5-7 inches of snow tonight in Q-C Winter storm warning:

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ulia Rhodes works to om the windshield n Madison, Wis., on I reezing rain that have uad-Cities earlier m

expect the snow to start early or mid-evening today and continue throughout the night, at times mixing with sleet.

At times, I to 2 inches of snow per hour could fall, according to the NWS. Blowing snow also is expected, with sustained winds of 10 to 20 mph and gusts up to 30 mph possibly limiting visibility to as low as a quarter of a mile.

Today's high could reach 32 degrees before the snow starts. After the snow arrives, highs for Sunday are forecast around 28, followed by a high of only 6 on Monday. Monday's nighttime low is forecast for minus 8 degrees.

is like totally annoying Poll: Adults say 'whatever'

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. — When it comes to phrases that annoy, it looks like it's 'whatever' forever. Pollsters at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., found that Americans considered "whatever" to be the most annoying word or phrase in conversation for a fifth straight year.

Thirty-eight percent of adults polled said "whatever" was most annoying in conversation, followed by "like" at 22 percent and "you know" at 18 percent. Bringing up the rear were "just sayin" and 'obviously in the property of the propert

The telephone poll of 1,173 adults living in the continental United States was conducted Dec. 3-5.

— Associated Press

Santa in NH scares instead Trying to spread cheer,

HOLLIS, N.H. — Police in southern New Hampshie say a man dressed as Santa Claus was only trying to spread some cheer but ended up panicking officials when he knocked on school windows and entered the building.

The Nashua Telegraph reports that administrators at Hollis Primary School called police about 10 a.m. Thursday after they saw the man running around the school, tapping on windows and waving.

He was buzzed into the building but fled when he saw a look of alarm on a staffer's face.

The man has contacted police to say he was only trying to spread "holiday cheer" and didn't mean to cause panic. Police aren't identifying him because he wasn't charged.

more time away from hospital Judge grants Reagan shooter



WASHINGTON

— The man who attempted to assassinate President Ronald Rea-

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'Courthouse violates

Chief judge lashes out at county board's vote against referendum

BY STEPHEN ELLIOTT selliott@gconline.com

teenth Judicial Circuit Court Chief Judge Jeffrey O'Connor criticized the Rook Island County Board on Friday for refusing to put a referendum on the ballot next March asking voters to build a new courthouse. ROCK ISLAND — Four

"In fact, the board has articulated no meaningful plan,
yet the courthouse remains
obsolete and in violation of
the law," Judge O'Connor said
in a statement.

Referring to concerns
expressed by some board
members that the courthouse
vote would reduce chances of

Consultants were hired and a plan was formed to ask voters in March for up to \$72 million to build a new courthouse and renovate the existing county office building in downtown Rock Island. In his statement, Judge O'Comnor said, "the county board has chosen to seek a taxpayer levy to save an op-

voters approving a tax hike to support Hope Creek Care Center, the judge said, "Nuzse ing homes are not a duty of a county board, but an optional project which would be fine if it would run in the black on its own merits." On Tuesday, the board voted

On Tuesday, the board voted 8-16 against holding the court-house referendum.

Full text of Judge

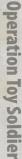
"There ultimately will be political accountability, and the 14th Judicial Circuit continues to weigh alternatives

tion project (Hope Creek Care Center) at the complete rejec-tion of a statutorily mandated courthouse....

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in the spirit of comity."
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disappointed and the circuit
judges have threatened litigation, the political implications
of a courthouse referendum

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U.S. Army. 1st.Sgt. Previn Parker, Jeft; Jenny Kerr, Family Advocacy Program manager and Army Commutity Service liaison; Marine 1st Sgt. Lustin Stokes; Reid Trimble, of Trimble Funeral and Cremation Centers; and Army 1st Sgt. Michael Bernard work on Friday to pack more than 100 toys gathered for Opperation Toy Soldier at Trimble Funeral and Cremation Centers in Moline, Operation Toy Soldier was sponsored by Veterans Funeral Care to collect toys for families of local active duty soldiers, sailors and Marines in need.

'Autistic angels' get boost from Good Fellow/Santa

BY LEON LAGERSTAM lagerstam@qconline.com

ALEDO — Contributors to The Dispatch Good Fellow and The Rock Island Argus Santa Fund put some warm smiles and warm clothes on an Aledo family's "autistic

Jamicynn Allen, 9, was the roungest person nominated and selected for holiday help

"I just felt she and her family could use the assistance this time of year," said nominator Rebecca Enberg, a service facilitator of the ARC

for a time. Money's tight for them, and the holidays were

On top of that, Jamicynn's om, Laura Allen, has a back

of the Quad Cities: "She's a child with autism, and her brother has autism, too. Their dad's had a

crazy for us," Mrs. Allen said.
"It looked like we'd have nothing. But now I'll be able to get the kids a lithe bit of cardy, some new clothes and a present or two. I'm excited.
"We appreciated that we were nominated and thank everyone who donated."
With less than a week left before Christmas, donations to The Dispatch Good Fellow and The Rock Island Argus Santa Fund have reached \$30,113, but the campaign needs so 887 more to aword this.

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