

WKBT-DT 8.2 La Crosse, Wisconsin

Quarterly Issues and Programs List

October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011

In accordance with Section 73.3526(a) (9) of Federal Communications Commission Rules, WKBT-DT 8.2 has determined the following as the most significant problems and needs of the community for the fourth quarter of 2011. There is no particular order of importance regarding this list. On the following pages we identify programming providing the station's most significant treatment of these community issues. This list was determined by contact with community leaders, and with input from viewers in the various communities we serve.

Special Note: In the following report, certain items may be listed with indeterminate duration times where it is not possible to ascertain exact timings. In the case of public service campaigns, each spot is given strong support during the campaign dates, with numerous on-air exposures.

1. Economy
2. Education
3. Health/Safety
4. Environment
5. Crime
6. Government

1. Economy

One of the biggest concerns of our viewers is the economy. The collapse of the housing market and the bailout of the financial and automobile industries had people worrying about their 401(k) retirement accounts. But just as stock markets were recovering from these scares, global concerns about the European debt situation and the political stalemate in Washington over the debt ceiling and other issues again had an adverse effect on the stock market. The job drain overseas continues to wipe out well-paid jobs in several different economic sectors. Government cutbacks and business downsizing have contributed to the bleak unemployment situation in this country, even though there has been some slight improvement. Jobs are still extremely hard to find, and many people have given up looking for work. The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan continued to contribute to concern over the economy. The tremendous costs involved in military operations and the rebuilding of Iraq are contributing to a large drain on the economic health of the country. The rising costs associated with health care are affecting all Americans, particularly those on limited incomes. Many people are concerned about the costs involved in the new health care reform bill. Large state and local budget deficits are adding to the concern over how to pay for essential services and properly fund new and existing projects without raising taxes. One of the biggest areas of concern in Wisconsin has been Governor Scott Walker's budget repair bill. It was pushed through by Republican majorities in both the Assembly and Senate over strong opposition from Democratic members of the State Legislature. The measure increases pension and health care contributions by state workers, and strips collective bargaining rights from most state employees.

Responsive Programming (Including date, time and duration)

Special Note: The 9pm News on WKBT-DT 8.2 is a rebroadcast of the 5pm News on WKBT-DT 8.1.

October 3/9pm News/2:08

"News 8" story reporting that while new federal regulations are limiting some bank fees, banks are adding fees in other areas.

October 4/9pm News/1:15

"News 8" story reporting on the pros and cons of driving versus flying.

October 5/9pm News/1:41

"News 8" story reporting on how a person can watch their favorite television programs without subscribing to expensive cable.

October 6/9pm News/1:52

"News 8" story reporting on possible alternatives to using expensive pills to address sleep problems.

October 7/9pm News/1:33

"News 8" story reporting that employers added just over 100,000 jobs in September, but that wasn't enough to make a dent in the nation's high unemployment rate.

October 7/9pm News/2:30

"News 8" interview with Jamie Applin, CEO of Workforce Connections, discussing the employment outlook in La Crosse.

October 7/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that low income residents of Wisconsin may be able to get financial help with their heating bills this winter.

October 7/9pm News/:35

"News 8" story reporting that the pumpkin crop in the La Crosse area is good this year.

October 10/9pm News/1:34

“News 8” story reporting that the Occupy Wall Street protest is spreading across the country, including the La Crosse area.

October 10/9pm News/:31

“News 8” story reporting that Wisconsin has some of the most expensive child care costs in the country.

October 11/9pm News/1:40

“News 8” story reporting on alternatives to expensive public storage facilities.

October 11/9pm News/2:23

“News 8” story reporting on how local parents are being affected by the high cost of child care.

October 11/9pm News/:35

“News 8” story reporting that a La Crosse Company is trying to get local people back to work by holding a job fair with an order of filling 150 job openings.

October 12/9pm News/1:21

“News 8” story examining why higher inflation can lead to lower taxes.

October 12/9pm News/2:12

“News 8” story reporting that La Crosse residents have some of the highest credit scores in the country.

October 14/9pm News/2:25

“News 8” story reporting that the agriculture industry in Wisconsin is having a tough time finding enough workers to fill available jobs.

October 18/9pm News/1:18

“News 8” story reporting on what financial steps should be taken now before the tax season arrives.

October 18/9pm News/:30

“News 8” story reporting that Reinhart Foods of La Crosse is expanding its office space in hopes of creating more jobs in La Crosse.

October 18/9pm News/:20

“News 8” story reporting that binge drinking may be costing the United States billions of dollars in health care and lost productivity.

October 19/9pm News/1:34

“News 8” story reporting on where to find free music services on the Internet.

October 19/9pm News/:25

“News 8” story reporting that student loan debt has reached record levels in the United States.

October 19/9pm News/:38

“News 8” story reporting that Social Security recipients will see an increase in payments for the first time in three years.

October 20/9pm News/1:21

“News 8” story reporting on how to select home improvement projects that will make your house more energy efficient.

October 24/9pm News/1:37

“News 8” story reporting that a new do-it-yourself car repair center is opening in the La Crosse area to give people a less expensive option for auto repairs.

October 24/9pm News/:35

"News 8" story reporting that Harley Davidson is recalling more than 300,000 motorcycles to fix problems with the rear brakes and brake lights.

October 24/9pm News/:40

"News 8" story reporting that the Village of Holmen is working on a plan to revitalize the Highway 35 corridor through that community.

October 24/9pm News/:26

"News 8" story reporting that Wisconsin cranberry growers say this year's harvest is among the best ever.

October 25/9pm News/1:40

"News 8" story reporting that local meal programs are seeing record numbers of people coming in for free food.

October 26/9pm News/1:40

"News 8" story reporting on the favorite frugality tips of top financial writers.

October 26/9pm News/1:55

"News 8" story reporting that helping college graduates pay off debt is part of President Obama's latest plan to boost the economy.

October 26/9pm News/:25

"News 8" story reporting that sales of new homes went up nationwide last month.

October 27/9pm News/1:31

"News 8" story reporting that the stock market jumped nearly four hundred points after news that a debt deal had been reached in Europe.

October 31/9pm News/2:04

"News 8" story reporting that outlet malls continue to do well, even in these tough economic times.

