

262	Sports	Spot News	The Fighting Illini football team fell to the Purdue Boilermakers Saturday night 44-to-19. Illinois committed 6 more penalties than Purdue and were outscored in the third quarter by 21 points.	10/1/2023	:60
263	Community	Spot News	Around 200 people attended the first Black Mental Health and Wellness Conference in Champaign on Saturday. The Champaign County Community Coalition hosted the event at Parkland College. Eight workshops throughout the day focused on the challenges of mental health in the Black community.	10/2/2023	:60
264	Community	Spot News	On Saturday, large crowds gathered in downtown Urbana for the annual Pride Fest Fair and Parade. Erin Cleveland is a therapist at Blueprint Motto, a local therapy service. Her booth was one of over 140 booths at Pride Fest.	10/2/2023	:60
265	Community	Feature	Hundreds gathered this past weekend for the annual Champaign-Urbana Pride Fest. But as of now, there are no permanent physical spaces where members of the LGBTQ community can gather.	10/2/2023	4:00
266	Transportation	Spot News	In Effingham County, traffic is moving again on U-S Route 40 at Teutopolis, after a multi-vehicle crash that killed five people and forced the evacuation of some 500 people, due to an ammonia leak from a tanker truck.	10/2/2023	:60
267	Community	Interview	According to research from Oberlin College, the United States has lost around half of its LGBTQ bars over the past 20 years. This week, we are looking at what the loss of these physical spaces means for the queer community, and what people in Champaign-Urbana are doing about it.	10/3/2023	4:00
268	Medicine & Health	Spot News	Disposing of your prescription drugs the wrong way can pose a danger to the environment and the community. It's why Republican State Representative Mike Marron and police departments in Danville and Rantoul are hosting Drug Drop offs on Wednesday.	10/3/2023	:60

269	Community	Interview	Alyssa Billington is a human and family development researcher at the University of Illinois. They interviewed community stakeholders, including business owners, and LGBTQ community members...the lack of establishments forces members of the queer community really examine which places are safe spaces.	10/3/2023	4:00
270	Medicine & Health	Spot News	A University of Illinois study shows that women are forced to use extreme measures to convince medical professionals of their health concerns. Charee Thompson is a professor of communications and lead author of the study. She says the 36 women they spoke to sought credibility by behaving like they are on trial.	10/3/2023	:60
271	Immigration & Refugees	Spot News	Champaign County has been awarded a state grant of nearly a quarter of million dollars to support asylum seekers that have been arriving over the past year.	10/4/2023	:60
272	Politics & Government	Spot News	The US House of Representatives has made history by voting to remove the Speaker of the House. IPM Washington DC Correspondent Linda Kenyon takes a look at how Illinois Republicans weighed in.	10/4/2023	:60
273	Education	Spot News	Urbana will soon have one of the few sixth grade-only schools in the state. The District 116 school board voted 4-to-3 last night to open the center in the former Wiley Elementary.	10/4/2023	:60
274	Arts & Entertainment	Feature	...the final weekend of a new take on a Shakespeare classic, the final street festival of the season in Champaign, and a grammy nominated performer coming to a local candle shop. WILL Call is coming up...	10/4/2023	4:00
275	Politics & Government	Spot News	Family, friends and senators attended a tree dedication ceremony yesterday for the late State Senator Scott Bennett. Governor JB Pritzker spoke at the event at the Danville Area Community College. He said it was an honor to remember his friend.	10/5/2023	:60

276	University of Illinois	Feature	There's something missing from the University of Illinois campus this fall — the sound of the Altgeld Chimes. Altgeld Hall is undergoing a multi-year restoration, forcing its chimes to go temporarily silent. But there'll soon be another way to hear them.	10/5/2023	4:00
277	Community	Spot News	The next step of a \$35-million-dollar construction project in Garden Hills — was approved this week at the Champaign City council meeting.	10/5/2023	:60
278	Sports	Spot News	There was a small fire at Memorial Stadium this week. But U of I officials say it won't prevent tomorrow night's football game between the Fighting Illini and the Nebraska Cornhuskers.	10/5/2023	:60
279	Crime & Law Enforcement	Feature	Illinois law requires police to file reports after responding to calls for alleged abuse and neglect. That includes domestic violence. Training offered by the Champaign Police Department aims to keep officers in line with the law. But some say the training's not effective — causing lasting harm to survivors of domestic violence.	10/5/2023	4:00
280	Education	Spot News	A Knox College professor is continuing to develop prison education courses at the nearby Henry Hill Correctional Center in Galesburg. Leanne Trapedo Sims is the co-chair of the college's Peace and Justice Studies program. She believes incarcerated individuals deserve an opportunity to access higher learning.	10/5/2023	:60
281	Sports	Spot News	Football fans from across America are paying homage to Dick Butkus. The Illinois and NFL football star died yesterday at the age of 80. As IPM's Reginald Hardwick reports, even fans of his opposing teams are paying their respects.	10/6/2020	:60
282	Medicine & Health	Spot News	Republican State Representative Mike Marron says this week's drug drop off events in Danville and Rantoul were a success. And in all, residents were able to dispose of about 6 large bags of prescription drugs.	10/6/2023	:60

283	Business, Economics & Finance	Spot News	The United Auto Workers didn't expand their strike Friday, citing progress in talks with automakers. Meanwhile, U.S. Senator Dick Durbin joined a picket line in Chicago, standing with U-A-W workers at the south side Ford assembly plant, where thousands walked off the job last week.	10/6/2023	:60
284	Arts & Entertainment	Interview	The 15th edition of the C-U Folk and Roots Festival will begin at venues around Champaign-Urbana on October 12th, running through the 14th. IPM reporter Owen Henderson spoke with Scott Dosset from the festival's steering committee about what to expect from next week's line-up.	10/6/2023	4:00
285	Sports	Spot News	Terrence Shannon, Jr. of the Fighting Illini basketball's team has been selected unanimously to the Preseason All-Big Ten Team.	10/7/2023	:60
286	Science & Technology	Spot News	Business and government leaders hope to win a Commerce Department grant to establish the Champaign-Decatur area as a bio-manufacturing hub. The University of Illinois' Integrated Bioprocessing Research Lab is spearheading the effort.	10/9/2023	:60
287	Sports	Spot News	Fighting Illini Hall of fame linebacker Dick Butkus was remembered and honored after his passing earlier this week at Friday's Illinois football game against Nebraska. The 50-yard line at Memorial Stadium was outlined with the color orange to commemorate the number Butkus wore here at Illinois.	10/9/2023	:60
288	Sports	Spot News	The Fighting Illini football team lost to the Nebraska Cornhuskers Friday night 20-to-7.	10/9/2023	:60
289	Housing	Spot News	Ameren will host more open houses this month for its Central Illinois grid project. The energy company released a new route proposal Monday for the \$1.6 billion project. It would upgrade and sometimes reroute electrical transmission lines in 13 counties.	10/10/2023	:60

