

**ISSUES/PROGRAMMING RESPONSE LIST
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NewsCenter 17 Today	Monday through Friday	5:00 am – 7:00 am
NewsCenter 17 at Noon	Monday through Friday	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
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All of the programs noted above are locally produced News programs presenting a mix of News, weather, sports and issue related feature stories. The 12:00pm News also features guests and a health segment. Other reoccurring segments include:

News Extra: M-F Newscenter 17 at 10
Local or National package concerning issues of the day.

Check Up On Your Health Monday Newscenter 17 at 5
Weekly health segment talking about local programs.

Central Illinois A-Z Wednesday NewsCenter 17 at 6
Sunday NewsCenter 17 at 10
Feature stories about the interesting towns and people in Central Illinois

Recall Roundup Friday NewsCenter 17 at 5
Weekly consumer segment informing watchers of recalls.

Consumer Watch Thursday NewsCenter 17 at 5
What's new and exciting in the world available for consumers

Pet Adoption M – W – F NewsCenter 17 at Noon
Friday NewsCenter 17 at 5
Local pet shelters and pet adoption agencies bring in one or two animals that are available for adoption.

Making A Difference Friday News Center 17 at 6

Crime

Spfld Chase July 1 10PM :35

CHURCH MEMBERS HELPED POLICE NAB A CHASE SUSPECT TODAY. SPRINGFIELD POLICE SAY OFFICERS TRIED TO STOP A CAR THEY SUSPECTED HAD A WEAPON INSIDE. THEY SAY THE DRIVER ... 20 YEAR OLD ROBERT E- COLLINS SPED OFF AFTER STOPPING.... WHICH SPARKED A SHORT CHASE. POLICE SAY COLLINS PULLED INTO THE PARKING LOT AT ABUNDANT FAITH CHURCH ... AND JUMPED OUT WHILE THE CAR WAS IT STILL IN GEAR.

Safety Check July 1 10PM :30

STATE POLICE SAY OFFICERS ON THE LOOK OUT FOR DRUNK DRIVERS... ISSUED DOZENS OF CITATIONS AND WARNINGS FOR VARIOUS ALLEGED VIOLATIONS. STATE POLICE ... ALONG WITH SPRINGFIELD POLICE AND SANGAMON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES... HELD THE ROADSIDE SAFETY CHECK AT DIRKSEN AND COOK IN SPRINGFIELD LATE LAST NIGHT INTO EARLY THIS MORNING. IN ALL... STATE POLICE SAY THEY ISSUED 76 CITATIONS AND 56 WARNINGS. THAT INCLUDES 4 ARRESTS FOR D-U-I. POLICE ISSUED 4 CITATIONS INVOLVING UNDERAGE DRINKING.... AND SIX RELATED TO DRUGS. THE REST ARE FOR OTHER VIOLATIONS.

Safety Check July 2 5AM :25

STATE POLICE SAY OFFICERS ON THE LOOK OUT FOR DRUNK DRIVERS... ISSUED DOZENS OF CITATIONS AND WARNINGS FOR VARIOUS ALLEGED VIOLATIONS. STATE POLICE ... ALONG WITH SPRINGFIELD POLICE AND SANGAMON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES... HELD THE ROADSIDE SAFETY CHECK AT DIRKSEN AND COOK IN SPRINGFIELD LATE LAST NIGHT INTO EARLY THIS MORNING. IN ALL... STATE POLICE SAY THEY ISSUED 76 CITATIONS AND 56 WARNINGS. THAT INCLUDES 4 ARRESTS FOR D-U-I. POLICE ISSUED 4 CITATIONS INVOLVING UNDERAGE DRINKING.... AND SIX RELATED TO DRUGS. THE REST ARE FOR OTHER VIOLATIONS.

