

## 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 government and politics
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#### ISSUE: Local government and politics

TITLE & DESCRIPTION.	PROGRAM	DATE/TIME	DURATION
Madison Metro tweaks bus routes after feedback.  Madison's redesigned bus routes have been in operation for six weeks, with ridership up around 5% compared to the same period last year. And Madison Metro has tweaked some routes, including restoring a direct line to UW	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	July 17, 2023 @ 6:15pm.	5 minutes, 51 seconds.

Hospital, following initial feedback. More substantial changes are expected in December after a full semester of student ridership.			
County board to consider allowing ATVs, UTVs on more county highways. The Dane County Board is considering a proposal to expand ATV and UTV access on county highways. The ordinance outlines a process for permitting access, with municipality and county approval required.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	July 20, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	3 minutes, 31 seconds.
Council to take up experimental pedestrian mall. The city council is poised to take up a resolution for an experimental program to close part of State Street to motorized traffic – a pilot program for a proposal that's been around for decades.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	July 24, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	4 minutes, 34 seconds.
Council to vote on body-worn camera pilot program. The city council will decide whether to approve a pilot program for body-worn cameras for police officers. If approved, select officers in the city's north side would wear the cameras for a three-month period. Advocates suggest that body-worn cameras could increase transparency and make people more comfortable interacting with the police, while opponents argue they could lead to further over-policing of marginalized communities.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	August 1, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	4 minutes, 9 seconds.
Council approves body-worn cameras. After years of debate, the Madison Common Council voted last night to begin a police body-worn camera pilot program for the city of Madison. We speak with Madison Police Chief Shon Barnes about the new pilot program.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	August 2, 2023 @ 6:20pm.	11 minutes, 21 seconds.
County reopens Youth Justice & Prevention Center. The Dane County Youth Justice and Prevention Facility celebrated its grand re-opening, consolidating various youth programs into one location. The Youth Justice program, serving around 1,000 at-risk youth annually, now operates under one roof.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	August 2, 2023 6:15pm.	2 minutes, 41 seconds.
Dane County considers more manure processing.  Dane County is soliciting proposals for a third manure processing plant to manage dairy farm manure, aiming to reduce its carbon footprint and phosphorus runoff into lakes. The project, possibly including phosphorus reclamation and fertilizer production, will involve a technical working group of farmers and agronomists. Completion is unlikely before 2025.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	August 7, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	2 minutes, 41 seconds.
Local police attend equipment showcase. Axon, a private equipment manufacturer for police departments, was in Dane County to demonstrate its technology to local police. Their demonstration, which attracted elected officials as well as police officers, comes as budget season approaches – and more asks for money from the Sheriff's Department.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	August 17, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	4 minutes, 49 seconds.
Three Dane County Board Supervisors resign in quick succession. Three members of the Dane County Board of Supervisors have resigned, leaving three vacancies in the 37-seat body. Some of the resignations are due to increased demands from supervisors also serving in the legislature.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	August 22, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	4 minutes, 47 seconds.

Here's how you can file paperwork to represent one of these districts.			
Mayor unveils Capital budget proposal. Madison Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway has revealed her \$266 million capital budget proposal for 2024, accompanied by a six-year capital improvement plan. The budget emphasizes affordable housing and redevelopment on Madison's south side, with a \$24 million allocation for these initiatives. The budget also addresses public transit improvements, PFAS contamination, road reconstruction, and stormwater system updates.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	September 5, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	4 minutes, 44 seconds.
CARES program expands service to weekends. CARES (Community Alternative Response Emergency Services) teams in Madison respond to non-violent mental health emergencies as an alternative to armed police responses. Since their inception two years ago, they've expanded citywide. Now, they're growing to weekend service.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	September 19, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	4 minutes, 25 seconds.
Why is our panhandling ordinance unconstitutional? Madison's Common Council is in the process of potentially repealing a city ordinance that prohibits panhandling. The ordinance and others like it have actually been unenforceable since 2015, when the United States Supreme Court ruled that it infringes on the right to free speech. We speak with a law school professor about how Madison, and many other communities, have been taking these ordinances off the books.	News interview on the <b>6pm Local</b> <b>News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	September 21, 2023 @ 6:20pm.	8 minutes, 58 seconds.

# **ISSUE: State government and politics** Responsive Programming:

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TITLE & DESCRIPTION.	PROGRAM	DATE/TIME	DURATION
Evers signs budget, vetoing dozens of GOP proposals. Governor Tony Evers has signed the state's next biennial. Evers used line-item vetoes to modify the GOP-led budget, restoring UW System funding, eliminating tax cuts for top earners, and addressing various education issues.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	July 5, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	7 minutes, 48 seconds.
Judge rules abortion ban lawsuit can continue. A Dane County Judge has ruled that the lawsuit looking to overturn Wisconsin's 19th-century abortion ban can continue, and that "there is no such thing as an 1849 abortion ban."	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	July 10, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	4 minutes, 26 seconds.
Proposed amendment would bar governments from closing churches. Republicans have proposed an amendment that would prohibit government entities from closing places of worship during emergencies, including public health crises like the COVID-19 pandemic. It's led by Republican lawmakers in response to actions taken during the 2020 lockdown. Critics argue it could hinder public health measures.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	July 18, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	4 minutes, 3 seconds.
After special election', override worries remain. Last week, Republican Paul Melotik won the 24th Assembly	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> ,	July 24, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	2 minutes, 56 seconds.

special election, retaining the seat previously held by Republican Dan Knodl. The victory puts Republicans two seats away from a supermajority in the Wisconsin Assembly, potentially giving them the ability to override vetoes by Democratic Governor Tony Evers. Despite gains, Democrats are hopeful that voting trends may shift in their favor.	weekday hour-long local news program.		
State budget breakdown with Senators Agard and Roys. Earlier this month, Senator Evers signed the biannual budget after utilizing his veto power to increase funding for K-12 public schools for the next 4 centuries. On today's show, Senate Democrat Leader Melissa Agard and Senator Kelda Roys join us to talk about the budget process and what the new budget means for the future.	Interview on <b>A Public Affair</b> , weekday listener call-in talk show.	July 26, 2023 @ 12:01pm.	53 minutes, 10 seconds.
Democrats vow to bring cases to Wisconsin's top court. Earlier this afternoon, Janet Protasiewicz was officially sworn into the state Supreme Court, cementing a new liberal majority on the state's highest court for the first time in 15 years. Democrats have now promised to bring several high-profile cases to the state Supreme Court, with some of those cases already in the works. We run down those cases with a statehouse reporter.	News interview on the <b>6pm Local</b> <b>News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	August 1, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	9 minutes, 20 seconds.
What you need to know about Wisconsin's top court. When Justice Janet Protasiewicz joined the Wisconsin Supreme Court, it shifted from conservative to liberal after 15 years. Some state Republicans are threatening her with impeachment. Ruth Conniff (Wisconsin Examiner) and Barry Burden (UW-Madison) discuss the court's challenges.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	August 16, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	52 minutes, 29 seconds.
Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor on child care, health care, and her new podcast. Sara Rodriguez, Wisconsin's Lieutenant Governor, is out with a new podcast "The Rodriguez Report," which takes the form of a statewide road trip where she interviews individuals from various regions and discusses the most pressing issues. Healthcare affordability is a recurring topic. She joins us to talk about the accessibility of healthcare, in addition to other topics: gerrymandering, and the abortion ban in Wisconsin during the show.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	August 23, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	53 minutes, 16 seconds.
Anti-SLAPP legislation introduced at Capitol. Democratic lawmakers in Wisconsin have introduced legislation aimed at protecting media outlets from SLAPP suits, which are defamation lawsuits designed to stifle free speech. The proposed bill would give media organizations and individuals the ability to recover legal costs incurred when defending themselves and provide a way to request the dismissal of frivolous cases. While more than 30 other states have enacted anti-SLAPP laws, Wisconsin has not. The bill is a response to recent SLAPP suits against media outlets in the state, but its passage faces an uphill battle in the Republican-dominated Legislature.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	August 23, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	3 minutes, 47 seconds.
Proposed bill would legalize kratom. Wisconsin lawmakers have introduced a bill to legalize the manufacture, sale, delivery and possession of kratom, a stimulant made from the leaves of a tree native to Southeast Asia.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	September 7, 2023 @ 6:15pm.	5 minutes, 28 seconds.

