approved a bill to make it harder to force public schools to change their race-based mascots. The new measure requires a person to collect signatures of

10% of the school district's population to trigger a review by the Department of Administration. Republicans say the current law has to change. Democrats disagreed.

4 5 :20 Over in the Assembly lawmakers approved 3 bills to make the state's drunk driving laws tougher. One would make a person appear in court for their first OWI. Another would make all 4th offenses felonies, no matter how long ago the previous offenses occurred.

9 2:50 It promises to track your calories, your steps and your overall daily activity. The Nike Fuel Band may help you with your weight loss goals. Katie Priebe tested the product to answer the question, "Does it work?"

Nov 6

5 2:20 Tonight we learn what the person of interest in the Rock County death investigation has been telling detectives. Authorities say right now they only have his side of the story.

5 :40 A local radio personality is back on the air after being robbed at gunpoint. 96.3 Star Country's Abby Rhodes was robbed Monday night in a parking lot on Monona Drive. She says the suspect grabbed her purse and she wouldn't let go. That's when he pointed a gun at her and eventually got the bag. Rhodes says she regrets her decision to fight back.

5 :20 We now know the name of the woman who died Tuesday in a crash in Columbia County. This crash happened on Highway 188 at Smith Park Road northwest of Lodi. The Columbia County Sheriff's Department says the driver was 18-year-old Rachelanne Bradbury of rural Sauk City.

5 :25 A man is charged in Grant County after a poaching complaint led to a high-speed chase. 29-year-old Aaron Gregory is charged with fleeing an officer and hit and run after the chase Monday night.

5 :25 The Madison Police Department cleared 3 officers who were involved in a deadly shooting in August. Officers Adrian Alan, Alex Bol and Edward Marshall were all there when Charles Carll was shot and killed at his home on Hammersley Road. Police determined all 3 acted within the department's policy.

4 1:00 New legislation is aimed at ending co-sleeping deaths. It comes at the same time as one such case in Beloit. Police say an 8-week-old girl was sleeping in the arms of her father in a recliner last Wednesday when he too fell asleep. A few hours later the mother found the baby was unresponsive. Autopsy results show the child's airway was obstructed.

2 3 5:10 For parents there is nothing more important than the health and well-being of their children. Second to health comes education. They want their kids to be smart, to achieve, but what happens when academic demands leave too little time for fitness and health? As

Lindsay Veremis reports, it's a question state educators, lawmakers and schools are trying to answer now.

5 1:05 A Wisconsin couple stranded for nearly a week near Yellowstone National Park is back home and warm tonight. Mark and Kris Wathke of Cornell got to see their families again this morning. They got stuck on a closed and snowy highway. The Wathkes survived on bread, jelly, oatmeal and water, but they were afraid they wouldn't make it so they wrote letters to friends and family.

8 :25 Evidence of the unwanted Asian carp has shown up for the first time in Lake Michigan. DNR officials say Asian carp DNA was in a water sample taken May 31st in Sturgeon Bay near Door County's Potawatomi State Park.

6 :20 Blockbuster is closing 300 locations across the country, which includes all of its Wisconsin stores. Blockbuster's owner, Dish Network, says the stores will be closed by early January. 50 of its franchised stores will remain open. Blockbuster is also doing away with its dvd-by-mail service.

Nov 7

4 9 :25 The Food and Drug Administration is taking steps to make our meals healthier. It's working to remove trans fat from food. The FDA says it no longer recognizes the fat as being safe.

3 1:50 Dieticians like Marianne Merrick are happy to see the FDA standing up against an ingredient they've been trying to get rid of for years.

5 11 :20 A fire in an SUV brought rush hour traffic to a halt this evening on the westbound Beltline near Todd Drive. Madison firefighters put out the flames but not before much of the vehicle was burned. Authorities say there are no reports of any injuries.

5 :30 An 84-year-old man was killed this afternoon after a crash in Columbia County. Sheriff's deputies were called to the intersection of Highway P and Pardeeville Road just east of Pardeeville before 3 this afternoon.

5 :20 Deputies in Lafayette County are also investigating a deadly crash. This one happened around 9:30 this morning just west of Argyle.

5 :25 Investigators in Waukesha County say they've found the bike of a missing 15-year-old but the teenager hasn't been found. Kathryn Stalbaum left her home in the Town of Genessee Tuesday morning. She missed the bus to school and texted a friend saying she was going to ride her bike but she never made it to class.

5 :25 New felony charges were filed today against the man accused in a 2-day, 3-county crime spree. James Kruger now faces felony charges in Dane County of recklessly endangering safety, bail jumping and having a firearm as a convicted felon.

1 4 :35 Dane County's district attorney says he's running to be the state's top prosecutor. Ismael Ozanne sent a letter to supporters today to announce his run for attorney general. Ozanne was appointed as Dane County's D.A. in 2010. He says public safety will be his top priority.

9 3:40 Tonight we have a consumer report on those popular no-chip manicures. Gel Nails have been all the rage among women looking for long-lasting, polished nails. But doctors say the beauty trend could come at a cost to your health. Our Lili Tan talked with one woman whose beauty habits caused her to lose her nails.

Nov 8

5 1:00 A 15-year-old girl missing from Waukesha County is safe and she's with police in Chicago.

5 :25 The search is still on for a teenager missing from Marshall. Police are looking for 14-year-old Abigail Zamarripa. She was last seen Thursday leaving Marshall Middle School.

5 :25 Court records show investigators seized more than 100 items from a home in Evansville where authorities believe a Fitchburg woman was buried.

2 8 2:35 Damage reports are starting to come in after Typhoon Haiyan swept over the Philippines. The storm packed nearly 200 miles per hour when it made landfall Thursday. Research at UW-Madison is being used nationally to help track the storm.

5 1:05 Family and supporters of 3 Wisconsin men killed by police rallied at the Capitol today for a new law for officer-involved shootings. The families of Paul Heenan, Michael Bell and Derek Williams want state law changed to require independent investigations of officer-involved shootings. The men were all unarmed when they were shot by police in separate incidents – Bell in Kenosha, Williams in Milwaukee, and Heenan in Madison.

3 4 25 It'll be next year before the State Senate takes up a pair of abortion-related bills. The Senate's last session day is next Tuesday and the bills are not on the calendar. One of the bills requires doctors to investigate whether an abortion is due to the child's gender. The other would repeal a law requiring insurance plans to cover birth control options. A spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald says Republicans wanted to end the year on a non-controversial note.

5 :20 Investigators in Columbia County identified the couple killed in an accident Thursday near Pardeeville. They are Eldon and Le Veta Glick of Pardeeville. The sheriff's department says Eldon died at the scene. Le Veta was taken to the hospital, but she also passed away.

5 :15 We also learned today that 22-year-old Brett Hutchison of Monroe is the man who died Thursday morning in a crash near Argyle.

3 9 :30 The State Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is advising everyone not to eat food made by Garden Fresh Foods. This includes ready-to-eat salads, slaws, dips and spreads. Food safety officials say the products could be contaminated with listeria.

4 :25 The City of Madison's engineering division is clearing up some confusion about a letter sent to homeowners. It has to do with your sewer service and here's why you got it. Since 2011 city crews haven't been able to help homeowners with sewer repairs because of a state law. That means you are responsible for fixing the pipes running from your house to the city's sewer main. City engineers say repairs can be costly. So the city set up a new, optional warranty program run by Service Line Warranties of America, the company that sent the letter. It's about \$7 a month to sign up.

13 :45 Wisconsin began its celebration of veterans from all eras of war leading up to Veterans' Day.

6 :20 No more newsstands for The Onion, the satirical newspaper is going exclusively online. The Onion announced today it is ending its last 3 print editions in Providence, Milwaukee and Chicago.

Nov 9

5 :20 Authorities are hoping an autopsy will shed light on how an infant died today. Town of Madison Police say a child at home on West Badger Road was found not breathing. The baby was taken to a hospital this morning and later pronounced dead. Police say the family is cooperating with the investigation.

7 :45 Family and friends of a Fitchburg woman gathered at the home where authorities believe she died.

5 :20 The search continues tonight for a missing Marshall teen. Police are looking for 14-year-old Abigail Zamarripa. She was last seen Thursday leaving Marshall Middle School. Police say she was getting into a small, gray, 4-door.

5 :40 Investigators are not seeking anyone in connection to a Waukesha County teen's disappearance.

2 6 :25 60 employees – the entire staff – at a prestigious eye research center at UW-Madison are getting laid off. The Wisconsin State Journal reports the Fundus Photograph Reading Center ran up a \$4.6 million deficit. Staff learned about the layoffs in mid-October and a medical dean apologized to the employees about a week later saying he didn't know how serious the center's financial problems were.

6 :25 The Oneida Tribe has reached an agreement to support a Menominee Casino in Kenosha. Oneida would get at least \$3 million a year in banking fees. The Menominee are also promising not to advertise the Kenosha Casino in broadcast markets north of Milwaukee, on billboards or in day papers to avoid competing with the Oneida's Green Bay casino.

11 :40 Texting and driving often cause dangerous situations on the road. So today people in Madison had a chance to see first-hand how that multi-tasking can affect safety.

Nov 10

5 :50 About 20 UW students and other residents of a University Avenue apartment building had to find a place to stay last night when a fire broke out. 2 people were trapped on the 3rd floor of Casablanca Apartments and fire crews had to use ladders to rescue them.

5 :25 Madison Police are investigating vandalism reports on the south side.

5 :20 The Sauk County Sheriff's Office is investigating a crash that killed a 19-year-old Baraboo woman. Authorities say a caller came across a car that hit a tree around 8 last night on Hogsback Road in Baraboo.

5 :15 We're expecting to learn more tomorrow about a baby's death in our area.

5 :25 Jury selection begins in the retrial of a Madison man accused of starving and locking his daughter in a basement. In April Chad Chritton was convicted of felony child neglect but the jury couldn't agree on 4 other child abuse-related charges.

5 8 :35 At this point Filipinos here in America can only wait and worry as the full scale of the disaster is revealed. Francis Landoy, a junior at Marquette University says he was thinking of his family in the central Philippines while passing out fundraising flyers today.

6 :25 Owners of a Wisconsin skydiving company whose planes crashed mid-air are trying to keep their business from going under. Last week Skydive Superior's 2 planes crashed during a maneuver. An owner says the company had liability insurance but couldn't afford to insure the planes themselves so they sold their helmet cam video of the crash to NBC hoping to recoup costs. They estimate it would take \$150,000 to repair one plane and replace the other.

7 2:10 It was a packed race at the Madison Marathon this morning. A non-profit group's members are a few of the 4,000 runners.

Nov 11

10 2:00 Making the decision to expand is never easy, but one company famous for fresh Wisconsin cheese curds made that decision and couldn't be happier about it. In this

segment of **Wisconsin Dairy News** see how Ellsworth Cooperative Creamery expanded their space to share more cheese and cheese curds with cheese lovers everywhere.

13 4:35 On this Veterans' Day, a former Marine with 2 tours in combat zones of the Middle East stands at odds with Governor Walker. Tony Galli reports on the connection between the governor and this decorated vet.

4 6 1:00 Wisconsin's Supreme Court justices are now weighing a decision on whether the state's collective bargaining law, Act 10, is constitutional. For more than 4 hours today justices heard arguments from the State and Madison Teachers, Inc. One of the points of contention is whether the law infringes on a union member's right to freely associate.

5 :25 Opening statements begin tomorrow in the retrial of a Madison father accused of neglecting and starving his teenage daughter. Jurors were picked today in the case against Chad Chritton.

5 :25 Deputies in Dane County are warning people about a string of car break-ins in the Sun Prairie area. They've had 10 incidents in just over 2 weeks.

4 6 1:00 The public is sharing some mixed opinions on what to do with a massive development project in downtown Madison. Business owners, hotel managers, and tourism officials all spoke at a meeting tonight on 2 proposals for the block near the Monona Terrace known as Judge Doyle Square.

13 :35 A day to say thank you to our veterans. This ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery was one of many around the country on this Veterans' Day.

13 :35 Here in Madison dozens filled the Capitol Rotunda to honor veterans from Wisconsin. It was part of an event put on by the Madison Veterans' Council.

Nov 12

3 4 2:15 People who need mental health services in Wisconsin would be able to get them more easily if the State Senate passes a reform package. Today the Assembly approved 13 bills put forward by the Task Force on Mental Health.

