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This quarterly issues/programs list is a list of non-entertainment programming which, in the opinion of the management of the station, represents the most significant treatment by the station of certain issues believed to be of community concern.

The list is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all of the station's non-entertainment programming. Nor is it designed to list every program broadcast by the station that is responsive to the selected issues. Included are only those programs in which the station devoted significant time or depth to these various issues. All of the below were produced by WORT staff and volunteers.

Issues of significance:

- Economics and labor
- Youth and education
- Environment
- Transportation and housing
- Politics
- Health and safety

ISSUE: Economic and labor issues

Responsive Programming:

TITLE & DESCRIPTION.	PROGRAM	DATE/TIME	DURATION
Education funding in the next budget. Last week, the Wisconsin legislature's Joint Finance Committee held public listening sessions about the 2023-2025 state-wide budget. Evers' budget includes a 15% increase to public schools, but the proposed funding for the UW-Systems falls more than \$100 million short of their request. We speak with Representative Kristina Shelton (D-Green Bay), the ranking Democrat on the Assembly Education Committee. Then we talk with Jon Shelton, associate professor and chair of democracy and justice studies at UW-Green Bay.	A Public Affair, midday listener call-in talk show. Interview.	April 17, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	53 minutes, 31 seconds.
State Street Starbucks plans to unionize. Workers at the store have notified Starbucks of their intent to unionize. They're organizing against what they say are strict hour	6pm Local News, evening breaking news show.	April 18, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	3 minutes, 37 seconds.

requirements, retaliation, and firing management.	News story.		
CUNA Mutual Union authorizes strike. At a press conference at the Madison Labor Temple last night, union workers at the CUNA Mutual Group's Madison office announced that they had voted to authorize a strike if a new contract is not signed by CUNA Mutual within a month.	6pm Local News, evening breaking news show. News report.	April 25, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	10 minutes, 28 seconds.
Good news for workers. Last week, the Department of Workforce Development announced that the unemployment rate in Wisconsin fell to a record low of 2.5% in March. That's good news for workers - and an opportunity for a rebalancing of power in the workforce. We speak with Laura Dresser, Associate Director of Center On Wisconsin Strategy (COWS). COWS is a UW Madison think-and-do tank where Laura has worked since 1995. She is also an Assistant Clinical Professor at the Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work.	A Public Affair, midday listener call-in talk show. Interview.	April 26, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	53 minutes, 19 seconds.
A labor conversation on Workers' Day. May 1st is International Workers' Day and to mark the occasion, we talk with some local labor organizers. First, MTI President Michael Jones explains the main concerns facing educators: safety, staffing, and autonomy. Then, we talk with Victoria Gutierrez and Ines Berna from the Service Employees International Union SEIU Healthcare Wisconsin, which is Wisconsin's largest and fastest growing health care workers union representing over 5000 health care workers.	A Public Affair, midday listener call-in talk show. Interview.	May 1, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	54 minutes, 23 seconds.
Providers close doors to bring awareness to childcare crisis. Since before the COVID pandemic, childcare providers have struggled to find quality workers to help teach kids while their parents are at work. That struggle has only grown since 2020, and today childcare providers across the state closed their doors to showcase what could happen if they don't get more support.	6pm Local News, evening breaking news show. News report.	May 8, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	6 minutes, 48 seconds.
New reports from the Center For Economic And Policy Research. CEPR is out with two new reports: one analyzes the increase in sanctions over the last 60 years and finds economic sanctions severely harm the most vulnerable; the other finds private equity acquisitions reached a peak as outbreaks of COVID-19 in nursing homes further increased the preference to receive care at home. We speak with researchers for the hour.	A Public Affair, midday listener call-in talk show. Interview.	May 12, 2023 @ 12:06pm	53 minutes, 47 seconds.
Wisconsin utilities propose rate hikes across Wisconsin. Four of the five major utility companies in Wisconsin are asking to increase their rates over the next two years. We speak with the Executive Director of the Citizens Utility Board about his concerns on the hikes.	6pm Local News, evening breaking news show. News interview.	May 22, 2023 @ 6:20pm.	14 minutes, 43 seconds.
Meriter nurses come up with new contract. Management at Madison's UnityPoint Health-Meriter	Labor Radio, weekly labor news show.	May 26, 2023 @ 5:30pm.	4 minutes, 14 seconds.

