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4TH Quarter, 2019 Station: WGBW X WLAK ___

DATE OF BROADCAST: OCTOBER 8, 2019

BRIEF OUTLINE OF NEWS STORY: TWO YEAR OLD
KILLED IN 'TRAGIC ACCIDENT' IN GREEN BAY.

EXHIBIT, IF AVAILABLE:

A two-year-old girl who was hit by a car in Green Bay has passed away. Green Bay Police are calling it a "tragic accident."
The accident happened Sunday in the 2500 block of Dunbar Lane. Police arrived to find a Good Samaritan rendering aid to the little girl.
The girl was taken to a hospital and pronounced dead.
Police say the little girl ran behind a car and the driver, a Green Bay resident, didn't see her.
Police did a reconstruction of the crash scene and arrived at the conclusion that it was a "tragic accident."
No charges will be filed. Police say they will not release additional information.

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BRIEF OUTLINE OF NEWS STORY: LOCAL STATE
SENATOR AGAIN PRESENTS BILL TO MAKE
'BESTIALITY' A FELONY.

EXHIBIT, IF AVAILABLE:

The Wisconsin Senate is set to vote for the first time on a bill that would make bestiality a felony.

Having sex with an animal is a misdemeanor under current law. The bill up for a vote Tuesday would create a new crime punishable by up to 12 1/2 years in prison. Sentences would vary depending on the circumstances, such as whether the animal dies and whether a child is present or coerced into sex with an animal. Convicts would have to register as sex offenders.

The measure's author, Republican Sen. Andre Jacqué, introduced the same bill during the last legislative session after a Town of Eaton man was convicted of molesting a horse. The Assembly passed the bill but it died in the Senate.

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DATE OF BROADCAST: OCTOBER 17, 2019

BRIEF OUTLINE OF NEWS STORY: BROWN COUNTY MAN CHARGED WITH PHYSICAL ABUSE OF HIS FIVE-WEEK-OLD BABY.

EXHIBIT, IF AVAILABLE:

A Brown County man has been charged with fracturing the skull of his five-week-old child.

Victor Shinkarenko, 20, is charged with Physical Abuse of a Child - Repeated Acts Causing Great Bodily Harm and Obstructing an Officer.

Shinkarenko appeared in Brown County Court for the first time Wednesday.

A criminal complaint states officers were called to a Green Bay Hospital on Oct. 2 for a report of a child abuse. A five-week-old girl was in the hospital with a skull fracture, internal bleeding and bruising.

A doctor who examined the child said the baby also suffered bruising on the right knee, lower back and right ear. Scabs were found on the back of the head. "It was opined that this injury would have had to been known as it would have resulted in bleeding at one point in time requiring clean up," reads the criminal complaint.

A CT Scan revealed the skull fracture and brain bleed. The doctor said the injuries are consistent with child abuse.

Initially, Shinkarenko and the child's mother did not have an explanation for the numerous injuries on the child.

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DATE OF BROADCAST: OCTOBER 18 & 23, 2019

BRIEF OUTLINE OF NEWS STORY: AIRPLANE
CRASH AT LEDGEVIEW KILLS PILOT. (UPDATE:
TRUCK DRIVER DIES, SEVERAL DAYS LATER)

EXHIBITS, IF AVAILABLE:

Sheriff's officials say the pilot of a small plane was killed and the driver of a pickup was critically injured in a collision near a private airfield in Brown County.

Authorities say the pilot of the fixed-wing, single-engine plane was coming in for a landing in Ledgeview Thursday afternoon when it struck the pickup which was traveling west on county Highway MM.

The pilot from Ledgeview died at the scene. The driver of the pickup from the Greenleaf area was rushed to the hospital. The Brown County Sheriff's Office sent its crash reconstruction unit to the scene. Federal aviation officials are also investigating.

(NOTE: A FOLLOW UP STORY, REPORTS THE DRIVER OF THE PICK UP TRUCK ALSO PASSED FROM HIS INJURIES.)

The man who was taken to the hospital after a plane crashed into his truck last week in Ledgeview has died.

The Brown County Medical Examiner's office confirms 51-year-old Patrick Schounard of Greenleaf died Sunday.

The pilot of the small plane, John Fiddelke of De Pere, died at the scene.

The plane was trying to land at a nearby private airfield Oct. 17 when it crashed into Schounard's pickup truck, driving on Hwy. MM.

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DATE OF BROADCAST: OCTOBER 30, 2019

BRIEF OUTLINE OF NEWS STORY: GREEN BAY
PROPERTY TAX AND WATER BILLS LIKELY TO RISE
NEXT YEAR

EXHIBIT, IF AVAILABLE:

Green Bay residents already facing a tax hike, may see their water bills going up too. Green Bay Mayor Eric Genrich's 2020 budget proposal would raise city taxes as high as state law allows.

Most alders agree it's a price the city has to pay for past budgets. However, a proposal to shift the city's \$1.1 million forestry department to the storm water utility has raised some concern.

The budget proposes a \$43.50 increase on city tax bills for a \$150,000 home. Adding the forestry department to the storm water utility would raise water bills \$25.84 a year on an average home, or \$6.46 for each quarterly bill.