4 9 :50 Lawmakers are also trying to protect your social media accounts. The Senate passed a bill today that prevents employers from asking for their workers' passwords. SB 223 passed with unanimous support and would not only ban employers from asking for private internet access information but also landlords and school officials.

3 4 :25 Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin is calling on Governor Walker to give thousands of people who are losing their Badgercare coverage more time to sign up for health insurance.

5 :50 The retrial is underway for the father accused of neglecting and confining his daughter to a basement.

5 :25 Police in Milton are investigating vandalism to a city park.

4 5 :25 State V.A. Secretary John Scocos received a large settlement as part of a deal with the state. Scocos will receive \$325,000 over a lawsuit he filed after being fired from the job in 2009. Scocos was dismissed by the Board of Veterans' Affairs because of problems at the agency. He sued, saying the board violated his right to return to his job following a military deployment. Governor Walker gave him his old job back in 2011.

9 2:35 Stop excessive barking, that's what the Bark Off claims it can do. The device is activated only when your dog barks, but does it work? Katie Priebe tested it to find out.

Nov 13

5 2:15 Tonight 18-year-old Aprina Paul's family members react after Nathan Middleton is arrested on charges in her death investigation.

5 :45 A reckless homicide charge was filed against Dakota Black, the man accused in the death of Brayden Turnbull. Black is the boyfriend of Turnbull's mother.

5 :50 The teenager at the center of a child abuse case in Madison testified against her father today. After her testimony this morning Chad Chritton's daughter collapsed during a break in proceedings. She was taken away in a wheelchair and eventually she recovered enough to take the stand again.

5 :20 Deputies in Dane County arrested a man wanted in another man's death in La Crosse County. Officers took 28-year-old Malachi Hankel of Madison into custody this morning. According to the criminal complaint in La Crosse County, Hankel provided heroin to a man who died after taking it.

5 :15 Police in Milton arrested a teenager who confessed to vandalizing a city park. Investigators say witnesses led them to the 17-year-old who admitted to damaging the bathrooms at the Pavilion in Schilberg Park.

5 :25 A Milwaukee radio host is in critical condition tonight after being hit by a drunk driver this morning. Police say Steve "The Homer" True was driving in Milwaukee when another car ran a red light and hit his car.

6 :20 The Snuggle House is about to open in Madison. The business posted on its Facebook page that it will open Friday. The opening was delayed from late October because the Snuggle House needed to get insurance before the city would issue an occupancy permit. The business offers snuggles for \$60 an hour.

5 :45 A church in Janesville is cleaning up after a visit from an unlikely guest. On Sunday a 6-point buck broke through a basement window and fell into the library at Bethel Baptist Church.

3 4 :45 State lawmakers are gathering input on a bill to make chemotherapy treatments cheaper in Wisconsin. The measure requires insurance companies to equally cover different forms of treatment like pills or use of IVs. Supporters say pills are cheaper and can be more effective in some cases. Some insurance companies against the bill say it's not business-friendly.

Nov 14

4 2:00 A long last day of the work year at the State Capitol as lawmakers continue to hash out a few last minute bills on the Assembly floor. The debate is still going at this hour and lawmakers plan to go through the night.

3 4 :20 President Obama is giving people a little more flexibility with their health insurance. If you like your plan, you can keep it but just for another year. Many insurance companies were cancelling plans because of the Affordable Care Act. Today the president said insurers can still sell those cancelled policies for at least one more year to existing customers.

3 4 :15 Wisconsin's Office of the Commissioner of Insurance says it doesn't anticipate the move will have much effect here. Officials have been allowing people to renew their plans that expire on January 1st early, allowing the policies to roll into next year.

3 4 :45 The flawed rollout of the federal marketplace is why Governor Walker wants to give people losing their Medicaid coverage more time to sign up for health insurance. Walker is calling for a special session to get an extension for 77,000 people who will lose their coverage January 1st. Those people have until December 15th to sign up for a new plan, but few have been able to because of problems with Healthcare.gov.

5 :50 Officers shot a wanted man inside Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Wauwatosa today. The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department says its officers found 22-year-old Ashanti Hendricks in the hospital's neo-natal unit. Officers tried to arrest him there, but they say Hendricks ran away and eventually pulled out a gun, so one officer shot him in the arm.

5 :25 Investigators in Waukesha County say 15-year-old Kathryn Stalbaum left home on her own last week before showing up days later in Chicago. They say she was not forcibly taken or abducted.

Nov 15

8 11 1:55 Watch the road. That's the message from DNR officials as deer mating season kicks into high gear. Gordon Severson explains why it's creating a busy week for auto body shops.

5 :45 A Milwaukee radio host is out of the hospital after being seriously hurt in a car crash. Steve “The Homer” True was hit by an alleged drunk driver on Wednesday.

5 :20 Prosecutors in Milwaukee County say they plan to file charges next week against the man police shot and wounded at the Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin.

5 :20 Bail is set at \$100,000 for the man accused in the death of a 5-year-old boy. Dakota Black was in court on a charge of 1st degree reckless homicide. He’s charged in the death of 5-year-old Brayden Turnbull.

5 :45 The father of the man accused in a notorious abuse case in Madison testified today in his son’s trial. David Chritton talked about the summer his granddaughter stayed at his home in Minnesota and his concerns when the girl was brought back to Madison.

3 4 :45 In a visit to Milwaukee today, U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sibelius addressed President Obama’s change to the Affordable Care Act.

8 :40 A Madison woman waiting to hear from her mother in the Philippines has good news – her mom is okay. Vanessa Teggatz says she talked to her mother before Typhoon Haiyan hit, but she hadn’t hear from her family since. Just yesterday she got into contact with a former neighbor who told her that her mother is safe.

Nov 16

5 :15 Dane County Communications says they’ve gotten multiple reports of shots fired on Dutch Mill Road in Madison. Madison police have been sent to the area to investigate. At this time there have been no reports of injuries.

8 2:15 After Typhoon Haiyan swept through the Philippines more than a week ago the death toll from the storm is becoming clearer. Officials say about 3,600 people are confirmed dead and there’s still more than 1,000 people missing. More than 600,000 people are homeless. Meanwhile a group in Madison is doing everything they can to help out. Gordon Severson shares the personal connections many have with family members overseas.

5 :15 Culver’s Restaurant in Platteville caught fire overnight. A viewer sent us this video of the efforts to put it out.

3 5 :25 Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin is reviewing some of its policies after shots were fired inside a newborn care unit Thursday. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reports a hospital official says staff responded immediately and acted as trained.

2 5 :20 A man openly carrying a shotgun set off a WiscAlert near the UW-Madison campus this morning. UW Police told students to stay away from the Mifflin Street area. The alert went out at around 10:15 after multiple calls came in about a man walking with a

gun. Police say there was never any danger; the UW student was walking from his car to his apartment after hunting this morning.

13 :35 Veterans are eligible for discounts and benefits at many businesses and through a new statewide program, it'll be easier for vets to claim them.

6 9 :20 A Milwaukee company faced with multiple recalls this year has decided to shut down. Garden Fresh Foods has halted production and reassigned about 100 employees. The company recalled tons of food in 8 separate incidents dating back to August 30th when routine samples of the vegetables and meat products found possible listeria contamination. No illnesses have been reported.

Nov 17

8 :45 At least 5 people are dead and many others hurt when dozens of reported tornadoes tore through parts of the Midwest today. The storm system affected 26 states.

8 :35 No tornadoes reported in Wisconsin, but there is some clean up needed. The Dodge County Village of Hustisford is working with the National Weather Service to find out what type of weather event caused all this damage.

5 :40 We're learning about the dramatic moments inside a hospital room during Thursday's shooting at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

5 :15 A Madison man is recovering tonight after accidentally shooting himself. Police were called to the 5100 block of Whitcomb Drive this afternoon. They say the 53-year-old was able to call out to a relative to call 911. He's being treated at a local hospital.

5 :20 The Culver's building in Platteville is a total loss after a fire yesterday. Fire officials say they responded to reports of smoke in the early morning hours. It took 60 firefighters working in shifts to put out the flames. The cause is still under investigation.

4 :25 Governor Scott Walker's plans are still unknown on a bill that would make it harder to force a school to remove its American Indian mascot. Recently Senate Democrats and the leader of the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission asked him to veto the bill saying using American Indians as mascots is stereotyping. The governor has not said whether he supports the measure.

1 5 :45 Some conservative groups involved with Governor Walker's recall campaign may be under investigation by a special prosecutor in Milwaukee County. According to a Wall Street Journal opinion article, Eric O'Keefe confirmed he's been subpoenaed in connection to the probe. He's director of Wisconsin Club for Growth.

1 4 :20 Governor Walker went on to say the ideal 2016 presidential candidate would be either a former or current governor. He said that rules out Wisconsin Congressman Paul Ryan.

Nov 18

10 2:00 Wastewater is a by-product of cheesemaking and with tougher regulations about where that wastewater can be distributed, one Wisconsin company has found a solution. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* see how GreenWhey Energy is making the most of wastewater.

4 2:30 The Dane County Board spent the night wrestling with whether to pay for plans that could make the jail safer and treat inmates' mental health issues. It is part of the 2014 county budget just passed a few minutes ago by the supervisors.

8 :40 The National Weather Service says it was straight-line winds not a tornado that left damage in Wisconsin.

5 :20 To continuing coverage of the Chad Chritton retrial - we learned today that Chritton himself is prepared to testify. His attorney tells 27 News they will decide whether to put him on the stand after the prosecution rests its case.

5 :25 Charges are filed against the man shot and wounded by police at the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel says 22-year-old Ashanti Hendricks is charged with 2 counts of bail jumping.

11 :25 Drivers on Madison's west side will notice a change at the intersection of Mineral Point and Junction roads. It's partly reopened now with a new configuration.

4 5 4:50 Are they man's best friend or a threat to safety? Pit bull bans were debated in 2 local towns this year. Danielle Lama found there are conversations happening across the country with no simple answer.

1 4 :40 Governor Scott Walker's book hits the shelves tomorrow. It's led to questions about whether Walker will use it as a springboard to a presidential run in 2016.

1 4 :20 A Democratic state senator says he is running for lieutenant governor. John Lehman of Racine is the first Democrat in the race. Lehman is giving up the Senate seat he won in a recall election last year.

2 :25 Enrollment is now open for the UW System's flexible degree program. The program allows working adults to earn a college degree or certificate by demonstrating their on-the-job training, military experience or other coursework. It will begin in January at UW-Milwaukee and the UW System's 2-year schools. The options will be available in areas like nursing, biology and computer science.

Nov 19

5 2:25 A racist serial killer who murdered a biracial couple in Madison will not be executed tonight. He was granted a stay this afternoon which has left family of his victims in shock.

5 :25 The man who caused a lockdown at a children's hospital will remain in custody. Ashanti Hendricks was chained to a wheelchair in Milwaukee County today.

7 8 :40 Four local Red Cross volunteers will help with relief efforts in Illinois. They left Madison this morning. One volunteer who works in law enforcement says they need to be mentally prepared for what they will see.

6 7 :50 Three community leaders in Madison spent several nights on the street learning firsthand what it's like to be homeless. Michael Johnson, Tim Metcalfe and Will Green spent 3 days last week talking with homeless families and sleeping outdoors and in a local homeless shelter.

4 :15 The City of Madison has a new logo. Tonight city council members approved adopting the city engineering logo as the official city logo.

3 4 :30 The State Assembly will come back next month to take up bills to extend health care coverage for nearly 100,000 people in Wisconsin. Assembly Majority Leader Bill Kramer says the Assembly's special session will be December 4th. Thousands of people will lose coverage January 1st, but many of them haven't been able to sign up for a new health plan because of problems with the federal marketplace. Governor Walker has asked state lawmakers to extend their coverage until April.

Nov 20

6 2:20 Three community leaders who lived on the streets of Madison for 3 days and nights have put a spotlight on a significant issue. Homelessness is a problem that's getting worse in Madison according to advocates.

4 6 :45 The county budget provides more help for the homeless. County Executive Joe Parisi signed the measure today that provides 468,000 in funding for temporary housing for runaway or homeless kids.

5 :55 The father accused of abusing his teenage daughter took the stand in his defense today. It's the first time in his 2 trials that Chad Chritton testified. Chritton's then 15-year-old daughter weighed 68 pounds when she ran away from home last February. During his testimony Chritton said they made food available to the girl, but she chose to eat scraps off plates and from the garbage.