Hospital and its nurses union, represented by SEIU Healthcare Wisconsin, had come to an early-morning agreement on a new contract. We speak with Pat Raes, Meriter nurse and President of SEIU Healthcare Wisconsin to give some details of the new deal.	News interview.		
<p>MMSD approves 8% wage increase for staff.</p> <p>Earlier this week, the MMSD School Board offered an 8% increase to staff, the maximum COLA increase they were able to offer.</p> <p>That comes after several months of advocacy from educators, who said the previously-offered 3.5% increase didn't even meet inflation.</p> <p>Still, the district's chief financial officer says that the increase is not sustainable. We speak with Madison Metropolitan School Board member Ali Muldrow about the wage increase.</p>	<p>6pm Local News, evening breaking news show.</p> <p>News interview.</p>	June 15, 2023 @ 6:20pm.	7 minutes, 20 seconds.
<p>Madison's lifeguard shortage lines up with national trend.</p> <p>Like last year, Madison's 12 public beaches are not being watched by lifeguards this summer. That matches a nationwide trend: a third of public pools across the country are short on lifeguards. Officials say the pandemic catalyzed a steady decrease in interest for lifeguard positions.</p>	<p>6pm Local News, evening breaking news show.</p> <p>News report.</p>	June 15, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	3 minutes, 20 seconds.
<p>Wisconsin shares tax bounty with local governments.</p> <p>Governor Evers signed a compromise bill that dedicates 20% of state sales tax revenues to county and municipal governments.</p> <p>Local governments can only use the money to pay for law enforcement, fire protection, emergency medical services, emergency response communications, public works and transportation. Other provisions in the bill allow the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County to enact local sales taxes, but that authorization comes with some serious strings attached. We speak with Jerry Deschane, Executive Director of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.</p>	<p>8 O'clock Buzz, morning interview talk show.</p> <p>Interview.</p>	June 26, 2023 @ 8:10am.	11 minutes, 21 seconds.

ISSUE: Youth and education

Responsive Programming:

TITLE & DESCRIPTION.	PROGRAM	DATE/TIME	DURATION
<p>UW System president calls for "viability" audit of UW branch campuses. Earlier this year, the University of Wisconsin two-year college in Richland Center announced that it was closing the campus due to low enrollment. Now the two-year UW campus in Washington County is considering a merger with a nearby tech school.</p> <p>With these changes, UW System President Jay Rothman is calling for an audit of all UW campuses to determine their</p>	<p>6pm Local News, evening breaking news show.</p> <p>Interview.</p>	April 18, 2023 @ 6:20pm.	8 minutes, 3 seconds.

<p>viability. We speak with Kimberly Wethal, higher education reporter with the Wisconsin State Journal, about the state of branch campuses across the UW System.</p>			
<p>Madison youth get summer bus passes. Madison's middle school to high school students are getting free bus transportation this summer.</p> <p>That's thanks to the return of a program from the City of Madison and the Madison Metro School Transit, which seeks to support youth who are traveling to their summer jobs, internships, or other summertime activities.</p>	<p>6pm Local News, evening breaking news show.</p> <p>News story.</p>	<p>April 18, 2023 @ 6:10pm.</p>	<p>2 minutes, 15 seconds.</p>
<p>Student debt forgiveness proposal explained. In 2021, President Biden announced an executive order to forgive student loans up to \$100,000 for individuals with an annual income of less than \$125,000. Joining us to talk about the cases are Dalié Jiménez and David Nahmias; Professor of Law and the Director of the Student Loan Law Initiative at the University of California-Irvine., and staff attorney with UC Berkeley Law's Center for Consumer Law & Economic Justice.</p>	<p>A Public Affair, midday listener call-in talk show. Interview.</p>	<p>April 19, 2023 @ 12:06pm.</p>	<p>53 minutes, 50 seconds.</p>
<p>Teachers union floods school board meeting, demanding max wage increase. Teachers in Madison public schools flooded the MMSD School Board meeting to protest the modest wage increases proposed by the MMSD Board of Education. The Madison Teachers Union, or MTI, has asked for an 8% base wage increase. MMSD has proposed a 3.5% hike in the district's next budget.</p>	<p>6pm Local News, evening breaking news show.</p> <p>News report.</p>	<p>April 25, 2023 @ 6:20 pm. .</p>	<p>5 minutes, 28 seconds.</p>
<p>Kids and social media. If you have kids, then you know the difficult relationship kids – and parents – have with regulating their social media. Now politicians are weighing in.</p> <p>We talk with Representative David Steffen who has authored a new bill that would put a curfew on the hours minors can use social media.</p> <p>Then, Dr. Megan Moreno, co-medical director of American Academy of Pediatrics Center of Excellence on Social Media and Youth Mental health, joins us to talk about research on youth and social media and to give current tools for parents.</p>	<p>A Public Affair, midday listener call-in talk show. Interview.</p>	<p>May 17, 2023 @ 12:06pm.</p>	<p>53 minutes, 38 seconds.</p>
<p>Report shows uncertain for MMSD budget. As the Madison Metropolitan School District continues to craft its budget for the upcoming school year, a new report from the Wisconsin Policy Forum finds that MMSD will be in an even tighter place than it is now without help from the Republican-led legislature.</p>	<p>6pm Local News, evening breaking news show.</p> <p>News story.</p>	<p>May 23, 2023 @ 6:10pm.</p>	<p>6 minutes, 45 seconds.</p>
<p>High school students express school safety concerns. Students spoke virtually during an open forum at the Madison Board of Education meeting Monday night. The students spoke to draw attention to issues with bathroom security and cleanliness, especially the gender neutral bathrooms.</p>	<p>6pm Local News, evening breaking news show.</p> <p>News story.</p>	<p>May 24, 2023 @ 6:10pm.</p>	<p>2 minutes, 56 seconds.</p>

