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# Can Evers, legislators make deals?

**SCOTT BAUER AND HARM VENHUIZEN**  
Associated Press

MADISON — Can newly re-elected Democratic Gov. Tony Evers and the even-more Republican Wisconsin Legislature work better over the next two years than they did the previous four?

That's the \$5 billion question. That's where the state's projected budget surplus stands, a massive number that will hang over Evers and lawmakers as they look ahead to what they want to do



Stein



Vos



LeMahieu

with that money. “Having this good situation could be, and should be, an opportunity to bring everyone together,” said Jason Stein, research

director of the Wisconsin Policy Forum. “But it certainly could also be an opportunity to fight and disagree over how to use the money.” Both sides have staked out priorities, not all of which conflict, but neither faction has shown much of an ability to work together, with Evers vetoing more than 120 bills over the past four years and rarely

talking with Republican leaders. Also on the horizon: Fights over the state's 173-year-old near-total abortion ban, election law changes, marijuana legalization, parole policies and what to do about PFAS pollution. Republican Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, in an interview last week on WISN-AM, suggested he would compromise with Evers if it means enacting conservative priorities, such as tax cuts. Vos also appeared to oppose seeking new restrictions on voting. Evers has

vetoed several voting law changes this year.

“The number one thing for us to remember is that when Tony Evers won reelection, that means that our chances to change current law pretty much stopped on elections,” Vos said.

Vos and Senate Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu were both re-elected as leaders of their respective caucuses. They will preside over larger Republican majorities

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PETER THOMSON, LA CROSSE TRIBUNE

## GETTING READY FOR THE LIGHTS TO COME ON

Khadijah Islam, right, with Coulee Connections, volunteers setting up for Rotary Lights with her students Tuesday at Riverside Park. Rotary Lights opens for its 28th year on Nov. 25.

## Canvass leaves Siegel ahead for sheriff

**STEVE RUNDIO**  
La Crosse Tribune

Democrat John Siegel has kept his lead for in the race for La Crosse County Sheriff.

Monday's vote canvass by the La Crosse County Clerk leaves Siegel with a 27,373-27,198 lead with 70 write-ins. The numbers are virtually unchanged from the election-night count. Both candidates picked up one vote.

Siegel is ahead by .32 percentage points. State law allows Leinfelder to ask for a recount, but he needed to the margin to fall below .25 for the recount to be conducted at county expense. Candidates can ask for a recount if the margin is between .25 and 1% if they're willing to pay the cost.



Siegel



Leinfelder

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# The difficulty of polling

Charles Franklin's survey succeeds — mostly — despite ongoing challenges

**ALEXANDER SHUR**  
Wisconsin State Journal

When renowned pollster Charles Franklin helped design his first national telephone survey in 1988 to gauge voters' favorite U.S. Senate candidates, 75% of people picked up the phone.

Now, it's a good day when 2% of people eventually respond to calls from the New Jersey firm that Franklin, who directs the Marquette Law School Poll, contracts to interview voters.

That adds costs and time to conducting every poll, which helps Wisconsin voters, policy experts, lawmakers, campaigns and reporters grasp the politics of the day.

The only relief, Franklin said, is that Democrats and Republicans seem to equally detest being

cold-called by numbers with no caller ID. So even if it takes more than 150,000 calls to 50,000 Wisconsinites to get 800 to chat about their political views, he can be confident those respondents accurately represent the swing state's voters.

But his poll faces continuing threats.

“At some point, if nobody will talk to you, you can't complete the survey, right?” he said. “That's the fear.”

Some pollsters are trying to send emails to solicit responses. Others send out text messages or direct mail, sometimes even paying the recipients to respond.

Franklin has yet to determine the best medium to reach voters, especially young ones, as they continue rejecting more and more calls.

“It is too important to understand what people think, that a solution to the problem of how to do surveys ... that problem will be solved,” he said. “Exactly how it's solved is still very much up in the air.”

Issues persist after a poll is



AMBER ARNOLD, WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL

Charles Franklin, director of the Marquette Law School Poll, is pictured at his home office in Madison.

conducted. Sitting in his office surrounded by several computer screens, lighting accessories for his media appearances, a stack of books about polling and a framed scatterplot, Franklin recently described a couple of common errors voters make when reviewing poll results.

One mistake is to assume, for example, that a mid-August Marquette poll between two candidates predicts the result of their November election. Instead, such a poll is a snapshot in time — a picture of how

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## Common scam costs person \$700

**JACOB SHAFER**  
Winona Daily News

At 1:54 p.m. Saturday, the Winona Police Department received a call from the 1400 block of McNally Drive. The caller reported a fraud complaint, saying they were scammed out of \$700.

Police said the reporting party received a phone call from someone claiming to be an Amazon representative calling about a fraudulent charge on their account for a steel rack stand that was valued at \$1,300.

The reporting party gave the representative information that included their date of birth, social security number, and full name, police said. The reporting party then went to Target, at the request of the Amazon representative, and purchased Target

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