November 1/9pm News/1:15

"News 8" story reporting on how to avoid paying monthly fees to a bank for use of a debit card.

November 2/9pm News/1:33

"News 8" story reporting on options available to you if you're having problems repaying student loans.

November 3/9pm News/1:32

"News 8" story reporting on what personal finance experts consider are their biggest money mistakes.

November 3/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that world leaders are gathering in France for the annual G20 economic summit.

November 3/9pm News/1:30

"News 8" story reporting on what the community is doing to help local families keep warm this winter.

November 4/9pm News/1:34

"News 8" story reporting that the nation's unemployment rate edged lower for the first time since July.

November 4/9pm News/:40

"News 8" story reporting that the La Crosse MTU plans to increase city bus fares starting in 2012.

November 7/9pm News/1:34

“News 8” story reporting on how GPS tracking of your driving habits could result in auto insurance savings.

November 7/9pm News/1:53

“News 8” story reporting on how to save on computer printer ink refills.

November 8/9pm News/1:22

“News 8” story featuring tips on how to obtain cheap tickets to sports, concert and other entertainment events.

November 9/9pm News/1:12

“News 8” story reporting on some of the top credit score myths that people believe are true.

November 10/9pm News/1:18

“News 8” story featuring tips on how to save money on holiday travel.

November 14/9pm News/1:45

“News 8” story reporting on which cars provide the most reliability.

November 15/9pm News/1:27

“News 8” story reporting on ways to spend less money on holiday shopping.

November 16/9pm News/1:35

“News 8” story reporting on how to get the most out of your charitable giving.

November 16/9pm News/1:50

“News 8” story reporting that some fifty leaders from different local manufacturing, sustainability and economic development businesses attended a special conference designed to promote local businesses.

November 16/9pm News/1:30

“News 8” story reporting that the value of Midwest farmland is up as much as 25 percent in parts of the region.

November 17/9pm News/1:35

“News 8” story reporting on the best ways to create extra cash.

November 17/9pm News/1:35

“News 8” story reporting that local monks who operated a multi-million dollar Internet business near Sparta have folded the company and their monastery.

November 18/9pm News/1:50

“News 8” story reporting on how to save money when buying a vacuum cleaner, even though prices have increased dramatically.

November 21/9pm News/1:55

“News 8” story reporting on how to select good wines for a party or gift giving without spending a lot of money.

November 21/9pm News/1:55

“News 8” story reporting that many large retail stores are opening late on Thanksgiving Day for their Black Friday specials, making some employees upset about working on the holiday.

November 28/9pm News/2:04

“News 8” story reporting that now seems to be a good time to obtain a new credit card, with fewer people being turned down.

November 28/9pm News/1:30

"News 8" story reporting that totals now in show that Black Friday was a strong start to the holiday retail season.

November 29/9pm News/1:26

"News 8" story reporting on holiday gift suggestions that teach youngsters about money.

November 29/9pm News/1:29

"News 8" story reporting that American Airlines has filed for bankruptcy protection.

November 29/9pm News/1:50

"News 8" story reporting that rising jet fuel prices are resulting in fewer flights at the La Crosse Municipal Airport.

November 30/9pm News/1:30

"News 8" story reporting on financial matters that should be addressed before the end of the year.

November 30/9pm News/:25

"News 8" story reporting that Cyber Monday was the busiest online shopping day ever.

December 5/9pm News/1:20

"News 8" story reporting that consumers are using their credit cards more.

December 8/9pm News/1:19

"News 8" story featuring tipping guidelines during the holiday season.

December 8/9pm News/1:30

"News 8" story reporting more background on recent Trane Company layoffs in La Crosse.

December 8/9pm News/:40

"News 8" story reporting that about 450 people will soon be without jobs as Wausau Paper Company announces the closing of its Brokaw Mill.

December 9/9pm News/:33

"News 8" story reporting that allegations of gas price fixing in Eau Claire have been dismissed by the state.

December 12/9pm News/2:40

"News 8" story reporting that unemployment benefits are set to run out for many people January 1 unless Congress passes an extension.

December 13/9pm News/1:27

"News 8" story reporting on the top money mistakes for couples.

December 16/9pm News/2:09

"News 8" story reporting on what companies are most customer-friendly this holiday season.

December 19/9pm News/:35

"News 8" story reporting that the month of November saw a jump in home prices and a drop in home sales in the City of La Crosse.

December 20/9pm News/1:36

"News 8" story reporting on how to make sure your charitable contributions are reaching those in need.

December 21/9pm News/1:20

"News 8" story reporting on how to find the cheapest overnight delivery service.

December 23/9pm News/1:10

"News 8" story reporting that lack of snow is causing an economic hardship for some area businesses.

December 27/9pm News/1:17

"News 8" story reporting on what you should consider buying to kick off 2012.

December 27/9pm News/1:20

"News 8" story reporting that more than one hundred Sears and K-Mart stores are expected to close nationwide.

December 28/9pm News/1:34

"News 8" story reporting on how to get in shape without putting a kink in your budget.

December 28/9pm News/1:38

"News 8" story reporting that holiday shoppers purchased a record number of guns in the United States during December.

December 30/9pm News/1:43

"News 8" story featuring advice for people who think they're paying too much for cell phone service.

2. Education

Education is a prime concern of many people. On one hand, they want the best possible education for young people, but at the same time are concerned about the costs. Education is one of the highest priced items on the local tax bill, and declining state aid is contributing to worries over how to pay the bill for today's schools. Republican Governor Scott Walker's budget repair bill strips millions of dollars of state aid from schools. The bill was passed by Republican majorities in both the assembly and senate over the strong opposition of Democrats. It requires that workers contribute more toward the costs of their retirement pension plan and health insurance. The bill also strips collective bargaining rights from most state workers, including teachers. Republicans say the measures included in the new law will more than offset cuts in state aid, but many educators are doubtful they will come out ahead. As a result of the bill's passage, many teachers have been taking early retirements in an effort to protect their existing pension benefits. This could result in a massive loss of experienced educators. As a result of the state budget cuts, tuition is likely to rise at state-supported universities and technical colleges. Limits to enrollment are also a possibility as schools struggle to maintain quality programs in the wake of dire budgetary cuts.

