

#### FCC QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST

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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 <u>all</u> 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:

- 1. Local news and politics
- 2. K-12 and higher education
- 3. Labor and economics
- 4. Environment and climate change
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#### **ISSUE:** Local news and politics

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TITLE & DESCRIPTION.	PROGRAM	DATE/TIME	DURATION
Council strikes part of trespassing ordinance advocates say is redundant. A proposal to repeal aspects of a Madison trespassing ordinance dominated much of last night's city council meeting. The proposal, which ultimately passed by a vote of 13 to 5, doesn't change the enforcement of trespassing laws already on the books.	News report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	October 4, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	3 minutes, 42 seconds.
But it does remove language that advocates say is unnecessary and stigmatizing - language prohibiting people from sleeping, laying down, or camping while trespassing.			

Joe Parisi announces retirement.  Joe Parisi has spent over two decades in public office. He has worked as Dane County clerk, State Assembly representative, and for the past twelve years has been the Dane County executive. Speaking yesterday at a Dane County Park, Parisi announced his retirement, slated for	News report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	October 5, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	3 minutes, 1 second.
madison youth dies, marking city's tenth homicide of 2023. The shooting happened last night on Milwaukee Street, at a low-income housing complex called Harmony at Grandview Commons. It left a fifteen year old East High School student dead, and three other teenagers injured. The shooting came after numerous complaints of disturbances and violence at the apartment complex since it opened in 2019. In 2020, the city declared the complex a chronic nuisance, saying the owner could face fines if they didn't improve public safety.	News report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	October 11, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	3 minutes, 56 seconds.
City council to vote on funeral home development, facing neighbor pushback. A proposal to build a two-story,10,000 square foot plus funeral home on Madison's southwest side heads is headed to the city council.  The proposal asks alders to change the site's zoning so that Ryan Funeral Homes of Madison can add a funeral home on McKee Road. But not all neighbors are in favor of having a funeral home in their neighborhood.	News report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	October 16, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	3 minutes, 25 seconds.
City council approves further funding for Madison Public Market. In spite of Madison's looming budgetary shortfall, the Common Council has approved more funding for the construction of the Madison Public Market.  After urging from advocates of the project, alders narrowly voted to approve borrowing an extra \$1.6 million to cover an existing funding gap.	News report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	October 18, 2023 @ 6:12pm.	4 minutes, 8 seconds.
A conversation with Shadayra Kilfoy-Flores. One year ago, the city's first Independent Police Monitor was hired by the Civilian Oversight Board - itself a nascent political body created in 2020. What has the board been doing to oversee police operations, and how can the public interact with them?	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	October 20, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	53 minutes, 35 seconds.
What's next for the Dane County Board? Earlier this month, Joe Parisi announced that he will be retiring in May 2024 from his job as Dane County Executive, a role he has held since 2011. Once Parisi steps down, the County Board will need to appoint an interim executive; however, those supervisors themselves will be up for re-election next spring. Dane County Board Chair Patrick Miles joins us to talk about how the board is preparing and what qualities he would want to see in a interim executive.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	October 24, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	53 minutes, 15 seconds.

Madison Metro holds public meetings on north-south BRT line. Last week, Madison's metro transit division launched a series of community meetings as planning for the second leg of Bus Rapid Transit gets underway. The first phase of the project is already under construction, and is expected to launch in late 2024.	News report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	November 6, 2023 @ 6:18pm.	3 minutes, 9 seconds.
Well 15 may reopen in 2025. After spending years out of commission, Well 15 may resume water utility services as early as the summer of 2025. And reopening the well won't just take the pressure off of Madison's water system – it'll also make history. On Tuesday, the Water Utility Board reviewed a nearly \$6 million construction proposal from AECOM, a multinational infrastructure consulting firm, to implement a PFAS treatment system in the out-of-commission well.	News report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	November 20, 2023 @ 6:15pm.	4 minutes, 24 seconds.
Dane County jail project hits another roadblock. The sole construction bid on the Dane County Jail project is \$27 million over budget. And now, the County Board is looking for solutions.	News report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	November 29, 2023 @ 6:10pm	3 minutes, 30 seconds.
Second candidate enters race for Dane County Executive. There are now two candidates in the race for Dane County Executive, state Senate Minority Leader Melissa Agard and Alder Regina Vidaver, both of Madison. They're running to fill a seat that will be vacant when the current Dane County Executive, Joe Parisi, resigns next year.	News report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	November 30, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	5 minutes, 17 seconds.
City unveils draft plans for pedestrian mall. Planters would replace wooden barricades in what city planners call an aesthetically pleasing signifier that the thoroughfare is open to only bikes and pedestrians. In a virtual forum, city planners outlined how they might create an experimental pedestrian mall on the lower end of State Street.	News report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	December 5, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	2 minutes, 42 seconds.
Madison Common Council To Vote On Call For Ceasefire In Gaza. The resolution calls for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, along with urgent political action to de-escalate the crisis. It calls on the federal government to facilitate sending humanitarian aid and for all parties to release hostages and cease hostilities toward civilians. More than half of the council is behind the resolution, and it's expected to pass.	News report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	December 5, 2023 @ 6:15pm.	1 minute, 57 seconds.
Monona's city council opts to join Madison bus service. The Monona City Council has approved a move to negotiate a contract with Madison Metro and bring bus service to Monona. Four out of the city's six alders voted to approve.	News report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	December 19, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	3 minutes, 36 seconds.
An obit special: people we lost in 2023. An economist who advocated for people in poverty. A bassist who played with pop stars and jazz greats, mentored youth, and worked on the endless project of healing racism. A trailblazer who broke down barriers and successfully took on the federal government. An environmental advocate who took her PhD to the grassroots. A progressive governor who championed civil rights. And a labor militant who is mostly remembered for his kindness. Those are some of the people we lost in 2023, people who worked to make the world better and	Holiday special on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	December 28, 2023 @ 6pm.	55 minutes.