Church Suspect July 2 5PM 1:31

CHURCH MEMBERS SPEAK OUT ABOUT ALLEGED RACIAL DISCRIMINATION BY THE SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT. I SPOKE WITH THE CHURCH'S PASTOR TODAY AND HE SAYS THE SITUATION

THAT PLAYED OUT WOULD NEVER HAVE HAPPENED AT A WEST SIDE CHURCH. POLICE ARRESTED 20-YEAR OLD ROBERT COLLINS YESTERDAY AT THE CHURCH AFTER A SHORT CHASE. POLICE PULLED COLLINS OVER BECAUSE THEY SUSPECTED HE WAS CARRYING A WEAPON.

Weekend Patrols July 2 5PM 1:08
MANY PEOPLE WERE OUT WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY THIS PAST WEEKEND. AND POLICE ACROSS CENTRAL ILLINOIS WERE OUT, TOO... ON THE LOOKOUT FOR DRUNK DRIVERS. DECATUR POLICE OFFICERS WERE OUT IN HIGH TRAFFIC AREAS... AND HIGH ACCIDENT INTERSECTIONS... ENFORCING SEAT BELT LAWS, D-U-I'S, SPEEDING AND OTHER TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.

Champaign Standoff July 2 6PM 1:58
A MAN INVOLVED IN A POLICE STANDOFF... MAY **NOT** FACE CHARGES FOR THAT INCIDENT. TONIGHT THE MAN IS CHARGED FOR A CRIME THAT HAPPENED BEFORE THE STANDOFF. 18 YEAR OLD JACOB MORRISSEY PLED **NOT** GUILTY TODAY TO ONE COUNT OF BURGLARY. MAHOMET POLICE SAY MORRISSEY WAS ARRESTED FRIDAY AFTER ALLEGEDLY BURGLARIZING THE MCDONALDS IN MAHOMET. POLICE SAY HE BROKE THE DRIVE UP WINDOW TO GET INSIDE... THEN TOOK AN UNKNOWN AMOUNT OF CASH. AT THE SAME TIME.. POLICE IN LEROY ARE INVESTIGATING MORRISSEY FOR ROBBING ANOTHER MCDONALD'S THERE. NO CHARGES HAVE COME FROM THAT YET.

Labamba Arrest July 2 6PM :35
POLICE ARREST TWO MORE PEOPLE IN THEIR INVESTIGATION OF A RESTAURANT OWNER'S KIDNAPPING. POLICE SAY THEY ARRESTED 25 YEAR OLD ORLANDO VILLALOBOS OF CHARLESTON AND 36 YEAR OLD ARTURO ESTRADA OF HILLSBORO. BOTH WERE ARRESTED FOR HELPING TWO OTHER MEN KIDNAP ANTONIO AGUAS.. OWNER OF LA BAMBA RESTAURANT IN CHAMPAIGN. THE CRIME HAPPENED LAST SEPTEMBER IN THE RESTAURANT PARKING LOT. POLICE LATER FOUND THE KIDNAPPED OWNER IN AN INDIANA MOTEL ROOM. 31 YEAR OLD FRANCISCO VILLALOBOS AND 19 YEAR OLD TERENCE MERRITT WERE ALREADY CONVICTED FOR THE KIDNAPPING. THEY THREATENED TO KILL AGUAS IF HIS FAMILY DIDN'T PAY A RANSOM. SEVERAL POLICE AGENCIES ASSISTED IN THIS INVESTIGATION.

Cop Shooter July 2 6PM :41
THE MAN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING THREE CHAMPAIGN POLICE OFFICERS CONTINUES TO RECOVER IN THE HOSPITAL. BUT POLICE SAY AS SOON AS DONNELL CLEMONS IS STABLE ENOUGH TO LEAVE THE HOSPITAL... HE WILL BE TAKEN TO JAIL. BUT TONIGHT CLEMONS

REMAINS HOSPITALIZED AT CARLE FOUNDATION HOSPITAL IN STABLE CONDITION. THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS THE STATE'S ATTORNEY ALREADY ISSUED A WARRANT FOR CLEMONS .. AND HIS BOND HAS BEEN SET AT 10 MILLION DOLLARS. HE FACES CHARGES OF ATTEMPTED MURDER AND AGGRAVATED DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM. ALL THREE OFFICERS WERE RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL.