5 :25 Prosecutors filed 2 felonies against the man who admitted to burning the body of a woman from Fitchburg. Nathan Middleton faces charges of hiding and mutilating a

corpse. The 29-year-old told investigators he met Aprina Paul for sex, then she took an unidentified drug and he later found her dead. Middleton admitted to then burning her body in a fire pit at his home in Evansville.

5 :25 The delay of the execution of a serial killer who murdered a Madison couple wasn't long. A judge's stay last night delayed Joseph Paul Franklin's death but a federal appeals court overturned the move and the Supreme Court upheld it, so Franklin was executed this morning in Missouri.

4 :20 Wisconsin's high court will hear 2 separate cases on the state's voter ID law. The lawsuits were filed by 2 groups out of Milwaukee and the League of Women Voters. In one of the cases a Dane County judge ruled the law was unconstitutional. An appeals court was scheduled to hear an appeal, but Supreme Court justices decided to take the case.

11 :20 A construction project has shut down a part of McKee Road in Fitchburg and it'll continue overnight. Crews are putting in a bridge for the Military Ridge State Trail. It goes over McKee just east of Verona Road.

Nov 21

5 2:00 The deliberation continues as jury members work to reach a verdict in the retrial of Chad Chritton.

5 :45 Investigators say a 68-year-old man and 63-year-old woman died in a murder-suicide outside of Oregon. Deputies were called to a home in the 1500 block of Storytown Road around 3:30 today. The homeowners operate a law office out of the home and investigators say a client showed up with his girlfriend. They say the 2 got into a fight and the man shot the woman, then turned the gun on himself. Investigators have not said what set off the shooter.

5 :20 The man accused of killing a 5-year-old boy in Sun Prairie is headed to trial. Dakota Black is charged with reckless homicide in the death of Brayden Turnbull. Autopsy results show Turnbull died of a head injury from a blow or being shaken. Black is the boyfriend of Turnbull's mother.

5 :30 Jurors in Milwaukee County determined a manufacturer is mainly responsible for the collapse of a parking garage panel that killed a teenager. Advance Cast Stone will pay nearly \$7 million to the family of Jared Keller, the 15-year-old who died. The jury also found the construction manager and Milwaukee County each had a small share of responsibility in the collapse. A panel of a parking garage fell off during the summer of 2010, killing Kellner and injuring his friend and the friend's mother.

5 :20 Police arrested a Monona man for allegedly assaulting a child and having child pornography. 63-year-old Richard Comello is now in custody.

5 :40 Everyone got out safely when a fire broke out at a brewery in Monroe. The fire at Minhas Craft Brewery started around 2:30 this afternoon. The brewery's co-owner says a contractor was spraying foam insulation in the building and it mixed with some chemicals from the brewery and sparked the fire.

5 :20 Earlier today there was a fire at a printing plant near Lomira. Workers at the Quad Graphics facility were evacuated and the plant was temporarily shut down. A forklift caught fire which then ignited a bale of paper.

6 3:30 Between 1946 and 1964 more than 78 million Americans were born. Now those of the Baby Boom Generation are closing in on retirement. Greg Neumann joins us now with a special report on the challenges those boomers are facing and causing.

Nov 22

4 8 2:10 Thousands of hunters statewide rushed to get their licenses this afternoon before heading to the woods this weekend for the opening of gun-deer season. Gordon Severson explains what DNR officials are doing to keep the tradition going here in Wisconsin.

5 :55 Jurors continue their deliberations in the Chad Chritton retrial. Around 7 tonight jurors told the judge they reached verdicts on 2 felony charges but were deadlocked on 2 other counts. Chritton's attorney requested a mistrial on the undecided counts but Judge Julie Genovese told jurors to continue their work.

5 :50 We now know the people who died in a murder-suicide Thursday are 68-year-old Henry Pullett Junior and his 64-year-old girlfriend Elizabeth Singler.

2 5 :15 Students were evacuated from a building on the UW campus this afternoon. A fire broke out at Chamberlin Hall on University Avenue around 1:45. Madison firefighters put it out quickly and no one was hurt.

5 :20 Down in Monroe damage to the Minhas Craft Brewery is estimated at \$500,000. The Wisconsin State Journal reports yesterday's fire was contained mostly to a stairwell.

3 4 :25 The state legislature's special session on Medicaid is set. Governor Walker issued an executive order today calling for lawmakers to convene the Monday after Thanksgiving – that'll be December 2nd. Nearly 100,000 people in the state will lose their health care coverage January 1st and many of them haven't been able to sign up for a new health plan because of problems with the federal exchange. The governor wants to give them 3 more months of coverage on their current plans.

3 4 :15 Meantime, anyone wanting to enroll through the federal exchange has another week to do it. The Obama Administration extended the deadline from December 15th to December 23rd.

6 7 2:35 When families in Sun Prairie are in need they turn to one woman for help – the “Bed Lady”. Lisa Wilkins makes sure all children have something to sleep on and that’s why she’s this month’s Jefferson Award winner.

Nov 23

5 2:00 A local brewery is recovering after a devastating fire earlier this week. Gordon Severson traveled to Monroe where a 168-year-old brewery is back open for business.

3 :35 It was a chilly start to the gun deer season for Wisconsin hunters. Doctors are urging people to take precautions in this weather.

4 :15 The Department of Natural Resources say more than 600,000 people got licenses this year and the number of registered female hunters went up.

5 :20 Police say 5 people were hurt when a car drove into an emergency room in Wisconsin Rapids. Riverview Hospital’s ER had to shut down after the incident. Authorities say the driver was taken to another hospital with some injuries.

5 :55 The Madison man accused of locking his teenage daughter in the basement and starving her was found guilty last night. Chad Chritton was taken into custody after a jury found him guilty of 3 felony charges, a decision that couldn’t be reached by a different jury in March.

4 5 :20 Madison Mayor Paul Soglin wants stricter policies inside the City-County Building. The Cap Times reports the mayor wants to ban loitering and would like Dane County to help pay for a security guard to enforce the rules. But it seems the committee that would have to approve the plan is not on board. Some of Madison’s homeless use the building to stay warm in winter.

1 4 :40 Governor Scott Walker is in Wisconsin after a week-long book tour. He spent last week promoting his new book “Unintimidated, a Governor’s Story and a Nation’s Challenge”.

Nov 24

5 2:00 Police are investigating a shooting that killed a 19-year-old man in Beloit. Beloit Police say they have probable cause to arrest 20-year-old Ezekiel “Chucky” Villa for 1st degree intentional homicide.

5 :15 The Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office says actor Jay Leggett died while hunting up north yesterday. Leggett is from Tomahawk but has been living and working in L.A. Witnesses told officers he collapsed late in the afternoon and they weren’t able to revive him. IMBD says Leggett has been on shows like Ally McBeal and NYPD Blue.

5 :20 There were 2 other hunting accidents this weekend. A Mukwonago man shot himself in the hand yesterday morning in Beetown, which is west of Lancaster. Grant County officials say 32-year-old Gregory Knott was loading his handgun when it discharged into the palm of his hand. A 52-year-old man was also shot in the leg in a deer stand in Sheboygan County.

5 :35 The search for a missing Milwaukee woman continued today. Volunteers combed a wooded area near Kelly Dwyer's apartment. It's a direct path between where she lived and her boyfriend's apartment where she was last seen. A search organizer says tips from a psychic led them there.

3 5 :20 A Wisconsin Rapids hospital emergency room is back open. Yesterday a car slammed into the building shutting it down for 8 hours. Authorities say the driver was hurt, along with 4 people inside Riverview Hospital's ER.

12 :40 Madison's south side is closer to having a new space for kids who live in a troubled neighborhood. The city recently gave the okay to demolish an abandoned car wash on Badger Road. The Fountain of Life Covenant Church plans to use the space for a sports complex where kids can play soccer, basketball and mini golf. The church has been working with other non-profits on the project hoping to create a safe area for people of different backgrounds to come together.

Nov 25

10 2:00 The company has been in business for nearly fifty years, but many people still don't know the secret behind Vern's Cheese. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* you'll learn about the big impact that Vern's Cheese has made on the state's signature industry.

3 2:00 This time of year Madison's homeless are searching for a warm place to stay. Shelters are an option but not for everyone. Jennifer Kliese tells us about young people in our area living on the streets and what one organization is doing to give them a place to stay.

4 5 :45 Madison also has a problem with its homeless adults. Mayor Paul Soglin wants to hire a security guard to keep the homeless from loitering in the City-County Building downtown. He says the move could prevent certain people from causing problems.

4 6 :15 Dane County may be able to resolve some of the problem. It's closer to setting up a new homeless day shelter.

8 11 :20 The snow caused some treacherous conditions at intersections this morning. Two people were killed in separate crashes. A 26-year-old Fitchburg woman died when her car rolled over on Syene Road. And a 51-year-old Minnesota man was killed when his truck collided head-on with a cargo van on Highway 12 in Cottage Grove.

5 :20 Police say the man killed Sunday morning in Beloit is 19-year-old Armando Lopez of South Beloit, Illinois. Officers say Lopez was at a party on Wisconsin Avenue when he was shot.

5 :20 Prosecutors added a new charge against the man who caused a lockdown at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. Ashanti Hendricks now faces felony child abuse along with 4 other charges. Authorities say Hendricks dropped or threw his newborn son when officers tried to arrest him.

8 :20 Numbers are down at the beginning of this year's gun deer season. The DNR says hunters took nearly 111,000 deer during the first 2 days, which is down 18% from last year. In 2012 hunters bagged nearly 135,000 deer on opening weekend. Wardens blame the cold weather for likely driving many hunters home early.

4 :50 Governor Scott Walker is back in Wisconsin after a national tour to promote his new book. In an interview with our Wausau affiliate, Walker addressed the discrepancy between what he said in a prank call from a man claiming to be billionaire David Koch and what's written in the book.

Nov 26

2 5 2:10 The Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District is taking proactive steps to avoid trouble at the high school after a bomb threat there last week. Officials want to send a message to students – it's not a joke.

4 8 :50 Thousands of ash trees are going to come down in Madison. The city will cut the trees to limit the infestation of the emerald ash borer. The tree-killing beetle was found in a tree near Warner Park. Now city workers will start removing ash trees so the bug doesn't spread. Mayor Paul Soglin says they will be careful to protect shade and habitat when trimming the canopy.

8 11 :25 Many Americans may have trouble getting home for the holidays. A big winter storm is moving into the east coast ahead of one of the busiest travel days of the year. It's already responsible for cancellations of flights going east.

4 :35 Wisconsin Congressman Mark Pocan says he's working to improve pay equity in our country. During a town hall at the Madison Central Library, Pocan spoke about the bill he's co-sponsoring called the Paycheck Fairness Act. Pocan says women make just 82% of what their male counterparts are paid.

2 6 :25 A UW physics lab on the brink of closure will remain open a little bit longer. The Synchrotron Radiation Center in Stoughton was set to close January 6th, leaving 30 physicists and engineers without work. But UW-Madison provided additional money to keep the lab open until March. The National Science Foundation stopped funding the lab in 2011. The Radiation Center is waiting to hear if it will receive money from the U.S. Department of Energy.

9 3:20 Dog owners know best – when you let the animals outside, they often bring dirt and mud back in. The Paw Wash claims to make cleaning a dog’s paws easy. But does it work?

9 :50 Consumer advocates want you to keep a few things in mind when you’re shopping this holiday season. The Wisconsin Public Interest Research Group or WISPIRG, identified some dangers with toys on store shelves.

4 :25 Democrats in Wisconsin are countering a Republican proposal for anti-abortion license plates. Two weeks ago the Assembly approved “Choose Life” plates. Now Democrats want to create plates that say “Support Planned Parenthood.” The bill’s author, Madison Assemblywoman Chris Taylor, says she wants to give drivers an option to show they support women’s health care. The measure likely will not get past an assembly committee.

Nov 27

5 3:55 When you hear about prostitution, you may think it’s a big city crime, a concern for Chicago or Milwaukee. But investigators are learning child sex trafficking is a problem that hits our small towns, even places you take your family on vacation. In a special report, Jennifer Kliese investigates sex trafficking in Sauk County’s tourist towns.

5 :30 A Richland County man’s threat landed him in hot water with federal authorities. That’s because he threatened to kill President Obama. 81-year-old Elwyn Fossedal was arrested last Friday for comments he made October 15th at the Richland Center Post Office. Witnesses called police after hearing him say, “If President Obama was here I would shoot him right there and kill him right now.”