more equitable for us left in this world. In this special edition, we remember the lives of a handful of the people who passed away in 2023.			
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# ISSUE: K-12 and higher education

TITLE & DESCRIPTION.	PROGRAM	DATE/TIME	DURATION
Blk Pwr Coalition Outlines Next Goals For Semester, Conversations With University. This week on the Cardinal Call, co-producer Gavin Escott dives into the status of DEI scholarships and race-neutral fee waivers and race-neutral fee waivers in the wake of the June Supreme Court decision that overturned affirmative action. He sits down with two student reporters at The Daily Cardinal, one of UW's student newspapers, who have been following the story.	Weekly feature produced by campus journalists, on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	October 3, 2023 @ 6:33pm.	11 minutes, 31 seconds.
MMSD searches for creative solutions as busing challenges continue. After switching to a new, independent busing contractor – First Student – this year, MMSD also instituted new start times for Madison middle school students. And since early September, the district has been in the press for their delayed pickups and their bus driver shortage.  Scott Girard has consistently reported on these issues for the Capital Times, where he's the newspaper's education reporter. He shared some insight on this long-running problem.	Interview on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	October 10, 2023 @ 6:20pm.	8 minutes, 1 second.
A tale of two school districts. In her book Suddenly Diverse: How School Districts Manage Race and Inequality, UW-Madison professor Erica Turner offers a look at two school districts in Wisconsin who are responding to rapidly changing demographics at their schools.  Though each district is located in a community with differing values (working class and conservative verses affluent and liberal), Erica finds that the policies districts adopted did not have the positive impact that they intended. She joins us to discuss the book, the racism she witnesses in her research, and the complex issues facing public schools.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	October 12, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	54 minutes, 59 seconds.
"These are real people." Last week, UW administration announced large layoffs at UW-Oshkosh, and the end of in-person instruction at UW-Fond du Lac and UW-Milwaukee at Washington County. For more on the cuts and the people they're impacting, we speak with state Senator Kelda Roys, a member of the Senate Universities and Revenue committee. Then we turn to a roundtable of panelists, including two professors at UW Oshkosh who have chosen to accept an early retirement offer, along with a UW-Oshkosh student and opinion editor of the school's paper.	Interview roundtable on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	October 23, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	54 minutes, 5 seconds.

New tools help with student loan repayments. This fall, the federal government restarted collection of student loan payments. The change affects some 43.6 million students across the country, with a total debt load of 1.64 trillion dollars. For folks in Wisconsin struggling to readjust, the state Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and the Department of Financial Institutions has joined forces with tech public benefit corporation Savi to help people paying back their loans .	Interview on the Eight O'Clock Buzz, weekday morning talk show.	November 6, 2023 @ 8:10am.	12 minutes, 37 seconds.
Minocqua Brewery SuperPAC takes on school vouchers. Kirk Bangstad, a Northwoods brewer known best for his progressive politics and aptly named beer offerings, is making headlines for funding a suit filed with the Wisconsin Supreme Court.	Interview on the Eight O'Clock Buzz, weekday morning talk show.	November 16, 2023 @ 8:10am.	19 minutes and 21 seconds.
The suit challenges the constitutionality of taxpayer-funded private schools. Bangstad, whose SuperPAC has also funded efforts in support of marriage equality, abortion rights and fair election maps, calls the anti-voucher lawsuit "the most important legal challenge to Wisconsin's education financing system in decades."			
Reading tests for prospective classroom teachers. A few months ago the state legislature passed a bill that attempts to improve reading skills by using what's called a "science of reading" approach. Ironically, now comes a bipartisan approved plan that would no longer require a person applying to be a classroom teacher here to pass a basic reading test of their own. Heather Peske is the President of the Washington, D.C. based National Council on Teacher Quality, and she joins us to talk about what lowering standards actually means.	Interview on the Eight O'Clock Buzz, weekday morning talk show.	November 17, 2023 @ 8:10am.	11 minutes, 19 seconds.
Austerity for austerity's sake. In an email to chancellors earlier this year, UW System President Jay Rothman writes: "Consider shifting away from liberal arts programs to programs that are more career specific, particularly if the institution serves a large number of low-income students." A UW-Madison student journalist broke the story, and joins us to discuss the piece and the response since publication.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	December 4, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	54 minutes, 15 seconds.
A sit-down with two French House residents. This week, two student reporters discuss day-to-day life at the French House. This unique home — located in a student neighborhood next to the UW Madison campus — is an immersive language learning and cultural experience for students.	Report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	December 5, 2023 @ 6:33pm.	13 minutes, 19 seconds.
New law requires financial literacy instruction for high schoolers. Giving young Wisconsinites access to basic financial education is the focus of one of many bills signed into law yesterday by Governor Evers.	Report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	December 7, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	4 minutes, 21 seconds.
Under the bill, all high schoolers in Wisconsin would be required to complete at least one half-credit of personal financial literacy in order to graduate.			