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October 3/9pm News/1:49

"News 8" story reporting that the La Crosse Public Library has announced reduced hours and staff layoffs to make up for lost funding in 2012.

October 3/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that high school juniors from around the area participated in a career expo at the La Crosse Center that featured more than forty career booths and more than one hundred college booths.

October 4/9pm News/:38

"News 8" story about a program in La Crosse County that promotes local farms by bring their products into schools.

October 5/9pm News/:40

"News 8" story about a new apprenticeship program unveiled in La Crosse that aims at getting skilled workers into the wastewater treatment field.

October 5/9pm News/:45

"News 8" story reporting that proposed new legislation in Wisconsin would restore all the funding cuts to technical colleges by raising taxes on people making a million dollars or more.

October 6/9pm News/:23

"News 8" story reporting that the University of Wisconsin System is working to make it easier for students to transfer to its campuses.

October 10/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that elementary school children from St. Patrick's and Eagle Bluff schools toured a La Crosse fire station to learn about fire safety.

October 12/9pm News/1:15

"News 8" story reporting that West Salem Elementary School is being recognized for its efforts to promote school nutrition.

October 13/9pm News/2:30

"News 8" story reporting that the La Crosse School District has made some changes to school menus in order to promote healthier eating habits among students.

October 14/9pm News/:30

“News 8” story reporting that almost every public school district in Wisconsin will receive less money from the state this year.

October 20/9pm News/:30

“News 8” story reporting that student test scores could soon be used as a reason to fire a teacher in Wisconsin under a bill that passed the State Senate.

October 20/9pm News/:55

“News 8” story reporting that local educators heard a speech by Dr. Michael Perich from a school district near Washington D.C. that focused on improving public K-12 education.

October 20/9pm News/:40

“News 8” story reporting that local high school students took part in a reality store event at La Crosse Central High School where they learned about career decisions and financial management.

October 24/9pm News/:38

“News 8” story reporting that eighth graders at Logan Middle School in La Crosse got out of the classroom to help clean up the community.

November 1/9pm News/:42

“News 8” story reporting that homeowners in the La Crosse School District will pay a little less in property taxes next year.

November 1/9pm News/:30

“News 8” story reporting that a bill before the Wisconsin Assembly would allow student test scores to be used as a reason to fire a teacher.

November 2/9pm News/:30

“News 8” story reporting that a proposal to remove race as a factor in college grant applications sparked a furious debate in the Wisconsin Assembly.

November 2/9pm News/:48

“News 8” story reporting that Winona State University is taking a proactive approach to getting its students informed about the dangers of distracted driving.

November 4/9pm News/:30

“News 8” story reporting that some Lincoln Middle School students have been working on designing their dream cities.

November 8/9pm News/:45

“News 8” story reporting that Americorps members helped deliver new books to preschoolers all over the southern part of Minnesota.

November 9/9pm News/:30

“News 8” story reporting that the Independence School District is excited after their school referendum passed in Tuesday’s election.

November 9/9pm News/:45

“News 8” story reporting that a referendum for a new elementary and middle school building failed in the Arcadia School District.

November 10/9pm News/:40

"News 8" story reporting that local veterans were honored at a special program at Western Technical College.

November 11/9pm News/:40

"News 8" story reporting that students at Luther High School in Onalaska honored veterans with a special presentation.

November 15/9pm News/:25

"News 8" story reporting that Minnesota is one of the first states to apply for a waiver from the no child left behind law.

November 15/9pm News/:38

"News 8" story reporting that student athletes learned about leadership at a special Mississippi Valley Conference workshop.

November 16/9pm News/:35

"News 8" story reporting that students at Sand Lake Elementary School in Holmen learned about the joys of reading as part of American Education Week.

November 17/9pm News/:53

"News 8" story reporting that UW-La Crosse history professor Gregory Wegner has been chosen as the 2011 Wisconsin professor of the year.

November 17/9pm News/:40

"News 8" story reporting that students in Winona had a chance to run their own government as a learning experience.

November 18/9pm News/1:30

"News 8" story reporting on what some schools are doing to prevent a child sex abuse scandal such as happened on the Penn State and Syracuse University campuses.

November 21/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that Western Technical College in La Crosse received a federal grant to help train workers interested in the health care field.

December 6/9pm News/:45

"News 8" story reporting that the Children's Museum of La Crosse is planning some building upgrades thanks to an almost \$40,000 donation from Tri-Quest.

December 7/9pm News/:45

"News 8" story reporting that enrollment in four year kindergarten has more than doubled in Wisconsin over the past decade, and continues to rise.

December 7/9pm News/:40

"News 8" story reporting that Western Technical College of La Crosse is looking for volunteers for Operation River Watch, a patrol program in Riverside Park to keep intoxicated individuals away from the river.

December 8/9pm News/:20

"News 8" story reporting that Wisconsin Governor Walker signed a bill into law that allows student test scores to be used as a reason to fire a teacher.

December 9/9pm News/1:00

"News 8" story reporting that preliminary results show the majority of education unions that have limited collective bargaining rights under a new Wisconsin law have voted to recertify.

December 9/9pm News/:40

"News 8" story reporting that new college ID cards for voting will soon be available for UW-La Crosse students.

December 9/9pm News/:40

"News 8" story reporting that 450 graduates received their degrees at Winona State University.

December 13/9pm News/:32

"News 8" story reporting that the national publication Military Times ranks Western Technical College in La Crosse as one of the best schools in the country for veterans.

December 13/9pm News/:55

"News 8" story reporting that nearly thirty teachers in La Crosse received grant checks from the La Crosse Public Education Foundation.

December 14/9pm News/:55

"News 8" story reporting that twenty-three incidents of hate speech on the UW-La Crosse campus have the chancellor taking action to let students know this kind of activity will not be tolerated.

December 16/9pm News/:37

"News 8" story reporting that robots are helping youngsters get excited about science at Crucifixion School in La Crescent.

December 16/9pm News/:46

"News 8" story reporting that technical colleges in Wisconsin took a big hit in the last state budget, but a two-million dollar grant is giving Western Technical College in La Crosse a big boost.