290	Military, War & Veterans	Spot News	More than a hundred people gathered Monday at the University of Illinois' Main Quad. The rally aimed to show support for Israel — following the attacks by the militant group Hamas on Saturday.	10/10/2023	:60
291	Housing	Feature	Homelessness is on the rise in many U.S. communities - including Champaign-Urbana. And that's prompted leaders to seek out creative solutions. One approach involves the construction of small, but permanent homes for people who are medically fragile and experiencing chronic homelessness. That's the idea behind Hope Village.	10/10/2023	4:00
292	Education	Spot News	The Urbana school board plans to hire an outside company tonight to redistrict its schools. They hope it will help them pick a location to combine its Spanish dual-language programs into one school.	10/10/2023	:60
293	Arts & Entertainment	Spot News	The scene-stealing principal from the TV show Abbott Elementary is visiting Decatur on Saturday. Actor Janelle James started her standup career during an open mic night in Champaign over a decade ago. She told the 21st show that she didn't bomb her first set.	10/11/2023	:60
294	Education	Spot News	The Vermilion County Museum hosted a workshop last night on how to teach about the Holocaust and other genocides. Brian Kahn is with the Champaign-Urbana Jewish Federation. He says educators sometimes make mistakes that lessen the seriousness of what they're teaching, like having students pretend to be in concentration camps.	10/12/2023	:60
295	Politics & Government	Spot News	Recently retired judge Joe McGraw of Rockford is seeking the Republican nomination in Illinois' 17th Congressional District. McGraw says he believes he can flip a seat that's been held by Democrats for more than a decade.	10/12/2023	:60
296	Agriculture	Spot News	Agriculture and emergency management officials say this year's harvest season is bringing a bigger threat of fire. The director of the USDA Climate Hub, Dennis Todey says ongoing drought is fueling these concerns.	10/12/2023	:60

297	Sports	Spot News	The Fighting Illini football team travels to College Park to play the Maryland Terrapins tomorrow. Illinois is searching for the first win of the season against a Big Ten Conference opponent to elevate them out of last place in the Big Ten West division.	10/13/2023	:60
298	Military, War & Veterans	Spot News	A rally was held at the University of Illinois last night — to show support for Palestine amid the ongoing conflict with Israel. The university's chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine hosted the event.	10/13/2023	:60
299	Housing	Spot News	More than 250 students were placed in temporary housing at the University of Illinois this semester. That includes spaces like study lounges converted into dorms. Director of University Housing Mari Anne Brocker Curry says the housing shortage is due in part to the Urbana campus welcoming its largest freshman class in history this fall.	10/13/2023	:60
300	Politics & Government	Spot News	The Piatt County Board is holding a special meeting tonight on a new wind farm proposal. The board rejected an application earlier this year from Apex Clean Energy for a wind farm in northern Piatt County. The company applied again --- this time, under a new state law that mandates approval if it meets state standards.	10/13/2023	:60
301	Sports	Spot News	The Fighting Illini football team won its first Big Ten Conference game of the season Saturday against the Maryland Terrapins 27-to-24.	10/15/2023	:60
302	Military, War & Veterans	Feature	Events in the Middle East are echoing around the world, including here at the University of Illinois. U of I senior Jonah Singman arrived in Israel on September 3rd. He had planned to spend the fall semester studying Middle Eastern politics at Hebrew University through the Rothberg International School program. Instead, he's heading home.	10/15/2023	4:00
303	Crime & Law Enforcement	Spot News	President Joe Biden is condemning the deadly stabbing of a 6-year-old Palestinian boy in Will County. According to the Sheriff's Office, Joseph M. Czuba stabbed Wadea Al-Fayoume 26 times with a military style knife.	10/16/2023	:60

304	Housing	Spot News	The University of Illinois plans to add air conditioning to all of its Champaign-Urbana residence halls by the end of the school year. Chancellor Robert Jones told the campus senate today that this summer's extreme heat prompted the change.	10/16/2023	:60
305	Politics & Government	Spot News	The Piatt County Board approved a wind farm for the county on Friday, with several members saying a new Illinois law gave them no real choice in the matter. That law sets statewide guidelines for wind and solar farms. County Board member Michael Beem said as long as the project meets those guidelines, Piatt County cannot refuse it.	10/16/2023	:60
306	Military, War & Veterans	Interview	Several Jewish organizations came together last night to set aside politics and pray. Pray for the state of Israel, its military, and for the safety of hostages taken after the Hamas attack.	10/17/2023	:60
307	University of Illinois	Spot News	The University of Illinois homecoming game is this weekend. Like the last decade and a half, there won't be an official mascot there. But there will be an unofficial kingfisher. Student Evan Lemberger helped build the costume this summer.	10/17/2023	:60
308	Housing	Spot News	Hundreds of students were lined up on Green Street in Champaign's Campustown by 9 a.m. this morning. That's when the rental company JSM Leasing opened their doors to sign leases for apartments near the University of Illinois campus.	10/17/2023	:60
309	Education	Spot News	Illinois now requires every public elementary and high school to teach about Black, Asian American and LGBTQ history. The University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign leads the main training for teachers on that requirement.	10/18/2023	:60
310	Sports	Spot News	The Fighting Illini football team hosts the Wisconsin Badgers for their Homecoming game this Saturday. Illinois will try to get back to an even record of 4-and-4 and win their second straight game after defeating Maryland last week.	10/18/2023	:60