#### ISSUE: Labor and economics

TITLE & DESCRIPTION.	PROGRAM	DATE/TIME	DURATION
Mayor Rhodes-Conway announces operating budget proposal. For the last ten years, Madison's revenue has not been able to cover city services. And the growing population is only making this structural deficit more dire, and on the cusp of a fiscal cliff. For now, though, Mayor Rhodes-Conway insists that the city will continue to serve its residents as usual – her proposed operating budget for 2024 asks for a record \$404.8 million.	News report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	October 3, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	5 minutes, 2 seconds.
Guild back better. The Writers Guild of America (WGA) strike directed against major Hollywood studios has ended successfully for the union membership. The agreement has meaningful gains and protections for the writers including length of employment, size of writing teams, better streaming residuals, and establishing the terms for artificial intelligence. So says Bri LeRose, an LA-based comedy writer/director who's been regularly updating WORT about the strike.	Interview on the Eight O'Clock Buzz, weekday morning talk show.	October 5, 2023 @ 8:20am.	11 minutes, 57 seconds.
Municipal electric utilities descend on the Capitol.  Wouldn't it be nice if there were democratic, community control over the way we get our electricity? In Wisconsin, that model – an electric utility run as part of city government – has worked for almost a century. Earlier this month, the Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin (MEUW) held its 95th anniversary parade at the Wisconsin Capitol. Dozens of utility trucks and hundreds of lineworkers came to Capitol Square to educate and lobby state legislators on behalf of municipally owned electric utilities. We spoke to the president & CEO of MEUW.	Interview on the Eight O'Clock Buzz, weekday morning talk show.	October 23, 2023 @ 8:15am.	10 minutes, 36 seconds.
Policy forum publishes brief on Madison budget. The Wisconsin Policy Forum, a nonpartisan research organization, has analyzed the city's economic forecast amidst the latest proposed budget. While they find "a vibrant local economy" and "largely healthy city finances," they also forecast financial challenges for the city.	News interview on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	October 23, 2023 @ 6:20pm.	10 minutes, 4 seconds.
Wisconsin gets federal tech funding. The Biden administration has officially designated Wisconsin as a Regional Technology Hub. The state beat out nearly 400 applications to become one of the thirty-one tech hubs across the nation. The designation brings with it \$350,000 in planning funds – and the potential for millions more in federal funding to support research and industry.	News report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	October 23, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	3 minutes, 50 seconds.
DWD warns against worker misclassification. More and more employers are attempting to dodge protections by classifying their employees as independent contractors. The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development has had enough, and has started a campaign to crack down on worker misclassification. We speak with a DWD administrator about the campaign.	Interview on the Eight O'Clock Buzz, weekday morning talk show.	October 30, 2023 @ 8:15am.	13 minutes, 45 seconds.
Dane County Board approves 2024 budget. The Dane	News report on the	November 7, 2023	2 minutes, 29

County Board of Supervisors has approved the county's next capital and operating budgets, which – combined – ring in at upwards of \$968 million. The budgets as adopted come with additional amendments; most notably, increases in affordable housing, farmworker housing, and strategic housing initiatives.	6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	@ 6:10pm.	seconds.
What's in the proposed city budget? It's that time of year again, when the city looks ahead at the finances for next year. We're joined by a researcher at the nonpartisan research group the Wisconsin Policy Forum, and then by the city's Finance Director, a week before the council is set to take up budget discussions.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	November 8, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	52 minutes, 58 seconds.
Council approves budget in one meeting. At last night's Common Council meeting, city alders deliberated for over six hours over spending for 2024. The final product? A capital budget that totals just over \$273 million and an operating budget that totals just over \$405 million. It's the first time in eighteen years that the Council managed to approve both budgets in a single night.	News report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	November 15, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	3 minutes, 49 seconds.
Madison Starbucks workers strike on "Red Cup Day." Starbucks workers from the State Street and Capitol Square locations went on strike today. They join a national strike planned to coincide with one of Starbucks biggest promotional days of the year in order to call attention to staffing and scheduling issues.	News report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	November 16, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	7 minutes, 46 seconds.
Unions file suit to overturn Act 10. Seven unions have filed a suit to overturn Act 10, the Wisconsin law depriving most public-sector workers of the right to collective bargaining.  Leaders of two of the unions bringing the lawsuit forward say the state's deepening teacher shortage is, in part, a long-term consequence of Act 10 – and a factor that motivated the lawsuit.	News report on Labor Radio, weekly labor news program.	December 1, 2023 @ 5:30pm.	4 minutes, 1 second.
Low income housing tax credit: the good, the bad, and the complicated. The federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit has become the single largest creator of affordable housing in the United States. Since 1986, the tax credit program has created some 2.5 million rental units and about 90 percent of the affordable housing built across the nation. But, as evidenced by the dearth of housing affordable to all sectors of American society and the exploding affordability crisis in urban areas across the nation, the Low Income Housing Tax Credit has its flaws and shortcomings. We're joined by a research analyst with the National Low Income Housing Coalition.	Interview on the Eight O'Clock Buzz, weekday morning talk show.	December 11, 2023 @ 8:30am.	15 minutes, 18 seconds.
State Supreme Court to determine if Amazon employes contractors or employees.  Amazon could be on the hook for about \$200,000 if the state Supreme Court determines that their "delivery partners" are employees and not contractors.	News interview on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	December 20, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	9 minutes, 55 seconds.

Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development contends that Amazon should have to pay into the state's unemployment insurance fund to cover those "delivery partners." Amazon argues that this specific group of drivers are self-employed and, therefore, the company is not responsible for those payments.	
We speak with Victor Forberger, a Wisconsin-based labor and employment attorney. He says the case draws attention to the growing gig economy – namely, how those workers should be treated and how the new landscape should be regulated.	