Though currently classified in Wisconsin 1 as a Schedule 1 drug, supporters argue that it can be a safer alternative to opioids, especially for those with chronic pain conditions.			
Redistricting explained with Philip Rocco. Earlier this week, Wisconsin Republicans announced a bill that would create a what they say is a "nonpartisan" redistricting. Governor Evers swiftly announced that he would veto the plan if it arrived on his desk. This all comes as the Wisconsin Supreme Court considers requests to throw out the current maps. A political science professor joins us to lay out the current landscape.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	September 14, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	52 minutes, 53 seconds.
Governor Evers talks child care. Wisconsin lawmakers are searching for ways to address the state's child care needs; but Republicans and Democrats can't agree on what should be done.  As legislative Republicans refused to take up the Governor's proposals to better fund childcare in Wisconsin today, Governor Tony Evers invited reporters to Mariposa Learning Center – a bilingual child care facility in Fitchburg.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	September 20, 2023 @ 6:15pm.	3 minutes, 33 seconds.

# ISSUE: K-12 and higher education

TITLE & DESCRIPTION.	PROGRAM	DATE/TIME	DURATION
Student loan debt: now what? Student loan debt in the US stands at a staggering \$1.7 trillion, with over 90% of that owed to the federal government. President Biden proposed a plan to forgive up to \$20,000 per borrower in August, but it faced legal challenges and was ultimately struck down by the US Supreme Court in June.Two discuss the current reality for borrowers - along with options for relief.	Interview on <b>A Public Affair</b> , weekday listener call-in talk show.	July 10, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	54 minutes, 21 seconds.
Schools report almost 6,000 seclusion incidents. Last month, the state's Department of Public Instruction, or DPI, released a report showing that nearly 6,000 students were secluded, and nearly 7,000 were restrained during the 2021-2022 school year. A majority of those incidents involved students with disabilities, and took place in elementary schools across the entire state. We speak with Disability Rights Wisconsin on alternatives to the practice.	News interview on the <b>6pm Local</b> <b>News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	July 12, 2023 @ 6:20pm.	9 minutes, 8 seconds.
Badger Bus sells assets after losing MMSD contract. A national company will acquire Badger Bus Lines' school bus assets after the Madison School District didn't renew their contract for Fall 2023. First Student will take over the routes, costing over \$81 million for five years. Approximately 200 Badger Bus Lines employees face layoffs, with the change expected after losing the contract.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	July 19, 2023 @ 6:20pm.	2 minutes, 4 seconds.
Evers signs bipartisan reading bill. Governor Tony Evers	News report on the	July 20, 2023 @	4 minutes, 15

has signed a new law reforming reading instruction in Wisconsin schools, focusing on a science-based approach to reading and prohibiting certain methods like three-cueing. The law also introduces more reading assessments and literacy support for underperforming schools.	6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	6:10pm.	seconds.
Moms for Liberty and women on the extreme right. Moms for Liberty, an organization known for endorsing school board candidates and advocating for various policies, has been labeled an extremist hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center. The group has faced criticism for endorsing candidates who support book bans, censorship, and opposing the Department of Education, with some of their actions targeting LGBTQ+ communities. Syracuse University Professor Margaret Susan Thompson discusses the historical context of far-right women's groups in the US, while Mother Jones senior editor Kiera Butler shares insights from her reporting on Moms for Liberty, including attending one of their conferences.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	July 21, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	53 minutes, 28 seconds.
MMSD solicits feedback on superintendent search. The Madison school board is conducting a nationwide search for a new superintendent, with community feedback playing a crucial role in the selection process. The new superintendent is expected to be chosen by March 2024.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	August 14, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	3 minutes, 8 seconds.
Report finds spike in teacher turnover in Wisconsin. A new report finds that over 15% of Wisconsin public school teachers switched districts or left the profession in the last school year. This figure is higher than the typical annual turnover rate, which has averaged around 11.5% since 2009. Teachers of color, who represent less than 5% of all teachers statewide, experienced higher turnover rates.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	August 15, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	2 minutes, 26 seconds.
The dollars behind Wisconsin's public schools. For the 16th consecutive year, the Wisconsin State budget has failed to fund public education at the rate of inflation, resulting in nearly 40% of public schools receiving less funding than the previous year. As a result of this and other concerns, the Wisconsin Public Education Network, a nonpartisan advocacy organization for public education, gave the budget an F rating. We speak with the Wisconsin Public Education Network on the state of education funding, and two members of the local teachers' union.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	August 17, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	53 minutes, 49 seconds.
Capital High School showcases unified school building. Over the past few months, several schools in the Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD) have undergone significant renovations. One notable project was the consolidation of Capital High School, an alternative high school which until now, had operated out of three different locations across the city. The newly renovated building will now provide a more centralized space for the approximately 200 alternative students who attend Capital High.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	August 28, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	3 minutes, 35 seconds.
<b>Wisconsin's Youth Apprenticeship Program.</b> Wisconsin's Youth Apprenticeship Program is the oldest and largest in the country, providing over 8,300 apprenticeships in the 2022-2023 school year. Robert Lerman, chair of	Interview on the <b>Eight O'Clock Buzz</b> , weekday morning talk show.	September 4, 2023 @ 8am.	12 minutes, 33 seconds.

Apprenticeships for America, joins us to talk about why internships are an equitable choice that can launch young people into lifelong, successful careers			
Welcome back to school: all your MMSD questions answered. Summer break is official, as most public school students start a new grade today. We kick off the school year with Cynthia Green, MMSD Associate Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, to talk equity, curriculum standards, funding issues, and more.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	September 6, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	54 minutes, 20 seconds.
The real-life impact of education funding cuts. During the recent state budget process, Governor Evers proposed using \$305 million from the state's surplus to stabilize UW campuses, but the Republican-controlled joint finance committee opted for a \$32 million budget cut instead. UW-Oshkosh and other system schools are now facing significant cuts and layoffs. Our guests - a UW-Oshkosh student, a professor, and a representative from AFT-WI with expertise in labor politics in higher education - join us to talk about these consequences.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	September 12, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	53 minutes, 55 seconds.
Beyond academics: school social workers. School social workers play a vital role in addressing the social, emotional, and mental well-being of students and their families. However, limited staffing can leave school social workers overworked, leading to unmet student needs. Sara Lennertz, the President-elect of the Wisconsin School Social Workers Association and a school social worker in a Madison high school, joins us to talk about the value of school social workers and what issues they help address.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	September 13, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	52 minutes, 6 seconds.
Cardinal Call: DEI efforts to continue at UW-Madison, despite legislative opposition. On this week's Cardinal Call, our co-producers speak with two Daily Cardinal reporters about diversity, equity and inclusion efforts at UW-Madison, which will continue on campus despite pressure from Republican lawmakers to shut them down.	Weekly feature produced by campus journalists, on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	September 19, 2023 @ 6:33pm.	11 minutes, 42 seconds.