3. Health/Safety

Health and safety concerns are an important priority for many people in the communities we serve. Here in the La Crosse area residents have access to two top medical centers, in addition to Mayo Clinic in nearby Rochester, Minnesota. The question is not one of quality of care, but the expense involved in seeking medical treatment. Many people go without health insurance, either because it's not available to them or the cost is prohibitively high. State programs have been instituted in order to make sure children and some low-income people have access to health care. However, severe budget cuts in Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker's budget repair bill threaten many state health programs. Many people in the state could be dropped from programs designed for senior citizens and the poor. The new federal health care reform bill continues to generate controversy, particularly along party lines. Republicans in Congress are attempting to repeal the law, or strip funding that will be needed to institute many of the health care reforms. Court challenges to the constitutionality of the bill could also delay implementation of the insurance reforms and coverage aspects of the health law. One of the major health care costs, particularly for older Americans, is the high cost of prescription drugs. One part of the health care reform law will eventually close the so-called doughnut hole in the Medicare prescription drug plan if it's allowed to stand. Many people are worried about the future of entitlement programs such as Medicare and Social Security. They fear many changes may be in store as federal and state governments struggle with rising deficits and declining revenues.

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October 3/9pm News/1:22

"News 8" story reporting on a new study that shows general anesthesia during surgery could put infants and toddlers at risk for developmental problems.

October 3/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that more and more parents are skipping or delaying vaccines for their children.

October 5/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that health experts are recommending people get a flu shot as early as possible.

October 10/9pm News/1:52

"News 8" story reporting on the importance of having an accurate thermometer with cold and flu season approaching.

October 12/9pm News/1:16

"News 8" story reporting that a new study shows eating the right food can override a natural risk someone may carry for a heart attack.

October 12/9pm News/:50

"News 8" story reporting that a new finding that recommends against a certain type of prostate cancer screening is raising some concerns among local doctors.

October 12/9pm News/:20

"News 8" story reporting that researchers say daily vitamin E supplements may raise a man's risk of prostate cancer.

October 18/9pm News/1:30

"News 8" story reporting that the American Academy of Pediatrics is expanding its guidelines for infant sleep safety and reducing the risk of SIDS.

October 19/9pm News/1:14

"News 8" story reporting on new guidelines about cervical cancer screening for women.

October 25/9pm News/1:35

"News 8" story reporting that federal health advisors are recommending that the HPV vaccine now given to girls should also be given to boys.

October 25/9pm News/:35

"News 8" story reporting that the La Crosse County Health Department is offering free flu shots for youngsters this weekend.

October 26/9pm News/1:26

"News 8" story reporting that a new study shows flu shots may not be as protective as people think.

October 31/9pm News/2:10

"News 8" story reporting that new budget problems for Wisconsin have local health officials worried they may not be able to help the most vulnerable in our community.

November 1/9pm News/:50

"News 8" story reporting that Onalaska and La Crosse Police Departments are partnering to conduct a drug drop-off for unwanted prescription medications.

November 1/9pm News/:45

"News 8" story reporting that La Crosse County health officials held a holiday food fair to promote healthy eating over the holidays.

November 2/9pm News/1:31

"News 8" story reporting that some pediatricians are refusing to see patients unless they follow the government recommended immunization schedule.

November 2/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that a new study shows medications used to treat ADHD in youngsters don't raise their risks of serious heart problems.

November 2/9pm News/:34

"News 8" story about a new survey that shows your doctor may be going online to help diagnose you.

November 11/9pm News/2:09

"News 8" story reporting on various treatments for acne, and which ones work best.

November 14/9pm News/1:30

"News 8" story reporting on the growing problem of diabetes, which is increasing worldwide.

November 14/9pm News/:37

"News 8" story reporting that a new tool is helping experts recognize concussions among high school athletes sooner.

November 14/9pm News/:35

"News 8" story reporting that Gunderson Lutheran Medical Center is helping educate area youngsters on the dangers of smoking.

November 15/9pm News/:35

"News 8" story reporting that Mayo Clinic Health System held free memory screenings for early detection of memory problems.

November 17/9pm News/1:35

"News 8" story reporting that smokers across the country were urged to get help to stop smoking during the Great American Smoke-Out.

November 30/9pm News/1:34

“News 8” story reporting that a recent investigation shows high levels of arsenic in many juice drinks.

November 30/9pm News/1:46

“News 8” story reporting that a new study indicates Wisconsin may be headed towards a shortage of doctors.

November 30/9pm News/:40

“News 8” story reporting that Viterbo University nursing students are teaming up with the La Crosse County Health Department to provide a family flu shot clinic at the La Crosse Public Library.

December 1/9pm News/1:28

“News 8” story reporting that millions around the globe are commemorating World AIDS Day, thirty years after the epidemic began.

December 1/9pm News/1:35

“News 8” story reporting that Veterans Administration hospitals across the country are stepping up their mental health staff to meet the demand of returning soldiers with posttraumatic stress syndrome.

December 1/9pm News/:30

“News 8” story reporting that Governor Walker’s administration has created a new hotline for people to report public assistance fraud in Wisconsin’s health and nutrition programs.

December 5/9pm News/1:40

“News 8” story reporting on fish oil capsules, and if they really work and how safe they are.

December 5/9pm News/1:25

“News 8” story reporting that the New Horizons Sexual Assault Center in Trempealeau County is struggling to cut back on expenses in the wake of severe budget cuts.

December 5/9pm News/:40

“News 8” story reporting that the La Crosse Hazmat Team is facing deep funding cuts from the state.

December 7/9pm News/:38

“News 8” story about a new report that’s giving women ways to reduce their risk of breast cancer.

December 20/9pm News/:45

“News 8” story reporting that Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center in La Crosse is utilizing the latest technology to help more patients in emergency situations.

December 20/9pm News/1:48

“News 8” story reporting that key programs across the country that detect and respond to public health risks are in jeopardy because of state and federal budget cuts.

December 27/9pm News/1:18

“News 8” story reporting on a fitness camp in La Crosse that’s taking steps to curb the problem of childhood obesity.