<p>End-of-school wrap-up. As the school year comes to an end, we speak with Wisconsin's top educator Dr. Jill Underly. She joins us to talk about the financial needs of the state's K-12 schools as reflected in Governor Evers proposed biannual budget.</p> <p>Then, we talk with Emily Vogel about how teens use and are impacted by social media. She is an author of a new report by the Pew Research Center that shares results of in-depth survey of American teens and their parents about social media use.</p>	<p>A Public Affair, midday listener call-in talk show. Interview.</p>	<p>June 5, 2023 @ 12:06pm.</p>	<p>54 minutes, 37 seconds.</p>
<p>Republican lawmakers propose changes to reading education. A group of Republican lawmakers began circulating a bill today that would address literacy in Wisconsin.</p> <p>The proposed bill would emphasize phonics, which teaches children the sounds that letters make, and how to put those together as words.</p> <p>That's in contrast to the whole language method, where educators teach children to recognize words by themselves, without breaking them down into individual letters.</p> <p>A third method called balanced literacy uses a mix of both approaches. That method too has come under fire for not having outcomes superior to the other approaches.</p>	<p>6pm Local News, evening breaking news show.</p> <p>News story.</p>	<p>June 8, 2023 @ 12:06pm.</p>	<p>2 minutes, 42 seconds.</p>
<p>Coalition rallies for free, healthy school lunch for all.</p> <p>About one in nine children in Wisconsin face hunger, according to Feeding America, a national network of food banks. And that hunger can affect educational outcomes for kids, leading to lower grades and developmental delays.</p> <p>That's why educators, lawmakers, parents and food advocates gathered on the Capitol today for a "Feed the Kids" Rally. They say lawmakers should take the opportunity to pay for free breakfast and lunch for every student.</p>	<p>6pm Local News, evening breaking news show.</p> <p>News story.</p>	<p>June 12, 2023 @ 6:10pm.</p>	<p>4 minutes, 42 seconds.</p>

ISSUE: Environment

Responsive Programming:

TITLE & DESCRIPTION.	PROGRAM	DATE/TIME	DURATION
<p>What do the new federal guidelines mean for cleanup in Wisconsin? Last month the EPA announced national guidelines for PFAS in drinking water. The current Wisconsin standard, which was adopted last year, is 70 parts per trillion for PFOA and PFOS individually and combined. The proposed federal allowance is a fraction of that, at just 4 parts per trillion. We speak with attorneys at two statewide nonprofit conservation groups about what the federal guidelines mean for Wisconsin.</p>	<p>A Public Affair, midday listener call-in talk show. Interview.</p>	<p>April 3, 2023 at 12:06pm.</p>	<p>53 minutes, 35 seconds.</p>
<p>What are food forests? A food forest is a diverse planting of</p>	<p>A Public Affair,</p>	<p>April 10, 2023 @</p>	<p>54 minutes, 25</p>