### **ISSUE: Labor and economics**

TITLE & DESCRIPTION.	PROGRAM	DATE/TIME	DURATION
The documentary bringing an 86 year-old tragedy to light. Greg Mitchell's documentary explores the Memorial Day Massacre of 1937, where Chicago Police shot and killed ten unarmed demonstrators during a strike. Initially portrayed as a riot, the truth was revealed by a US Senate committee, changing the narrative. This forgotten history sheds light on corporate power and holds lessons for the present.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	July 6, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	53 minutes.
Alders ask private employers to make Juneteenth a paid holiday, leaving out UW Hospital. Efforts are underway to encourage private sector employers in Madison to recognize Juneteenth as a paid holiday. Currently, the city recognizes Juneteenth as a paid holiday for city employees,	News report on the <b>Labor Radio</b> , weekday half-hour labor news program.	July 7, 2023 @ 5:30pm.	4 minutes, 23 seconds.

following the federal government's recognition of Juneteenth as a federal holiday. A resolution, sponsored by Alder Latimer Burris with the strong endorsement of Colin Gillis of the SEIU-Nurses Union, encourages Dane County employers to also accept Juneteenth as a paid holiday.			
Starbucks workers break record for strike. Over 3,500 Starbucks workers at 150+ stores nationwide conducted a strike, the largest in Starbucks history. Workers protested unfair labor practices and Starbucks' treatment of LGBTQIA+ employees. Workers at Madison shops, on State Street and Capital Square, protested against Starbucks' "performative allyship" for LGBTQIA+ workers.	News report on the <b>Labor Radio</b> , weekday half-hour labor news program.	July 7, 2023 @ 5:35pm.	4 minutes, 6 seconds.
TruStage workers plan demonstration to continue fight for fair contract. Workers at TruStage are mounting a demonstration demanding that TruStage come back to the bargaining table with a reasonable contract offer. Negotiations for a new contract began more than a year ago, with little progress to date. In the meantime, there have been an unfair practice strike, with NLRB ruling favorable to workesr.	News report on the <b>Labor Radio</b> , weekday half-hour labor news program.	July 21, 2023 @ 5:35pm.	3 minutes, 57 seconds.
Unions bargaining with MG&E.  Local 39 of the OPEIU, representing around 80 Madison Gas and Electric (MGE) employees, is negotiating wage increases, remote work policies, healthcare, and protection from outsourcing. IBEW Local 2304, also negotiating with MGE, aims to address recruitment, retention, and safety concerns. Both unions stress the importance of solidarity and fair compensation for their members.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	August 8, 2023 @ 6:20pm.	4 minutes, 15 seconds.
Evers calls special session on workforce issues. Governor Evers has for a special legislative session in September, focusing on workforce development amid low unemployment and labor shortages. Evers proposes using \$1 billion from the state's \$4 billion budget surplus, with a significant investment in childcare support. Other workforce education programs, like paid family and medical leave and UW System funding, will be considered. Critics argue that the Republican-dominated legislature may not take up Evers' proposals, citing past special sessions that resulted in little action.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	August 8, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	3 minutes, 50 seconds.
WGA strike at 100+ days. The Writers Guild of America (WGA) strike has reached its hundredth day, with demands for increased minimum compensation, restrictions on mini-rooms, and regulation of material produced by artificial intelligence. Writer and director Kristin Holodak, though not a WGA member, discusses the strike, industry changes, and the impact of streaming on the film and television industry, especially for upcoming professionals.	Interview on <b>A Public Affair</b> ,  weekday listener  call-in talk show.	August 15, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	52 minutes, 58 seconds.
A closer look at Governor Evers' new AI task force. Governor Tony Evers has established a task force to assess the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on Wisconsin's economy and workforce. The focus is on harnessing AI for economic and workforce development. We speak with the new head of the task force, also head of the state's economic development agency.	News interview on the <b>6pm Local</b> <b>News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	August 28, 2023 @ 6:20pm.	8 minutes, 24 seconds.

Who's who at LaborFest 2023? Madison's labor community celebrated Labor Day in style today, where hundreds gathered at LaborFest 2023. Two reporters were there to hear more about ongoing labor concerns - from UW's courses on labor organization, the latest on Madison Sourdough's growing union, NAACP Dane County's advocacy, updates on the TruStage contract negotiations, and more.	News feature on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	September 4, 2023 @ 6:20pm.	21 minutes.
Labor Day special: Jesus Salas on the farmworkers movement. Jesus Salas is the co-founder of the farmworkers union Oberos Unidos. He joins us to discuss his memoir "Obreros Unidos: The Roots and Legacy of the Farmworkers Union," from his experiences as a migrant laborer to his involvement in improving working conditions and labor issues on Wisconsin farms. He emphasizes the importance of holistic organizing ahead of a Wisconsin Book Fest appearance.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	September 4, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	54 minutes, 16 seconds.
State lawmakers introduce bill to end tipped minimum wage. State Democratic lawmakers have introduced a bill that would end tipped minimum wage in Wisconsin. Right now, employers are free to pay their workers as little as two dollars and thirteen cents an hour – under the assumption that they'll reach the state's \$7.25 minimum with tips. We speak with the author of the legislation.	News interview on the <b>6pm Local</b> <b>News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	September 6, 2023 @ 6:20pm.	9 minutes, 35 seconds.
Jon Melrod's "Fighting Times." Jonathan Melrod, a prominent radical, political activist, labor organizer, human rights lawyer, and pancreatic cancer survivor, joins us to talk about his new memoir "Fighting Times: Organizing on the Front Lines of the Class War," ahead of several appearances in Madison. The memoir features Melrod's time as a student radical at UW-Madison during the 1960s anti-war protests and his subsequent commitment to organizing the industrial working class for revolution in Milwaukee and Kenosha.	Interview on the Eight O'Clock Buzz, weekday morning talk show.	September 28, 2023 @ 8am.	13 minutes, 3 seconds.

# ISSUE: Environment & climate change

TITLE & DESCRIPTION.	PROGRAM	DATE/TIME	DURATION
Cleaning the creek with mushrooms. Madison's Starkweather Creek has been designated as an "impaired waterbody" since 1998, suffering unsafe levels of sediment, toxic metals, and lately, the forever chemical PFAS. We speak with local nonprofit Myco Rising, which is trying a new approach to cleaning up the creek: mushrooms.	Interview on the <b>Eight O'Clock Buzz</b> , morning drivetime talk show.	July 3, 2023 @ 8:10am.	11 minutes, 8 seconds.
Environmental group plans to bring lawsuit over beaver management plan. Superior Bio-Conservancy, a Milwaukee-based environmental organization, has filed an intent to sue the federal government over outdated beaver management practices in Wisconsin. They argue that the decade-old beaver management plan is killing thousands of beavers annually unnecessarily.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	July 6, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	6 minutes, 31 seconds.

Here we are. What do we do? Writing in the face of climate crisis. Solastalgia is the feeling of existential distress caused by environmental change, the "homesickness we feel while still at home." The new anthology Solastalgia: An Anthology of Emotion in a Disappearing World gives voice to the feeling, and its editor and a few contributors join us to share their work.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	July 17, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	54 minutes, 13 seconds.
Conservation group calls to close PFAS loophole. Earlier this year, state lawmakers introduced a bill to distribute funds to help communities address PFAS contamination. However, concerns have arisen that the bill may hinder PFAS identification. Wisconsin Conservation Voters has launched a campaign urging lawmakers to address this loophole. We speak to their Government Affairs Manager.	News interview on the <b>6pm Local</b> <b>News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	July 18, 2023 @ 6:20pm.	9 minutes, 58 seconds.
The Underground world of mycorrhizal fungal networks. The Society for the Protection of Underground Networks (SPUN) is at the forefront of research on the networks of mycorrhizal fungi, which forms symbiotic relationships with plants and has significant implications for climate and biodiversity. Three scientists from across the globe discuss soil as a living organism, the role of fungi in climate change, and the challenges facing mycorrhizal fungi.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	July 24, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	54 minutes, 11 seconds.
"Flash droughts" will get more common with climate change. In August 2018, the Madison area and other areas of Wisconsin experienced flash floods, a warning of potential future storms due to climate change. Now, five years later, the region faces an "extreme drought." Jason Otkin, an associate scientist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Cooperative Institute for Meteorological Satellite Studies, discusses the possibility of more flash floods and flash droughts driven by climate change.	News interview on the <b>6pm Local</b> <b>News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	July 24 2023 @ 6:20pm.	12 minutes, 29 seconds.
"Power of the Heat:" Weather professor explains this week's heat wave. Today's high temperature in Madison is 90°F, and it's expected to get even hotter this week,breaking the typical averages for this time of year. We speak with Jonathan Martin, a professor of atmospheric and oceanic sciences at UW Madison, for the reasons behind the heat and its implications for the climate.	News interview on the <b>6pm Local</b> <b>News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	July 25, 2023 @ 6:20pm.	11 minutes, 46 seconds.
Trees, drought, and saving old oak genes. In these days of low rain, what needs to be to protect our trees? That's the question Jan Miyasaki poses to Lisa Johnson, Horticulture Outreach Specialist at UW Extension. Johnson answers that question, and talks about some of the heritage tree genetic preservation efforts in the works as part of the Heritage Oaks program of the Tree Canopy Collaborative.	Interview on the <b>Eight O'Clock Buzz</b> , morning drivetime talk show.	July 26, 2023 @ 8:15am.	13 minutes, 42 seconds.
DNR releases new draft of wolf management plan. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has released a new draft of the state's next Wolf Management Plan. The plan recommends maintaining a statewide wolf population of 1,000, based on feedback received during a public review period. The plan includes flexible population thresholds for setting wolf hunt quotas in the future. The revised plan will be reviewed by the Natural Resources Board and voted on by the DNR's policy board in October.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	August 1, 2023 @ 6:15pm.	4 minutes, 14 seconds.