5 :20 Police in Beloit say shots were fired during a home invasion tonight. Officers were called to a home in the 2100 block of Elmwood Avenue around 7:30 tonight. Police say masked gunmen tried to rob the homeowners. No people were hurt, but a dog was killed. Police say it appears it was not a random crime and the house was targeted.

8 11 :20 The storm hitting the east coast hasn’t led to the travel nightmare many envisioned.

11 :15 But things went smoothly today at the Dane County Regional Airport. Planes generally arrived and departed on time for most of the day. 5,000 people were expected to fly into and out of the airport today.

6 1:55 The number of people looking for free holiday meals in our community is growing. Tonight Danielle Lama introduces us to some dedicated volunteers working to meet that need on Thanksgiving Eve.

3 4 :20 Wisconsin is poised to save \$23 million under the governor’s plan to extend coverage for people who will eventually lose their Medicaid coverage. The non-partisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau says the savings come from the proposal’s delayed expansion of

coverage for low-income, childless adults. The Joint Finance Committee will take up the governor's proposal on Monday.

8 :40 The natural beauty of an island off Wisconsin's Door Peninsula will be preserved. The Nature Conservancy bought St. Martin Island for \$1.5 million from the Luber family of Milwaukee. The conservancy's director of conservation says many birds visit the island as they migrate through the Great Lakes in the spring and fall.

Nov 28

6 1:30 The hectic shopping season started earlier this year with some stores opening their doors today. LiLi Tan talked to shoppers taking advantage of the quiet before the real Black Friday storm.

6 :25 The holiday shopping season is 6 days shorter this year. That's why some stores are extending Black Friday to make up for lost time. But not all retailers are on board with the holiday hours.

5 :25 Beloit Police are looking for the suspect in an armed robbery that happened last night. Authorities were called to the 2100 block of Elmwood Avenue around 7:30.

5 :45 In Fond du Lac investigators believe they may have found the body of a man missing since November 1st. Police haven't released many details or even where they found the body. But they do say they believe it is 37-year-old Timothy Nance.

5 :35 A La Crosse man is facing federal sex trafficking charges in Utah tonight. The 34-year-old is suspected of forcing 4 women to travel across state lines to act as prostitutes. The Salt Lake Tribune reports Ontario Lowery pleaded not guilty yesterday to 9 counts.

5 :35 Milwaukee Police are investigating 2 deadly incidents involving children tonight. Police believe a 5-year-old boy found dead in his apartment on the city's north side yesterday morning was murdered. A 25-year-old man has been arrested as a suspect. In an unrelated incident, a 26-year-old man is being held for a hit-and-run that killed a toddler yesterday afternoon. Authorities say a 21-year-old mother was in the crosswalk with her 18-month-old daughter when it happened. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reports the driver kept going and was eventually stopped by police.

5 :20 Police say a 21-year-old Verona man was arrested after 2 hit-and-run crashes on Fish Hatchery Road. Authorities say 21-year-old Derek Thompson side-swiped the cars near High Street in Madison around 11 last night. One car was spun around; another car was pushed over the curb and into a utility pole. Fitchburg Police found Thompson a short time later and arrested him after he failed a sobriety test.

5 :25 Five pounds of marijuana was seized during a drug bust in Racine. Officers raided the home and garage of 52-year-old William Lockheart yesterday. Authorities say he sold large quantities to people working with police on several occasions.

Nov 29

6 2:10 The business of the holidays is back but it's not all about the malls and Walmart. Christmas tree farms are in the same predicament as the stores – the late Thanksgiving gives them a short shopping season this year. Gordon Severson was at one farm for their opening day of the season.

6 :40 This was also opening day for some ski resorts in our area and it's one of the best in recent memory. Hundreds of people were on the slopes at Tyrol Basin in Mount Horeb.

5 :15 A man from western Wisconsin is in critical condition tonight after he was shot while hunting on Thanksgiving. The Department of Natural Resources says the 52-year-old was shot in the stomach by members of his own hunting party. He was flown to a hospital in St. Paul.

5 :55 The DNR says the man was participating in a deer drive, a hunting technique where several people stand still while others walk and try to flush deer toward them. Wardens say deer drives are more common as the gun-deer hunt winds down because there tend to be fewer hunters coming in and out of the woods to move the animals. They say it seems like a lot of hunting accidents happen during the drives.

5 :25 No charges will be filed in a man's death earlier this year in LaFayette County. 27-year-old Aaron Saalsaa died in late March shortly after getting into a fight with his brother Danial. The LaFayette County District Attorney's Office says autopsy results show Aaron died of a brain hemorrhage but the autopsy shows there is no physical evidence connecting the fight with Aaron Saalsaa's death. Investigators could not determine what caused the hemorrhage.

2 :55 The Beloit School District is looking at a plan to eliminate its grade point average eligibility requirement for athletics. Currently the district declares a student ineligible to play sports or participate in other extracurricular activities if their GPA drops below 2.0. But with most of the other Big Eight conference schools having lowered or already scrapped their GPA requirements, Beloit is now looking to do the same.

6 :45 The early start to the Black Friday sales took a little luster off the busiest shopping day of the year. There were some lines at stores in the West Towne Mall area in Madison, but crowds weren't as big as usual. Some mall employees told 27 News they hadn't seen it this slow in 20 years.

5 :25 A Milwaukee man is under arrest after police say he was driving a truck that hit and killed a toddler. Officers arrested the 24-year-old at his home Thursday night.

Nov 30

5 11 :25 A crash in Rock County killed a family today. The sheriff's office says a car collided with a truck near Janesville when it failed to yield the right of way at a stop sign at the intersection of 140 and Highway 11/14. All 4 people inside the car were killed. They've been identified as 18-year-old Talia Enciso of Sharon, Wisconsin, 43-year-old Alvino Ortiz, and 2 children ages 7 and 14. Two people inside the truck were not hurt.

5 :15 Madison Police are looking for a suspect they believe robbed a delivery man on the east side. Police say shortly after midnight on Pinecrest Drive the man pulled out a handgun and demanded the victim turn over the food and money. The suspect got away with food and was not found.

5 :15 Fitchburg Police are looking for the person who hit one of their squad cars early this morning and took off. Authorities say it happened near the intersection of Verona Road and Williamsburg Way just after 3 o'clock. Police say no one was hurt. They found the suspect's car near the scene but not the driver.

4 11 :20 In Wisconsin there are 13 types of specialty license plates. The most popular: a military-themed plate benefiting the state's Veterans' Trust Fund. The Department of Transportation says more than 20,000 are registered in Wisconsin. The least popular plates benefit the Wisconsin Lions' Foundation.

4 :45 Governor Walker is the featured guest on this week's edition of Capitol City Sunday. He's responding to criticism that part of his new book contains racist language.

Dec 1

5 2:20 A 14-year-old girl has survived a bad crash near Janesville that authorities say killed her 2 sisters and father.

5 :20 There were several other serious crashes in our area yesterday. A car went over a bridge railing and into a creek in the Town of York. Green County officials say 34-year-old Evelyn Michel of Mineral Point was taken to a hospital along with a child. Both are expected to be ok.

5 :15 Iowa County officials say an intoxicated driver eluded a deputy and crashed during an attempted traffic stop in Mineral Point. Authorities say 37-year-old Timothy Larson of Barneveld was arrested for a 5th offense OWI. He's being held at the Iowa County jail.

5 :10 Madison Police are looking for vandals that targeted cars on the city's north side. Tires on 8 vehicles were slashed. Police say the damage happened sometime overnight on Hoard Street.

5 :25 Keeping crime down at a Mazomanie nude beach is still a problem for state officials. This spring the DNR closed the beach on weekdays hoping larger weekend

crowds would police themselves. But the agency issued 13 citations for sex this year; 11 of those violations were on weekends.

4 8 :40 The state's gun deer hunt season came to an end today. Some hunters say they saw more deer than last year, others saw less. A preliminary DNR report shows an 18% decline in the state's deer harvest over the 9-day season but final numbers aren't expected until Tuesday.

3 4 :30 The State Legislature will be back for a special session tomorrow to delay a health care transition in Wisconsin. 77,000 people will lose their Badger Care health insurance benefits in January. Last month Governor Scott Walker said he wants to give them 3 more months so now lawmakers will vote on a set of bills to extend coverage for that time. Less than 900 people in Wisconsin were able to fully enroll in the federal health care marketplace in its first month because of troubles with the website.

Dec 2

10 Are you ready to eat Humble Pie? In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* you'll meet two sisters in Madison who are eager to bake you some sweet or savory pies made with fresh butter and cheese!

2 3 2:20 UW-Madison researchers have developed a unique device to improve recovery for the more than 800,000 Americans who have a stroke every year. And they're gaining national attention for the forward thinking that could change the way patients are treated, and change their lives in the process.

3 4 1:00 A state budget panel approved changes to the state's Badger Care program today. The Joint Finance Committee passed a bill to delay transitioning about 77,000 adults off of the state-paid health insurance program and into the federal marketplace from January 1st until April 1st. Governor Walker asked for the delay saying he feared thousands wouldn't be able to sign up for private insurance by the end of the year because of troubles with Healthcare.gov.

3 4 :20 A federal appeals court will hear arguments tomorrow in a lawsuit challenging the state's new abortion law. It requires abortion providers to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals. A ruling by a U.S. district judge in August froze the requirement. State attorneys have asked the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago to lift the freeze.

5 :25 Police in Reedsburg arrested a man they say stabbed a bartender in the neck. 48-year-old Gary Jackson is in the Sauk County jail.

5 :20 The man accused of killing his half-brother wants to change his plea. Jeffrey Vogelsberg has pleaded not guilty in the death of Matthew Graville.

5 :20 The man accused in a multi-county crime spree is not competent to stand trial. That's the ruling today in the case against James Kruger. He entered the insanity plea to 16 counts in Grant County. Kruger is accused of taking a hostage and leading police on a chase.

8 :20 For the first time in 5 years the state veterinarian says a deer from a state hunting preserve tested positive for chronic wasting disease or CWD. The case was found in Marathon County.

5 :20 The state's gun-deer season wrapped up yesterday and for only the 4th time in the state's history, no hunter was killed by a bullet. There were 6 shooting injuries in the opening weekend, but there were only 2 more the rest of the 9-day season. DNR wardens credit comprehensive hunter education classes for making hunting much safer.

Dec 3

3 2:10 There are an alarming number of people in Dane County who have a sexually-transmitted infection. Public health officials say 1 in 2 young people will get an STI by age 25. Jennifer Kliese tells us how advocates are working to prevent the spread.

3 :35 Smoking is another health concern with young people in Wisconsin. Anti-smoking groups say the state isn't doing enough to keep tobacco out of the hands of minors. Figures from the State Department of Health Services show over the past 5 years the rate of tobacco sales to minors increased from less than 5% to more than 7%.

5 :25 A van and a semi hit head-on this morning in southern Dane County, leaving one driver dead. This happened around 10:45 on Highway 14 near Highway 92 which is south of the City of Oregon.

4 :45 You'll now see graphic ads from the animal rights group PETA on the sides of Madison Metro buses. The ads show a cat that was involved in an experiment by researchers at UW-Madison. PETA is calling for the university to end experiments on cats.

1 4 :20 A shakeup today in Governor Walker's campaign staff. He's fired Deputy Finance Director Taylor Palmisano. It comes after a Journal-Sentinel blog questioned the campaign about Palmisano's demeaning comments about Hispanics on Twitter.

4 6 :20 Madison's Common Council voted to extend the city's downtown alcohol license density ordinance. The requirements were set to expire January 1st. Now they'll expire April 1st. It gives council members time to tweak the legislation.

2 :30 The UW Athletic Department wants to increase ticket prices for Badger football games next year. The proposal would increase prices by \$3 a game, from \$42 to \$45.

8 :25 Numbers show hunters couldn't make up for a slow first weekend of the gun-deer hunt. The total harvest was down 7% from last year. The Department of Natural Resources says hunters bagged more than 226,000 deer. Last year they brought in more than 243,000. DNR wardens say the cold on the opening weekend likely kept many hunters from spending long hours in the woods.

4 8 :40 Crews were out bug hunting at Madison's Warner Park today. Their prey: the emerald ash borer.

3 4 :20 Tomorrow the State Assembly will take up the governor's proposal to delay the removal of more than 70,000 people from Badger Care. Governor Walker wants to give those people more time to buy private insurance through Healthcare.gov. The Joint Finance Committee approved the measure on Monday.