311	Medicine & Health	Spot News	Carle Health is one of many health care providers offering the latest COVID vaccine from Pfizer. Doctor Robert Healey is the Associate Chief Medical Officer for quality, patient safety and experience. He says COVID is still a cause for concern.	10/18/2023	:60
312	Medicine & Health	Spot News	A proposal in the Illinois House would increase funding for research and education on pulmonary embolisms from blood clots. They're caused when blood clots travel from the arms or legs to the lungs where they block off blood flow. The legislation would use state funds for education campaigns on spotting the signs of a blood clot.	10/19/2023	:60
313	Arts & Entertainment	Interview	Carmen Christopher is known for his roles in TV shows like "The Bear" and "I Think You Should Leave," but he got his start in improv and stand-up comedy. IPM reporter Owen Henderson spoke with Christopher about his work as the comedian tours around the U.S.	10/19/2023	4:00
314	Crime & Law Enforcement	Spot News	The F.B.I. is investigating whether the murder of a 6-year-old Palestinian-American boy in suburban Plainfield is a hate crime. Will County prosecutors have already filed state hate crime charges against 71-year old Joseph Czuba.	10/19/2023	:60
315	Politics & Government	Spot News	The quest to elect a new Speaker of the House has hit another setback. IPM Washington, DC Correspondent Linda Kenyon has the story.	10/19/2023	:60
316	Religion	Spot News	Governor JB Pritzker joined faculty at the University of Illinois in dedicating the Chabad Campus for Jewish Life and Living. Rabbi Dovid Tiechtel is the founder of U of I's Chabad. He said even in their celebration, they are praying for their brothers and sisters in Israel, which was hit by terror attacks on October 7th.	10/20/2023	:60
317	Agriculture	Spot News	Farm equipment maker AGCO is working with Parkland College to launch a two-year degree training program for its service technicians. Groundbreaking ceremonies for a new building to house the program were held Thursday at the community college campus in Champaign.	10/20/2023	:60

318	Transportation	Spot News	New road safety bills are being proposed nearly a month after a deadly wreck in Effingham County. A bill filed by State Senator Chapin Rose and State Representative Adam Niemerg would require GPS service providers to have 24-hour staff. So when an emergency happens, GPS can guide drivers to less congested roads.	10/20/2023	:60
319	University of Illinois	Spot News	Future broadcast journalists have a new place to learn how to produce stories and newscasts on the University of Illinois campus...the ribbon cutting of the Frank Center for Leadership and Innovation in Media.	10/23/2023	:60
320	Arts & Entertainment	Spot News	The ninth C-U Jazz Festival takes place this weekend with a variety of performances around Champaign-Urbana. Festival Artistic Director Jenelle Orcherton says even if people think they aren't fans of the genre, they might like it more than they realize.	10/23/2023	:60
321	Sports	Spot News	The Fighting Illini football team lost to the Wisconsin Badgers Saturday, 25-to-21. The Illini defense held the Badgers to 7 points in the first three quarters before giving up 18 unanswered in the fourth quarter.	10/23/2023	:60
322	Race, Identity & Culture	Spot News	More than half of non-Spanish-speaking Latinos in the U.S. say they've been shamed by other Latinos for not speaking the language. That's according to a recent Pew Research survey of thousands of U.S. adults.	10/23/2023	:60
323	Military, War & Veterans	Spot News	As a few Israeli hostages were released this week, the Palestinian Health Ministry says the death toll has surpassed 5000 in Gaza, including 1600 children. And tensions are rising thousands of miles away right here in Illinois.	10/24/2023	:60
324	Military, War & Veterans	Spot News	Rantoul celebrated the complete transfer of the former Chanute Air Force base to civilian hands with a ceremony Wednesday. From 1917 to its closure 30 years ago, the base hosted training programs for more than one million airmen --- including early members of the Tuskegee Airmen, the nation's first Black military pilots.	10/25/2023	:60

325	Education	Spot News	Community members rarely rally to defend school superintendents. But a group of Black women is doing just that.	10/25/2023	:60
326	Arts & Entertainment	Spot News	A play about a group of eighth-grade girls preparing for the end of the world opens tomorrow night at the Station Theatre in Urbana. 17-year-old cast member Eve Foley says “Without Rule of Law” shows that young people are far more aware of societal and political issues than many adults realize.	10/25/2023	:60
327	Politics & Government	Spot News	Illinois lawmakers won’t be overriding Governor JB Pritzker’s veto of an energy bill. The bill would have allowed downstate utilities, such as Ameren, to have first dibs over the construction of new power transmission lines. The governor vetoed it, saying it would eliminate competition and lead to higher electricity rates.	10/26/2023	:60
328	Immigration & Refugees	Spot News	Around 80 people gathered last night at the University YMCA to celebrate the national “I Stand With Immigrants” Day of Action. The event was hosted by the Illinois Coalition Assisting Undocumented Students’ Education.	10/26/2023	:60
329	Science & Technology	Spot News	A consortium of businesses, local governments and colleges has until the end of February to turn in an application that could bring tens of millions of federal dollars to central Illinois. The US Commerce Department funding would be used to build up Champaign, Piatt and Macon County as a bio-technology hub.	10/27/2023	:60
330	Science & Technology	Spot News	An effort to create a bio-technology hub in central Illinois reached a milestone this week. The Illinois Fermentation and Agriculture Biomanufacturing Hub, or I-FAB, was designated by the US Commerce Department as one of 31 regional Tech Hubs --- which are now eligible to apply for federal funding.	10/27/2023	:60