Festge County Park. Each Tuesday this summer, we're highlighting the best nature trails in southern Wisconsin. This week, we're highlighting the overlooks, rolling hills, and open prairies that are Festge County Park.	News feature on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	August 1, 2023 @ 6:33pm.	6 minutes, 29 seconds.
Gibbs Lake County Park. Each Tuesday this summer, we're highlighting the best nature trails in southern Wisconsin. This week, we head to Rock County and walk the horse-friendly trails of Gibbs Lake County Park.	News feature on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	August 8, 2023 @ 6:33pm.	6 minutes, 54 seconds.
Line 5 update.  Two events, the Ashland Community Rally & Flotilla and the Community Water Festival: Defend the Sacred, will take place to protest Enbridge's Line 5 oil pipeline in Wisconsin. Activists Marc Rosenthal and Carl Sack discuss their efforts to halt the pipeline's construction.	Interview on <b>A Public Affair</b> ,  weekday listener  call-in talk show.	August 3, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	52 minutes, 21 seconds.
The death cap mushroom and other invasive fungi. Dr. Anne Pringle researches the invasive Death Cap Mushroom in California, and just returned from a year of research in South Africa. She's currently the Mary Herman Rubinstein professor in the Departments of Botany and Bacteriology at the University of Wisconsin Madison.	Interview on the <b>Perpetual Notion Machine</b> , weekly science news program.	August 10, 2023 @ 7pm.	29 minutes, 8 seconds.
Chimney swifts need your help. Chimney swifts are a species of migratory birds that breed in Wisconsin, and winter in South America. They're on the move now, and the DNR is looking for help to get an accurate county of these speedy, acrobatic birds. We speak with the chair of the Wisconsin Chimney Swift Working Group.	Interview on the <b>Eight O'Clock Buzz</b> , morning drivetime talk show.	August 21, 2023 @ 8am.	12 minutes, 27 seconds.
Montana affirms right to clean environment. In June, 16 young adults filed a constitutional climate lawsuit against Montana, claiming their right to a clean environment was violated by the state's support for a fossil fuel-based energy system. They argued that the state's actions worsened the climate crisis, infringing on their constitutional rights. A Montana judge agreed with the youth, affirming their right to a clean environment. Jonathan Patz, a UW-Madison professor and Nobel Peace Prize winner, discusses the case's implications and the broader issue of climate change's impact on youth.	Interview on the <b>Eight O'Clock Buzz</b> , morning drivetime talk show.	September 4, 2023 @ 8am.	18 minutes, 37 seconds.
Is "dilution of pollution" the solution? Somewhere around 350 million gallons of water used to quell the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant meltdown in 2011, and Japan has started discharging that contaminated water into the Pacific Ocean. Cindy Folkers, Radiation and Health Hazard Specialist at Beyond Nuclear joins us to talk about the actual effectiveness of this plan.	Interview on the Eight O'Clock Buzz, morning drivetime talk show.	September 6, 2023 @ 8am.	14 minutes, 21 seconds.
The fight against a copper mine in the Porcupine Mountains. Highland Copper's plans to build the Copperwood Mine near the Porcupine Mountains in Michigan's Upper Peninsula have raised concerns about potential pollution and environmental degradation. The Save The Porkies movement is pushing back against the mining project, highlighting its potential impact on the pristine wilderness area. We speak with them about their campaign and other efforts to protect the Porkies from mining-related threats.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	September 22, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	53 minutes, 7 seconds.

# ISSUE: Agriculture and food

TITLE & DESCRIPTION.	PROGRAM	DATE/TIME	DURATION
How Kernza is revolutionizing agronomy and perennial agriculture. The Kernza grain, harvested from intermediate wheatgrass, is a cousin of annual wheat. Unlike wheat, Kernza is a perennial crop, making it radically unlike the crops we're used to seeing in Wisconsin farm fields. We speak with the lead scientist of the Kernza Domestication Program at The Land Institute, a nonprofit dedicated to perennial agriculture, along with a UW-Madison graduate student researching Kernza.	Interview on <b>A Public Affair</b> , weekday listener call-in talk program.	July 3, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	53 minutes, 40 seconds.
Doña Juana & Lourdes Perez (Rooted In Land, Preserving Through Generations). Doña Juana and Lourdes Perez are two gardeners growing in South Madison. They share their memories of farming and gardening in their hometowns near Atlixto and in Oaxaca, and how they got involved with community gardens in Madison and their work to grow chilacayotes, alaches, pápalos, and other Mexican herbs and vegetables in the Wisconsin soil and climate.	Special feature series airing on two programs:  6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program, &	→ July 5, 2023 @ 6:30pm.	Cumulative 27 minutes and 47 seconds.  → 14 minutes, 30 seconds.
	En Nuestro Patio, weekly hour-long new program in Spanish.	→ July 11, 2023 @ 7:30pm.	→ 12 minutes, 17 seconds.
Growing a resilient garden. Sally Morgan, an organic gardener and co-author of "The Climate Change Garden," discusses practical gardening tips to make gardens more resilient in the face of climate change. She's a botanist and editor of Organic Gardening magazine, with extensive experience in sustainable gardening practices.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	July 6, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	53 minutes, 33 seconds.
Diane Small (Rooted In Land, Preserving Through Generations). Diane Small runs Mamie's backyard garden in the Bridge-Lakepoint Neighborhood in Madison.	Special feature series airing on two programs:		Cumulative 25 minutes and 58 seconds.
In this interview, recorded in 2022, she shares her memories of living in Madison with her mother Mamie. Further back, she speaks of growing up in Sommerville South Carolina, eating pomegranates and pecans off the tree and learning planting from her Aunt Maggie and her grandfather.	<b>6pm Local News,</b> weekday hour-long local news program, &	→ July 12, 2023 @ 6:30pm.	→ 12 minutes, 39 seconds.
planting from her Aunt Maggie and her grandfacher.	En Nuestro Patio, weekly hour-long new program in Spanish.	→ July 18, 2023 @ 7:30pm.	→ 12 minutes, 19 seconds.
Wanda Daniels and Charisse Daniels Johnson (Rooted In Land, Preserving Through Generations). Wanda Daniels and her daughter Charisse Daniels Johnson share their love of peonies and the other ways flowers have touched their lives. We hear from Wanda about growing up eating fresh red tomatoes and pickled green tomatoes in a multicultural neighborhood in Bridgeport Pennsylvania, and her later flower business in California.	Special feature series airing on two programs:  6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program, &	→ July 19, 2023 @ 6:30pm.	Cumulative 30 minutes and 42 seconds.  → 13 minutes and 40 seconds.