# ISSUE: Environment, ecology, & climate change

TITLE & DESCRIPTION.	PROGRAM	DATE/TIME	DURATION
Managing prairie and oak savanna during climate change. Tim Hansel has a PhD in Philosophy from UW Madison and a BS in Meteorology from Valparaiso University. He is a volunteer with the Wisconsin Master Naturalist program and for The Prairie Enthusiasts-Empire Sauk Chapter, and works as the education coordinator for The Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy. He	Interview on the Perpetual Notion Machine, weekly science news program.	October 5, 2023 @ 7pm.	29 minutes, 4 seconds.
Who takes care of the trees? With City Forester Ian Brown. In May, Ian Brown became the new City of Madison Forester. Which led us to ask, what does it mean to be an urban forester? The Forestry section of the Streets Division provides tree planting, pruning, and maintenance for Madison's nearly 100,000 trees. He joins us to talk about what a city forester does.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	October 9, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	54 minutes, 17 seconds.
An attack of CWD. It's deer season! With a harvest, it's important to take precautions against Chronic Wasting Disease, a prion disease in deer. Heather Inzalaco from the Wisconsin Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit at UW-Madison tells us about CWD, and a new creepy-crawly place where she found it lurking.	Interview on the Perpetual Notion Machine, weekly science news program.	October 19, 2023 @ 7pm.	28 minutes, 42 seconds.
Natural Resource Board passes new wolf management plan. The state's DNR board has approved a new wolf management plan for wolves, and sent the associated rules package to Governor Evers to sign. It's the first time the rules have been revamped in more than twenty years. We speak with a certified wildlife biologist, and Chair of the Timber Wolf Alliance, about the changes.	Interview on the Eight O'Clock Buzz, weekday morning talk show.	October 30, 2023 @ 8:10am.	10 minutes, 12 seconds.
How Governor Evers' lawsuit might help support conservation. The Guv has filed a lawsuit against Republican state lawmakers – saying a number of their recent policy decisions are unconstitutional. Included in that complaint is the GOP's decision to block 27 projects that requested funding through the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program, which was created in 1989 to preserve Wisconsin's natural	News report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	November 6, 2023 @ 6:20pm.	13 minutes, 33 seconds.

resources. We speak with a government affairs specialist with The Nature Conservancy for more.			
Land conservation in Wisconsin's Driftless. We take a look a land conservation in the Driftless Area of Wisconsin through the lens of volunteers and staff working to restore the ecology at the Wild Oaks Preserve. The preserve is one of five Ambassador Properties owned by the Driftless Area Land Conservancy, which also works with local landowners to preserve and grow publicly-accessible land in the area.	Special feature on the <b>Perpetual</b> <b>Notion Machine</b> , weekly science news program.	November 9, 2023 @ 7:00pm.	30 minutes.
A podcast about PFAS. The Public Trust Doctrine says we have a right to the basic need for water, but what happens if you can't drink from your tap? Public Trust, a new podcast series produced by Midwest Environmental Advocates and Wisconsin Sea Grant, explores that reality with Wisconsinites living it. We speak to the podcast's producer and hear clips from episodes.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	November 13, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	54 minutes, 20 seconds.
Advocates rally against proposed golf course. Friends of the Black River Forest, a conservation organization, is fighting against a proposed development by Kohler Company to build another golf course and related facilities right on the north border of Kohler-Andrae State Park – and directly on the shores of Lake Michigan. They hosted a rally this afternoon at the state Capitol.	News report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	November 16, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	6 minutes, 23 seconds.
For the love of native plants. One hundred and fifty years ago, tallgrass prairie and oak savanna covered much of southern Wisconsin. Agriculture and urban development has wiped most of these intricate ecological communities off the landscape. But a small group of folks is learning how to start rebuilding some of that ecosystem.	Special feature on the Eight O'Clock Buzz, weekday morning talk show.	November 20, 2023 @ 8:10am.	12 minutes, 57 seconds.
The problem of plastic drinking water. In his new book Unbottled: The Fight Against Plastic Water and for Water Justice, Daniel Jaffee digs into the \$300 billion market of packaged water. He joins the program to talk about the inequity in clean water access, the pollution caused by single use plastic bottles, and the privatization of public water systems around the world.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	November 29, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	55 minutes and 7 seconds.
Wisconsin Linen Revival promotes local textiles. One group in Wisconsin is trying to revive a very old textile, made from a plant that readily grows in northern climates, needs little in the way of fertilizer and produces a durable, comfortable cloth that has useful moisture wicking properties. We're talking about flax, and its cloth product, linen. The co-founders of the Wisconsin Linen Revival join us for more.	Interview on the Eight O'Clock Buzz, weekday morning talk show.	December 4, 2023 @ 8:10pm.	11 minutes, 54 seconds.
Winter tips to keep your thumbs green. Lisa Johnson, UW Extension Horticulture Outreach Specialist talks about winter gardening, including forcing bulbs, houseplant winter care, pruning outdoor shrubs and trees, upcoming classes, and more.	Interview on the Eight O'Clock Buzz, weekday morning talk show.	December 6, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	18 minutes, 56 seconds.
On road ecology. As the holidays approach, many of us will be pilling into the car and speed down a portion of the Earth's 40 million miles of roadways. But what is the impact	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener	December 6, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	53 minutes, 56 seconds.