4. Environment

Environmental concerns are on the minds of many people in our viewing area. Global climate change is one of the most important items that people feel needs to be addressed. There is an increasing awareness of the role nature plays in our lives, and the importance of being good stewards of our natural resources and wildlife. Some of the problems being addressed include air and water pollution, waste disposal, agricultural pollution, destruction of wildlife habitat, and many other environmental matters. More attention is being given to the many different items that affect the quality of our lives. People are beginning to realize that environmental problems must be solved if we are to maintain the lifestyles we enjoy in this country. Energy production is at the forefront of much discussion. A big challenge for the future will be the reduction in greenhouse gases that accompany the burning of fossil fuels for energy production. An increased reliance on solar energy and wind power could help reduce pollution levels and help alleviate the factors involved in climate change. But all proposed changes to our energy emphasis will come with a huge price tag at a time when state and federal budgets are at the breaking point. Energy conservation measures could play a big part in the nation's energy future. The fate of nuclear power in this country is extremely uncertain in the wake of the nuclear disaster in Japan following a huge earthquake and devastating tsunami. Many people and government officials are calling for a moratorium on nuclear development until safety issues are examined and resolved. On the local front, the increasing intrusion of emerald ash borers into our area could mean the loss of thousands of ash trees. Invasive species of carp threaten the viability of fisheries and habitat in area rivers and the Great Lakes.

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"News 8" story reporting that the Wisconsin DNR is warning motorists to be extra cautious on the roads this fall because its mating season for deer so their movements are more unpredictable.

October 6/9pm News/:24

"News 8" story reporting that scientists are using the fall colors to study climate change.

October 10/9pm News/1:44

"News 8" story reporting that researchers went tick hunting in the Genoa area to see how prevalent disease spreading ticks are in the area.

October 10/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that the City of La Crosse has begun its fall leaf collection process.

October 14/9pm News/:38

"News 8" story reporting that the National Weather Service is predicting colder than normal temperatures this winter for the La Crosse area.

October 25/9pm News/1:52

"News 8" story reporting on the gradual phase-out of the traditional light bulb.

October 25/9pm News/:35

"News 8" story reporting that Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center in La Crosse is erecting two wind turbines near Lewiston, Minnesota, as an added source of energy.

October 31/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that Wisconsin state wildlife officials say a cougar is roaming West Central Wisconsin, and is covering a lot of ground.

November 2/9pm News/:22

"News 8" story reporting that Minnesota's firearms deer season opens Saturday, and wildlife managers say it should be a good hunt.

November 9/9pm News/:20

"News 8" story reporting that snow made for a tricky morning commute in the La Crosse area, made even worse by a brief power outage on the south side of the city.

November 15/9pm News/:50

"News 8" story reporting that Wisconsin's gun deer season opens Saturday, and earn-a-buck provisions will not apply.

November 18/9pm News/:27

"News 8" story reporting that the opening of Wisconsin's gun deer hunting season is a prime time for automobile deer collisions.

November 21/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that the National Weather Service has unveiled its new NOAA weather radio station in Tomah.

December 7/9pm News/:40

"News 8" story reporting that city officials in La Crosse are warning residents to take action to prevent frozen pipes during the cold winter weather.

December 8/9pm News/2:10

"News 8" story reporting that twelve natural environmental disasters cost the United States fifty-two billion dollars during the past year.

December 9/9pm News/1:30

"News 8" story reporting that a special deer hunt for handicapped people will be held in Hixon Forest in La Crosse in an effort to thin the deer population.

December 12/9pm News/:45

"News 8" story reporting that Winona County residents will have a chance to express their opinions on a controversial sand mining proposal at public forums.

December 29/9pm News/1:10

"News 8" story reporting that warmer than normal temperatures have some people golfing, while others are worried about thin ice hampering ice fishing.

December 30/9pm News/:20

"News 8" story reporting that ice and snow caused some slippery conditions in the La Crosse area.

5. Crime

Viewers consistently indicate a strong concern about crime. Even though some crime statistics are down, many people have the impression that more crime is occurring. Residents of rural areas report they are seeing more drug-related and property crimes. Several high-profile crimes, including murder, have taken place throughout our area. The rapid introduction of methamphetamine and other new drugs into the La Crosse and Western Wisconsin area is causing considerable concern among law enforcement agencies. One of the main issues being considered by law enforcement agencies and government officials is lack of jail space. La Crosse County has completed an addition to its newly constructed law enforcement center because of an increased demand for jail space. Monroe County had put construction of a new law enforcement center on hold because of economic concerns, but now is considering new alternatives to solving jail crowding. Many law enforcement and court officials are investigating the increased use of probation, supervision and electronic monitoring as an alternative to jail and prison for nonviolent offenders.

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October 3/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that a Holmen man has been convicted in a drunken driving crash that killed a young woman.

October 4/9pm News/:25

"News 8" story reporting that a Minnesota woman is accused of punching a five-year-old boy in the face during the Maple Leaf Parade.

October 4/9pm News/1:53

"News 8" story examining the problem of domestic violence in our area.

October 5/9pm News/:37

"News 8" story reporting that Onalaska police are investigating whether a man arrested for attempted armed robbery may be involved in other robberies.

October 5/9pm News/:20

"News 8" story reporting that a Brice Prairie man faces charges for allegedly growing marijuana at his home.

October 6/9pm News/:35

"News 8" story reporting that a Wisconsin teen that killed his principal in a school shooting will remain behind bars.

October 6/9pm News/:50

"News 8" story reporting that a Holmen School District employee faces drug charges after investigators found marijuana at his home on Brice Prairie.

October 11/9pm News/:43

"News 8" story reporting that the Vernon County Sheriff's Department is asking local businesses and individuals to donate money for the department to establish a K-9 division.

October 14/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that La Crosse police are searching for a man who allegedly harassed a girl on her way to school.

October 19/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that the La Crosse County Sheriff's Department is investigating an alleged stabbing near West Salem.

October 19/9pm News/1:05

"News 8" story reporting that La Crosse police used a sketch artist to help arrest a man who allegedly approached a teen with a knife as she walked to school.

October 19/9pm News/:28

"News 8" story reporting that a Sparta man faces prison time after pleading guilty to his role in a heroin overdose death.