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They share how they came to Watertown, Wisconsin, the way they've responded to COVID and the changing seasons, and their goals for gardening and community.	En Nuestro Patio, weekly hour-long new program in Spanish.	→ July 25, 2023 @ 7:30pm.	$\rightarrow$ 17 minutes and 2 seconds.
Pat Diehl (Rooted in Land, Preserving Through Generations). Pat Diehl is a gardener and organizer at the Leopold Park Community Garden in Madison. Originally	Special feature series airing on two programs:		Cumulative 30 minutes and 42 seconds.
from California, she shares fond memories of picking beans with her family, learning to garden, and starting school gardens in Oakland. She also speaks of her love for the restorative power of gardening.	<b>6pm Local News,</b> weekday hour-long local news program, &	→ July 26, 2023 @ 6:30pm.	→ 11 minutes and 57 seconds.
	En Nuestro Patio, weekly hour-long new program in Spanish.	→ August 1 2023 @ 7:30pm.	→ 15 minutes and 31 seconds.
The Walking Jerk. The Walking Jerk, a vegan catering company, offers a plant-based twist on Jamaican and Hispanic cuisine. Owners Chef Daijah Birchette and Chief Taster Drew Richmond discuss their venture, which started at Feed Kitchens in Madison, along with their plans to expand with a food truck and eventually open a restaurant.	Interview on the Eight O'Clock Buzz, weekday morning talk show.	July 27, 2023 @ 8:30am.	20 minutes, 5 seconds.
Previewing Black Restaurant Week. The Madison Black Chamber of Commerce hosted a sneak preview of the restaurants participating in Black Restaurant Week in August. The event showcased samples from various Black-owned restaurants. Camille Carter, President and CEO of Madison's Black Chamber of Commerce, emphasized Madison's role in promoting Black restaurants. The event featured a Soul Food Brunch and a Food Taste Jamboree, showcasing participating restaurants and allowing them to network and showcase their food.	News feature on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	July 31, 2023 @ 6:33pm.	4 minutes, 24 seconds.
Your gardening questions: dog days of summer.  Earlier this month, the US Department of Agriculture issued a disaster declaration for 18 southern Wisconsin counties, including Dane County, due to unusually dry conditions. The extreme drought impacting our area has been a challenge for farmers, gardeners, and anyone trying to grow something! We open up the phonelines to all your gardening questions. Joining us with some answers are Lisa Johnson and Jennica Skoug. Lisa Johnson is a Horticulture Educator and UW Extension Dane County and Jennica Skoug runs Lansing Street Veggies at the Farley Center's collaborative farm.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	July 31, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	54 minutes, 33 seconds.
Olbrich showcases latest cultural garden. The Hmong Garden at Madison's Olbrich Botanical Gardens is the latest in a series of cultural gardens. Guides, Sabrina Her, an MATC intern, and Erin Presley, a horticulturist, give insights into the garden's creation and its significance to Dane County's Hmong residents.	News feature on Her Turn, weekly feminist news program.	August 6, 2023 @ 11:15pm.	13 minutes, 58 seconds.
REAP Food Group: 25 years of bringing fresh food to the community. Philip Kauth, the Executive Director of REAP Food Group, discussed the organization's efforts to promote	Interview on the Eight O'Clock Buzz, weekday morning	August 16, 2023 @ 8:10am.	20 years, 56 seconds.

a local food system that provides access to healthy, locally grown food. He also highlighted upcoming events like the Local Food Entrepreneur Showcase, Sundays on the Lawn, and the Harvest Farm Dinner.	talk show.		
Food that feels like a hug. Qwantese Dourese Winters is a doula, writer, agriculturist, mixed media artist. She is one of the hosts of "Let's Grow Stuff" on PBS Wisconsin, and Madison Public Library's latest Naturalist in Residence. She joins us to talk about connecting to ancestral roots through the land, racial disparities in childbirth mortality rates, and the healing power of food.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	August 31, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	54 minutes, 17 seconds.
Top Chef filming in Madison. It's no secret that Top Chef is filming in Madison But just what they're filming is actually a pretty locked-down secret. Here to talk about just some of what she might know about what the Top Chef show could be doing here-and what it means-is Lindsey Christians, Food editor and arts reporter for the Capital Times.	Interview on the Eight O'Clock Buzz, weekday morning talk show.	September 4, 2023 @ 8:30pm.	6 minutes, 8 seconds.
Budget negotiations could cause Farm Bill to hit familiar cliff. Wisconsin dairy farmers could be in trouble if the next Farm Bill isn't passed by the end of the year, warns Congressman Mark Pocan, who forecasted the next few months through the government funding process to reporters earlier today. Consumers could face rising milk prices next January if the Farm Bill isn't passed, possibly tripling the price of milk for consumers. But experts suggest that the consequences of not passing the Farm Bill, and returning to an old economic theory of milk pricing – removing inflation from the equation – not realistic and would disrupt markets worldwide	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	September 6, 2023 @ 6pm.	4 minutes, 10 seconds.
Not your dad's school lunch. Wisconsin kids are back in school, and today take the chance to talk with folks advocating for better, more nutritious, school lunches. Dr. Jennifer Gaddis, a professor at UW-Madison, is author of a new report outlining the issues facing school nutrition workers, and how kids could get more nutritious meals.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	September 18, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	54 minutes, 31 seconds.
The art of cheese. Wisconsin is the nation's leading cheese maker, producing 3.5 billion pounds of cheese in 2022. Despite this rich cheese heritage, Wisconsin has never had a festival celebrating its cheese culture. The Dairy Farms of Wisconsin will host the inaugural Art of Cheese Festival in Madison from September 29th to correct this oversight. Rachel Kerr, Senior Director of Experiential and Brand Marketing at Dairy Farms of Wisconsin, discusses the festival and Wisconsin's cheese culture.	Interview on the Eight O'Clock Buzz, weekday morning talk show	September 26, 2023 @ 8am.	13 minutes, 9 seconds.

### **ISSUE:** Housing

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TITLE & DESCRIPTION.	PROGRAM	DATE/TIME	DURATION
Council rezones, allowing proposed student housing. The Madison Common Council has reversed its previous decision and approved the rezoning of properties for a new student housing development near West Johnson Street.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	July 12, 2023 @ 6:20pm.	4 minutes, 28 seconds.

The project by Core Spaces will feature a 12-story, 232-unit apartment building geared towards students. The vote was 17-2 in favor of rezoning, addressing legal concerns and enabling the project to proceed.			
Housing Snapshot report outlines stark reality of local housing. Even as the city of Madison sees more and more housing developments approved each year, not enough is being built to keep up with the flow of people, leading to increased strain and competition in both the city's rental and home ownership markets.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	July 26, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	4 minutes, 1 second.
That's according to the city's latest Housing Snapshot report, an annual report that gives a glimpse into the current conditions of housing in Madison.			
New proposal for housing would level beloved bar. The proposal would add a six-story hotel, and an eight-story residence building with 150 units- just off the intersection with John Nolen Drive. All of that, though, would mean demolishing the buildings that house two Madison standbys: the Essen Haus, and the Come Back In. It's the fourth time in the past twenty-three years that a developer has sought to redevelop the downtown block, the last of which was in 2019.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	August 9, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	2 minutes, 22 seconds.
Madison's Hippie Christmas trend continues during move-out week. Each year during move-out week in Madison, curbsides are filled with discarded items as students vacate their apartments. This tradition, known as "Hippie Christmas," attracts people from around the state who collect and repurpose items. Our reporters speak with people struggling with their stuff as they move.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	August 10, 2023 @ 6:15pm.	5 minutes, 5 seconds.
Solace Home set to open by end of the year. Solace Home, a nonprofit organization founded in 2018, provides a home for unhoused or housing-insecure individuals in their final days. They're in the final stage of setting up the first adult family home, and are planning to host their first resident by the end of the year. We take a tour and ask the program's directors about what this unique form of care will look like.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	August 15, 2023 @ 6:15pm.	12 minutes, 41 seconds.
Eviction data project tracks evictions in Wisconsin. The federal CARES Act fund assisted struggling renters during the pandemic - but the program is ending soon. Now, the Department of Administration's Council on Homelessness has produced a report tracking eviction data trends. We speak with the chair of that council about their findings.	Interview on the Eight O'Clock Buzz, weekday morning talk show.	August 17, 2023 @ 8:10am.	14 minutes, 36 seconds.
Voit Farm Development has proposal. The Voit Farm property in East Madison is the subject of a development proposal set to go before the Madison Plan Commission. This 67-acre property has sparked debates over balancing development and preservation, with the proposal including green spaces and various housing options, though some concerns remain about traffic and environmental impact.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	August 17, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	3 minutes, 17 seconds.
Eviction records petition hearing might give some new life. Legal Action of Wisconsin is petitioning the state's	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> ,	August 17, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	4 minutes, 40 seconds.