Dec 4

5 2:30 Funerals are already overwhelming and emotional, but for one Madison family a funeral this morning was even more difficult to bear. They believe someone entered the church and stole a memorial box filled with condolences and cards.

5 :25 The man charged with killing 3 people in LaFayette County now says he's guilty of the murders. 31-year-old Jaren Kuester was in court for a competency hearing and the judge determined he was competent to stand trial. After that, Kuester changed his plea from not guilty to guilty.

5 :25 A Richland Center man was indicted today after authorities say he threatened to kill President Obama. 81-year-old Elwyn Fossedal is charged with making a threat to take the life of the President of the United States.

5 :35 We're seeing video for the first time of the bar fight involving Milwaukee Bucks center Larry Sanders.

5 11 :20 State patrol troopers are redirecting drivers around a crash on I-39 northbound near Edgerton. Rock County Communications says a report came in about a crash with injury just before 9 pm. No word on how many people are hurt. The state patrol estimates all northbound lanes could be blocked until 11 pm.

5 :15 We now know the name of the man who died yesterday in a crash in Dane County. Authorities say he is 27-year-old Jordan Boullion of Madison. Boullion was driving a van that hit a semi head-on on Highway 14 south of Oregon.

5 :20 This afternoon in Verona a truck driver was taken to the hospital after a crash on Highway 18-151. The Dane County Sheriff's Department says the truck blew a tire and hit a cement wall causing it to spill the gravel and rock it was carrying. The truck driver was taken to UW Hospital with nonlife-threatening injuries. It took about 4 hours to clean up the scene.

8 :20 Fog was a problem for drivers here but snow is the danger in northwest Wisconsin and northeast Wisconsin and northeastern Minnesota.

4 :50 The Wisconsin State Assembly approved Governor Walker's request to delay the transition of 77,000 people off of Badger Care and into the private health insurance

market. Lawmakers approved the plan by a 62-34 vote. It will allow those people to stay on Badger Care until April 1st. The governor requested the delay because he feared problems with the federal marketplace would prevent thousands from enrolling for private insurance by the end of the year. Due to the delay, there are about 83,000 childless adults living below the federal poverty level that will have to wait an extra 3 months to enroll in Badger Care.

1 4 :25 It appears that State Senator Kathleen Vinehout is taking steps toward running for governor even though she hasn't made anything official yet. The Democrat told the Leader-Telegram of Eau Claire today that she's hired someone to organize a statewide campaign. The only other Democratic candidate right now is Mary Burke, former state commerce secretary and Trek Bicycle executive.

8 :45 Experts are hoping to find ways to cut back on unsafe levels of toxic pollutants found in the lower Wisconsin River and its connected waters. A local ecologist found chronic levels of nitrates and phosphorous which bring oxygen levels below state standards, harming wildlife. Those who live nearby say over the years algae has taken over bodies of water that were once clear.

4 6 :25 Wisconsin is making a pitch to get Boeing to build its new airplane here. Boeing is looking for a place to build the 777X airliner after union workers in Washington state rejected a proposed contract that included concessions on pensions and health care costs. Wisconsin economic development officials told the AP that Wisconsin was not one of the states Boeing asked to bid, but say they're working on a plan they hope to present to Boeing soon. Lawmakers in Missouri are considering a \$1.7 billion incentive plan for Boeing.

Dec 5

5 11 :25 A Sun Prairie man was a passenger on a private plane that disappeared over Idaho. 24-year-old Jonathon Norton was flying with his fiancée's family from Oregon to Montana Sunday but the plane never made it. Norton's fiancée was the pilot. He reported having engine trouble near Boise, Idaho. Crews have been searching mountains in the Boise area, but so far they have not found the plane.

5 :50 A man in Milwaukee is recovering after he was a victim of a violent phenomenon called, "The Knockout Game". 53-year-old Tim Bessette was seriously injured when he was attacked by 4 teenagers. Knockout attacks generally involve teenagers who randomly target victims and try to knock them out with 1 punch and then often the attacks are posted online.

4 :25 Two Dane County supervisors want a vote next spring on legalizing marijuana. Supervisors Lelan Pan and Kyle Richmond introduced a resolution calling for a vote on this question: Should the state government enact legislation legalizing marijuana? Pan says criminalizing the drug is a waste of law enforcement resources and an infringement on personal liberty. If the County Board approves the measure it could appear on the April ballot.

2 5 :30 UW-Madison will adopt a new policy about alcohol at university events next year. A university event will include any gathering, program or activity on school property sponsored by the school or paid for with university money.

5 6 :40 Fast food workers in 100 U.S. cities went on strike today to protest low wages. That includes here in Madison where about 50 people protested in front of a Taco Bell on East Washington Avenue. They want \$15 an hour and the right to unionize.

4 10 :25 Lost in all of the other deadlines and deadlocks in Congress right now is the farm bill; they still haven't come up with a new one. The current farm bill expires at the end of the year and there are estimates that without it milk prices at the store could soar to \$7 a gallon.

10 4:20 Wisconsin's signature industry, the reason we can call ourselves Cheeseheads, is the subject of a 27 News documentary tomorrow night. Tonight, a preview of "Our Wisconsin: The State of America's Dairyland."

Dec 6

4 8 2:15 Three Wisconsin lawmakers are trying to cancel a popular 4-day deer hunt in northern Wisconsin. Many hunters north of Wausau say the deer herd has already been hit hard by harsh weather and predators. Gordon Severson spoke to wildlife experts and lawmakers about this idea.

4 10 :45 Wisconsin farmers are keeping their eye on what happens in Washington. Congress is working on a new farm bill as the current one expires January 1st. If the legislation is not extended, milk prices could spike. The owner of Sassy Cow Creamery in Columbus says he's not stressing out about getting closer to the so-called "dairy cliff" but he wants Congress to take action.

6 :20 Sears plans to spin-off Lands' End as a separate business. Sears' parent company, Sears Holdings, announced the move today. The company bought Dodgeville-based Lands' End in 2002 for nearly \$2 billion.

4 6 :45 A new state law will make it easier for people with disabilities to get jobs. Governor Walker signed a bill into law today that increases state funding and maximizes federal funding for vocational rehabilitation services. It will fund employment and counseling service for people with disabilities and help employers hire them.

2 :30 UW-Madison will soon be taking part in the flexible degree program. It's 1 of 4 University of Wisconsin System schools that have been added to develop the flex option. UW-Milwaukee's was already implemented and will start next month.

2 6 :25 Two out of every three people who graduate from a Wisconsin college have student-loan debt according to an independent analysis. The Institute for College Access

and Success lists Wisconsin as the 8th highest state for student-loan debt with an average of about \$28,000 per graduate.

9 11 :20 Drivers in the Madison area will be happy to see gas for less than \$3 a gallon. We found at least 2 stations in Sun Prairie selling regular unleaded for \$2.99. It's the first time prices have been below \$3 since 2010.

4 8 :25 Dane County is holding off on construction of another cow-powered electric facility. County supervisors voted last night to send approval of a new manure digester back to a committee. This facility is set to be built in the Town of Bristol. It comes after a recent spill of more than 300,000 gallons of manure at a digester near Waunakee. Supervisors want the committee to look at the new facility's plans to see if there are any lessons to be learned from the spill.

4 :25 After being grounded by budget cuts this past summer, U.S. military air shows will be back in the air next year. In fact it was announced today that the Air Force Thunderbirds will do a full show at the 2014 EAA Airventure in Oshkosh.

Dec 7

6 :25 The business that offered up snuggling for a fee is closing its doors. The controversial Snuggle House made that announcement on Facebook. They were open for less than a month.

4 11 :25 Madison's weapons ban on city buses will soon be challenged. Milwaukee-based gun-rights group Wisconsin Carry says it plans to file a lawsuit against the Metro Transit policy in the next few weeks. The group says the weapons ban violates the state's concealed carry law. Metro officials say it's in the best interest of passengers to keep guns off buses. They're confident the policy is legal.

5 6 :15 A former Epic employee is suing the company. In a class action lawsuit, Evan Nordgren and others say Epic didn't pay them overtime during a 3-year period. Tonight the company is saying the lawsuit is without merit. The workers were paid properly as salaried employees, not hourly.

5 :20 The cause of a fire at Seats, Inc. plant in Richland Center is under investigation tonight. Crews battled the cold and flames when they were called to the business on Highway 14 and Sextonville Road at around 9 last night. Seats, Inc. designs and manufactures seats for trucks, semis and emergency vehicles.

10 :25 There's trouble tonight for Wisconsin's cranberry growers. The Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel reports because of food yields over the past few years there are now too many cranberries on the market. That means prices for the product are falling.

7 10 2:30 Nearly 70,000 U.S. servicemen and women will spend the holidays in Afghanistan this year. Gordon Severson explains what a local group of volunteers is doing to make them feel right at home even though they're thousands of miles away.

13 :25 72 years ago today the United States was pulled into World War II as Pearl Harbor was attacked.

13 :40 There were also ceremonies held in Wisconsin today. Oshkosh AmVets invited the community along with current and former members of the military to a memorial event.

Dec 8

4 11 :20 Madison is under a snow emergency tonight. That means alternate side parking restrictions are in effect throughout the entire city. So if you park on the street tonight you should park on the odd side because tomorrow is the 9th, an odd day.

8 11 2:15 Snow plows have been out since early this morning but the cold temps are making it difficult to clear the roads.

5 11 :25 The storm led to 2 deadly crashes and several pile-ups on highways in southeastern Wisconsin. Those 2 fatal crashes happened on I-43 in Milwaukee County and I-94 in Racine County.

4 :15 State Senator Kathleen Vinehout was involved in one of the crashes on I-94 near Racine. Her campaign posted on Facebook that the senator was taken to the hospital. The Progressive reports that Vinehout hurt her arm, according to one of the senator's staffers.

5 :20 Investigators in Dodge County say weather was not the cause of a deadly crash this afternoon. Sheriff Patricia Ninmann says driver error led to the crash on Highway 68. A car and a semi collided around 1:30 pm. The driver of the car was killed and 3 passengers inside were hurt. The truck driver was not hurt.

Dec 9

10 2:00 She's not a cheesemaker by trade, but the woman behind Martha's Pimento Cheese is certainly creating a buzz with her Wisconsin-made cheese spread. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* see how Martha Davis Kipcak is converting northerners to this southern specialty.

5 11 2:05 A gun rights group is ready to sue to force Madison to allow guns on buses. As Tony Galli reports, the group claims the ban violates the state's concealed carry law.

4 :40 The way child custody and support cases are decided would change under a bill proposed by a state assemblyman. Republican Joel Kleefisch introduced legislation on behalf of fathers' rights groups that would require courts to adjust support agreements if the

parent paying suffers an unforeseen loss of income. It would also count health insurance premiums towards child support payments.

4 :20 A couple of other bills introduced today. A proposal to require police get a search warrant before tracking cell phone calls. The bipartisan bill is a response to the NSA cell phone tracking controversy. And there's a Republican proposal to mandate a half hour of P.E. every day in Wisconsin schools. The state's daily gym class requirement was dropped in the 1980s.

4 :20 The City of Madison says public sidewalks need to be clear by noon tomorrow. Regulations say the owner or occupant of a property next to a public sidewalk is responsible for removing any snow or ice. Ice that can't be removed should be treated with salt or sand. The city offers free sand to use. You can find where to pick that up from our web channel WKOW.com.

5 :35 A police standoff in Fond du Lac today ended with a man in custody. Officials believe the standoff may be connected to a house fire that happened this morning. Police say the man holed up in an apartment and fired at officers but nobody was hurt.

4 8 :45 Dane County officials say a planned biodigester is designed differently than the one that leaked 300,000 gallons of animal waste near Waunakee last month. The Dane County Board of Supervisors sent the plans for another digester back to committee last week after the spill. Officials are looking to build the new one in the Town of Bristol.

4 :20 Kathleen Vinehout's husband says she's out of the hospital tonight and will have surgery in Eau Claire. The state senator suffered multiple fractures in her right arm after crashing on snowy roads in the Racine area yesterday. Senator Vinehout, who is considering a run for governor, was in the area for meet-and-greets with supporters.

4 :15 Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett is still in the hospital tonight. He's being treated for exhaustion after a 20-kilometer run yesterday. The mayor's office says Barrett underwent a series of tests today and nothing alarming was found.

Dec 10

8 2:15 The frigid weather has kept both city water crews and plumbers busy the past few days. They're chasing broken water pipes and Jennifer Kliese shows us how not to end up on their client list.