Missing Woman July 2 6PM :24
POLICE ARE STILL INVESTIGATING A WOMAN'S BODY FOUND NEARLY 2 MONTHS AGO. URBANA POLICE FOUND 30 YEAR OLD HEATHER MUNTEAN... MAY 16TH IN BONEYARD CREEK. TODAY THE URBANA POLICE INVESTIGATIONS DEPARTMENT SAYS THE CASE IS STILL VERY ACTIVE AND VERY OPEN. DETECTIVES ARE STILL INTERVIEWING WITNESSES THEY SAY... HAVE BEEN HARD TO TRACK DOWN. POLICE SAY THEY ARE PURSUING A NUMBER OF LEADS BUT WOULD NOT COMMENT ON THE DETAILS OF THE INVESTIGATION.

Church Suspect July 2 10PM :44
SPRINGFIELD POLICE LAUNCH AN INTERNAL INVESTIGATION INTO AN ARREST MADE YESTERDAY AT ABUNDANT FAITH CHURCH. POLICE ARRESTED 20-YEAR OLD ROBERT COLLINS AT THE CHURCH AFTER A SHORT CHASE. POLICE SAY THEY PULLED COLLINS OVER BECAUSE THEY SUSPECTED HE WAS CARRYING A WEAPON. CHURCH MEMBERS SAY THE ARRESTING OFFICERS USED UNNECESSARY FORCE AND RACIALLY DISCRIMINATED AGAINST COLLINS.

Champaign Standoff July 2 10PM :39
A MAN INVOLVED WITH A POLICE STANDOFF IN CHAMPAIGN FRIDAY... WILL MOST LIKELY **NOT** FACE CHARGES FOR THAT INCIDENT.
POLICE ARRESTED 18 YEAR OLD JACOB MORRISSEY ON BURGLARY CHARGES. HE FACES 3 TO 7 YEARS IF FOUND GUILTY. MAHOMET POLICE SAY MORRISSEY BURGLARIZED A MCDONALDS IN MAHOMET... WHERE HE USED TO WORK. POLICE LATER ARRESTED MORRISSEY AT THE RED ROOF INN IN CHAMPAIGN FRIDAY... AFTER THEY SAY HE REFUSED TO COME OUT FOR SEVERAL HOURS.

Collins Arrest July 3 5AM :38
SPRINGFIELD POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING SOME OF THEIR OFFICERS' CONDUCT DURING AN ARREST SUNDAY AT "ABUNDANT FAITH CHURCH." POLICE ARRESTED 20-YEAR OLD ROBERT COLLINS AT THE CHURCH AFTER A SHORT CHASE. POLICE SAY THEY PULLED COLLINS OVER BECAUSE THEY SUSPECTED HE WAS CARRYING A WEAPON.

Hilton Court July 3 5AM :27
A WOMAN CHARGED WITH HER BABY'S DEATH WILL RETURN TO COURT THIS SEPTEMBER. 28 YEAR OLD MELISSA HILTON APPEARED IN MACON

COUNTY COURT YESTERDAY MORNING. HER ATTORNEY FILED A MOTION FOR A CONTINUANCE.. WHICH THE JUDGE GRANTED. HILTON'S PRETRIAL IS NOW SET FOR SEPTEMBER 4TH.