October 21/9pm News/:40

"News 8" story reporting that a registered sex offender is being charged with trying to sexually assault a teen at knife point.

October 25/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that a woman faces charges for allegedly stabbing a man in a West Salem home.

October 27/9pm News/:40

"News 8" story reporting that the former La Crosse County sheriff's deputy, charged in a fatal crash which killed a teenager, could be getting her trial moved back.

November 7/9pm News/2:30

"News 8" story reporting that jury selection has begun in the trial of a former La Crosse County sheriff's deputy accused in a fatal crash.

November 8/9pm News/1:38

"News 8" story reporting on how hackers can steal private information and passwords from people using wireless Internet connections.

November 8/9pm News/2:00

"News 8" story reporting on the trial of a former La Crosse County sheriff's deputy accused in a crash that killed a Holmen teenager.

November 9/9pm News/2:10

"News 8" story reporting on the trial of a former La Crosse County sheriff's deputy accused in a crash that killed a Holmen teenager.

November 10/9pm News/2:06

"News 8" story reporting on the trial of a former La Crosse County sheriff's deputy accused in a crash that killed a Holmen teenager.

November 10/9pm News/:33

"News 8" story reporting that a Milwaukee area priest has entered a not guilty plea to misdemeanor charges that he groped a teenage girl in La Crosse.

November 14/9pm News/:22

"News 8" story reporting that a 24-year-old man is facing charges after crashing his car into a home in Onalaska.

November 16/9pm News/:28

"News 8" story reporting that an Onalaska man accused of driving his car into a house has been formally charged.

November 16/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that a La Crosse man faces prison time for leading police on a highspeed chase through parts of the city.

November 28/9pm News/1:40

"News 8" story reporting that a Holmen man has been sentenced to more than three decades in prison for a drunken driving crash last summer.

November 29/9pm News/:33

"News 8" story reporting that a Norwalk man has been sentenced to four years in prison for beating a Monroe County sheriff's deputy.

November 29/9pm News/:24

"News 8" story reporting that a Vernon County man has been sentenced to probation for exposing himself to young children on a school bus.

November 30/9pm News/:32

"News 8" story reporting that a La Crosse man has entered a guilty plea to a homicide charge in connection with a heroin overdose death last year.

December 5/9pm News/:34

"News 8" story reporting that a Mondovi man faces his seventh OWI charge after allegedly smashing his car into a parade float.

December 6/9pm News/2:43

"News 8" story reporting that the Catholic Diocese of La Crosse has announced changes to its policy on how they handle child sex abuse allegations.

December 8/9pm News/:33

"News 8" story reporting that a Sparta man faces charges after driving his car into a house.

December 8/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that La Crosse police seized a large amount of drugs, money and a loaded weapon while executing a search warrant on a home in La Crosse.

December 9/9pm News/1:10

"News 8" story reporting that a Sparta man has been arrested after going into an Onalaska school and trying to assault a custodian.

December 9/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that the man involved in a fatal Montana crash that killed a Black River Falls man has been sentenced to prison.

December 12/9pm News/:48

"News 8" story reporting that a Sparta man faces charges that he allegedly set fire to a convenience store after they refused to sell him alcohol.

December 14/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that a Galesville man faces a homicide charge in a suspected drunk driving accident that killed his younger brother.

December 14/9pm News/2:10

"News 8" story reporting that Winona authorities are searching for what they believe is a serial arsonist, after three fires broke out in the same neighborhood in just six weeks.

December 15/9pm News/:36

"News 8" story reporting that a home was destroyed and a man was arrested after two early morning fires in Winona.

December 15/9pm News/:20

"News 8" story reporting that a former middle school principal in Juneau County was sentenced to jail for possession of child pornography.

December 15/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that a La Crosse man has been arrested after police seized four pounds of marijuana at his south side home.

December 15/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that a La Crosse man has entered a not guilty plea to charges he sold two to three pounds of marijuana a week out of his home.

December 15/9pm News/1:30

"News 8" story reporting that a new study shows one out of fifteen high school seniors reported smoking marijuana regularly.

December 16/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that a Cross Plains woman has entered a guilty plea to making death threats to Republican lawmakers in Wisconsin, including former Senator Dan Kapanke.

December 21/9pm News/:32

"News 8" story reporting that a bartender was stabbed after breaking up a fight outside a downtown La Crosse bar.

December 22/9pm News/:24

"News 8" story reporting that charges against a priest accused of groping a teenage girl in La Crosse have been dropped.

December 30/9pm News/1:15

"News 8" story reporting that a drug arrest in Monroe County is the second synthetic pot bust in our area this week.

6. Government

Government is a category that includes many different concerns, ranging from national politics to local government. It encompasses a broad area of interest on the part of local residents as to what their representatives are doing with their tax dollars. Recent interest has focused on the collapse of the housing industry and the government's bailout of the financial and automobile sectors. Congressional infighting over the nation's debt ceiling and spending cuts has focused attention on the inability of our representatives to make the tough decisions necessary for the nation to move forward. The new health care reform law is a top item of interest for most people. Many people are frustrated with the continuing terrorist resistance in Iraq and Afghanistan. Most people's interest is focused on how Barack Obama has handled his role as President of the United States, and on the growing opposition to his programs and big government in general. The quest for the Republican nomination for the 2012 Presidential Election has brought forth many conservative candidates, all of whom are blasting President Obama on everything from jobs to health care. Mid-term elections put Republicans in control of the House of Representatives and many state legislatures and governor's offices. In Wisconsin, Republican Governor Scott Walker's budget repair bill has been under heated debate. The bill increased state worker's contributions to their pension and health care plans. It also stripped collective bargaining rights from many state workers. These measures, along with massive cuts in state aid to local governments and school districts, have brought forth a stream of protests and demonstrations against the governor, who is now facing a recall election. The reliance on property taxes to fund local government comes under constant criticism, with detractors saying high property taxes are harmful to the retired and people on limited incomes.

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October 4/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that both the president and vice president were traveling to sell the president's jobs bill.

October 4/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that Republican Tommy Thompson has filed paperwork with the Federal Election Commission to run as a candidate in the Wisconsin Senate race.