<p>edible plants that attempts to mimic the ecosystems and patterns found in nature. The idea is to create a resilient, reliable, self-sustaining, and regionally-appropriate garden.</p> <p>Joining us to talk about food forests, tree planting, and land stewarding are Brad Lancaster from Dunbar/Spring Neighborhood Foresters in Tucson, AZ and Emily Steinwehe from Wisconsin Food Forests in Madison.</p>	<p>midday listener call-in talk show. Interview.</p>	<p>12:06pm.</p>	<p>seconds.</p>
<p>Proposed sewerage plan would affect Badger Mill Creek. For 25 years, Madison’s sewerage department has been pumping treated wastewater into the creek. Now, Madison’s sewer district could end that pumping, out of concerns of elevated phosphorus levels. That phosphorus is a byproduct of human waste and subsequent wastewater.</p>	<p>6pm Local News, evening breaking news show. News story.</p>	<p>April 26, 2023 @ 6:15pm.</p>	<p>5 minutes, 41 seconds.</p>
<p>The past, present, and future of phosphorous with Dan Egan. Phosphorus-rich fertilizer has become an important tool in food production to feed the booming human population, but what happens when so much phosphorous enters our soil and waterways? In his new book, , environmental journalist Dan Egan explains how an over-reliance has led to toxic algae blooms and “dead zones” in waterways.</p>	<p>A Public Affair, midday listener call-in talk show. Interview.</p>	<p>May 3, 2023 @ 12:06pm.</p>	<p>52 minutes, 51 seconds.</p>
<p>The fight to clean up the Fox River. In the 1990s, the Fox River near Green Bay was dominated by paper mills and the pollution they caused. A new book, Paper Valley: The Fight for the Fox River Cleanup, tells the story of the tumultuous fight for the billion dollar, 20-year long Fox River cleanup that the polluting paper companies were forced to pay. Biologist and environmentalist P. David Allen II and environmental reporter Susan Campbell us to discuss the book and the work behind the clean up.</p>	<p>A Public Affair, midday listener call-in talk show. Interview.</p>	<p>May 5, 2023 @ 12:06pm.</p>	<p>53 minutes, 12 seconds.</p>
<p>Wetland protections post-SCOTUS ruling.</p> <p>The US Supreme Court has issued a ruling that significantly narrowed the scope of the Clean Water Act, gutting the ability of the EPA to protect millions of acres of wetlands from development.</p> <p>The Wisconsin Wetlands Association has condemned the ruling and vowed to continue to seek protection of all wetlands. Erin O’Brien is the Policy Programs Director with the Wisconsin Wetlands Association, and she joins us by phone.</p>	<p>8 O’clock Buzz, morning interview talk show. Interview.</p>	<p>May 29, 2023 @ 8:30am.</p>	<p>9 minutes, 30 seconds.</p>
<p>The past and future of conservation funding.</p> <p>Despite its strong reputation for conservation and outdoor pastimes, Wisconsin has seen steady erosion in state tax funding for conservation programs and for the state Department of Natural Resources more broadly, paired with a rise in other funding sources such as fees imposed on state park visits and garbage heading to landfills. What’s behind this trend - and what are alternative funding models from other states? We speak with researcher Jason Stein, author of a new report on the subject.</p>	<p>Perpetual Notion Machine, a weekly science news show. Interview.</p>	<p>June 8, 2023 @ 7pm.</p>	<p>30 minutes, 33 seconds.</p>

<p>What's up with the bad air quality?</p> <p>Canadian wildfires are pushing particulate smoke to the US, causing it to linger and create hazardous air quality on the east coast and parts of the Midwest. We speak with Jonathan Martin, a professor of atmospheric and oceanic sciences at UW-Madison.</p>	<p>A Public Affair, midday listener call-in talk show. Interview.</p>	<p>June 14, 2023 @ 12:06 pm.</p>	<p>52 minutes, 37 seconds.</p>
<p>What's a clean watershed worth?</p> <p>How much is a clean watershed worth? Quite a lot, according to a new study from the UW Department of Agriculture and Applied Economics. We talk with researcher Daniel Phaneuf.</p>	<p>8 O'clock Buzz, morning interview talk show. Interview.</p>	<p>June 19, 2023 @ 8:10am.</p>	<p>9 minutes, 36 seconds.</p>
<p>Trail Tuesday: Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park.</p> <p>This week on Trail Tuesday, we stay along the Yahara River and enjoy a vivid glimpse of it while also navigating through shady paths, mounds, and prairies. In the northern part of Madison, this is Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park.</p>	<p>"Trail Tuesdays," a news feature that airs on the 6pm Local News, WORT's evening breaking news show.</p>	<p>June 27, 2023 @ 6:45pm.</p>	<p>7 minutes, 22 seconds.</p>
<p>Record wildfires to blame for bad air quality – and show no sign of stopping. The air quality advisory for Dane County has been extended until noon, as a record number of fires burn in Canada and unique weather systems push the smoke from those fires into the United States.</p> <p>There are around 480 wildfires currently burning in Canada, around 250 of those listed as out of control.</p> <p>Craig Czarnecki is an Air Program Specialist with the state Department of Natural Resources. He says that Canada is currently experiencing a record setting fire season.</p>	<p>6pm Local News, evening breaking news show. News story.</p>	<p>June 29, 2023 @ 6:45pm.</p>	<p>5 minutes, 2 seconds.</p>

ISSUE: Transportation and housing

Responsive Programming:

TITLE & DESCRIPTION.	PROGRAM	DATE/TIME	DURATION
<p>Finding space for housing and food on the south side. Madison's south side has been on the precipice of a food desert, thanks to development and shuttering of existing grocery store.</p> <p>Now, a grocery entrepreneur, in partnership with the city, real estate developers, and nonprofits, is opening a market to fill that need. We speak with grocery entrepreneur Kristie Maurer, along with Dan Rolf, the city's Community Development Project Manager. And Movin' Out directors Kathryne Auerback and Megan Schuetz also join us.</p>	<p>8 O'clock Buzz, morning interview talk show. Interview.</p>	<p>April 11, 2023 @ 8:10am.</p>	<p>48 minutes, 16 seconds.</p>
<p>John Nolen Drive reconstruction gets \$15 million federal grant. John Nolen Drive is one of the most heavily used roads in Madison, carrying around 48,000 vehicles and</p>	<p>6pm Local News, evening breaking news show. News story.</p>	<p>April 17, 2023 @ 6:10pm.</p>	<p>5 minutes, 10 seconds.</p>

4,000 bikes every day. A future facelift looks to be a whole lot more achievable, thanks to a \$15million federal grant.			
<p>Meeting the housing needs of the community. The "M Block" Meadowland development has been declared a chronic nuisance, after Madison police have received near-daily calls for service to address concerns from fights to weapons offenses. How did we get to this point? Our guests get into the nuance.</p> <p>We speak with a local reporter who's been writing about the issue, a Madison alder, and leadership from the local YWCA.</p>	<p>8 OClock Buzz, morning interview talk show.</p> <p>Interview.</p>	<p>April 18, 2023 @ 8:10am.</p>	<p>47 minutes, 57 seconds.</p>
<p>City tax assessment shows average home price jump. Last Friday, the Madison Assessor's office released their report on the city's property tax base for 2023. That report found that the average price for a single-family home in Madison is now over \$424,000 dollars. We speak with the assessor's office to learn more.</p>	<p>6pm Local News, evening breaking news show.</p> <p>News interview.</p>	<p>April 24, 2023 @ 6:20pm.</p>	<p>9 minutes, 15 seconds.</p>
<p>City officials share first details of proposed men's shelter. After decades of cramped basements, years of debate, and months of reaching out to the community, city officials provided their first glimpse of the proposed men's homeless shelter at a public information meeting.</p>	<p>6pm Local News, evening breaking news show.</p> <p>News report.</p>	<p>May 10, 2023 @ 6:12pm.</p>	<p>4 minutes, 11 seconds.</p>
<p>One man's campaign for better bus signage. Although Metro will hire "transit ambassadors" to help people navigate the new bus system, there's still bound to be some confusion during the transition. One Madison resident has taken upon himself to do more and is calling on other bus riders to help. Harald Kliems is the creator of the Metro Bus Stop Closure Sign Project.</p>	<p>8 OClock Buzz, morning interview talk show.</p> <p>Interview.</p>	<p>May 15, 2023 @ 8:10am.</p>	<p>13 minutes, 48 seconds.</p>
<p>Water softeners demystified! This week, home remodelers and household chore nags John and Allie explain why it's so important to keep putting salt into the water softener, the most mysterious of home appliances. (Plus, what the heck is a water softener, anyway?)</p>	<p>"The House Always Wins," a news feature on the 6pm Local News, evening breaking news show.</p>	<p>May 18, 2023 @ 6:45pm.</p>	<p>8 minutes, 8 seconds.</p>
<p>Network Redesign kicks off this Sunday. The redesign of the city's bus routes takes effect this Sunday. Buses will switch from a numbered to a lettered system overnight on the 10th, nearly all transfer points will close, and officials say that each of the more than 2,000 existing stops will undergo changes of some kind.</p>	<p>6pm Local News, evening breaking news show.</p> <p>News story.</p>	<p>June 8, 2023 @ 6:10pm.</p>	<p>6 minutes, 28 seconds.</p>
<p>Riders react to new Metro routes. The city's new bus routes took effect this weekend, and Metro Transit reported an upsurge in calls to their customer service center in the first few days. We talk with riders trying to get where they're trying to go amid the change.</p>	<p>6pm Local News, evening breaking news show.</p> <p>News feature.</p>	<p>June 13, 2023 @ 6:10pm.</p>	<p>3 minutes, 30 seconds.</p>

<p>Council blocks proposed student housing development. Local leaders effectively blocked a developer's plan to build a 12-story apartment building downtown, after constituents voiced concerns over the plan's affordability amidst a lack of truly affordable student (and other) housing.</p>	<p>6pm Local News, evening breaking news show.</p> <p>News report.</p>	<p>June 21, 2023 @ 6:10pm.</p>	<p>3 minutes, 30 seconds.</p>
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ISSUE: Politics