5 10 :50 A dairy farm in the Green Bay area is under investigation after video shows workers apparently abusing cows.

5 :25 Brian Stowe was convicted of 27 sex crimes after taking a plea deal. The 29-year-old was charged with 62 felonies. Stowe conceded he sexually assaulted a number of women and videotaped some of them while they were partially naked. He will be sentenced next year.

5 :25 Deputies arrested the driver they say was involved in a deadly crash this weekend in Columbia County. The Columbia County Sheriff's Department says an SUV left the road and hit a tree after going around a curve on Highway J near Voss Road about 5 miles north of Poynette. A 78-year-old woman inside was killed. Officers arrested the driver, 47-year-old Barbara Dorshorst of rural Poynette.

3 4 :45 Wisconsin has seen more than a 700% increase in the number of people signing up for insurance at Healthcare.gov. The state's deputy insurance commissioner announced that news at a forum on the Affordable Care Act in Madison today. As of Monday, the 13 insurance carriers on the exchange reported a total of roughly 7,200 people are enrolled in health insurance plans, up from just 877 in early November.

3 4 :25 Some Democrats in Wisconsin want the state to allow individual counties to accept federal money for Medicaid. Assemblywoman Melissa Sargent introduced a bill today to do just that. 18 counties in the state have expressed a desire to apply for a waiver from the federal government. Today Governor Walker said the waiver is not an option and there's no chance the bill would pass the Legislature.

4 6 :25 Democrats also want their counterparts in the Legislature to hold a public hearing on a bill to increase the minimum wage. The bill would raise the rate from \$7.25 to \$7.60 an hour and then it would increase automatically based on inflation. The chair of the Judiciary and Labor Committee, Senator Glenn Grothman, says he doesn't support the bill. He says a higher minimum wage won't help his goal of finding more entry level jobs for teenagers.

4 6 :45 The process to develop a public market in Madison is moving forward. Tonight members of the consulting firm hired by the city met with potential vendors. One of the concerns that's come up is how the market will impact the Dane County Farmer's Market. City officials say they want the markets to support each other, not compete.

Dec 11

3 2:15 The extreme cold has certainly been hard on Madison's homeless population. This week shelters are seeing record numbers for this time of year. Gordon Severson tells us how community members and local businesses are stepping up to keep the homeless warm.

4 8 :20 The DNR building in downtown Madison is back to normal operations after it flooded when pipes burst. The Department Administration doesn't have a damage estimate yet, but says there was only minor damage to work stations and computers. Officials say it appears the heating and cooling system malfunctioned, bringing in cold air and causing the pipes to freeze.

2 3 :40 There's an outbreak of pneumonia on the UW-Madison campus. University Health Services says it has seen about 90 cases this semester, many of those coming in the last couple of weeks. That's more than double the normal case count.

2 3 :30 Tests are underway to find out what's causing a skin irritation in students and staff at an elementary school in Adams County. It started last week and now at least 12 students and 3-4 teachers have shown symptoms. Those symptoms include hives, rashes and itchy skin. The school's principal says they've cleaned the rooms several times since the irritation's first appearance, but more cases keep popping up.

5 :25 Police in Janesville arrested a man they say used his daughter to carry out a drug deal. 42-year-old Quentin Ellefson was arrested and is now charged with using a child to deliver drugs.

5 :20 A car ran into an apartment building on Fish Hatchery Road this morning. The Madison Fire Department says the car hit the building's gas meter.

5 :20 In Fond du Lac County investigators are looking into the cause of an overnight fire that damaged several buildings in Ripon. People who live in apartments in the buildings were safely evacuated. About 30 agencies responded to help put out the fire.

2 4 :45 An Assembly Committee charged with examining the state's Common Core education standards stopped short of recommending they be eliminated. The committee made 9 other recommendations ranging from establishing adding extra math standards to working on giving the Legislature more control over future decisions on education. Both opponents and supporters of the standards say the recommendations likely won't accomplish much.

2 4 :15 Governor Walker signed a bill today in Madison to increase requirements for high school math and science classes. Under the new law students need to have 3 credits each of math and science in order to graduate. Previously they needed 2 credits each.

5 6 :50 A staple of Black Earth since the 1950s may be forced to leave town. It's all due to complaints filed against Black Earth Meats. Neighbors have voiced concerns about the noise and smells coming from the company's slaughterhouse. Last night the village board approved a motion to give the company 120 days to develop a plan to move the slaughterhouse.

3 10 :20 The Food and Drug Administration wants farmers to stop giving their animals antibiotics. Some farmers use the drugs to enhance the growth of their animals. The FDA says the practice creates bacteria resistant to antibiotics and that spreads to people when those animals are eaten. The FDA says the drugs should only be used in animals when medically necessary.

Dec 12

3 2:40 The extremely cold weather has been tough on a lot of people. But for those who are homeless, the freezing temps pose an even greater challenge.

5 :55 A 20-year-old man who was impaled by a fence pole during a crash in Madison is in stable condition tonight. Madison Police say a car went off the road on Oakridge Avenue and hit a chain link fence last night.

5 :20 Police are looking for the man they say robbed a bank branch inside the Copps on Whitney Way. Investigators say the man walked into the store around 4:45 pm and demanded cash from the Associated Bank. He got the money and fled on foot.

5 :25 Crews suspended their search for a private plane that disappeared over Idaho and was carrying a man from Sun Prairie. The plane was last seen December 1st.

5 :25 We now know the name of the second person who died last month in a house fire in Adams County. The Adams County Sheriff says the deceased is 55-year-old James Boone.

4 5 :25 Investigations of officer-involved shootings were under the microscope today at the State Capitol. There was a public hearing on an Assembly bill that would create a state board to review such shootings and would require police departments to use outside investigators. One man who testified for the bill was John Heenan whose son, Paul Heenan, was shot and killed by Madison police officer Stephen Heimsness last year.

2 4 :50 Lawmakers reviewing Wisconsin's Common Core educational standards say they eventually want Wisconsin-specific standards to replace them. But for now we'll keep them, with a few tweaks. The Assembly Select Committee approved 9 recommendations to modify the standards today, replacing them was not among those suggestions, but the committee chair says that's only because it's too soon.

4 :25 Governor Walker signed a number of bills into law today. Among the notables: Act 65 which allows businesses to sue anyone underage who tries to buy alcohol illegally; Act 76 which gives landlords more power over tenants, like being able to throw away property left by an evicted tenant; and, Act 81 which restricts public access to an iron mine site in northern Wisconsin.

6 :25 2014 appears to be the year the U.S. will come out of its housing slump. A new report says the foreclosure crisis is in the 9th inning. There are a lot fewer foreclosures; filings were down 15% last month, the best news in 3 years.

Dec 13

6 8 2:25 It's been another cold day in southern Wisconsin. But for some, the winter conditions come with a silver lining. Many activities are getting a jumpstart to the season.

5 :25 A Rock County man in jail in connection with a woman's death was arrested on a new charge of planning to escape. Detectives in Rock County say Nathan Middleton was talking with other inmates about wanting to escape and tried to contact friends

and relatives to help him break out. They arrested Middleton today for solicitation to escape from jail. Middleton was behind bars for hiding and mutilating the corpse of Aprina Paul.

2 5 1:40 A former UW-Madison employee is accused of stealing more than \$140,000 from the university. Tonight Danielle Lama has more on the embezzlement investigation.

5 :25 Investigators say there's no evidence to suggest the fire in downtown Ripon earlier this week was criminal. Police Chief Dave Lukoski says crews are still searching for the fire's cause.

4 8 :25 The State Department of Natural Resources wants to add several local lakes to the list of impaired waters. The proposal covers the Yahara chain – Lakes Mendota, Monona, Waubesa and Kegonsa.

2 6 :40 Today high school students with disabilities got to learn more about an important opportunity in Madison. Project Search held an open house. The year-long program helps teens with disabilities transition from high school to the workforce.

4 6 :25 More than 65,000 people in Wisconsin will lose access to federal unemployment benefits if Congress doesn't take action by the end of the year. Federal benefits are set to expire December 28th. The Wisconsin Budget Project says more than 23,000 long-term unemployed workers in Wisconsin will be cut off at that time.

2 4 :25 State health officials say they'll make 83,000 calls and send 83,000 letters to all of the childless adults in Wisconsin who now have to wait until April to get Medicaid coverage. Those people were supposed to start getting health insurance in January, most have been on a waiting list, but earn too much under new tighter income eligibility levels. Governor Walker and the Legislature decided to delay the Medicaid coverage as a way to save money under the new health care law.

Dec 14

4 8 2:00 The statewide wolf hunt has been a controversial topic in Wisconsin ever since lawmakers decided to allow hunting last year. Gordon Severson explains what advocates are doing to make their voices heard in the ongoing debate.

5 :25 Verona Police say an Illinois man led authorities on a chase for more than an hour early this morning. 43-year-old David Colombo of Loves Park, Illinois was arrested for fleeing an officer.

5 :20 The family of an African American Janesville boy is suing the city. They say he was kicked off a bus because of race. The Janesville Gazette reports the city released a statement yesterday, questioning the way the family is characterizing events.

2 6 :25 A review of salaries at the UW System finds professors are earning less than teachers at comparable universities. Gannett Wisconsin Media reports on average professors at UW Madison made about \$106,000 last year. The median salary among 11 similar schools is \$134,000.

2 :35 Madison's Stoner Prairie Elementary School is covering its walls with a mural the students are dedicating to their heroes – like their teachers and lunchroom workers. Two local artists are painting the mural, with help from the kids.

Dec 15

5 :40 Investigators say they've narrowed down where a fire started at a Wausau hotel. The fire marshal thinks it came from a plumbing and electrical space in between rooms at the Days Inn. Flames were shooting through the roof when firefighters arrived last night.

5 :25 A reminder for this time of year, after a close call in western Wisconsin this morning. A car went through the ice on the Mississippi River. The Stoddard Bergen Fire Department says a man was driving his car out to go ice fishing.

5 :25 Madison Police say a 23-year-old man got into an idling car last night and bit the driver during a struggle. Authorities say Trae Robison didn't make threats or show a weapon but told the victim to take him wherever he wanted to go.

4 10 :50 State investigators have found they need to get a better handle on protecting one of Wisconsin's most expensive crops. More than 100 citations were handed out after a yearlong Department of Natural Resources investigation into illegal ginseng harvesting.

2 3 :45 This school year more than 900 students at the Madison Metropolitan School District are homeless. And some of those teenagers who have been affected want to share their stories. Today they presented a book they wrote with help from staff at the district's transition education program which aims to help homeless students.

2 :20 More than 150 undergrad and graduate students got their degrees from Edgewood College today. The school held winter commencement at the Alliant Energy Center this afternoon.

4 :20 Despite criticism from some Republicans, Governor Walker is praising Congressman Paul Ryan for his work on the federal budget deal. Today Senator Ron Johnson announced he will support the deal.

Dec 16

10 2:00 It's recently been named the official pastry of Wisconsin. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* find out how the legendary O & H Danish Bakery in Racine puts a Wisconsin spin on Danish kringle.

8 11 :30 Plows are out tonight clearing the snow off the roads. It made for slow-going during the drive home tonight and it'll affect your drive to work tomorrow.

8 11 1:45 That snow piled up quickly this afternoon causing some unexpected hang-ups at the Dane County Regional Airport. A plane slipped on the runway and went right off the pavement.

8 11 :20 The snow also played a role when a train hit a car in Madison. This happened on the railroad crossing at East Olin Avenue and John Nolen Drive.

5 :25 The Dodge County Sheriff's Department identified the woman who died in a snowmobile crash this weekend. Deputies say she is 24-year-old Katie Braasch of Lake Mills. Braasch was with a group of snowmobilers riding on a frozen river when she hit open water and slid into a bank of trees.

5 :25 In a separate case, a Dodge County man ended up in jail after he took his ATV into open water. The Dodge County Sheriff's Department says 32-year-old Raymond Cody took the vehicle onto Beaver Dam Lake on Saturday. Deputies say the ATV was submerged and Cody was standing on it to keep his head above water. After crews arrested him, Cody was arrested for operating an ATV while intoxicated.

5 :55 A man who portrayed Santa Claus at a local department store over the weekend is a convicted sex offender. 59-year-old Sidney Johnsrud is an employee at this Shopko Hometown store in Columbus and dressed up as Santa on Saturday to meet and get his picture taken with kids. In 1985 Johnsrud pleaded no contest to second degree sexual assault.