October 4/9pm News/2:30

"News 8" interview with UW-La Crosse political professor Joe Heim, discussing what Tommy Thompson's entry into the U.S. Senate contest means for the race.

October 4/9pm News/:23

"News 8" story reporting that alcohol and beer sales could start earlier under a bill in front of Wisconsin lawmakers.

October 4/9pm News/:35

"News 8" story reporting that Wisconsin lawmakers are considering a bill that would help protect young athletes from serious head injuries.

October 5/9pm News/1:30

"News 8" story reporting that a proposed ordinance in La Crosse would extend the operating hours of outdoor beer gardens and seating areas.

October 5/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that the La Crosse airport is receiving money to study the environmental effects of building new hanger space.

October 6/9pm News/1:22

"News 8" story reporting that President Obama used a news conference to continue to pressure lawmakers to pass his jobs plan.

October 6/9pm News/:32

"News 8" story reporting that the National Rifle Association says the Wisconsin Department of Justice is overstepping its bounds when it comes to the new concealed carry law in the state.

October 11/9pm News/1:39

"News 8" story reporting that the Obama administration says it has broken up a plan to assassinate the Saudi ambassador on U.S. soil.

October 12/9pm News/:50

"News 8" story reporting that Jill Billings emerged victorious in the Democratic primary for the 95th Wisconsin Assembly seat.

October 13/9pm News/1:22

"News 8" story reporting that Republicans have unveiled their alternative to President Obama's jobs plan.

October 17/9pm News/:45

"News 8" story reporting that this winter will bring a renewed effort for recalls in the Wisconsin State Senate.

October 17/9pm News/:20

"News 8" story reporting that Governor Scott Walker wants Wisconsin lawmakers focused on jobs as a special session of the legislature kicks off this week.

October 18/9pm News/1:33

"News 8" story reporting that President Obama is in the middle of a three-day jobs tour through North Carolina and Virginia.

October 18/9pm News/1:30

"News 8" story reporting on the start of a special session of the Wisconsin Legislature that will focus on jobs.

October 20/9pm News/:20

"News 8" story reporting that the Wisconsin League of Women Voters is challenging Wisconsin's voter ID law in court.

October 21/9pm News/1:30

"News 8" story reporting that President Obama has announced a complete withdrawal of troops from Iraq by the end of the year.

October 24/9pm News/1:25

"News 8" story reporting that President Obama introduced a new program designed to lower mortgage payments for up to a million Americans.

October 24/9pm News/:23

"News 8" story reporting that the State of Wisconsin owes more than a billion dollars to the federal government that was borrowed to help meet the growing costs of unemployment benefits.

October 24/9pm News/:43

"News 8" story reporting that Wisconsin Governor Walker has launched a new website to show that the collective bargaining reforms in the state worked.

October 25/9pm News/1:30

"News 8" story reporting that GOP presidential hopeful Rick Perry is counting on his new economic plan and some new hires to give his campaign a boost.

October 25/9pm News/:50

"News 8" story reporting that state workers in Wisconsin face a salary freeze for the next two years.

October 25/9pm News/:24

"News 8" story reporting that Democrats in Wisconsin are accusing Governor Walker of violating ethics laws when he launched his new website using taxpayer dollars.

October 27/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that the U.S. Justice Department is suing a La Crosse apartment complex and its manager alleging racial discrimination.

October 27/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that the Wisconsin State Senate passed a bill that would allow grocery and liquor stores to alcoholic beverages starting at 6:00 am.

October 28/9pm News/5:30

"News 8" interview with the candidates for the 95th Wisconsin Assembly District seat, Republican Dave Drewes and Democrat Jill Billings, discussing their views leading up the November 8th election.

October 28/9pm News/1:40

"News 8" story reporting that Wisconsin's concealed carry law goes into effect on November 1st.

November 1/9pm News/1:32

"News 8" story reporting that President Obama is trying to ramp up his proposals to help homeowners stay in their homes.

November 1/9pm News/:27

"News 8" story reporting that Wisconsin Democrats have introduced a package of bills they say are designed to jump-start job creation in the state.

November 1/9pm News/:40

"News 8" story reporting that the Wisconsin Assembly is debating a bill that would create step discounts on license fees for first time hunters in the state.

November 2/9pm News/:47

"News 8" story reporting that the Obama administration says at least a million struggling homeowners would qualify for help, if only they would step forward and ask.

November 2/9pm News/1:24

"News 8" story reporting that President Obama is pressing lawmakers to act now on the part of his jobs bill designed to repair aging roads, rails and bridges.

November 2/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that Jill Billings, Democratic candidate for the 95th Wisconsin Assembly seat, talked about her jobs agenda at a news conference.

November 2/9pm News/1:15

"News 8" story reporting on the debate Wisconsin lawmakers are having over a bill that could limit the way sex education is taught in schools.

November 3/9pm News/:20

"News 8" story reporting that the Wisconsin State Senate has approved a bill that would change the state's fall primary date from September to August.

November 4/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that Governor Walker signed a bill repealing Wisconsin's earn-a-buck program, which required hunters in some areas to kill an antlerless deer before they bagged a buck.

November 7/9pm News/3:00

"News 8" story previewing the various contests and issues on the November ballot throughout our area.

November 7/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that Wisconsin lawmakers have voted to do away with the four-hour training requirement to get a concealed carry permit.

November 8/9pm News/2:30

"News 8" story reporting on the various races and issues on the ballot locally and nationwide in the November election.

November 8/9pm News/:35

"News 8" story reporting that Wisconsin Congressman Ron Kind is being recognized for helping seniors in the state.

November 9/9pm News/3:00

"News 8" interview with Democrat Jill Billings, who won the 95th Wisconsin Assembly special election.

November 9/9pm News/:25

"News 8" story reporting that helping veterans is the focus of four bills introduced in the Wisconsin Legislature.

November 10/9pm News/1:49

"News 8" story reporting that a proposal to create a city administrator position for La Crosse is causing controversy at City Hall.

November 11/9pm News/3:30

"News 8" interview with Congressman Ron Kind, discussing the returning heroes and wounded warrior tax credits and the ongoing veteran's history project.

November 11/9pm News/:31

"News 8" story reporting that the U.S. Senate passed a bill that would give tax credits to companies hiring unemployed veterans.