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Cop Shooter July 3 5AM :32
THE MAN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING THREE CHAMPAIGN POLICE OFFICERS CONTINUES TO RECOVER IN THE HOSPITAL. BUT POLICE SAY AS SOON AS DONNELL CLEMONS IS STABLE ENOUGH TO LEAVE THE HOSPITAL... HE **WILL** BE TAKEN TO JAIL. THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS THE STATE'S ATTORNEY ALREADY ISSUED A WARRANT FOR CLEMONS .. AND HIS BOND HAS BEEN SET AT 10 MILLION DOLLARS. HE FACES CHARGES OF ATTEMPTED MURDER AND AGGRAVATED DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM..

Tom Martin Update July 3 5AM :20
THERE'S BEEN NO CHANGE IN DOUGLAS COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY TOM MARTIN'S CONDITION. MARTIN REMAINS IN CRITICAL CONDITION AT CARLE HOSPITAL IN URBANA MARTIN WAS SHOT TWICE IN RURAL DOUGLAS COUNTY JUNE 21ST. POLICE ARRESTED THE TWO SUSPECTS FOLLOWING A CHASE AND HOSTAGE STANDOFF IN ARCOLA. YUSSEF KAREEM BROWN AND WILLIAM THOMPSON TOGETHER FACE NEARLY FIFTY FELONY COUNTS FOR THE CRIME SPREE.

Beer Keg Thefts July 3 5AM :31
A GROWING SHORTAGE OF A CERTAIN TYPE OF METAL CAN AFFECT WHAT YOU PAY FOR A CERTAIN DRINK. THEFTS OF BEER KEGS ARE ON THE RISE. BEER MAKERS SAY THEY EXPECT TO LOSE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF KEGS THIS YEAR BECAUSE THIEVES ARE SELLING THEM FOR SCRAP. THEY CAN GET UP TO 55-DOLLARS FOR A KEG, BUT IT COSTS BREWERS ABOUT 150-DOLLARS TO REPLACE EACH ONE... RUNNING UP A 150-MILLION DOLLAR ANNUAL DEFICIT INDUSTRY WIDE.

Springfield Shooting July 3 5PM :27
WE HAVE BREAKING NEWS TO BRING YOU AT THIS HOUR IN SPRINGFIELD INITIAL REPORTS FROM POLICE INDICATE AN ARMED

ROBBERY TOOK PLACE IN THE 1-THOUSAND BLOCK OF NORTH 5TH STREET. THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS OF SHOTS FIRED... AND THAT A PERSON WAS GRAZED IN THE LEG. POLICE SAY THEY RECOVERED A GUN AND ARRESTED TWO PEOPLE. POLICE WERE DIVERTING TRAFFIC ON NORTH 5TH STREET.

Urbana Standoff July 3 5PM :38

THE STANDOFF HERE AT TRAVELER'S STAY INN DIDN'T LAST LONG AND LUCKILY ENDED PEACEFULLY. IT STARTED AROUND 10:30AM WHEN POLICE SAY THEY TRIED TO ARREST DANIEL MCELFRISH. POLICE SAY THE 30 YEAR OLD WAS WANTED ON A WARRANT FOR HIS CONNECTION TO A BURGLARY AT THE URBANA WALMART LAST MONTH. THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SHERIFF SAYS MCELFRISH BARRICADED HIMSELF IN HIS ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR AND TOLD OFFICERS HE HAD A WEAPON.

Fire Marshal July 3 5PM :25

THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL PLEADS GUILTY TODAY TO D-U-I CHARGES. SPRINGFIELD POLICE ARRESTED 60 YEAR OLD DAVID FOREMAN IN MAY... FOR FAILING TO USE HIS TURN SIGNAL. POLICE SAY THE ARRESTING OFFICER NOTICED A SMELL OF ALCHOL... AND CALLED A D-U-I OFFICER... WHO ARRESTED FOREMAN FOR D-U-I AFTER HE FAILED THREE SOBRIETY TESTS. FOREMAN PLEADED GUILTY TODAY... AND WAS GIVEN THE STANDARD FIRST OFFENDER SENTENCE... INCLUDING ONE YEAR COURT SUPERVISION AND A 12-HUNDRED 20 DOLLAR FINE.