331	Sports	Spot News	The Fighting Illini men's basketball team will host their second and final exhibition game against the Kansas Jayhawks Sunday. All proceeds from the game will be donated to the Maui Strong Fund which will give financial help to those affected by the Maui wildfires.	10/27/2023	:60
332	Politics & Government	Spot News	Democrats in the Illinois House on Wednesday approved a measure to allow certain legislative staffers to unionize. Staff members under House Speaker Chris Welch have since last year been seeking voluntary recognition for their union to negotiate on wages, hours and other working conditions.	10/27/2023	:60
333	Military, War & Veterans	Spot News	The U-S government desegregated the military 75 years ago yesterday and veterans groups are celebrating how far the country has come. Emanuel Johnson II is with the Chicago-based nonprofit, Leave no Veteran Behind. He says there's still work to be done – because Black veterans don't always get the benefits they deserve.	10/28/2023	:60
334	Military, War & Veterans	Spot News	More than a hundred people marched from the Champaign County Courthouse to the Alma Mater statue in support of Palestine on Saturday. The University's chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine and Party for Socialism and Liberation organized the march.	10/28/2023	:60
335	Sports	Spot News	The Fighting Illini defeated the Kansas Jayhawks in the Maui Strong Fund exhibition matchup, 82-to-75. Illini Guard Terrence Shannon Jr. scored 28 points and made 5 three pointers.	10/30/2023	:60
336	Education	Spot News	Black students in Illinois grew their reading skills faster than any other demographic last year, according to the annual education report card from the Illinois State Board of Education. State superintendent Tony Sanders says that stems from better funding for schools.	10/30/2023	:60

337	Arts & Entertainment	Spot News	A new student-created documentary revisits the life and career of Illinois politician Joseph Cannon. The Danville Republican served as Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1903 to 1911, and is remembered as the most powerful House Speaker in U.S. history. Danville Area Community College adjunct professor Peter Barrett helped mentor the film's student director, Jason Cotten II.	10/31/2023	:60
338	Politics & Government	Spot News	Two Illinois lawmakers are hoping to combat digital threats as the use of Artificial Intelligence grows. North suburban legislators Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz and Mary Edly-Allen were at the White House earlier this week for President Joe Biden's signing of an Executive Order setting security guidelines for how AI is developed and used.	11/1/2023	:60
339	Education	Spot News	Faculty at Bradley University in Peoria are warning that proposed cuts may cause irreversible damage to the university's academic standing. The university aims to complete the process by the end of the year.	11/1/2023	:60
340	Politics & Government	Spot News	As a government shutdown continues to loom, one Illinois representative is expressing her concerns about the new speaker of the house.	11/1/2023	:60
341	Business, Economics & Finance	Spot News	Democratic congresswoman Nikki Budzinski is taking steps to support manufacturers in Illinois. She met with business owners in Champaign yesterday to hear their concerns.	11/1/2023	:60
342	Immigration & Refugees	Spot News	Illinois Governor JB Pritzker says the state legislature won't be sending any more money this year to Chicago to help feed, clothe and house the many migrants arriving daily.	11/1/2023	:60
343	Sports	Spot News	The Fighting Illini football team are back after their bye week and will play the Minnesota Golden Gophers on the road. With four games left in the regular season, Illinois will have to go 3-and-1 to be eligible for a bowl game.	11/2/2023	:60

344	Education	Spot News	Lawmakers will return to Springfield next week for the second half of their fall veto session. That means advocates of a private school scholarship program have one last chance to push for its extension. The Invest in Kids program, which launched in 2018, is set to expire at the end of the year.	11/2/2023	:60
345	Politics & Government	Spot News	Illinois Congressman Darin LaHood supports a House Republican proposal to provide an additional fourteen billion dollars in aid for Israel during its war with Hamas. LaHood says the proposal includes an offset, cutting the fourteen billion from IRS funding in the Inflation Reduction Act.	11/2/2023	:60
346	Arts & Entertainment	Spot News	Prohibition-Era decadence dominates the stage in Andrew Lippa's musical "The Wild Party," as attendees flirt, dance and fight in a debauchorous celebration. IPM reporter Owen Henderson spoke with Danny Yoerges and Rachel Rizzuto, the husband and wife team directing the show, about the Lyric Theatre's upcoming production.	11/2/2023	4:00
347	Crime & Law Enforcement	Spot News	Leaders of Champaign-Urbana's Jewish community called for unity today, following the vandalism of a Catholic cemetery on Wednesday. Several gravesites at St. Mary's cemetery were spray-painted with swastikas and other graffiti calling for the death of Blacks and Jews.	11/3/2023	:60
348	Science & Technology	Spot News	A central Illinois blood bank is providing a new experience to blood donors that helps them take their mind off of the donation process. They instead focus on planting a garden—with just their eyes -- through mixed reality. Impact Life is using the Microsoft HoloLens 2, to play Paragon, a game created by Abbott and Blood Centers of America.	11/3/2023	:60
349	Science & Technology	Spot News	A local research and training facility in weatherization has transitioned away from the University of Illinois and into the Champaign County regional planning commission.	11/3/2023	:60

350	Transportation	Interview	School buses are among the safest forms of transportation for children. And seat belts and other safety features can make buses even safer. But the vast majority of states currently don't have laws requiring seat belts on school buses. U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth of Illinois wants to change that.	11/3/2023	7:00
351	Education	Spot News	Two Millikin University professors are conducting a study to help Decatur Public Schools decide whether to renovate or rebuild the shuttered Dennis Lab Schools. Karen Lauritzen is a former teacher. She joined the study because she was worried about teachers resigning.	11/6/2023	:60
352	Sports	Spot News	The Fighting Illini men's basketball team starts their season today against the Eastern Illinois Panthers. Illinois won both of their exhibition games against Ottawa and the number one overall rated Kansas Jayhawks.	11/6/2023	:60
353	Sports	Spot News	The Fighting Illini football team defeated the Minnesota Gophers Saturday, 27-to-26. Backup Quarterback John Paddock came into the game late in the fourth quarter for an injured Luke Altmyer and led the Illini to victory with a 46-yard touchdown pass.	11/6/2023	:60
354	Environment	Spot News	The Champaign County Environmental Stewards hosted its annual Pumpkin Smashevent this weekend at the Landscape Recycling Center in Urbana. At the event, people throw their Halloween pumpkins against a cement wall to smash them. The group then uses the pumpkin scraps to make compost that local residents can later purchase at the recycling center.	11/6/2023	:60
355	Sports	Spot News	The Fighting Illini men's basketball team defeated the Eastern Illinois Panthers Monday night, 80-to-52. Freshman Guard Dra Gibbs-Lawhorn led the Illini in scoring with 18 points.	11/7/2023	:60
356	Politics & Government	Spot News	The Decatur township supervisor passed away this weekend and was remembered on the floor of the US House. Illinois Congresswoman Nikki Budzinski recognized Lisa Stanley for her dedication to equality and justice.	11/8/2023	:60