November 14/9pm News/1:50

"News 8" story reporting that President Obama's health care overhaul is heading to the nation's Supreme Court.

November 14/9pm News/2:45

"News 8" story reporting that the Democratic Party's push to recall Wisconsin Governor Walker is officially getting underway at Midnight.

November 14/9pm News/:50

"News 8" story reporting that the La Crosse County Board is holding two public hearings this week on the county's budget.

November 15/9pm News/1:30

"News 8" story reporting on a new poll that shows four Republican presidential hopefuls essentially tied for first place in Iowa.

November 15/9pm News/2:35

"News 8" story reporting that the effort to recall Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker is officially underway.

November 15/9pm News/:23

"News 8" story reporting that petitions have been filed against four Republican state senators targeted for recall in Wisconsin.

November 15/9pm News/:45

"News 8" story reporting that the La Crosse County Board approved a new budget for the county.

November 17/9pm News/:25

"News 8" story reporting that Governor Walker signed into law a bill that will change the primary date in Wisconsin from September to August.

November 17/9pm News/1:49

"News 8" story reporting that the Federal Railroad Administration announced that the preferred route for a proposed high speed rail system would run along the Mississippi River.

November 18/9pm News/5:00

"News 8" interviews with La Crosse Mayor Matt Harter and La Crosse City Council President Audrey Kader, discussing the mayor's veto of the newly passed 2012 city budget.

November 18/9pm News/:35

"News 8" story reporting that Samantha Carter has announced her candidacy for the Onalaska mayor's job.

November 21/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that President Obama signed legislation that gives tax breaks to companies that hire unemployed veterans.

November 21/9pm News/:47

"News 8" story reporting that Wisconsin Governor Walker visited La Crosse to focus on jobs, particularly in agriculture and manufacturing.

November 22/9pm News/1:29

"News 8" story reporting that the failure of the super committee to reach a compromise on the budget has Congress trying to figure out what to do next.

November 22/9pm News/1:50

"News 8" story reporting that lawmakers in Wisconsin want to toughen laws against child abusers in the wake of the Penn State scandal.

November 23/9pm News/:25

"News 8" story reporting that Wisconsin Governor Walker signed a series of bills designed to make schools safer.

November 30/9pm News/:45

"News 8" story reporting that the debate over legalizing medical marijuana in Wisconsin will soon be back in front of state lawmakers.

November 30/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that two Madison-area unions have filed a lawsuit to end Governor Walker's collective bargaining law in Wisconsin.

December 1/9pm News/2:00

"News 8" interview with UW-La Crosse political science professor Joe Heim, discussing the entry of Tommy Thompson into the Wisconsin U.S. Senate race.

December 5/9pm News/1:27

"News 8" story reporting that with Herman Cain out of the presidential race, the remaining GOP candidates are scrambling to divide up his supporters and win his endorsement.

December 5/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that President Obama is pushing Congress to extend the payroll tax cuts.

December 5/9pm News/1:20

"News 8" story reporting that the U.S. Postal Service is unveiling big cuts that will slow down delivery of the mail.

December 5/9pm News/:55

"News 8" story reporting that three local groups want to stop the creation of a city administrator position in La Crosse.

December 6/9pm News/:45

"News 8" story reporting that President Obama outlined his plan for giving Americans an equal, fair shot at financial security.

December 6/9pm News/1:35

"News 8" story reporting that Wisconsin Governor Walker visited La Crosse to talk about small businesses and creating jobs.

December 6/9pm News/:45

"News 8" story reporting that Colonel Ray Boland of Sparta has announced his candidacy as a Republican for Wisconsin's 3rd Congressional District seat currently held by Ron Kind.

December 8/9pm News/:23

"News 8" story reporting that Republican lawmakers want to streamline Wisconsin's mining regulations.

December 8/9pm News/:17

"News 8" story reporting that Wisconsin Governor Walker has signed a bill that allows for earlier sales of beer, wine and liquor in grocery and liquor stores.

December 9/9pm News/:30

"News 8" story reporting that the board that will review recall signatures in Wisconsin plans to hire more workers and ask for more time.

December 9/9pm News/:45

"News 8" story reporting that the La Crosse City Council is one step closer to going paperless.

December 13/9pm News/1:26

"News 8" story reporting that the House is set to vote on a GOP bill that would extend a payroll tax cut and unemployment benefits.

December 14/9pm News/1:00

"News 8" story reporting that Onalaska Mayor Mike Giese has announced he will not seek reelection.

December 19/9pm News/1:29

“News 8” story reporting that lawmakers in Washington are locked in a standoff over whether to extend the payroll tax break.

December 20/9pm News/1:28

“News 8” story reporting that lawmakers in Washington still can’t come to a deal on the payroll tax cut.

December 22/9pm News/:23

“News 8” story reporting that La Crosse police chief Ed Kondracki has announced his retirement at the end of next April.

December 23/9pm News/:33

“News 8” story reporting that President Obama signed the payroll tax cut extension after Congress passed the measure in the morning.

December 23/9pm News/1:25

“News 8” story reporting that Wisconsin Governor Walker announced more cuts to the state budget, with the UW System taking the biggest hit.

December 27/9pm News/1:23

“News 8” story reporting that the Iowa caucuses are being held in one week, and there still isn’t a clear frontrunner.

December 27/9pm News/2:37

“News 8” story taking a look back at the year in politics.

December 27/9pm News/1:40

“News 8” story examining the first year in office for La Crosse Mayor Matt Harter.

December 28/9pm News/:40

“News 8” story reporting that state programs designed to keep the elderly and disabled out of nursing homes could soon be available to more Wisconsin residents.

December 29/9pm News/1:34

“News 8” story reporting on the run-up to the Iowa caucuses.

December 29/9pm News/1:43

“News 8” story reporting on what local politicians predict for the New Year.

December 29/9pm News/1:05

“News 8” story reporting that Wisconsin Governor Walker is getting some criticism for taking credit for a health initiative that he was forced to do by the federal government.

December 30/9pm News/1:37

“News 8” story reporting that the latest polls from Iowa show Mitt Romney holding onto his lead heading into the caucuses, with Ron Paul close behind.