Springfield Arrests July 3 5PM :29

SANGAMON COUNTY INVESTIGATORS ARREST FOUR PEOPLE FOR ALLEGELY SELLING CRACK COCAINE. LAST NIGHT AROUND 9:30... THE DRUG INVESTIGATIONS REPOSE TEAM SEARCHED 10-35 SOUTH COLLEGE IN SPRINGFIELD. THEY FOUND 16 SMALL BAGS OF CRACK... A BAG OF CANNABIS... AND ABOUT A THOUSAND DOLLARS CASH.

Heuremann Court July 3 5PM :37

DEWITT COUNTY PROSECUTORS ARE SAYING LITTLE ABOUT THE CASE AGAINST A CLINTON MAN ACCUSED OF KILLING HIS GIRLFRIENDS' BABY. THERE ARE NO DETAILS ON WHAT HAPPENED AT 21-YEAR-OLD RICHARD (HIRE-MAN) HEUREMANN'S STATUS HEARING TODAY. PROSECUTORS SAY IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF THE CASE.. THEY WILL NOT MAKE STATEMENTS UNTIL THE CASE IS RESOLVED.

Collins Court July 3 5PM :31

A MAN ARRESTED SUNDAY MORNING AT A LOCAL CHURCH FACES A JUDGE THIS AFTERNOON. OFFICERS ARRESTED COLLINS AT THE ABUNDANT FAITH CHURCH IN SPRINGFIELD AFTER A SHORT CHASE.

POLICE SAY OFFICERS THOUGHT COLLINS HAD A WEAPON AND PULLED HIM OVER.

David Lewis July 3 5PM :28

A FORMER POLICE OFFICER INDICTED ON ALMOST 50 CHARGES.. STILL HAS NO PRETRIAL DATE SET. THE VERMILION COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SAYS THIS MORNING A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR WAS IN COURT... WORKING ON SETTING A PRE TRIAL DATE FOR 45 YEAR OLD DAVID LEWIS. A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR WAS BROUGHT IN BECAUSE OF THE SEVERITY OF THE CHARGES IN THIS CASE.

Rodeo Charges July 3 5PM :58

SANGAMON COUNTY PROSECUTORS SAY THEY WILL NOT FILE CHARGES FOR THE ALLEGED ABUSE OF A BULL DURING LAST SUMMER'S NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL RODEO. BUT AS NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT EXPLAINS LIVE FROM SPRINGFIELD .. SOME PLAN TO TAKE THE INVESTIGATION INTO THEIR OWN HANDS.

Springfield Shooting July 3 6PM :25

POLICE IN SPRINGFIELD HAVE TWO MEN IN CUSTODY AFTER AN APPARENT SHOOTING. INITIAL REPORTS FROM POLICE INDICATE AN ARMED ROBBERY TOOK PLACE IN THE 1-THOUSAND BLOCK OF NORTH 5TH STREET. THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS OF SHOTS FIRED... AND THAT A PERSON WAS GRAZED IN THE LEG. POLICE SAY THEY RECOVERED A GUN AND ARRESTED TWO PEOPLE.

Danville Shooting July 3 6PM :16

A SHOOTING LEAVES A 31 YEAR OLD DANVILLE MAN DEAD. THE SHOOTING HAPPENED ON CHERRY STREET IN DANVILLE TODAY. THE VERMILION COUNTY CORONER IS NOT RELEASING HIS NAME... BUT SAYS HE WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD SHORTLY BEFORE 1 THIS AFTERNOON. AN AUTOPSY IS SCHEDULED.. AND THE POLICE ARE STILL INVESTIGATING.