357	Medicine & Health	Interview	A nonprofit group focused on hospital safety published a new report this week. The Leapfrog Group gives hospitals across the U.S. an “A” through “F” rating based on overall performance and quality of care. Among those hospitals: OSF HealthCare Heart of Mary Medical Center in Urbana received a B — and Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana received a C.	11/8/2023	4:00
358	Medicine & Health	Spot News	The director of the Illinois Department of Public Health says COVID is still an issue even though the number of cases overall remain low. Dr. Sameer Vohra visited Champaign this morning to not only urge people to get vaccinated this season – but to get boosted himself.	11/8/2023	:60
359	Arts & Entertainment	Spot News	A band that combines Middle Eastern music with Chicago-style jazz and blues will help commemorate a new cultural house at the University of Illinois.	11/9/2023	:60
360	Sports	Spot News	The Fighting Illini football team will face the Indiana Hoosiers at Memorial Stadium in Champaign on Veterans Day. Indiana has not won a road game this year and is 1-and-5 against Big Ten conference opponents.	11/9/2023	:60
361	Military, War & Veterans	Spot News	Veterans Day is this weekend, and the state of Illinois is looking to honor veterans at home. Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias is asking veterans and their families to share mementos from their service time with the Illinois Veterans History Project.	11/9/2023	:60
362	Sports	Spot News	The Fighting Illini men’s basketball team will play their second game of the season tonight against the Oakland Golden Grizzlies. Oakland lost their first game to Ohio State by only 6 points, while the Illini defeated Eastern Illinois by 28.	11/10/2023	:60
363	Military, War & Veterans	Spot News	As things continue to escalate following the Oct. 7th attacks in Israel – activists are taking issue with the way the media describes the conflict as the Israel-Hamas war. Palestinian activist and Champaign resident Dua Aldasouqi says it's more accurate to call it the Israeli-Palestinian or Israel-Gaza war.	11/10/2023	:60

364	Military, War & Veterans	Interview	Tomorrow is Veterans Day, when Americans remember the people who put their lives on the line. Cheryl Walker of Urbana is Commander of the American Legion District 19. In 2004, Cheryl was a member of the Illinois Army National Guard and deployed to Iraq when she was seriously injured in a mortar attack.	11/10/2023	7:00
365	Race, Identity & Culture	Interview	Nationally, it's Transgender Awareness Week – and IPM News is taking time to hear from those on the front lines of the fight for trans rights in our series “Flights and Freedoms”. Illinois has billed itself as a healthcare oasis for transgender people.	11/13/2023	7:00
366	Race, Identity & Culture	Spot News	One in six trans people report being fired from a job because of their gender identity during their lifetime, according the U.S. Transgender Survey.	11/13/2023	:60
367	Sports	Spot News	The Fighting Illini football team defeated the Indiana Hoosiers in overtime, 48-to-45. On the last play of Saturday's game, Illinois quarterback John Paddock threw a touchdown pass to Isaiah Williams to give Illinois the win.	11/13/2023	:60
368	Crime & Law Enforcement	Spot News	After two fatal officer-involved shootings earlier this year, the Rantoul Police Department conducted internal investigations into the use of force during those incidents. Newly obtained documents show the department cleared the officers who pulled the trigger in both incidents.	11/13/2023	:60
369	Medicine & Health	Spot News	The Cook County Health Department is teaming up with a statewide health care non-profit group to improve access to reproductive care. The Illinois Contraceptive Access Now network, or I-CAN, is a statewide initiative aimed at eliminating barriers for people needing birth control and emergency contraception, like the Plan B pill.	11/14/2023	:60

370	Religion	Feature	National Transgender Awareness Week is a way to increase understanding about trans people and the issues they face...A long-standing struggle for many in the trans community is the conflict they feel between their identities as queer people and their faith within Christian denominations, including the Catholic Church.	11/14/2023	4:00
371	Community	Spot News	A new study from the U-S Department of Agriculture found that the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children is underutilized. In 2021, the program, often referred to as WIC, only served about half the number of people that qualify.	11/14/2023	:60
372	Education	Spot News	Over 300 people reported feeling the weak earthquake that rumbled Standard, Illinois to the US Geological Survey on Wednesday morning. Some were nearly 200 miles away. That's according to Oliver Boyd, a research geophysicist with the USGS. He says the last 3+ magnitude earthquake in the area was in 2013.	11/15/2023	:60
373	Housing	Spot News	Many University of Illinois students who live in off-campus housing report negative experiences with leasing companies. Some say they aren't treated fairly. Others report issues with contracts being broken and maintenance delays.	11/15/2023	:60
374	Housing	Interview	Tens of thousands of college students choose to live in privately-owned apartments or houses in Champaign-Urbana — near the University of Illinois campus... for many — this may be their first time navigating the process. There are many potential pitfalls that can lead to difficult situations for students. And also resources available to help.	11/15/2023	7:00
375	Sports	Spot News	The Fighting Illini men's basketball team lost to the number four overall Marquette Golden Eagles last night, 71-to-64.	11/15/2023	:60
376	Crime & Law Enforcement	Spot News	The Urbana Police Department has hired a consulting firm to evaluate how the department works. At a community meeting on Wednesday, they sought feedback on how — and if — officers should handle many types of calls for service.	11/16/2023	:60

