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Two new friends meet.

Pet Therapy Gets a Wag from Grant

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- **Expansion Could Have Major Impact**  The Multi- Million investment at the U of will add thousands of new jobs. More jobs mean more people moving into the Rochester area to fill those positions. People who will need goods, services and places to live.
- **Spitzer Proposes Health Plan** New York Governor Eliot Spitzer was back in Albany Thursday.
- **Tempers Flare Over Public Defender**  Tempers flared at a special meeting of the Monroe County Legislature's Public Safety Committee Thursday night.
- **Suspect Robbed ESL, Stole Car** A bank robbery suspect also wanted for a carjacking remains on the loose.
- **Catholic Schools Brace for Closings**  More Catholic schools in the Rochester area are expected to close. We find out which ones Friday.
- **Fire at UR High Rise** Fire at a University of Rochester residence tower Thursday was quickly extinguished.
- **Honeoye Woman's Killer Convicted** The DNA that linked a man to an Ontario County woman's rape and murder 17 years ago helped a Vermont jury convict him of the crimes Thursday.
- **Changes Expected for Postal Service** The United States Postal Service is looking to make local post offices more customer friendly.
- **URMC Plans for Thousands of Jobs** The University of Rochester is already our largest employer and now it's about to get even bigger. The medical center says it plans to invest \$500 million over the next decade creating thousands of jobs.
- **Power Strip Started Fatal Fire** Fire investigators say an electrical problem from a power strip caused a fatal house fire in Ridgeway, Orleans County.
- **Monroe Ambulance Sues City Council**



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More children and adults with disabilities in the Rochester area will be able to benefit from pet-assisted therapy.

A \$60,000 grant from The Golisano Foundation has allowed Lollypop Farm to expand its program to agencies like CP Rochester.

Lollypop can now hire a volunteer coordinator to help train handlers and pets.

"Well, I think it says it all by seeing the faces of the children, but also the volunteers and the pets themselves," said Ann Costello of The Golisano Foundation. "This is a wonderful hour of activity, recreation and therapy."

The expanded program means one-on-one therapy for children and adults. Something as simple as attaching a dog's collar can be used to teach coordination and flexibility.

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Monroe Ambulance filed a lawsuit Thursday against Rochester City Council over its awarding of the city's latest ambulance contract.

- **Two Men Arrested in GA Killings** 

Georgia police arrested two men accused of killing two DeKalb County police officers, including one who was a native of Rochester.

- **Services Set for Franklin Teen**

Services will be held Friday and Saturday for a Rochester teen who drowned in an indoor pool.

- **FDA Warns about OTC Meds for Kids**

The Food and Drug Administration issued a public health advisory telling parents to avoid over the counter cold and flu medications for children under 2-years-old.

- **Judge Approves Latest Voting Plan**

A federal judge has approved the latest plan for bringing New York state into compliance with federal voting laws.

- **Morgan Stanley Being Sued**

Some investors are suing Morgan Stanley.

- **Four Die In Orleans County Fire** 

Orleans County fire investigators say an electrical problem with a power strip sparked house fire that killed four people in the town of Ridgeway.

- **U of R Gets More State Money** 

One of the biggest items on the agenda for Rochester in Governor Eliot Spitzer's upstate address is \$50 million in funding for the University of Rochester's Clinical and Transitional Sciences Institute.

- **Fairport's Paddock Set to Retire** 

Dave Paddock lives and breathes Fairport red. For the last 13 years, he's served as principal at his alma mater. This summer Paddock's run comes to an end when he retires in July.

- **Man Sentenced for Conspiracy Charge**

A Rochester man convicted of conspiracy drug charges learned his sentence Wednesday.

- **Students Help Local Afghan Family** 

Some local students are coming to the aid of an Afghan family torn apart by the Taliban and war.

- **FD Investigation Leads to Changes** 

The Rochester Fire Department's investigation into a January 2007 fire lead to some major changes with the department's safety equipment and procedures.

- **Local Troops Get Send-Off** 

More than 100 New York Army National Guard members are headed out on a year-long deployment.

- **Local Man Fatally Shot in Georgia** 

Georgia police are holding a suspect in custody in connection with the deadly shooting of two police officers. A family in Rochester is keeping a close eye on the intense manhunt in Georgia.

- **UR President's Cancer in Remission**

University of Rochester President Joel Seligman says that he's finished his final radiation treatment for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma last month.

- **State Lax on Sex Offender Registry**

An audit finds that the state isn't keeping track of registered sex offenders as well as it should be.

- **Companies Clean Up Waste Sites**