The number you currently see on your water bill isn't just for what comes out of your tap. Green Bay Water Utility bills also include a flat water service fee and a public fire protection charge for hydrant use and maintenance. The bill also includes a sewer service charge, sewer usage, and storm water.

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DATE OF BROADCAST: October 1, 2019

BRIEF OUTLINE OF NEWS STORY: VALDERS MAN
KILLED IN TOWN OF CATO CRASH

EXHIBIT, IF AVAILABLE:

A 26-year-old Valders man killed in a rollover crash Saturday evening has been identified as Brandon Lee Schroeder.

At about 7:42 p.m., Manitowoc County deputies were called to a crash on County Road JJ west of Lower Falls Road in the Town of Cato.

Investigators say Schroeder was driving west on JJ when he failed to make a curve in the road. Schroeder lost control of his pickup truck and went into the south ditch. The truck hit a utility pole and overturned.

Schroeder was ejected from the truck and pronounced dead at the scene.

Manitowoc County Coroner Curtis Green says the cause of death was traumatic head injury and blunt force injuries.

"The decedent was not wearing a seat belt," says Manitowoc County Sheriff Dan Hartiwig. "Preliminary testing indicated the decedent had alcohol in his system.

The crash remains under investigation.

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DATE OF BROADCAST: OCTOBER 2, 2019

BRIEF OUTLINE OF NEWS STORY: BRENDAN DASSEY REQUESTS PARDON OR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE FOR MURDER OF TERESA HALLBACH.

EXHIBIT, IF AVAILABLE:

A man convicted of rape and murder when he was a teenager whose story was documented in the 2015 Netflix series "Making a Murderer" is asking Wisconsin's governor for a pardon or commutation of his life prison sentence, attorneys said Wednesday.

Brendan Dassey was 16 years old when he confessed to Wisconsin authorities that he had joined his uncle, Steve Avery, in the 2015 rape and murder of photographer Teresa Halbach, before burning her body in a bonfire.

Avery and Dassey are serving life sentences. The U.S. Supreme Court last year, without comment, said they would not consider Dassey's appeal of his conviction. He could request another trial if a judge agrees he has new evidence that warrants a new trial.

His chance at a pardon seems remote. Democratic Gov. Tony Evers re-started Wisconsin's pardons board this year after predecessor Scott Walker stopped it, but Evers said applicants must have completed their entire sentences and that he won't consider commuting sentences.

Evers' spokeswoman Melissa Baldauff did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

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DATE OF BROADCAST: OCTOBER 2, 2019

**BRIEF OUTLINE OF NEWS STORY: AG SECRETARY
INFLAMES WISCONSIN DAIRY FARMERS AND
OFFICIALS.**

EXHIBIT, IF AVAILABLE:

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue paid a visit to the World Dairy Expo at the Alliant Energy Center, where he answered questions from concerned farmers and dairy officials. The Wisconsin dairy industry is facing decreasing prices, rising suicide rates among farmers and a trade war with China.

Many in the audience at the town hall meeting touched on issues like declining milk prices and surviving in an industry that is competing with so-called nondairy milks. When asked if Wisconsin dairy farms will survive, Perdue said yes but that farms may have to get bigger to do so.

"It's very difficult in the economy of scale, capital needs and all the environmental regulations and everything else today to survive milking 40, 50, 60 or even 100 cows. What we've seen is the number of dairy farmers go down but the dairy cows haven't reduced that much, those cows have not gone to slaughter they've gone to someone else's herd," Perdue said.

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DATE OF BROADCAST: OCTOBER 3, 2019

BRIEF OUTLINE OF NEWS STORY: MANURE
SPREADING AND RECORD RAINFALL CAUSE
ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

EXHIBIT, IF AVAILABLE:

This week's rain and flooding has put most of Wisconsin's land at a high risk of runoff. Farmers, already having a tough season, are seeing overflowing manure storages which is threatening our area's ground and surface water.

"We're going into the second year of record-breaking rain, which delays everything, it delays corn harvest, it delays planting in the spring, and ultimately it delays when farms can get the manure onto the fields, in a safe, protective way," said , Land and Water Conservationist in Kewaunee County.

Kewaunee county and the DNR have been working with farmers to make sure everyone is on the same page.

They said if you're 100 feet from a stream maybe go 200 feet when spreading manure. Kewaunee County said the fall season is a very vulnerable time for the aquifer, so protecting the ground and surface water at all cost is a priority. The state's runoff risk advisory map shows most of the state in red, meaning "don't spread."

Land and water conservation experts just worry about an early snowfall, but right now, farmers are taking it one day at a time.

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DATE OF BROADCAST: OCTOBER 4, 2019

BRIEF OUTLINE OF NEWS STORY: TWO GIANT HOSPITALS COMBINE TO CREATE HEART CARE TEAM, COVERING OVER A MILLION PEOPLE.

EXHIBIT, IF AVAILABLE:

Two of the largest health care providers in Northeast Wisconsin are joining forces to create what would be the largest heart care team in the region.

Bellin Health and ThedaCare announced Thursday that they were teaming up to provide cardiovascular care to more than one million people in Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

The team would include nearly 50 cardiologists in 17 counties in Wisconsin and Michigan through nine hospitals and 20 outreach locations.

Heart disease is the number one killer of men and women in United States.

Bellin and ThedaCare say this partnership will increase access to services.

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