377	Environment	Spot News	About 75 percent of the apparel and clothing donated to Goodwill never makes it to a showroom floor. But that doesn't mean it's all going to a landfill either.	11/16/2023	:60
378	Transportation	Spot News	People should keep ice scrapers, blankets, water and non-perishable foods in their car during the winter months. That's according to Illinois State Police Sergeant Brett Tucker. He says people should always have a small safety kit in their car with jumper cables, first aid kits, water and food in case their car breaks down.	11/16/2023	:60
379	Education	Spot News	A new training center for plumbers, pipefitters and HVAC technicians held its grand opening in Savoy this week. Derek Reedy is the training director for JAC local 149. He says the expansion was 20 years in the making.	11/16/2023	:60
380	Business, Economics & Finance	Spot News	If you have a great home-grown business idea, you could win \$5000. The Trep School helps grow small businesses in Danville. On Saturday, local entrepreneurs can pitch their ideas to a panel of judges.	11/16/2023	:60
381	Politics & Government	Spot News	A continuing resolution passed by Congress back in September provides funding for food assistance programs... even if the government shuts down this week. With that, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and benefits for Women, Infants and Children are fully funded through December.	11/16/2023	:60
382	Race, Identity & Culture	Spot News	Illinois has some of the most welcoming laws for transgender youth in the Midwest. But as IPM's Emily Hays reports – that doesn't mean teens feel like they can be themselves at school.	11/16/2023	:60
383	Crime & Law Enforcement	Spot News	At Tuesday's Champaign City Council meeting, members approved moving forward with the police department's plan to expand the use of license plate readers. Police Chief Timothy Tyler says they will significantly benefit the community.	11/17/2023	:60

384	Business, Economics & Finance	Spot News	A University of North Carolina Journalism School study shows Illinois has 34 percent fewer newspapers than it did in 2004. And soon there will be less local news in Southern Illinois. Paxton Media Group has acquired the Carbondale-based Southern Illinoisan from Lee Enterprises.	11/17/2023	:60
385	Race, Identity & Culture	Interview	It's National Transgender Awareness Week, and in our series "Flights and Freedoms," we've heard from those on the front lines of the fight for trans rights in Illinois. According to the Trans Legislation Tracker, 85 anti-trans bills were passed in statehouses around the country this year. Many target trans youth, including access to gender-affirming healthcare for minors.	11/17/2023	4:00
386	Religion	Spot News	Some Jewish people in Champaign-Urbana say they feel isolated from temples and synagogues because they don't agree with the actions of the Israeli military amid Israel's ongoing attack on Gaza.	11/20/2023	:60
387	Community	Spot News	Food pantries in the Champaign-Urbana area are taking steps to ensure families have the food they need leading into the holidays.	11/20/2023	:60
388	Transportation	Spot News	The Transportation Security Administration is offering tips as people head to the airports for Thanksgiving travel. T-S-A spokesperson Jessica Mayle suggests getting there at least two hours early and being mindful of the deadlines to check bags and board the plane.	11/20/2023	:60
389	Community	Spot News	The Urbana High School student council will host a Thanksgiving feast for people in Champaign-Urbana who wouldn't otherwise have access to a Thanksgiving meal.	11/20/2023	:60
390	Transportation	Spot News	Lovers of rail trails in central Illinois hope to start development on a long-dormant network of railroad right-of-ways, beginning with a 2.3 mile stretch in Piatt County. It would connect the small towns of White Heath and Lodge.	11/20/2023	:60

391	Agriculture	Spot News	Pumpkin farmers get 16 cents per can of pie filling, and 6 cents per pound of turkey on your table makes it back to turkey growers. That's according to the most recent data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Farmers Union.	11/22/2023	:60
392	Community	Spot News	The Champaign County Sheriff has selected a new company to offer phone and video calls at the Champaign County Jail. The new company — Consolidated Telecom— will offer two free phone calls to each resident per day.	11/22/2023	:60
393	Politics & Government	Spot News	The threat of a government shutdown was put to rest last week – at least through January 19th. Illinois Congresswoman Nikki Budzinski told the 21st show that Democrats had to compromise in order to make the deal work in the Republican-controlled majority house.	11/24/2023	:60
394	Crime & Law Enforcement	Spot News	The Illinois State Police has released its first ever guidebook for how officers should help people experiencing homelessness. Moline Police Chief Darren Gault says police officers aren't well trained to help people experiencing homelessness.	11/24/2023	:60
395	Environment	Spot News	Wondering what to do with excess cooking oil after the holiday? Some advocates want to turn it into cleaner burning jet fuel. Frying even a medium sized turkey takes over 4 gallons of cooking oil. That got Kay McKeen - founder of the environmental education non-profit, SCARCE - thinking.	11/24/2023	:60
396	Medicine & Health	Interview	This winter marks the last stage for one of the most impactful inventions at the University of Illinois in recent years – a saliva-based test for COVID-19. It evolved from a way to keep the Champaign university open into SHIELD T3, a company with global reach. At its peak, it had over 170 full-time staff and contractors. But it will close at the end of the year.	11/27/2023	4:00

397	Transportation	Spot News	'Tis the season for icy roads, and the Illinois Department of Transportation is urging motorists to exercise extra caution. The agency released a guideline of safe winter driving tips, like frequently checking travel conditions before heading out and keeping an emergency kit with jumper cables, water and a flashlight on hand.	11/27/2023	:60
398	Transportation	Spot News	Starting in 2024 people won't be able to buy new I-Pass boxes – instead they will have I-Pass stickers. Cassaundra Rouse is the Executive Director of the Illinois Tollway. She says the stickers are thin but powerful.	11/28/2023	:60
399	Medicine & Health	Spot News	One-third of incarcerated individuals are seriously mentally ill, yet a long-standing lawsuit to improve mental care for prisoners was recently dismissed. Alan Mills is an attorney with a public interest law firm. He says prison conditions don't do much to help those suffering from mental illness.	11/28/2023	:60
400	Business, Economics & Finance	Spot News	A group of current and former college athletes are suing the NCAA, claiming they meet all the legal requirements for being paid as employees. Michael Leroy is a University of Illinois professor who sent over information to the U-S 3rd Circuit District court to aid in their decision making. He says while their decision won't legally impact people in Illinois – he still needed to get involved.	11/29/2023	:60
401	Medicine & Health	Spot News	Health workers in Illinois are performing an average of around eighteen hundred more abortions per month than before the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe versus Wade. That's according to data compiled by the nonprofit Society of Family Planning.	11/30/2023	:60
402	Transportation	Spot News	The three park and forest preserve districts working on the Kickapoo Rail Trail expect to have it completed in the next two years. That's because of a state capitol development grant announced this week.	11/30/2023	:60