2 4 :30 The Madison School District is on track with implementing the new strategic framework put together by Superintendent Jennifer Cheatham. The district did a quarterly review of its progress.

4 9 :25 Do anti-bacterial soaps really work? The Food and Drug Administration has proposed a rule to find out. Health officials say there's no evidence that anti-bacterial soaps actually prevent germs from spreading and in fact, there are concerns that the chemicals they contain could be a health risk. If this FDA rule is approved, soap companies would be required to show their products are safe and more effective than just plain soap.

Dec 17

4 6 2:10 The City of Baraboo is considering a unique development project that's expected to bring a new type of tourist to town. Developers say their horse arena plan is unlike any existing facility in the area. Jennifer Kliese has more on what they say is a much-needed resource for the equine community.

4 :50 Governor Scott Walker says he'll make a decision on whether or not to veto the school mascot bill on Thursday. That's the last day the governor could take action on the bill before it automatically becomes law.

1 4 :40 Democratic candidate for governor Mary Burke spoke out against the tax idea floated by the governor today.

4 5 :45 There's a new policy designed to change conduct at city hall in Madison. A city-county committee decided to ban unruly visitors.

4 :30 The City of Fitchburg will be looking for a new fire chief. Current Chief Randall Pickering sent a letter to Fitchburg's Police and Fire Commission saying he is going to resign, effective Wednesday, January 15th.

11 :20 Construction crews have part of County PD closed through tomorrow morning. They're working on setting the rest of the bridge for the Military Ridge State Trail.

3 :30 The yearly winter stomach bug, the norovirus, is back in Dane County.

4 :25 Janesville Senator Tim Cullen is recovering from heart surgery. Cullen's office said the Democrat had successful surgery to replace a heart valve earlier this month at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Cullen says he expects to return to the Legislature in January.

6 :25 Amazon.com wants to add another distribution center in Kenosha. A developer filed a proposal with the city for a \$62 million project that would have about 575 full and part-time jobs. It would be Amazon's second distribution center in Kenosha.

Dec 18

4 8 2:25 Going green and reducing our carbon footprint have been popular topics lately. And there's a proposed ordinance in the City of Madison to accomplish that. But as Gordon Severson explains, many believe the idea goes a little too far. It would require businesses and rental properties of a certain size to submit their utility information to the city.

3 5 :50 A woman in Madison was arrested after her 2-year-old son was found wandering outside in just a diaper and t-shirt. Police say that's after the boy was tied to a bed and got loose.

5 :45 Documents filed today show the Rock County man imprisoned for burning the body of a Fitchburg woman asked other inmates and his mother to help him break out of jail. 29-year-old Nathan Middleton was formally charged today with attempted escape.

6 :20 New numbers show Wisconsin lags behind much of the country in job creation. The state added 24,000 jobs from June of 2012 to June of 2013. Jobs grew 1% in Wisconsin.

1 4 :45 The state's attorney general is downplaying talk that he is stepping down next year so he can seek a higher office. J.B. Van Hollen sat down with 27 News for an end of the year interview today.

4 :25 Many of you are about to feel one of the after-effects of this year's 16-day government shutdown: tax refund checks will be coming out later than usual.

9 :25 You might want to double-check your holiday decorations. Menards is recalling the twinkling pine pre-lit artificial tree. It's sold under the Enchanted Forest brand and has the UPC and model numbers you see on your screen.

13 :45 The U.S. Navy christened its newest littoral combat ship today – it's named after Wisconsin's biggest city.

Dec 19

8 11 1:25 Slick road conditions are being reported in many parts of our viewing area. The freezing rain will affect a lot of people during tomorrow morning's commute.

2 8 :10 One school has already announced it will be closed tomorrow. It's Edgewood Campus School in Madison. If anymore closures come in we'll have them posted on our web channel, WKOW.com.

4 11 :50 While getting around town may be difficult tonight, people in downtown Madison discussed how to get around the city in the future. The first public workshop was held for the Sustainable Madison Transportation Master Plan. The idea of the project is to shape the future of driving, biking and walking around the growing Madison metropolitan area.

3 4 1:00 A bill delaying changes to Wisconsin's Medicaid eligibility requirements is on its way to Governor Walker's desk. The governor requested the delay due to concerns over the troubled rollout of Healthcare.gov. The bill allows about 77,000 people with children to keep their Badger Care insurance until March 31st, so they have enough time to obtain private health insurance through the federal exchange.

4 :25 The state's new mascot law takes effect Saturday. Governor Walker signed the bill today that makes it harder to force public schools to drop their American Indian mascots. The governor said he supports moving away from such nicknames or mascots, but he was concerned about legislating free speech.

4 :40 The Wisconsin Budget Project says Governor Walker's proposal to eliminate the state's income tax could actually mean higher taxes for most Wisconsinites. The nonpartisan group says that according to analysis done by the Institute for Taxation and Economic Policy, to replace the lost revenue the state sales tax would need to be increased to 13.5%.

7 3:00 Kids can be a challenge when they become teenagers; it's not always easy to get through to them. But one woman in our area has found a way to bridge the communication gap. It's why she's this month's recipient of the Jefferson Award for volunteering.

5 9 :25 A huge breach into Target's system has been fixed, but customers are still at risk. Credit and debit card information was stolen from as many as 40 million accounts. The chain says customers should check their statements carefully for unauthorized charges.

11 :25 Tonight only half of the Leo Frigo Bridge in Green Bay is sagging. Crews started raising the bridge deck on Tuesday and now the northbound lanes have been lifted back up to where they're supposed to be.

Dec 20

8 2:30 The roads are looking pretty good right now but as Bob mentioned, this weekend will be a different story.

4 :35 Dane County has a new tool that could help this weekend. It's a track system for a county vehicle so it can get through the snow.

2 :10 Ahead of the storm, Madison Area Technical College is closing its campuses on Sunday. It applies in Madison, Fort Atkinson, Portage, Reedsburg and Watertown. They'll all reopen on Monday.

8 :20 While we're watching out for snow, the cold is a problem for water mains in Madison. Utility workers had to fix one of the largest main breaks this year on Acewood Boulevard near Cottage Grove Road. The main broke early this morning causing a 10-foot wide sinkhole.

2 5 :50 Leaders in the Middleton-Cross Plains School District are looking into allegations of widespread cheating at the high school. The school received a few letters about students cheating on a recent calculus exam by sharing cell phone pictures of test questions.

4 5 :25 A former associate of Governor Walker who was convicted in the John Doe probe is getting out of prison early. A court ordered 63-year-old Kevin Kavanaugh be released within 30 days. The State Department of Corrections said he completed certain requirements of an early-release program. Kavanaugh has served a little more than half of his 2-year prison sentence.

6 7 :40 A historic house in Madison is set to be torn down soon, but a non-profit group is trying to save it. The house near Meriter Hospital is scheduled for demolition in January to make way for apartments. The developer said the house could be moved, but it will cost \$40,000 to do that.

6 :25 Target is trying to bring back a little goodwill after a major data breach. The retailer is offering 10% off for shoppers Saturday and Sunday, plus free credit monitoring.

3 4 :20 That flawed rollout is why Governor Scott Walker signed a bill today to delay the removal of 72,000 people from Medicaid. They were due to lose coverage in January, but the governor was worried they wouldn't be able to find private insurance through the federal exchange. The move also delays the beginning of coverage for 83,000 childless adults in Wisconsin.

3 4 :20 The freeze on Wisconsin's abortion law will continue. A federal appeals court panel upheld an injunction on the measure that requires abortion providers to have hospital admitting privileges. Earlier this week Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen told 27 News he believes the case will ultimately be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Dec 21

8 11 2:15 The snow storm is definitely having an effect on people's travel plans. Gordon Severson explains what transportation officials are doing to prepare for the upcoming snow.

5 :25 Madison Police are looking for a suspect in an armed robbery this evening. The Shell gas station on Northport Drive was robbed at gunpoint. No one was hurt, but police say the masked suspect got away with some money.

5 :15 Police say a Fitchburg woman was hit with pepper spray and robbed on Leopold Way. The victim told police she was approached by 3 suspects all wearing masks on their faces. She says the men sprayed her with pepper spray and took her purse.

5 :45 We're starting to hear from victims of a huge security breach at Target that may have affected as many as 40 million people.

6 :40 Some last-minute shoppers have started packing the stores this weekend. And this year it's not only a race against the clock but also the weather.

7 13 1:20 Tonight a heartwarming reunion for a military family separated for more than 4 years.

4 :20 To make sure everyone's holiday packages get where they need to go in time, the postal service is going to be operating in some areas tomorrow, including Madison. USPS is anticipating 420 million packages going out this holiday season.

Dec 22

8 11 :20 Street crews will stay out working again overnight to finish cleanup on residential streets and other snow removal operations.

4 8 :20 Many communities in our area are under a snow emergency tonight, including Madison. That means alternate side parking restrictions are in effect throughout the entire city.

2 1:55 Despite the storm, thousands of friends and family were able to make it to UW-Madison's winter commencement.

5 :20 Beloit Police say they arrested a suspect after a shooting early this morning. 29-year-old Tamar Keithern Harper of Janesville was arrested for 1st degree attempted homicide.

5 9 :25 Victims of a security breach at Target stores nationwide are taking another hit. J.P. Morgan Chase is putting limits on debit cardholders who shopped at Target between November 27 and December 15 when hackers got into about 40 million accounts.

Dec 23

10 2:00 Hot Chocolate is warming the winter season with bold and exciting flavors. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* we head to the Chocolate Chisel in Port Washington to explore its 'hot chocolate bar'.

6 2:35 Today marks 5 years since the General Motors plant in Janesville stopped production and cut jobs. Jennifer Kliese caught up with a couple we talked to in 2008 when their futures were uncertain.

4 8 :20 Make sure your car is on the right side of the street tonight due to Madison's snow emergency, alternate side parking is still in effect.

3 :50 If you're hoping to sign up for health insurance and get covered by New Year's Day, you'll have an extra 24 hours to enroll.

3 5 :25 A Madison mother is now charged with child neglect after police say she tied up her 2-year-old son. The misdemeanor was filed today against 22-year-old Katrena Salmon. Authorities say she tied her son to a bed last week so she could run some errands.

5 :30 The Rock County man accused of burning a woman's body and then plotting to escape from jail has a new attorney.

Dec 24

4 8 :25 Extreme cold temperatures created a tough morning for Madison water utility crews. Five water mains broke across the city.

4 8 :30 The holiday doesn't mean street crews will have tomorrow off. With a fresh load of salt, dozens of trucks will be out overnight and into Christmas morning.

6 2:15 As millions of Americans continue to check their bank accounts for fraudulent transactions caused by the target security breach, IT experts are telling anyone who will listen that we have the technology to avoid that problem. Greg Neumann spoke with one such expert at UW-Madison today.

5 :30 The Rock County district attorney says a photobomb led to a shooting in Beloit. 29-year-old Thamar Harper was charged yesterday with 1st degree attempted homicide.

2 4 :30 The State Assembly will wait until February to vote on whether to change Wisconsin's academic standards. Several bills are being circulated in response to recommendations of a task force that studied the Common Core standards in place in Wisconsin. One bill would block schools from taking retinal scans, fingerprints or any biometric data from students. Another would require periodic reviews of the Common Core standards in math and English and create new standards in other subjects after input from public hearings.

4 :30 The state has hired a national law firm to help Governor Walker decide whether to allow an \$800 million casino to be built in Kenosha. According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Wisconsin will pay Dykema Gossett \$500,000 or more for their work. The Department of Administration says part of their responsibility will include finding a financial analyst to help sort through claims being made by tribes in the dispute over what kind of economic impact the casino would have on the state and other tribes.

4 8 :20 Wisconsin's second wolf hunting and trapping season is officially over. Department of Natural Resources officials closed the 6th and final zone last night. It was scheduled to run through the end of February unless hunters reached the statewide limit of 251 wolves. This year's quota was 135 more than last season which also closed on December 23rd.

3 6 :35 Some Madison-area homeless people will have at least some space to call their own on Christmas. Occupy Madison, Inc. is leading the effort to build these small homes for the local homeless community. The organization hopes to buy land and create a village of the tiny homes, which will require eventual residents to help build and decorate the units.

Dec 25

7 2:45 While most spent the holiday enjoying time with family and friends, some were working or volunteering at local charities.

6 :35 There may have been some IOUs under Christmas trees this morning. UPS is backlogged, meaning some holiday gifts didn't get delivered in time.