Responsive Programming:

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<p>Protasiewicz wins WI Supreme Court race, Rhodes-Conway wins Madison mayor. It took less than an hour after polls closed last night for analysts to call the race for Janet Protasiewicz, as she steadily beat out competitor Dan Kelly with a double-digit lead.</p>	<p>6pm Local News, daily hour-long local news program.</p> <p>News report.</p>	<p>April 5, 2023 @ 6:12pm.</p>	<p>6 minutes, 40 seconds.</p>
<p>What does the Wisconsin Supreme Court election mean for abortion access in the state? Yesterday, Wisconsin voters elected Judge Janet Protasiewicz — a candidate who campaigned heavily on abortion access — to the state supreme court. The liberal-leaning judge secured the seat with 55% of the vote. We speak with Dr. Kristin Lyerly, a Wisconsin OB-GYN; investigative reporter Phoebe Petrovic, and Representative Lisa Subeck, who's introduced a bill to overturn the 1849 criminal abortion ban.</p>	<p>A Public Affair, midday listener call-in talk show. Interview.</p>	<p>April 5, 2023 @ 12:06 pm.</p>	<p>53 minutes, 22 seconds.</p>
<p>Alder Dina Nina Martinez becomes first trans alder. On Tuesday, Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford was elected alder of Madison's 15th district. In doing so, she became the first out trans woman ever elected in Wisconsin. We speak with her about her campaign, and what she's hoping to do in office.</p>	<p>8 O'clock Buzz, morning talk show.</p> <p>Interview.</p>	<p>April 7, 2023 @ 8:10am.</p>	<p>10 minutes, 30 seconds.</p>
<p>Republicans introduce shared revenue plan. Earlier today, Republican Legislators announced their plan to revamp shared revenue here in Wisconsin. While Democratic Governor Tony Evers and top state Republicans disagree on how to increase shared revenue, both sides agree that changes need to be made. We speak with Jerry Deschane, Executive Director of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, about the recent history of shared revenue in Wisconsin, and what could be next.</p>	<p>6pm Local News, daily hour-long local news program.</p> <p>Interview.</p>	<p>April 27, 2023 @ 6:20pm.</p>	<p>10 minutes, 22 seconds.</p>
<p>County supervisors denounce racial slurs. County Executive Joe Parisi named Representative Shelia Stubbs as the new head of Dane County Human Services in April.</p> <p>The path to confirming Stubbs, though, must go through several committees and the Dane County Board as a whole. Now, a Dane County committee has voted to oppose her appointment, after some supervisors faced insults and racial slurs from those supporting Stubbs' confirmation.</p>	<p>6pm Local News, daily hour-long local news program.</p> <p>News report.</p>	<p>May 1, 2023 @ 6:10pm.</p>	<p>4 minutes, 27 seconds.</p>
<p>Judge hears first arguments in abortion ban lawsuit.</p> <p>A case seeking to strike Wisconsin's abortion ban has been</p>	<p>6pm Local News, daily hour-long local news program.</p>	<p>May 4, 2023 @ 6:10pm.</p>	<p>5 minutes, 38 seconds.</p>