of those roads on the natural world around us? In what the New York Times has called a Notable Book of 2023, environmental journalist Ben Goldfarb argues that roads kill more wildlife than any single natural disaster, but that is just the tip of the iceberg. He joins us.	call-in talk show.		
A conversation with ecologist Carl Safina. We're joined by cologist Carl Safina, author of Alfie & Me: What Owls Know, What Humans Believe. The book tells the story of Alfie, a near-death baby Eastern Screech Owl that Safina and his wife Patricia rehabilitated. Alfie had a remarkable impact on their lives as she thrived and raised her own family. Carl's relationship with Alfie led him to ask questions about how humans relate to the natural world "across cultures and throughout history."	Interview on the Perpetual Notion Machine, weekly science news program.	Two-part episode aired on December 21 & December 28, 2023, @ 7:00pm.	Combined runtime of 44 minutes.

# ISSUE: Agriculture and food

Come eat with me. Vamsi Matt is a Bangalore-based theatre actor, writer, and director whose practice is influenced by his Dalit identity, experience and social location. His most recent traveling solo show performance, Come Eat With Me, – an invitation to folks from all caste, faith and race locations – has received a tremendous response in the national and regional media across India. He'll present Come Eat With Me after cooking for the audience at Sultan on Willy St. next week.	Interview on World View, weekly world news programs.	October 15, 2023 @ 5pm.	28 minutes, 53 seconds.
<b>Like herbs? Of course you do!</b> The Madison Herb Fair is coming up for its 41st year. Sheila Leary, of the Madison Herb Society, joins us for more on this long-running event.	Interview on the Eight O'Clock Buzz, weekday morning talk show.	October 30, 2023 @ 8am.	12 minutes, 51 seconds.
What's at stake in the 2023 Farm Bill. Every five years, lawmakers in Congress pass the "farm bill," which is a set of legislation that creates nation-wide standards for agriculture and food systems. The current bill was passed in 2018 and will expire at the end of the year. We're joined by a reporter who's been covering the Farm Bill in depth, and by an Illinois farmer who's been advocating for climate resilience funding to be included.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	October 30, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	54 minutes, 59 seconds.
Wisconsin farmers, local produce, and global recipes. The Dane County Farmers Market celebrated its semi-centennial anniversary last year. And to celebrate more this year, they've published The Dane County Farmers Market Cookbook, which features recipes from venders and highlights ingredients that can be found at the market.  Joining us to talk about the cookbook, and the end of the outdoor market season, are fruit farmer Henry Morren and market manager Jamie Bugel.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	November 6, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	55 minutes, 1 second.
Democratic lawmakers propose funds for universal, free	News report on the	November 6,	6 minutes, 6

school meals. Democratic legislators have announced that they plan to reintroduce the Healthy School Meals for All – or HSM4A – Act. If passed, the bill would guarantee that eligible schools across the state receive total reimbursement for free school meals.	6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	2023 @ 6:10pm.	seconds.
A Madison food program is under assessment. The Madison SEED Grant Program distributes \$50,000 a year to assist Madison groups and individuals who are working on improving the local food system. The program – which began in 2014 – aims to increase access to healthy, local, and culturally relevant food, while combating food waste and assisting local growers.	Special report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	November 8, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	9 minutes, 16 seconds.
Researcher on news of no-cost school meals bill. Earlier this week, state Democrats announced that they plan to re-introduce legislation in order to fund universal, no-cost school meals. We speak with a UW-Madison professor who's been researching and writing about school nutrition programs for years. This summer, she conducted a survey of school food service workers, and says her findings point to the need for systemic change.	News interview on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	November 9, 2023 @ 6:20pm.	9 minutes, 49 seconds.
On Haudenosaunee corn. On today's show, Rebecca Webster, an Oneida woman, Indigenous corn grower and author of Our Precious Corn: Yukwanénste, joins host Douglas Haynes to talk about the role Haudenosaunee corn plays in her Oneida identity and culture.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	November 20, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	55 minutes.
The Farmers Market Cookbook with food writer Terese Allen. The Dane County Farmers' Market is the largest producers-only farmers market in the nation. Last year, it celebrated its 50th anniversary. In celebration of that significant milestone, the DCFM has released a hardcover, full-color, 258-page cookbook. It's written by Terese Allen, notable Wisconsin food critic and writer. She joins us to talk about Madison's unique food culture, what it means to be a "foodist", and what makes the Dane County Farmers' Market so special.	Interview on Madison Book Beat, weekly talk show with local/Wisconsin authors and authors coming to town.	December 11, 2023 @ 1:06pm.	48 minutes, 20 seconds.
The human cost of Wisconsin's dairy industry. We welcome back ProPublica reporter Melissa Sanchez to talk about her latest piece in the America's Dairyland: Risking Workers' Lives for the Milk We Drink series.  This time, she tells us about workers who have been injured or even killed on the job, and the absence of OSHA in investigating.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	December 25, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	52 minutes.
Cooking Wisconsin Recipes with Wisconsin ingredients. In a new cookbook, Milwaukee-based food writer Lori Fredrich pulls together a state-centered collection of stories from the farmers who provide ingredients and the chefs who cook with them. She joins us to talk about the recipes in the book, the process of creating a cookbook, and some of the unique ingredients found in Wisconsin.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	December 29, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	51 minutes, 54 seconds.