Supreme Court to reduce the retention period for eviction records from 20 years to just one year. This move aims to help renters avoid the long-term stigma associated with eviction records and ease the challenges they face when seeking housing. A hearing on the proposal is scheduled for next month, offering an opportunity for public input and potential policy change.	weekday hour-long local news program.		
Alders share perspectives on affordable housing in Madison. Madison's housing market is in crisis, with rising rents and limited options. Recently, one alder has proposed creating a task force to study the city's housing crisis and provide more solutions. We survey more than half the alders on the city council on how they define affordable housing, and possible solutions they have available.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	September 28, 2023 @ 6:20pm.	7 minutes, 10 seconds.

# **ISSUE: Social justice** Responsive Programming:

TITLE & DESCRIPTION.	PROGRAM	DATE/TIME	DURATION
Dane County judge dismisses petition to charge Matt Kenny with killing. A Dane County Judge declined to press charges against police officer Matt Kenny, who shot and killed Tony Robinson in 2015. Robinson's grandmother, Sharon Irwin, and lawyers invoked a state statute to bring forth new evidence, but the judge ruled he lacked authority to assign a special prosecutor, contradicting the statute's intent. Irwin's legal team plans to appeal, seeking clarity on the law's application.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	July 3, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	4 minutes, 5 seconds.
Author and artist H. Melt on trans care, love, and joy. Chicago-based poet H. Melt distinguishes between happiness and joy, emphasizing joy's collective and shareable nature. They join us to talk about their new collection, "There Are Trans People Here," which explores joy and grief in queer and trans history, linking it to today's movements.	Interview on A Public Affair, daily listener call-in talk show.	July 4, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	53 minutes, 35 seconds.
Dane County: a safe place to be? Last month, Dane County became the first in the nation to declare itself a sanctuary county for trans folks, a decision that brought with it a surge of nationwide attention. We sit down with Dane County Supervisor Rick Rose and Dr. A. J. Harie from the Outreach LGBTQ+ Community Center to talk about the impact of anti-transgender laws in other states, the potential for such legislation in Wisconsin, and Governor Evers' role in preventing such laws.	Interview on <b>Queery,</b> weekly LGBTQ+ affairs show.	July 5, 2023 @ 7pm.	27 minutes, 50 seconds.
State lawmakers want to ban the "gay and trans panic defense." Democratic state lawmakers in Wisconsin are seeking to ban the "gay and trans panic defense," which blames a victim's sexual orientation or gender identity for a defendant's violence or murder. Although this defense has only been used twice in Wisconsin, legislators want to prevent its use against LGBTQ individuals. Similar bans exist	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	July 13, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	4 minutes, 20 seconds.

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Legislators ignite controversy about trans sports bans. Republican legislators have recently reintroduced bills aiming to ban transgender women from participating in women's sports." Meanwhile, Democratic legislators have announced their countermove, forming the Transgender Parent and Non-Binary Advocacy Caucus, dedicated to promoting transgender rights and inclusion. We speak to one of the Democrat legislators about the move.	Interview on the Eight O'Clock Buzz, weekday morning talk show.	July 17, 2023 @ 8:20am.	10 minutes, 33 seconds.
Rethinking media narratives. While people of color are quickly becoming the majority of the US populations, the perspectives of white America still dominate the media that is made and consumed daily. Now media makers of color are rising up to advance a set of different narratives. Sonali Kolhatkar is the author of a new book that seeks to counter racism and disinformation that have long dominated America's political and cultural landscape. She joins us to talk about how a racial justice lens can dramatically change stories, and to share her own experiences of of racism in journalism.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	July 18, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	51 minutes.
City hosts "Disability Summit" during disability pride month. Madison marks Disability Pride Month with a virtual Disability Summit, aiming to enhance inclusion and accessibility through discussions involving the disabled community. Concurrently, a Disability Pride Festival at Warner Park promotes interaction, showcasing art, crafts, and small businesses run by people with disabilities, while encouraging feedback and engagement.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	July 26, 2023 @ 6:15pm.	4 minutes, 15 seconds.
Repairing the racial wealth inequality divide.  Dedrick Asante-Muhammad is the Chief of Race, Wealth and Community for the National Community Reinvestment Coalition. He joins us to talk about the foundations of wealth inequality from when early settlers needed cheap labor, thus creating racial inequality to justify enslavement of workers. His recent report, "From Affirmative Action To Reparations: Bridging Racial Economic Inequality" discusses how states are looking toward reparations.	Interview on the Eight O'Clock Buzz, weekday morning talk show.	July 26, 2023 @ 8:15am.	12 minutes, 52 seconds.
Summit kind of wonderful.  Rebecca Hoyt, the Disability Rights and Services Specialist for the City of Madison, discusses the upcoming Disability Summit and the state of disability policies in the city. The virtual summit precedes the Disability Pride Festival this weekend.	Interview on the Eight O'Clock Buzz, weekday morning talk show.	July 27, 2023 @ 8:20am.	15 minutes, 55 seconds.
Intersectional racial justice. YMCA Madison is hosting a 3-day Racial Justice Summit this fall. Race & Equity Director Gery Paredes Vasquez joins us to discuss the event, featuring keynote speakers Autumn Brown and Susan Raffo, who discuss movement work, rest, aging into the work, and more.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	August 1, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	52 minutes, 75 minutes.
Undocumented workers struggle without drivers licenses.  Many Wisconsin dairy farms rely on undocumented workers	News interview on the <b>6pm Local</b>	August 3, 2023 @ 6:19pm.	11 minutes, 47 seconds.

for labor. Despite legal car ownership, state law prevents them from obtaining driver's licenses, creating barriers for their mobility and daily lives. Melissa Sanchez, a ProPublica reporter, discusses these challenges faced by undocumented workers, after a recent investigation in Clark County.	News, weekday hour-long local news program.		
Veterans for Peace boat "Golden Rule" sails on the Great Lakes. The sailboat Golden Rule, that set sail in 1958 to stop nuclear weapons tests in the Marshall Islands, and which inspired the many peace makers and peace ships that followed, is sailing once more, to show that nuclear abolition is possible, and that bravery and tenacity can overcome militarism. Veterans For Peace journey coordinator Helen Jaccard talks about the goals of the Golden Rule, how you can see this boat soon in a Lake Michigan port near you, and how you can support the cause.	Interview on the <b>Eight O'Clock Buzz</b> , weekday morning talk show.	August 23, 2023 @ 8:10am.	20 minutes, 8 seconds.
<b>Trans healthcare is a human right.</b> In this episode of Subtle Desi Traits, host Ankita Bharadwaj discusses the motivators behind issues related to trans healthcare, such as politics, religious beliefs, structural inadequacies, and differential treatment of trans individuals by area providers.	Interviews on Subtle Desi Traits, monthly show dedicated to social justice and South Asian perspectives.	August 31, 2023 @ 1:06pm.	52 minutes, 50 seconds.
David Clarenbach on Wisconsin's Gay Rights Law. David Clarenbach, a former Dane County Supervisor and state Representative, joins us to talk about his life in public office and LGBTQ+ advocacy. Clarenbach played a pivotal role in the passage of Wisconsin's first Gay Rights Bill in 1982, which banned discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and provided protections for LGBT individuals in employment and housing. He also mentored other politicians and remained actively involved in local civic life, including serving as the executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund.	Interview on Queery, our weekly LGBTQ+ affairs show.	September 13, 2023 @ 7pm.	51 minutes, 30 seconds.
Planned Parenthood to resume abortion services. Starting next Monday, pregnant people in Wisconsin will no longer have to leave the state to receive abortion care. Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin announced this morning that it will resume offering abortion services at its Madison East Side Health Center and its Milwaukee Water Street Health Center, following the latest court decision finding that Wisconsin's abortion ban isn't valid.	News report on the 6pm Local News, weekday hour-long local news program.	September 14, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	4 minutes, 59 seconds.
Illinois ended cash bail: now what? This month, Illinois became the first U.S. state to completely eliminate the use of money bail with the Pretrial Fairness Act. Activist Matthew McLoughlin discusses the effort behind this landmark change. Nate Gilliam from Milwaukee Freedom Fund shares insights on their work to end pretrial detention and mass incarceration in Milwaukee.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	September 28, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	53 minutes.
Protestors and counter-protestors clash at Madison Planned Parenthood. Earlier this month, Planned Parenthood resumed abortion services in Wisconsin. Since then, Madison's east-side center has seen a flurry of activity; patients are filling the center's schedule and	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	September 28, 2023 @ 6pm.	3 minutes, 40 seconds.