403	Politics & Government	Spot News	Republican State representative Mike Marron will not run for reelection and is actually cutting his term short by 13 months. Instead, Marron will become the President and CEO for the local economic development non-profit – Vermillion Advantage.	11/30/2023	:60
404	Arts & Entertainment	Spot News	After performances around Chicago, Connie Shirakawa’s show, “Woman Warrior” comes to Urbana this weekend. The one-woman performance looks back on four generations in her family and how they dealt with the discrimination faced by Japanese Americans during World War II, including being placed in internment camps.	11/30/2023	:60
405	Housing	Spot News	Residents of the Carver Park Subdivision in Champaign are angered by a proposal to have a new development's entryway go through their neighborhood.	12/1/2023	:60
406	Politics & Government	Spot News	The Senate Judiciary Committee has voted to authorize subpoenas for two conservatives linked to the Supreme Court’s ethics scandals.	12/1/2023	:60
407	Medicine & Health	Spot News	More than 12 million people in the U.S. live with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, or COPD. In Illinois, more than 6% of the population has COPD – a little above the national average.	12/2/2023	:60
408	Arts & Entertainment	Interview	For former Saturday Night Live cast member Ana Gasteyer, the holidays are a time to celebrate with “Sugar and Booze,” the title of her Christmas record. The stage and screen actor will be performing the album at the Krannert Center for Performing Arts this Wednesday.	12/4/2023	4:00
409	Agriculture	Spot News	Shifting regulations on whole pork products sold in California and Massachusetts have some people in the agriculture industry concerned. They worry other states will follow and place housing requirements for pork produced outside their borders.	12/4/2023	:60

410	Education	Spot News	Rural schools in Illinois will get a larger voice in state decisions starting next year. State Senator Dave Koehler sponsored legislation in 2023 that created the Rural Education Advisory Council. He says rural schools feel their needs are being overlooked.	12/4/2023	:60
411	Crime & Law Enforcement	Spot News	The Keffiyeh is a black and white patterned scarf that is typically worn as a headdress to symbolize resistance and solidarity with palestinian people. Last weekend three young men in Vermont were shot while wearing the garment.	12/5/2023	:60
412	Crime & Law Enforcement	Spot News	Urbana Police Chief Larry Boone asked the Urbana City Council last night to amend the budget to hire four additional police officers. The Council deferred the decision until BerryDunn, a consulting firm hired by the city, releases the results of a staffing survey.	12/5/2023	:60
413	Medicine & Health	Spot News	The Illinois Department of Public Health wrapped up its annual Minority Health Conference at Illinois State University on Tuesday. IDPH Director, Dr. Sameer Vohra, says it's an opportunity to learn about disparities in health for different minority groups.	12/6/2023	:60
414	Medicine & Health	Spot News	WAND-TV reports that overdose deaths continue to rise year over year in central Illinois. Sangamon County Coroner Jim Allmon says the county has seen more than 60 documented accidental overdoses this year. He says most of those overdoses involve fentanyl, a highly addictive drug used to treat pain.	12/6/2023	:60
415	Environment	Spot News	There are fewer than five of the akikiki left in the wild. It's a species of bird native only to one island of Hawaii. Maria Costantini is with the Illinois Natural History Survey. She studied the akikiki for years and says they're very important — and not just to the ecosystem.	12/6/2023	:60

416	Religion	Spot News	Dozens of people enjoyed jelly donuts, music and the celebration of Hanukkah .... known as the Festival of Lights .... on the University of Illinois campus. Last night's Hannukah celebration ended with the lighting of a large, electronic menorah in front of the Illini Union.	12/8/2023	:60
417	Religion	Spot News	The Jewish festival of Hanukkah is underway. As IPM News' Reginald Hardwick reports, many at the University of Illinois are thinking about the Middle East as they try to celebrate.	12/8/2023	:60
418	Religion	Spot News	The city of Champaign held its first lighting of a menorah for Hanukkah. It happened last night at the corner of Neil and Main Streets. Ma'ayan Weinberg is the executive director of the Jewish Federation of Champaign-Urbana. She says the public display is appreciated by the area's small Jewish community.	12/11/2023	:60
419	Housing	Spot News	A recent study by the US Department of Agriculture shows after a decade of decline the population of rural America grew by a quarter of a percent from 2020 to 2022. John Cromartie is a geographer with the Economic Research Service of the USDA. He says not all rural areas saw increases.	12/11/2023	:60
420	Race, Identity & Culture	Spot News	A new group in Champaign wants to follow the lead of Evanston, Illinois - which is the first city in the country to offer reparations to African Americans. Jeffrey Trask is a leader of the Champaign-Urbana Reparations Coalition.	12/11/2023	:60
421	Race, Identity & Culture	Spot News	A group for people of color in the arts will meet for the first time tomorrow night. Organizer Vivian Krishnan says the group is meant to be inclusive while still making a specific space for non-white artists in Champaign-Urbana.	12/12/2023	:60
422	Environment	Spot News	A moratorium in place since 1987 prevents Illinois from building new nuclear reactors. That will soon change, thanks to a bill signed into law by Governor JB Pritzker last week. Illinois Student Newsroom's Elissa Eaton explains – not everyone is happy about the change.	12/12/2023	:60

423	Community	Spot News	A Los Angeles pastor and community leader ends up at the wrong place and the wrong time during a gang initiation. This is the plot of the movie, "I Forgive" -- and the experience of one of its producers, Tony Davis.	12/13/2023	:60
424	Business, Economics & Finance	Spot News	WTVP's board of directors have distanced themselves from the Peoria station's former CEO Lesley Matuszak and former finance director Lin McLaughlin. They allege the pair engaged in questionable and possibly criminal activities with station dollars that ultimately led to financial peril. But members of the public on Tuesday heaped blame on the board for endangering the future of PBS programming in Peoria and Bloomington, too.	12/13/2023	:60
425	Transportation	Spot News	The Unit 4 School Board met this week to discuss the district's ongoing bus driver shortage. Earlier this year, the district rolled out a new transportation reimbursement program. It allows families to be paid if they provide their own transportation to and from school.	12/14/2023	:60
426	Transportation	Spot News	A celebration at Parkland College this morning marked the completion of the first phase of construction updating the I-57 / I-74 interchange in Champaign. Steve Travia is director of the office of highways for the Illinois Department of Transportation. He says the current configuration is outdated.	12/14/2023	:60
427	Military, War & Veterans	Spot News	An advisory committee for the village board in Rantoul is investigating the cost of repairing or removing an old Minuteman missile displayed along Route 45. The deteriorating missile marks the entrance to the Chanute Air Force base which closed in 1993. Mayor Chuck Smith says it's an important symbol to many residents.	12/14/2023	:60