6 :15 Today is the "Black Friday" of app downloads. Every year Christmas Day is the heaviest download day of the year for tablet and smartphone apps, as millions of Americans dive into their new toys, filling them up with hundreds of bells and whistles.

4 :25 Talk of cutting state taxes is growing as we head into an election year. Ideas vary from a narrow sales tax holiday to outright elimination of Wisconsin's income tax.

Whether anything can be done will likely depend on tax collection estimates that are released mid-January. Republican Assembly Speaker Robin Vos says it would be difficult to eliminate the income tax and that he's more interested in a sales tax holiday for back-to-school purchases.

5 :25 A fugitive accused of sex offenses in northern Arizona was arrested in Sauk County. The U.S. Marshals Service says 57-year-old Mark Neuman is now awaiting extradition.

5 :30 Meanwhile, marshals in Milwaukee arrested a man suspected of carjacking a vehicle and causing a collision that killed an 11-year-old boy in Chicago last Saturday. Authorities say 34-year-old Rockie Douglas stole a van at gunpoint and when police gave chase he collided into another vehicle killing 5th grader Donovan Turnage.

5 :30 Nathan Middleton will be back in court January 7th after waiving his preliminary hearing. He's accused of hiding and burning the body of 18-year-old Aprina Paul.

5 9 :30 The government has ordered American Express to refund millions of dollars to its customers. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau says the credit card company practiced unfair billing tactics and deceptive marketing. The offenses include charging for identity protection products it didn't provide and charging unfair monthly fees that put customers over their credit limit. American Express has begun refunding \$60 million to more than 300,000 customers. It will also pay additional fines to the government.

4 9 :20 The price of a stamp is about to go up. A panel that oversees the U.S. Postal Service has approved a 3 cent hike from 46 to 49 cents.

Dec 26

7 2:10 The day after Christmas, people pack the stores making returns. But while many shoppers were waiting in line, a handful decided to trade those unwanted gifts.

6 :20 UPS & Fed Ex delivery drivers planned to get everything out today to customers who've been waiting on delayed packages. Backlogs left many without some gifts under the tree yesterday.

7 :50 A Madison family is thankful for the efforts of a Meals on Wheels volunteer whose actions may have saved the life of their relative.

5 :25 Monona Police believe a missing woman may be in the Minneapolis area tonight. Officials say 25-year-old Monserrat Zacarias walked away from a mental health facility in Monona on Tuesday.

5 :20 A Columbia County man is in jail tonight on charges of child sexual assault. Police say a 3-month investigation led to the arrest of 72-year-old Terry Brace. He was taken into custody after police interviewed him.

5 :20 Investigators are trying to figure out what started a Christmas Day fire that killed a 61-year-old man in Juneau County. Officials say the fire was reported around 3:30 yesterday afternoon in the Town of Lyndon. Several people went into the house to try to save the victim but he later died from his injuries. His name has not yet been released.

6 :20 Unemployment rates went up in 53 of Wisconsin's 72 counties from October to November. The jobless rate was also up in 14 of the state's 32 largest cities. Among cities, Racine had the highest unemployment rate at 11.2%, followed by Milwaukee and Beloit both at 9.4%. The statewide unemployment rate was 6.3% in November, less than the national rate of 7%.

4 6 :30 Another obstacle is in the way of plans for an iron ore mine in northern Wisconsin. The Army Corps of Engineers sent a letter to the State Department of Natural Resources, saying differences in state and federal environmental requirements won't allow the 2 governments to work together on an environmental impact statement. The statement is a major part of the permitting process.

5 8 :25 A frac sand processing facility in Wood County has been fined \$80,000 for violating state air pollution control laws. The state says Completion Industrial Minerals didn't install an air emission monitor and violated reporting regulations. A complaint also says the company failed to update its construction permit application to show changes at its Marshfield facility.

Dec 27

8 :40 If you got a new TV or computer for Christmas and want to get rid of your old one, you can't just throw it out. A 2010 state law prohibits electronics in landfills, but you can recycle. The City of Madison has 2 drop-off locations where large items can be left for \$10 and small items can be dropped for free.

5 :15 A 60-year-old Belleville man is recovering tonight after a crash this afternoon. Robert Sarbucker was crossing Highway 18-151 on Spring Rose Road just west of Verona around noon today when he was struck by an oncoming SUV. Sarbucker was taken to the hospital with minor injuries.

5 :15 A missing Monona woman has been found safe in Minnesota. 25-year-old Montserrat Zacarias suffers mental health problems and walked away from a facility Tuesday.

6 :20 A Waunakee-based lab expects all its employees to keep their jobs after it was bought by a Chinese company. Scientific Protein Laboratories tells 27 News none of its 204 Wisconsin workers will be affected. The \$338 million deal should be complete early next year. Both companies make Heparin, a drug commonly used as a blood thinner.

4 :40 Public opinion could have a big impact on whether Governor Scott Walker pursues a plan to eliminate the state income tax. That is one of the questions sure to be asked on the new Marquette Law School poll early next month. In the October poll, the tax cut in the last

state budget was very popular but Director Charles Franklin says eliminating the income tax isn't as cut and dry.

9 :30 Target confirmed today that debit card pin data was stolen when the retailer was hacked.

2 4 :20 State Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald says he doesn't think changes to the Common Core academic standards have enough votes to pass.

3 4 :20 Fitzgerald also says bills passed by the Assembly designed to toughen the state's drunk driving laws probably won't go far in the Senate. The Republican says he would rather spend money on statewide treatment courts.

11 :15 To help people avoid drunk driving the Safe Ride program will be back for those celebrating the New Year in Madison.

11 :20 2013 could end up being the safest year on Wisconsin roads in decades. The State Department of Transportation reports 2009 was the safest year since World War II, with 542 people dying in Wisconsin car crashes.

8 :20 A new infestation of emerald ash borers has been found near Janesville.

3 :20 The CDC is urging people to get their flu shots after the number of states reporting illnesses jumped from 4 to 10 last week. New York, Texas and Alabama are among the states showing widespread activity. Officials say this year the most common strain is H1N1.

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6 1:50 Right now many national retailers are discounting their products in an attempt to make up for slow sales this holiday season. Gordon Severson spoke to some local business owners to see if they experienced the same trend.

4 8 :15 Dane County snowmobile trails are closed until further notice. Park officials shut them down early this morning to protect the snow cover during the warm weather.

5 :20 Sun Prairie Police are looking for an armed suspect who robbed a convenience store. Police say a man walked into the Stop-N-Go on Windsor Street last night with a handgun and ordered the clerk to give him money.

5 :20 A man's belt saved him from getting hit with a bullet. Fond du Lac Police responded to a shooting early this morning. They say a 30-year-old victim was hit but his belt buckle stopped one of the bullets. Two suspects were taken into custody.

5 :15 A Middleton man is in custody after a road rage incident involving a gun. The Dane County Sheriff's Office says 25-year-old Nathan Pike pointed a gun at a woman while driving yesterday. Authorities say they searched Pike's car and found a handgun.

6 :45 Tonight more than 1 million Americans are seeing their unemployment benefits cut off. That includes 23,700 jobless people in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Budget Project reports the average weekly payment in the Badger state was about \$240.

1 4 :40 Could state Democrats see a dip in popularity? That's one of the questions Marquette University pollster Charles Franklin is wondering as he prepares to launch his next statewide poll in January. Republican numbers were way down in the last poll that came out in October due to the government shutdown. But the troubled rollout of Obamacare could have a similar impact on Democrats now.

3 :50 There are concerns tonight about more and more cases of the flu. The number of states reporting widespread flu outbreaks has more than doubled since last week.

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4 8 :15 Dane County snowmobile trails are closed indefinitely. Parks officials say they need to protect the snow base after yesterday's warm up. No word on when trails will reopen.

5 8 :40 Milwaukee investigators are trying to figure out what caused a house explosion early this morning. The home is a total loss and officials say 2 others were also damaged. Two people suffered from smoke inhalation.

5 :20 Police came across an intoxicated driver who was going the wrong way down a major road in Janesville early this morning. Police say 46-year-old Lisa Clowes was pulled over on Humes Road. Officers say the car smelled like alcohol and her speech was slurred. Clowes had a BAC of .22. She's being held at the Rock County jail on a 6th OWI charge.

5 11 :15 To keep drunk drivers off the roads during the holiday, Miller Lite is teaming up with Madison Metro to offer free rides. They'll be available starting at 7 pm on Tuesday until 3:30 am Wednesday on all bus routes. This is the 20th year Miller Lite has offered the free ride program.

Dec 30

5 :20 Crews were worried about the wind and the cold while fighting a fire at a bed and breakfast in Door County. The fire at the Ephraim Inn broke out around 7 this morning. No one was inside and the owners were out of town.

4 :45 Sun Prairie is a step closer to transitioning to a full-time fire department. The City and the Sun Prairie Volunteer Fire Department signed a new 2-year-contract today with an option for a 3rd year. The deal puts firefighters at the station from 6 am to 6 pm, 7 days a week. In July, Sun Prairie's city council voted to move from a volunteer to a professional fire department but members reconsidered following a petition drive to save the volunteers.

5 :20 Charges were filed today against the Columbia County man accused of child sexual assault. 72-year-old Terry Brace of Columbus faces 2 counts of repeated sexual assault of the same child dating back to incidents from 1994 and 2001.

5 :20 Two people were killed in separate crashes in our area today. Around 11:30 this morning an Illinois man was killed on Highway 18 near Dodgeville. The Iowa County Sheriff's Department says a Linden woman lost control of her minivan and spun into oncoming traffic, hitting a car. The driver of that car died. The woman in the minivan has serious injuries.

5 :20 Earlier in Madison, a man died after a crash along the interstate. Wisconsin state troopers were called to the Badger Interchange on the city's east side this morning. Their investigation shows sometime overnight a car left the road, flipped over and the driver was killed. Investigators say he is a 31-year-old man from Cottage Grove, but they haven't released his name.

4 6 :25 State employees got nearly \$14 million in bonuses and merit raises this year, more than twice what they got last year. Fox 11 in Green Bay reports nearly 6,300 employees got a bonus. Last year it was about 1,800 getting a total of \$6 million. The Department of Corrections gave bonuses to the most employees. The Department of Health handed out the most money. Governor Walker says state employees doing more with less deserve to be rewarded.

Dec 31

8 :20 Two cities in Rock County have already declared snow emergencies -- Beloit and Janesville. Beloit's snow emergency is already in effect and runs until 6 pm tomorrow.

5 :20 The snow is making roads slippery in our area. Just before 6 tonight a car rolled over on Highway 151 northeast of Sun Prairie. The Dane County Sheriff's Office says no one was hurt.

5 11 2:00 Deputies are out in full force tonight trying to keep the roads safe with more drivers out for New Year's.

4 11 :20 If you're worried about driving tonight or you've had too much to drink while celebrating the new year, Madison Metro can get you home safe. It's offering free bus rides on all its routes until 3:30 am.

5 :20 A Hazel Green woman died in a crash this afternoon in Grant County. This happened around 1:40 on Rock Cut Road at Highway 11 South of Dickeyville.

5 :20 A man wanted for a murder in Illinois was arrested in Madison. The Town of Madison Police Department says officers arrested a 30-year-old Alec Foy early this morning. They found him at an apartment on West Badger Road. Police say Foy was wanted in connection with a December 23rd murder in Dixmoor, Illinois.

3 5 :50 A therapist in Wauwatosa is charged with abusing a young boy with autism. 27-year-old Stephen Jacobs faces a charge of child abuse by a child care provider. Jacobs had been treating 3-year-old Caden Lowe at the boy's home in Waterford. Lowe's parents were concerned the in-home therapy wasn't doing much for their son, so they put a web camera in the basement therapy area. According to the criminal complaint, Jacobs was caught hitting the boy, shaking him and throwing him on a couch. Lowe's mother says she wonders how deeply her son has been affected.

10 :20 We may end up paying more for milk this coming year but it won't happen right away. The farm bill ends today and that's sparked fears the price of milk will spike to \$7 a gallon. Experts predict we'll see the new higher prices in March or April if that happens at all. Congress might agree on a new deal before then.

3 4 :20 More than 2 million people now have new health insurance policies that start tomorrow. They signed up in time for January 1st coverage under the Affordable Care Act. That number includes federal and state systems. If you don't have health insurance you still have time to get it without being penalized. March 31st is your deadline.