protesters are gathering on the sidewalk outside to voice their dissent. The protestors - largely made up of a local Catholic group conducting prayer vigils - have embarked on a 40-day campaign of consecutive sit-ins. Now, counter protestors have also shown up to demonstrate.		
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### ISSUE: Literature, arts, and culture

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Local writer JK Cheema on writing, family, and remembering the past. Born in 1942 to a Sikh family in Lahore, local writer JK Cheema worked for decades as a career Foreign Service Officer, leading development programs across Africa and the Middle East. In her retirement, she settled in Madison, founding a local salon for creative conversation. She joins us to talk about her new memoir, "The Black Attache: Vignettes from a Life."	Interview on Madison Book Beat, weekly talk show with local/Wisconsin authors and authors coming to town.	July 3, 2023 @ 1:06pm.	53 minutes.
On short storytelling with writer Steve Fox. The stories included in Steve Fox's new collection frequently feature Midwest settings, along with motifs centering trauma, loss, class, and politics. The collection, titled Sometimes Creek, was published earlier this year by Cornerstone Press. We speak with him about his debut collection.	Interview on  Madison Book Beat, weekly talk show with local/Wisconsin authors and authors coming to town.	July 17, 2023 @ 1:06pm.	48 minutes, 29 seconds.
Ticketer leaves Madison music venues out to dry. Brown Paper Tickets, a popular online ticketing company, has fallen into a pattern of delayed payments to artists and venues across the country, including several in Madison.  That's the subject of a piece published by local arts and culture outlet Tone Madison. Their editor-in-chief joins us to talk about the story.	News interview on the <b>6pm Local</b> <b>News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	July 19, 2023 @ 6:20pm.	9 minutes, 26 seconds.
Rosy Petri's American Altars. In 2021, artist Rosy Petri's solo road trip led to her becoming the Artist in Residence at the bell hooks center in Berea, Kentucky. Her photo journey, now in "American Altars" at Madison's Arts + Literature Laboratory through September 1st, delves into cultural remembrance and ancestral grief.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	July 25, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	52 minutes, 35 seconds.
What is a death cafe?  Death cafes are an informal gathering for discussing death without predefined objectives, offering valuable insights into the dying process and providing end-of-life support to loved ones. It's a national concept with local chapters. We speak with two Wisconsin facilitators about their experiences and the wisdom they've gained through these candid conversations about a topic often considered taboo.	Interview on <b>A Public Affair</b> , weekday listener call-in talk show.	August 7, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	54 minutes, 15 seconds.
Irish language lessons come to Madison. Dr. Becky Shields, an instructor and academic advisor in the Language Sciences program at UW-Madison, is leading efforts to	News interview on the <b>6pm Local</b> <b>News</b> , weekday	August 8, 2023 @ 6:20pm.	10 minutes, 48 seconds.

bring Irish to Madison, offering Irish classes to the campus community and a similar program to people outside of campus.	hour-long local news program.		
What's happening at the Milwaukee Theatre Festival? The Milwaukee Black Theatre Festival, a celebration of Black arts and culture, runs from August 9th to the 27th, featuring various events at Milwaukee venues. Sheri Williams Pannell, festival co-founder, discusses her involvement and supporting young creatives. Festival co-directors Vato Vergara and Kyndal Johnson share insights into this year's lineup.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	August 8, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	53 minutes, 7 seconds.
Menominee leader Ada Deer dies at 88. Ada Deer was a Menominee activist who played a pivotal role in restoring rights to the Menominee tribe. Her advocacy led to the signing of the Menominee Restoration Act in 1973, reinstating federal recognition of the tribe and restoring treaty obligations. She'd go on to become chair of the Menominee Nation, run for Secretary of State and Congress, and become head of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, making her the first American Indian woman to hold the position.	News obit on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	August 16, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	4 minutes, 10 seconds.
Histories told through quilting. Karen Hinton Robinson, a lifelong quilter, has combined her quilting skills with storytelling and history to create an exhibit called "Quilted Education presents A Celebration of Black History." Her work will be featured in the 19th annual Great Wisconsin Quilt Show. Ms. Robinson discusses her quilting journey, the influence of Nancy Zieman on her craft, and her artistic representations of figures from African American history. Deanna Springer, vice president of marketing at Nancy Zieman Productions, also provides details about the upcoming Great Wisconsin Quilt Show.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	August 21, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	53 minutes, 45 seconds.
Meet Madison's second Youth Poet Laureate. Madison's Poet Laureate Angela Trudell Vasquez established the Madison Youth Poet Laureate Program in 2022, making the city the first in Wisconsin to join the National Youth Poet Laureate program. Maliha Nu'Man, a high school sophomore, was just named Madison's second Youth Poet Laureate. Maliha, who self-published her first book at 14, discusses the program's role, the importance of mentorship, and the joy of performance alongside Angela Trudell Vasquez.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	August 22, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	53 minutes, 35 seconds.
Legendary jazz bassist Richard Davis dies at 93. Renowned jazz musician Richard Davis passed away yesterday at the age of ninety-three after spending several years in hospice care, his daughter Persia Davis confirmed to WORT today. We remember his life and legacy.	News obit on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	September 7, 2023 @ 6:20pm.	4 minutes, 41 seconds.
B. Pladek's magical intersection of ecology and history. We speak with B. Pladek, Associate Professor of English at Marquette University, about his debut novel, Dry Land. Pladek sets us on a thought-provoking journey that explores the possibility that a magical gift could actually be a curse, testing and uprooting beliefs on nature, love, and self-sacrifice.	Interview on  Madison Book Beat, weekly talk show with local/Wisconsin authors and authors coming to town.	September 18, 2023 @ 1:06pm.	51 minutes, 2 seconds.

Ho-Chunk artist celebrated as sculpture returns to Madison. Truman Lowe was an acclaimed Ho-Chunk artist who worked as a fine-arts professor at UW-Madison for decades. He was also a curator of contemporary art for the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian for many years. He passed away in 2019 at the age of 75. Now, one of his original sculptures is on its way back to Madison.	News story on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	September 18, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	3 minutes, 48 seconds.
<b>Joyce Carol Oates on "Zero-Sum."</b> Beloved and prolific author Joyce Carol Oates joins us for an interview about her new collection, <i>Zero-Sum</i> , ahead of her appearance at the Wisconsin Book Festival.	Interview on  Madison Book Beat, weekly talk show with local/Wisconsin authors and authors coming to town.	September 24, 2023 @ 1:06pm.	52 minutes, 59 seconds.