lingering in Dane County court for almost a year. Today, it got its first hearing — centered only on whether the case should be thrown out.	News report.		
<p>A vast, self-sustaining robocall network. A network is using advanced robocall technology to obfuscate the line between human and computer, and is raking in millions of dollars.</p> <p>While the calls claim to go toward various political campaigns, a new report from the New York Times has found that instead that money is going into a network of nonprofits, and at its heart are three Wisconsin political consultants.</p> <p>We speak with David Fahrenthold, an investigative reporter with the New York Times.</p>	<p>6pm Local News, daily hour-long local news program.</p> <p>News interview.</p>	May 17, 2023 @ 6:20pm.	12 minutes, 45 seconds.
<p>Rep Francesca Hong on legislative flurry. Francesca Hong is State Representative for the 76th Assembly District, and she joins us to talk the legislative flurry at the state capitol. including two important bills headed to the governor's desk — the shared revenue spending plan, and an increase in education spending — along with a hefty bill still being discussed that would change regulation of craft brewers.</p>	<p>8 O'clock Buzz, morning talk show.</p> <p>Interview.</p>	June 15, 2023 @ 8:10am.	14 minutes, 24 seconds.
<p>Upcoming vote may designate Dane County as sanctuary. A resolution before the Dane County Board would signal the county's support for gender expression and affirming care, and declare Dane County a safe place for trans children and adults and their families. And the proposal has generated a wave of nationwide pushback and hate mail.</p>	<p>6pm Local News, daily hour-long local news program.</p> <p>News report.</p>	June 15, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	5 minutes, 40 seconds.
<p>Legislature passes shared revenue bill. The legislature passed their shared revenue bill last night, increasing state aid to municipalities across the state.</p>	<p>6pm Local News, daily hour-long local news program.</p> <p>News report.</p>	June 15, 2023 @ 6:15 pm.	6 minutes, 7 seconds.
<p>County Board designates Dane County as sanctuary for trans people. The Dane County Board overwhelmingly voted to make Dane County a sanctuary for transgender and nonbinary folks after nearly four hours of public comment, mostly coming in opposition.</p>	<p>6pm Local News, daily hour-long local news program.</p> <p>News report.</p>	June 19, 2023 @ 6:15pm.	7 minutes, 11 seconds.
<p>Roundtable: Budget committee decides to slash DEI funding. Last week, the state's budget committee moved to slash the \$32 million spent by the UW System on DEI initiatives. We gather up education and political reporters and commentators to gauge the UW System's response, the future of DEI programming, and what the Governor might do.</p>	<p>A Public Affair, midday listener call-in talk show.</p> <p>Interview.</p>	June 26, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	54 minutes, 17 seconds.
<p>Discriminatory language still persists in state statutes.</p> <p>The way Wisconsin's statutes are worded restricts same-sex couples' rights in regards to marriage and parenting. It also complicates their efforts in more mundane tasks: filing taxes, applying for employment insurance, or even sharing a fishing license.</p> <p>And that has a real effect on LGBTQ families in Wisconsin,</p>	<p>6pm Local News, daily hour-long local news program.</p> <p>News report.</p>	June 26, 2023 @ 6:15pm.	4 minutes, 53 seconds.

says Representative Lee Snodgrass, a Democrat from Appleton and a member of the state's LGBTQ+ caucus.			
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ISSUE: Health and safety

Responsive Programming:

TITLE & DESCRIPTION.	PROGRAM	DATE/TIME	DURATION
<p>What do those fish consumption advisories mean? PFAS, the family of so-called "forever chemicals," have been detected in lakes and streams in Wisconsin and throughout much of the nation. How does PFAS get into fish? What concentrations of PFAS have been found in fish? What do the latest fish advisories in Dane County and Lake Michigan recommend? We speak with Nathan Kloczko, Site Evaluation Program Manager, in the Bureau of Environmental Health in the Department of Health Services.</p>	<p>"Water Stories" on the 6pm Local News, evening breaking news show.</p> <p>News feature.</p>	<p>April 12, 2023 @ 6:33pm.</p>	<p>12 minutes, 6 seconds.</p>
<p>On accurate and inclusive sexual and reproductive health information.</p> <p>Barbara Alvarez is an instructor in Library and Information Science and a PhD student in Information Science at UW-Madison. Her new book is The Library's Guide to Sexual and Reproductive Health Information, which argues for the basic concept of sexual and reproductive health as a human right, and the responsibility to provide information about it.</p>	<p>A Public Affair, midday listener call-in talk show.</p> <p>Interview.</p>	<p>April 25, 2023 @ 12:06pm.</p>	<p>53 minutes, 33 seconds.</p>
<p>As pandemic emergency, Medicaid "unwinding" means more complicated renewals.</p> <p>Just over a million people in Wisconsin are covered by health insurance through Medicaid programs, the majority through BadgerCare Plus.</p> <p>Thanks to a federal provision, those who signed up for BadgerCare just before the COVID-19 pandemic were guaranteed coverage for the duration of the federally-declared emergency. But late last year, legislators in Washington separated that coverage from the federal emergency status.</p> <p>This ended coverage for those enrollees at the end of March. And, data from the state Department of Health Services shows that Medicaid enrollment here has grown by almost 40% since the start of the pandemic. What's happening now is what they term an "unwinding" of services and enrollment.</p> <p>Bobby Peterson is a Madison public interest attorney and health care benefits counselor with Madison-based ABC for Health. He joins us to explain the "unwinding" of services and enrollment.</p>	<p>8 O'clock Buzz, morning interview talk show.</p> <p>Interview.</p>	<p>April 28, 2023 @ 8:10am.</p>	<p>13 minutes, 20 seconds.</p>
<p>Certified direct care professional program offers free training to potential caregivers. According to the</p>	<p>6pm Local News, daily hour-long local</p>	<p>May 15, 2023 @ 6:20pm.</p>	<p>11 minutes, 1 second.</p>