# ISSUE: Social justice issues

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Humanities Unlocked. According to the Prison Policy Initiative, 35,000 people are currently incarcerated in Wisconsin. The new season of Human Powered podcast asks "how can the humanities positively impact the people who are impacted by the justice system?" From poetry worships to history classes, from news papers to story telling, the podcast gives listeners an inside look on power of the humanities. Co-host Adam Carr and Creative Director Jessica Becker join us to talk about the podcast and share some clips from the first three episodes.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	October 2, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	54 minutes, 10 seconds.
Prison reform advocates organize call to action. At least one inmate at Waupun Correctional Institution has died, following a long-running lockdown at the prison. Meanwhile, state data on Waupun show that more than half of the prison's correctional officer positions are unfilled. But today, on the steps of the Capitol building, carceral advocates said lockdowns are ineffective and inhumane.	News story on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	October 10, 2023 @ 6:16pm.	4 minutes, 37 seconds.
Assembly fast-tracks bills targeting trans people. The Republican-held state Assembly passed three bills targeting transgender Wisconsinites – two that would mandate more rules for youth and intercollegiate sports, and another that would ban gender transition medical intervention for people under 18, banning puberty blocking drugs, hormone therapy, or other interventions.	News report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	October 12, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	4 minutes, 5 seconds.
<b>Kids Forward releases new "Race to Equity" report.</b> The goals of the latest report from Kids Forward are different from the landmark Race to Equity report released ten years ago, which gave data to the disparities present in Dane County.	News report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	October 16, 2023 @ 6:15pm.	5 minutes, 28 seconds.
While that report established a baseline, this report is devoted to three categories: economics, education, and health. And, it's designed to provide a snapshot of quantitative county level data. It's not designed, say the report's authors, to concretely answer the question they get a lot: "are things better or worse?"			
Race to Equity: ten years later. In October 2013, the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families (now Kids Forward) released the "Race to Equity: A Baseline Report on the State of Racial Disparities in Dane County."	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	October 18, 2023 @ 12pm.	53 minutes, 59 seconds.
The report outlined the uncomfortable truth that regardless of its progressive reputation, Dane County was a place of profound racial disparities. The Black-white inequality was prevalent in employment, income, wealth, education, criminal justice, health, and child welfare.			
We talk with the authors of the follow-up report just issued by Kids Forward, which seeks to unpack the root cause of			

the disparities in economics, education, and health.			
Overcrowded, understaffed, and locked down. Journalist Mario Koran has been investigating the complete lockdown at Wisconsin's oldest prison, finding that prisoners are confined to their cells 24/7 with the exception of once-a-week showers and many of the residents at Waupun reported living squalor and being denied medical treatment. Two people have died in the prison. He's continued to follow the story, and joins us to talk about his reporting on this story and other state prisons imposing lockdown restrictions. Then, we're joined by the author of a new report that analyzes Wisconsin's incarceration rates, which remain high.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	October 27, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	53 minutes, 38 seconds.
Stephen Kantrowitz authors a new history of the Ho-Chunk. The Ho-Chunk story in the 19th century Removal Era is one of both settler/colonial violence and conquest, but also one of Ho-Chunk resistance, persistence, and return. It is a story Stephen Kantrowitz is very qualified to tell in his new book. The UW-Madison distinguished professor joins us to talk about his new book.	Interview on Madison Book Beat, weekly talk show with local/Wisconsin authors and authors coming to town.	October 30, 2023 @ 1:06pm.	52 minutes, 45 seconds.
Community organizer on third death at Waupun Prison. Another inmate at Waupun Correctional Institution died on Monday, according to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. That's the third death at the prison since officials instituted a lockdown in March.  Late last month, ten inmates at Waupun filed a class action lawsuit against several corrections officials and staff, alleging that the prison's living conditions constitute cruel and unusual punishment. We speak with a community organizer with local anti-carceral advocacy group MOSES about the lawsuit.	News interview on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	November 1, 2023 @ 6:20pm.	16 minutes, 34 seconds.
Dems announced "conditions of confinement" package of bills. This morning, Democratic legislators held a press conference announcing a package of bills to improve the "conditions of confinement" at state prisons and county jails. The proposals range from increasing the minimum wage for incarcerated folks, to increasing access to hygiene products, to bettering transparency of jails and prisons.	News report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	November 2, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	5 minutes, 35 seconds.
Legislating humane treatment of Wisconsin prisoners. Three of Wisconsin's largest prisons have been in what the Department of Corrections euphemistically calls "a state of modified movement," but most would call "lockdown." In October, inmates at Waupun filed a lawsuit in federal court, claiming that deteriorating conditions amounted to "cruel and unusual punishment." Ryan Clancy represents Wisconsin Assembly District 19, which includes much of eastern Milwaukee. He and other legislative Democrats introduced a package of "Conditions of Confinement" bills to seek to restore humane treatment at Wisconsin's prisons.	Interview on the Eight O'Clock Buzz, weekday morning talk show.	November 20, 2023 @ 8:30pm.	14 minutes, 39 seconds.
An Inside Look At Porchlight's Men's Shelter. This summer, the city of Madison redesigned the bus system. With that, residents at a far east-side men's shelter now have to walk a quarter of a mile to catch the nearest bus.	News report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	December 4, 2023 @ 8:30pm.	13 minutes, 39 seconds.