# ISSUE: Science and technology

TITLE & DESCRIPTION.	PROGRAM	DATE/TIME	DURATION
Astronomers discover long-gravity waves. In 1915, Albert Einstein published the Theory of General Relativity, which predicted the existence of gravitational waves. In 2015, LIGO observed gravitational waves from the collision of black holes, confirming Einstein's theory. In 2023, radio astronomy teams detected massive gravitational waves with wavelengths measured in light years, suggesting a new level of cosmic phenomena. Scott Ransom, an astrophysicist with the U.S. National Radio Astronomy Observatory and member of NanoGrav, discusses this discovery.	Interview on the Eight O'Clock Buzz, weekday morning talk show.	July 10, 2023 @ 8am.	13 minutes, 23 seconds.
Wisconsin Frog & Toad Survey. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource's Frog and Toad Survey is the longest running survey of its kind in the country. Every spring and summer, thousands of citizen scientists strike out on routes all over the state to listen for the breeding calls of Wisconsin's eleven frog and one toad species. We hear from volunteers as they run their routes, from folks at the Wisconsin DNR who work to organize the survey and collect the data and some frogs and toads along the way.	Interview on the Perpetual Notion Machine, weekly science news program.	July 13, 2023 @ 7pm.	26 minutes, 21 seconds.
Threads: The new Twitter, or a strategic upstart? Meta – the company behind social media giants Facebook and Instagram – has launched a new social media platform . It's called Threads, and it sure looks a lot like Twitter. We speak with Ryan Mac, who covers technology and social media for The New York Times.	News interview on the <b>6pm Local</b> <b>News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	July 18, 2023 @ 6:20pm.	8 minutes, 56 seconds.
Science communication in a crisis. Christopher M. Reddy, a Senior Scientist at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, discusses his new book, "Science Communication in a Crisis: An Insider's Guide." The book delves into the importance of clear science communication	Interview on the Perpetual Notion Machine, weekly science news program.	August 3, 2023 @ 7pm.	29 minutes, 35 seconds.

during crises to facilitate fact-based decision-making and minimize harm.			
Ice Cube Lab unveils neutrino map of the Milky Way. The Ice Cube project utilizes Antarctica's ice sheet as a neutrino trap to capture these elusive subatomic particles. Researchers recently released their first neutrino astronomical map of the Milky Way Galaxy, providing valuable insights into the universe. Francis Halzen, a physicist from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and spokesperson for the Ice Cube project, discusses this groundbreaking research.	Interview on the Eight O'Clock Buzz, weekday morning talk show.	August 7, 2023 @ 8am.	12 minutes, 24 seconds.
The digital future of medicine. In his book "Future Care: Sensors, Artificial Intelligence, and the Reinvention of Medicine," cardiologist Jag Singh explores the role of AI in healthcare, from research to diagnostics and hospital management. We delve into the transformative potential of these technologies in reshaping healthcare.	Interview on the <b>Perpetual Notion Machine</b> , weekly science news program.	August 17, 2023 @ 7pm.	29 minutes, 13 seconds.
Voice recognition software is surprisingly easy to hack. Financial institutions and tech giants are increasingly using voice recognition software for authentication. However, University of Wisconsin Ph.D. candidates Shimaa Ahmed and Yash Wani have discovered a low-tech method of hacking such software using PVC pipe, raising concerns about the security of voice-based authentication systems.	Interview on the <b>Eight O'Clock Buzz</b> , weekday morning talk show.	August 21, 2023 @ 8:10am.	10 minutes, 12 seconds.
Researchers find new plastic recycling process. George Huber, the Richard Antwon Professor of Chemical Engineering at UW Madison and Director of the Center for Chemical Upcycling of Waste Plastics, has led a team of postdoctoral researchers to develop a new process for recycling plastic waste. This innovation could significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with plastics manufacturing and transform the recycling industry.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	September 4, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	2 minutes, 44 seconds.
What is quinone-mediated hydrogen? Green chemistry is a scientific approach that aims to design and develop chemical processes and products that reduce the use of hazardous substances and promote sustainability. We speak with a UW-Madison chemistry professor about green chemistry, and new research that puts forward a process of making drugs by using hydrogen as a source of electricity.	Interview on the Perpetual Notion Machine, weekly science news program.	September 21, 2023 @ 7pm.	30 minutes.
A plastic diary. Plastic, it turns out, is everywhere. It's in the clothes we wear, it's in our furniture, it's the casing on our electronics, it's in our tools and kitchenware, it's in our walls and pipes, and of course, it's in our packaging.  According to the EPA, almost 36 million tons of plastic were manufactured in the United States in 2018, coming out to a little more than 200 pounds per person.  The pure prevalence of plastic prompted our producer to embark on a plastic diary, collecting and analyzing all the plastic he would throw away over several weeks. Here's what he found.	Feature on the Perpetual Notion Machine, weekly science news program.	September 28, 2023 @ 7pm.	15 minutes.

# ISSUE: Health and safety

TITLE & DESCRIPTION.	PROGRAM	DATE/TIME	DURATION
A "lower risk approach" to dealing with rat infestation. Last fall, the local public health department announced that they had found evidence of a rat infestation on the city's northeast side, sustained by easy access to food and shelter. And while it's tempting to use a rodenticide, public health officials are encouraging different approaches that are better for the environment and other creatures.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	July 12, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	2 minutes, 40 seconds.
Proposed constitutional amendment would bar governments from closing churches in future health emergencies. Wisconsin Republican lawmakers are proposing a constitutional amendment that would prohibit government entities from closing places of worship during a declared emergency. The proposal is a reaction to the statewide stay-at-home order issued by Governor Evers during the COVID pandemic. Supporters argue it protects religious freedom, while opponents say it hinders the ability to address public health threats effectively	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	July 18, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	4 minutes, 3 seconds.
City expands safer bar training. Madison's Safer Bar Program aims to train staff at alcohol-serving establishments in the downtown area on how to spot, prevent, and de-escalate sexual harassment and violence. The program is now free for downtown bars and restaurants, as part of a local public health effort to enhance safety and reduce violent crime in the city's nightlife district.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	July 27, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	3 minutes, 59 seconds.
Nearly sixty percent of teen girls experience depression or anxiety. Recent research from the Wisconsin Office of Children's Health reports a significant increase in depression and anxiety among teen girls in the state over the past decade. Approximately 60% of teen girls experience depression or anxiety, with 25% considering suicide, 20% making plans, and 11% attempting suicide. Experts suggest that addressing these complex drivers, fostering open conversations, and promoting responsible social media use can help support the mental health of adolescent girls.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	August 15, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	5 minutes, 54 seconds.
Cooling centers provide shelter during Madison-area heatwave. Southern Wisconsin is under an excessive heat warning with temperatures reaching up to 96 degrees Fahrenheit and a heat index as high as 115 degrees. Public Health Madison & Dane County is directing people to cooling centers, which are primarily libraries, churches, community centers, and homeless shelters.	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	August 24, 2023 @ 6:15pm.	4 minutes, 11 seconds.
Arrest made days after Wilson Street assault. Madison police have arrested a suspect in the brutal assault of a UW-Madison student in downtown Madison. Local law enforcement and Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway are also	News report on the <b>6pm Local News</b> , weekday hour-long local news program.	September 6, 2023 @ 6:10pm.	2 minutes, 41 seconds.

reminding folks of resources in assault prevention and in support for survivors.			
What is wellness, anyway? Globally, wellness is a trillion dollar industry. Our guest today is the author of "The Gospel of Wellness." She joins us to discuss the pitfalls of the wellness industry, the power of marketing, and the future of the self-care.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	September 11, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	53 minutes, 34 seconds.
New treatment options for Alzheimer's. Dr. Art Walaszek is the co-leader of outreach and engagement at the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Disease Research Center. He joins us to highlight its underlying causes, and the latest advancements in treatment options, as well as an upcoming conference.	Interview on the <b>Eight O'Clock Buzz</b> , weekday morning talk show.	September 15, 2023 @ 8am.	14 minutes,45 seconds.
Back to normal? A COVID update. Wisconsin State Health Officer Paula Tran discusses the evolving response to COVID-19, emphasizing the importance of tools like testing, vaccines, and therapeutics in managing the pandemic.	Interview on A Public Affair, weekday listener call-in talk show.	September 26, 2023 @ 12:06pm.	52 minutes, 51 seconds.
Domestic abuse awareness month. Three members of Domestic Abuse Intervention Services, or DAIS, join us to talk about the ongoing crisis of domestic abuse in Dane County, and the services available to the community including legal advocacy, case management and sheltering, programming for youths, support groups and a 24-hour help line.	Interview on the <b>Eight O'Clock Buzz</b> , weekday morning talk show.	September 28, 2023 @ 8am.	12 minutes, 22 seconds.