428	Military, War & Veterans	Feature	On October 7, the terrorist group Hamas killed some 12-hundred Israelis and kidnapped more than 200 people, prompting a war that's killed thousands of Palestinians in Gaza. Since the attack, posters with pictures of the hostages have appeared in cities and on colleges around the world. Student journalist John Shay recently joined volunteers putting up posters on the University of Illinois campus when something unexpected happened.	12/17/2023	7:00
429	Agriculture	Spot News	Applications are now being taken for farmers who want discounts on their crop insurance in exchange for planting cover crops to protect the soil over the winter. The "Fall Covers for Spring Savings" program provides \$5 per acre discounts for farmers who plant cover crops on land that will be used to grow insurable crops in the spring.	12/18/2023	:60
430	Education	Spot News	About half of white students in Illinois read at grade level on standardized tests. But only one in five Black students do. Tinaya York is a literacy consultant and the founder of Literacy for Life. She hopes a new state literacy plan will close those gaps.	12/18/2023	:60
431	Housing	Spot News	The Urbana City council has scheduled a final vote in January on a new development to provide permanent housing for the community's chronically homeless. Hope Village will be adjacent to an existing neighborhood in neighboring Champaign – and those residents have voiced concerns about the project.	12/19/2023	:60
432	Religion	Spot News	A new declaration from the Vatican will allow Catholic priests to bless same-sex couples. However, it also affirms the church's position that marriage is between one man and one woman and that homosexuality is "intrinsically disordered." Despite this, Rev. Eileen Mathy of Beloved Inclusive Catholic Community in Urbana says her congregation is celebrating the news.	12/19/2023	:60

433	Medicine & Health	Spot News	Half of the counties in Illinois are reporting elevated numbers of hospitalizations due to COVID-19. State Department of Public Health Chief Medical Officer Arti Barnes says they're also up for flu and RSV cases.	12/20/2023	:60
434	Politics & Government	Spot News	The Champaign County Board will consider a proposal to ask voters to make the county auditor and coroner appointed offices. Right now, the two offices are elected positions – and the current Auditor, George Danos, says they should stay that way. He says they have more independence than people hired by county officials.	12/20/2023	:60
435	Politics & Government	Spot News	Voters in Champaign County could determine if the county auditor and coroner are appointed, instead of elected. The County Board will decide Thursday night whether to put that question on the March primary ballot. County Executive Steve Summers says that would help the budget.	12/20/2023	:60
436	Medicine & Health	Spot News	State officials are urging healthcare facilities to step up their efforts to curb the spread of respiratory viruses...Illinois Department of Public Health Chief Medical Officer Arti Barnes says patients with the flu, COVID-19 and R-S-V are causing a spike in hospitalizations.	12/20/2023	:60
437	Environment	Spot News	If you're tired of the sun rising so late and setting so early, there's good news! Today marks the winter solstice for the northern hemisphere. And according to NASA... the Earth's axis will be tilted farthest from the sun at precisely 9:27 tonight, marking the winter solstice.	12/21/2023	:60
438	Military, War & Veterans	Spot News	A Urbana resident is asking his local government to make a statement towards peace in Gaza as the death tolls reach 20,000. Ben Joselyn is a non-palestinian, non-muslim. But he says he's noticed his complicity in the war and needs to do something.	12/21/2023	:60
439	Politics & Government	Spot News	The Champaign County Board now has more time to look into whether or not they want voters to decide on keeping their elected auditor and coroner offices – or have them be appointed.	12/22/2023	:60

440	Business, Economics & Finance	Spot News	2023 was a year of slow decline for the state's economic growth rate, according to the Flash Index. It had fallen to 102-point-6 in November, which is its lowest level since 2021. University of Illinois economist Fred Giertz thinks the higher numbers a year ago were largely fueled by federal benefits due to the pandemic.	12/26/2023	:60
441	Politics & Government	Spot News	The Champaign County Board shot down a resolution last Thursday, that would have allowed voters in the March Primary election to vote on the elimination of the auditor and coroner as elected offices. Champaign Democrat Brett Peugh represents County Board District 11. He voted against the resolution. He says voters needed more time to go over the question before voting on it.	12/26/2023	:60
442	Education	Spot News	State lawmakers want to help school districts expand their dual language programs. Representative Abdelnasser Rashid says dual language teachers and parents reached out to for help.	12/27/2023	:60
443	Community	Spot News	Illinois will become the first state to effectively ban book bans on January 1st. That's when a new law spearheaded by Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias takes effect. It requires public libraries that receive state grant funding to adopt language that says books cannot be banned for partisan reasons.	12/27/2023	:60
444	Politics & Government	Spot News	A nationwide search is underway for the next director of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. Marc Smith leaves at the end of the year after four years and has overseen yearly budget increases.	12/27/2023	:60
445	Medicine & Health	Spot News	Childhood traumas can predict health outcomes like cancer and future struggles like joblessness. Karen Simms is the executive director of the Trauma and Resiliency Initiative in Champaign. She says trauma such as violence or homelessness rewires the brain.	12/28/2023	:60

446	Medicine & Health	Spot News	Thousands of college students are home with their families in Illinois this week. It's a great time for parents to check on their kids' mental health. Parents can play an important role in college students' emotional wellbeing. But they need to take the right approach to be effective, says MetroHealth psychologist Sheerli Ratner.	12/29/2023	:60
447	Medicine & Health	Spot News	Vaping tobacco products indoors will be illegal in Illinois starting January 1. Democratic State Senator Julie Morrison of Lake Forest sponsored the measure. Among other things, she wants to make it inconvenient to vape tobacco in the hopes people will give it up.	12/29/2023	:60