Mike Roach is a former investigative journalist and a longtime cab driver in the city of Madison. Friends of his stay at Porchlight's Men's Drop-In Shelter – just across the street from East Town Plaza.			
Last month, Roach sounded the alarm – pointing out that the city's Transit Network Redesign is putting undue burden on Porchlight's residents. He reached out to numerous city alders and had a conversation with Mayor Satya Rhodes–Conway, hoping to add the shelter to bus routes once again. But so far, there's been little movement.  We tour the drop-in shelter, and speak with Fares Fares, the			
shelter's manager, along with one of Porchlight's employees.			
WISDOM calls On Governor Evers to improve conditions for inmates. On Saturday, members of WISDOM Wisconsin and affiliates staged a demonstration outside the Governor's	News report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long	December 6, 2023 @ 6:10pm	4 minutes.
Mansion, calling on the governor to end the ongoing lockdowns and other inhumane treatment of inmates at Wisconsin state prisons, and to fulfill his campaign promises to reduce the overall prison population.	local news program.		

#### ISSUE: Arts & culture

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Let's celebrate Independence Days across the Americas. The latter half of September and beginning half of October is Hispanic Heritage Month in the US. During that time, many Spanish American countries commemorate their independence days. Several weeks ago, many independence day celebrations took place all over Madison. W-O-R-T News Reporter Diego Alegria attended two and has the rundown on the events.	News report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	October 3, 2023 @ 6:15pm.	15 minutes, 25 seconds.
Love poems to the homies with Jose Olivarez. In José Olivarez's latest book Promises of Gold, he asks what does it mean to be men who are not afraid of love, be it romantic or platonic. The book, which was longlisted for the 2023 Nation Book Award, offers a peek into the José's experience as the son of Mexican immigrants. He joins us to read some of him poems and share the process of writing a book of	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	October 5, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	53 minutes, 34 seconds.

poetry during the height of the pandemic.			
At 93, Joe Silverburg is still sailing. This summer, the Hoofers Sailing Club was able to restore a few of their training dinghys to their former glory.  That's thanks in part to the generosity of Joe Silverberg. The 93-year-old has been sailing since he was just 13, and teaching how to sail for several decades.  Joe donated money to Hoofers for the Tech dinghys on a couple conditions: that he could name the boat and be the first one to sail it. We were there when he took his first sail on the update boat.	News feature on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	October 10, 2023 @ 6:35pm.	4 minutes, 41 seconds.
Exeunt: an interview with Romeo as APT's season ends. This October brought an end to many American Players Theatre shows on the hill, including a fresh take on an old classic: Romeo and Juliet.  The adaptation, which starred Joshua Castille as Romeo and Isabelle Bushue as Juliet, featured spoken English and American Sign Language.  We sat down with Joshua and interpreter Caden Marshall to talk about Joshua's personal experience of being deaf in theater and his time in R&J.	News feature on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	October 18, 2023 @ 6:15pm.	15 minutes, 46 seconds.
It's the Madison Hmong New Year! This past Saturday and Sunday, the Alliant Center was alive with the sound of silver coins as families and local groups celebrated the Hmong New Year, at an event organized by the Wisconsin Hmong Association. Our reporter headed down to the Alliant Center to talk with people about the celebration.	News feature on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	November 8, 2023 @ 6:15pm.	3 minutes, 56 seconds.
The life and music of Al Jarreau. Al Jarreau is one of the most beloved musical artists to come out of Milwaukee, and his music – from jazz to pop to R&B – defies easy classification. He performed with a bevy of jazz musicians, and blended an eclectic mix of other styles into his work. Today, we speak with Kurt Dietrich, author of the recently-published Never Givin' Up: The Life and Music of Al Jarreau. It's the first biography of Jarreau's life and career, and compiles details collected by Dietrich in interviews with Jarreau himself, alongside dozens of Jarreau's friends, colleagues, and family.	Interview on  Madison Book Beat, weekly talk show with local/Wisconsin authors and authors coming to town.	November 13, 2023 @ 1:06pm.	53 minutes, 5 seconds.
Center for Black Excellence organizes Black Arts Expo. The visual arts programming director for the Center for Black Excellence and Culture, joins us to talk about their upcoming 2023 Black Art Expo, but also to provide an update on efforts to get a new cultural space constructed. The center is destined to be a beacon for the Black community in the region.	Interview on the Eight O'Clock Buzz, weekday morning talk show.	November 30, 2023 @ 8:10am.	12 minutes, 33 seconds.
Framing Culture: With cultural organizer Sara Daleiden. Our arts and culture segment travels to Milwaukee to meet Sara Daleiden at the Washington Park Media Center — a recently founded space, with her collaborator Wes Tank. She has been working with artists and other entrepreneurs	News feature on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	December 6, 2023 @ 6:40pm.	10 minutes.

on network and small business development, as well as artist residencies, creative placemaking and media culture-making.			
Murder ballads. Chicago-based author Steven Jones' latest book is "Murder Ballads Old and New: A Dark and Bloody Record." He joins us to talk about the history of murder ballads and their cultural significance, and the unexpected urban and punk music influences on the genre. Jones also explains his decision to detail victims' backgrounds and explores the connection between war and murder ballads.	Interview on the Eight O'Clock Buzz, weekday morning talk show.	December 6, 2023 @ 8:40am.	15 minutes, 37 seconds.
A year in books. As the year comes to end, we catch up once again with Gretchen Treu, co-owner of local independent bookstore A Room of One's Own, to highlight our favorite books from 2023.	Interview on  Madison Book Beat, weekly talk show with local/Wisconsin authors and authors coming to town.	December 11, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	54 minutes, 17 seconds.
<b>Don't call it hip-hop.</b> We speak with Papa-Kobina Brewoo, Creative Movement Artist, Ceo and Director of The Hitterz Collective about his story, street dance, and their up coming BAM Festival.	Interview on the Eight O'Clock Buzz, weekday morning talk show.	December 12, 2023 @ 8am.	49 minutes.

