

# Minnesota Matters Guests & Topics -- 1st Quarter 2024

January 5th, 2024

Update on the week's political goings-on, which ranges from the "state flag" to the "red flag" (Bill Werner)

January Radon Month, M-D-H Indoor Air Program Supervisor Dan Tranter (Brent Palm)

Rep. Maria Isa Perez-Vega, Anti-Declaw Law (Ashley Walker)

SELF Loans, Laura Erdman SELF Loan Student Success Manager. Minnesota Office of Higher Education (Tasha Redel)

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January 12th, 2024

"Jesse Ventura Shocks the World." Bill Werner talked with executive producer and fellow State Capitol reporter Mary LaHammer

2023 Food Shelf Use, Angelica Klebsch, Director of Community Partnerships Second Harvest Heartland (Tasha Redel)

North Stars book Mirage of Destiny, Author Kevin Allespach (Brent Palm)

Gopher hockey player Carl Fish (Mike Grimm)

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January 19th, 2024

The "Great American Think-Off, Betsy Roder, executive director of the New York Mills Regional Cultural Center (Bill Werner)

2024 Minnesota State Fair preview, CEO Renee Alexander (Brent Palm)

Commissioner Rebecca Lucero, Minnesota Department of Human Rights, Pregnancy Discrimination Case Settlement Agreement (Ashley Walker)

Big Ten VP of Women's Basketball Megan Kahn (Mike Grimm)

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January 26th, 2024

State Trooper Ryan Londregan in the shooting death of Ricky Cobb the Second, Hamline University Legal Expert David Schultz (Bill Werner Two Segments)

Flu and COVID Season Upon Us, MDH Commissioner Brooke Cunningham (Tasha Redel)

Big Ten VP of Men's Basketball David Taylor (Mike Grimm)

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February 2nd, 2024

U of M Search Continues for new President, Regent Mary Davenport (Bill Werner)

Dry Mild Winter Increases Wildfire Danger, National Weather Service Meteorologist Tyler Hassenstein (Jake Griffith)

State courthouse Valentine's Day weddings, Kim Pleticha, Judicial Branch Public Affairs (Brent Palm)

Gopher women's gymnastics coach Jenny Hansen part 1 (Mike Grimm)

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February 9th, 2024

Legacy of Lutsen Resort, Scott Benson and Bill Werner (Two Segments)

Lost Winter of 2023-2024, Assistant State Climatologist Pete Boulay (Brent Palm)

Gopher women's gymnastics coach Jenny Hansen part two (Mike Grimm)

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February 16th, 2024

Lawmakers returned to the State Capitol this week, and MNN's Bill Werner reports that the opening of the 2024 legislative session brought dessert first, followed by a plate of hot-button issues that could run through May adjournment into the November election.

Measles cases in Minnesota, MDH Epidemiologist Emily Banerjee (Brent Palm)

Elizabeth Wrigley-Field, University of Minnesota, COVID Deaths Undercounted During Core Pandemic Years (Ashley Walker)

Gopher baseball coach John Anderson (Mike Grimm)

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February 23rd, 2024

Burnsville Officer Shootings, Governor Walz, Police Chief Tanya Schwartz, BCA Superintendent Drew Evans (Tasha Redel)

In the aftermath of last weekend's tragedy in Burnsville, state lawmakers are trying to address another issue affecting police officers: School Resource Officers (Bill Werner)

Burnsville firefighter tribute, MN Fire Chiefs Association President Eric Bullen of Albertville (Brent Palm)

Youth Sports in Minnesota, Lindsey Hartfield Coon Rapids Basketball Club, Representative Zach Stephenson (Blois Olson)

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March 1st, 2024

Minnesotans and the nation remembered and honored Burnsville Officers Paul Elmstrand and Matthew Ruge and Firefighter/Paramedic Adam Finseth, who gave their lives when a domestic call turned into a standoff -- and then into tragedy (Bill Werner)

988 Crisis Line Implementation, Carolina De Los Rios, United Way (Tasha Redel)

Record meteorological winter in MN, Pete Boulay, State Climatology Office (Brent Palm)

Long-Term Health Care Needs, Deputy Majority Leader Nick Franzen (Blois Olson)

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March 8th, 2024

"Super Tuesday" presidential primary" (Bill Werner)

Minnesota flu season update, MDH Epidemiologist Melissa McMahon (Brent Palm)

DEED encourages Businesses to hire Minnesotans with disabilities, Belos Cipriani, Oleb Media (Tasha Redel)

Sports Betting Bill Movement, Minnesota Retailers Association President Bruce Nustad (Blois Olson)

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March 15th, 2024

School Resource Officer Bill Signed by Governor Walz (Bill Werner)

Minnesota Goat Tests Positive for Bird Flu, Dr. Brian Hoefs Board of Animal Health (Tasha Redel)

Brad Hokanson, University of Minnesota, Creativity vs. Intelligence (Ashley Walker)

Sports Betting Bill Clears Another Hurdle, Senator Matt Kline Chief Author (Blois Olson)

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March 22nd, 2024

Legislative Weekly Re-Cap, Budget Surplus, Wizard of Oz (Bill Werner)

Minnesota E-15 sales record in 2023, Brian Werner of Mn-Biofuels Association (Brent Palm)

Tackling Credit Card Debt, Shannon Doyle LSS Financial (Tasha Redel)

Sports Betting Bill is Still Alive, Representative Pat Garofalo (Blois Olson)

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March 29th, 2024

Governor Walz State of the State Recap (Bill Werner)

Minnesota Releases 2023 Graduation Rates, Representative Peggy Bennett (Tasha Redel)

51st annual Twin Cities Auto Show, Minnesota Auto Dealers Association president Scott Lambert (Brent Palm)

Delta weighs in on a DOT decision that could impact their Mexican partnership (Blois Olson)

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