<p>Wisconsin Assisted Living Association, there were over 23,000 open caregiver jobs in Wisconsin in 2022, and not nearly as many people available to fill those jobs.</p> <p>To help address the caregiver shortage, the state health department is launching a new program called Certified Direct Care Professional. Kevin Coughlin is the Policy Initiative Advisor with the state Department of Health Services, and he joins us to talk about the program.</p>	<p>news program.</p> <p>News interview.</p>		
<p>Stories from an abortion doula. Hannah Matthews is an abortion doula and funder. She is a clinic worker, hotline counselor, and writer. She's the author of You or Someone You Love: Reflections from an Abortion Doula, which features the stories of many people who had abortions and how each story is as unique as the person behind it.</p>	<p>A Public Affair, midday listener call-in talk show. Interview.</p>	<p>May 16, 2023 @ 12:06pm.</p>	<p>54 minutes, 14 seconds.</p>
<p>Report on infant death points to medical inequity. A new study from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services or DHS finds that Indigenous and Black babies continue to die at a significantly higher rate than their white counterparts.</p>	<p>6pm Local News, daily hour-long local news program.</p> <p>News report.</p>	<p>May 18, 2023 @ 6:15pm.</p>	<p>5 minutes, 13 seconds.</p>
<p>Study shows worsening caregiver crisis. A coalition of organizations advocating for people with disabilities has released the results of their statewide caregiver survey.</p> <p>The survey asked people with disabilities, their family members, and caregivers themselves, about the current state of the caregiver industry in Wisconsin.</p> <p>62% of people with disabilities who responded to the survey said that they are worried that they won't be able to stay in their home if the caregiver shortage continues, and 45% said that if that happens, they may be forced to move into a nursing home.</p>	<p>6pm Local News, daily hour-long local news program.</p> <p>News report.</p>	<p>May 18, 2023 @ 6:10pm.</p>	<p>5 minutes, 33 seconds.</p>
<p>How the AR-15 became the most popular gun in the US. About 16 million people in the US own one or more AR-15s – about one in twenty people.. A new reporting series by The Washington Post explores how the AR-15 became America's favorite gun – we speak to a co-author of that report.</p>	<p>A Public Affair, midday listener call-in talk show. Interview.</p>	<p>May 24, 2023 @ 12:06pm.</p>	<p>53 minutes, 19 seconds.</p>
<p>With intervention, cardiac arrest survivals are high. People in Dane County experiencing cardiac arrest are nearly twice as likely to live compared to the national average if there is bystander intervention. In 2022, local cases in which the public intervened before the arrival of first responders had a 65% survival rate. The national rate under the same circumstances is 34%.</p>	<p>6pm Local News, daily hour-long local news program.</p> <p>News report.</p>	<p>May 25, 2023 @ 6:10pm.</p>	<p>5 minutes, 40 seconds.</p>
<p>Navigating post-COVID Medicaid healthcare coverage. Medicaid covers half of the children in the U. S., and many parents don't know their children are eligible. With the coronavirus program ending, checking the eligibility of 90 million individuals is likely to be fraught with mistakes.</p> <p>Covering Wisconsin is a state program as a part of the University of Wisconsin Extension which can help navigate Medicaid questions and renewal.</p>	<p>8 OClock Buzz, morning interview talk show.</p> <p>Interview.</p>	<p>June 14, 2023 @ 8:10am.</p>	<p>16 minutes, 57 seconds.</p>

<p>City officials give status report on public safety. Madison Police Chief Shon Barnes joined city officials in a press conference today to say that, in the first half of 2023, public safety is generally trending better when compared to recent years.</p> <p>Today's mid-year public safety briefing focused not just on crime, but on all manners of public safety, from violence prevention to traffic engineering to the city's police alternative program, CARES.</p>	<p>6pm Local News, daily hour-long local news program.</p> <p>News report.</p>	<p>June 14, 2023 @ 6:10pm.</p>	<p>5 minutes, 48 seconds.</p>
<p>Dane County air quality reaches "very unhealthy" levels</p> <p>Madison students got an unexpected day off today, after the Madison Metropolitan School District canceled classes and all other activities due to very unhealthy air quality levels.</p> <p>That's as the Air Quality Index pushed 233 this afternoon from the WORT studios on Bedford Street. Smoke from Canadian wildfires pushed into Wisconsin, casting a hazy sky over Madison, and prompting local leaders to coordinate clean air respite centers across the city.</p>	<p>6pm Local News, daily hour-long local news program.</p> <p>News report.</p>	<p>June 28, 2023 @ 6:17pm.</p>	<p>2 minutes, 39 seconds.</p>