# ISSUE: Health and safety

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At "slow roll," bikers advocate for cyclist safety. Over the weekend, bikers across Wisconsin descended on Madison for an advocacy day on the Capitol, calling on efforts to make roads and paths safer for bikers and pedestrians.	News report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	October 2, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	13 minutes, 29 seconds.
Planned Parenthood restarts abortion services in Wisconsin. When the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that there was no federally guaranteed right to abortion, they threw the abortion question back to state governments. At the time, many in Wisconsin assumed that, with the ruling, a long-dormant statute on the books since 1849 would now prohibit medical abortions in the state. This summer, though, a Dane County Judge ruled that the 175-year-old law in fact only prohibited feticide, and not voluntary medical abortion. Now, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin is resuming abortion services after a 15-month hiatus. Amy Williamson is the associate director of the University of Wisconsin's Collaboration on Reproductive Equity, and she tells us how Planned Parenthood's decision affects reproductive care.	Interview on the Eight O'Clock Buzz, weekday morning talk show.	October 2, 2023 @ 8:10am.	
Task force on human trafficking examines solutions. A bipartisan task force is exploring new tools to combat human trafficking. Eventually, some of those tools will be	News report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long	October 11, 2023 @ 6:20pm.	5 minutes, 39 seconds.

presented to the state legislature for consideration.	local news program.		
Domestic violence claimed 96 lives last year. For decades, End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin has researched and released an annual report detailing domestic violence related homicides in Wisconsin. The latest study, examining trends in 2022, is just out, and it provides context for a wide range of issues related to the 96 domestic violence deaths last year. We speak with a professor at UW-Madison's Sexual Violence Research Initiative for more context.	Eight O'Clock Buzz, weekday morning talk show.	November 3, 2023 @ 8:45am.	12 minutes, 12 seconds.
Abortion access in Wisconsin explained. Just over 7 weeks ago, Planned Parenthood clinics in Madison and Milwaukee began offering abortion services for the first time in more than a year. That was thanks to a ruling by Dane County Circuit Court Judge Diane Schlipper that determined that the the 1849 law that was previously being referenced to ban abortions applies to feticide, not abortion. We speak with representatives at Planned Parenthood to understand what restrictions still apply, and what might come next.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	November 7, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	53 minutes, 25 seconds.
Sexual assault resources on campus and in Dane County. Our producer sits down with a reporter at The Daily Cardinal, one of Madison's student newspapers, to discuss resources for sexual assault survivors on and around the UW-Madison campus.	Weekly feature produced by campus journalists, on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	November 7, 2023 @ 6:33pm.	11 minutes, 9 seconds.
What will the County Board's opioid settlement subcommittee decide? According to the local health department, drug overdose deaths nearly doubled from 2014 to 2020. They say that opioids are the root cause of that trend.  As one of 87 local governments that participated in opioid litigation against pharmaceutical companies and distributors, Dane County has received an \$800,000	News interview on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	November 13, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	8 minutes 39 seconds.
Now, one Dane County Supervisor Rick Rose has proposed a subcommittee to determine how the settlement funds are allocated.			
What's with the drinking culture in Wisconsin? Wisconsinites drink more than the average American and are less likely to think binge drinking is an issue. The Director of the Wisconsin Alcohol Policy Project at the Medical College of Wisconsin joins us — she thinks that a lack of regulations has led to our culture around drinking.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	November 15, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	52 minutes, 53 seconds.
Does where you live affect when you die? Dr. Patrick Remington is an emeritus professor at the UW-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health. He's author of recent research that investigates trends in US life expectancy, and that disparity within a single Wisconsin county. He joins us to discuss the role public health policy should play in expanding life expectancy and what his career has taught him about the way people live and die in Wisconsin.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	November 28, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	53 minutes, 32 seconds.

Lead pipe removal efforts ramp up. More lead pipes have been replaced in Wisconsin in the five years than in the previous two decades. 73,000 lead service lines have been replaced or taken out of service since 1998 – about half of those replacements since 2018. That's according to a new analysis, released just as the EPA unveiled this week a new timeline for replacing lead service lines nationwide.	News interview on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	November 29, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	8 minutes and 4 seconds.
The human cost of the daily commute. When our guest — Distinguished Professor Emeritus James Sallis — tallied up the 10 leading causes of death in the US, he found that seven of those issues are made worse by driving. While crashes are an obvious risk of driving, the simple act of sitting in the car for the length of your commute can exasperate the leading causes of death.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	December 13, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	53 minutes, 4 seconds.
The year in reproductive health. 2023 is the "year of reproductive justice," according to state Senator Kelda Roys – a Democrat from Madison. She says that, while the 1849 abortion ban has been lifted, she and her colleagues plan to fight the remaining restrictions on abortion care, codify paid family leave for Wisconsin residents, and address racial disparities in medical care, in the new year.	News interview on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	December 14, 2023 @ 6:20pm.	8 minutes, 21 seconds.
With respiratory illnesses on the rise, area hospitals bring back mask requirements. UW Health and UnityPoint Health – Meriter are bringing masking requirements back to their hospitals and clinics. The new rules apply to staff, patients, and visitors. That's as COVID-related hospitalizations have doubled since mid-October, according to Public Health Madison Dane County.	News report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	December 20, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	3 minutes, 4 seconds.