Urbana Standoff July 3 6PM :50

A STAND-OFF WITH POLICE ENDS SAFELY IN URBANA IT STARTED THIS MORNING WHEN URBANA POLICE SAY THEY TRIED TO ARREST 30 YEAR OLD DANIEL MCELFRISH. POLICE SAY THE URBANA MAN WAS WANTED FOR HIS CONNECTION TO A BURGLARY AT THE URBANA WAL-MART LAST MONTH. POLICE FOUND HIM AT THE TRAVELERS STAY INN... BUT WHEN THEY WENT TO MCELFRISH'S ROOM... POLICE SAY HE BARRICADED THE DOOR WITH FURNITURE AND REFUSED TO COME OUT.

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Danville Bank Robbery July 3 10PM :29
DANVILLE POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A SUSPECT AFTER A BANK ROBBERY. IT HAPPENED JUST BEFORE 11 A-M AT THE UNITED COMMUNITY BANK IN DANVILLE. POLICE SPOKESMAN LARRY THOMASON SAYS A SUPSECT WENT INTO THE BANK AND PASSED A NOTE TO THE TELLER... DEMANING MONEY. THOMASON SAYS THE SUSPECT DIDN'T DISPLAY A WEAPON... AND NO ON WAS HURT.

Danville Shooting July 3 10PM :12
IN DANVILLE... POLICE INVESTIGATE A SHOOTING THAT LEFT A 31 YEAR OLD MAN DEAD. IT HAPPENED ON CHERRY STREET. THE VERMILION COUNTY CORONER IS NOT RELEASING THE DANVILLE MAN'S NAME TONIGHT... BUT SAYS AN AUTOPSY IS SCHEDULED.

Springfield Shooting July 3 10PM :37
NEW SINCE SIX... WE NOW KNOW THE NAMES OF TWO MEN ARRESTED AFTER A SHOOTING IN SPRINGFIELD THIS AFTERNOON. 19 YEAR OLD DERRICK NODEN AND 17 YEAR OLD KENNETH DONALD FACE CHARGES OF ATTEMPTED ARMED ROBBERY AND AGGRAVATED BATTERY. POLICE SAY THE TWO WERE ALLEGEDLY TRYING TO ROB A HOUSE IN THE 1-THOUSAND BLOCK OF NORTH FIFTH STREET... AND THE SHOOTING HAPPENED SHORTLY AFTER.

Champaign Murder July 3 10PM :29
CHAMPAIGN POLICE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR ANSWERS IN AN UNSOLVED MURDER CASE... AND THEY WANT YOUR HELP. TOMORROW MARKS THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY SINCE 58 YEAR OLD JEREMIAH (HAY) HAIGH AND 66 YEAR OLD SUE (HAY) HAIGH DIED IN THEIR HOME IN THE 17-HUNDRED BLOCK OF SCOTTSDALE DRIVE IN CHAMPAIGN.

EVIDENCE AT THE SCENE INDICATES THE COUPLE WAS MURDERED... AND AT THE TIME... INVESTIGATORS SAID THEY HAD STRONG LEADS.

Urbana Standoff July 3 10PM :36

AN URBANA MAN IS IN JAIL TONIGHT FACING SERIOUS CHARGES AFTER A MORNING STANDOFF WITH POLICE. POLICE SAY 30 YEAR OLD DANIEL MCELFRISH WAS WANTED FOR HIS CONNECTION TO A BURGLARY AT THE URBANA WAL-MART LAST MONTH. POLICE FOUND HIM AT THE TRAVELERS STAY INN... BUT SAY HE BARRICADED THE DOOR WITH FURNITURE AND REFUSED TO COME OUT OF HIS ROOM.

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Rodeo Charges July 3 10PM :42

THE PRESIDENT OF AN ANIMAL RIGHTS GROUP IS ON A MISSION TO IDENTIFY A MAN CAUGHT ON TAPE... JABBING BULLS AT LAST YEAR'S NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL RODEO FINALS. INVESTIGATORS SAY THIS VIDEO SHOWS A MAN IN A RED SHIRT... VIOLATING THE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL RODEO CODE BY SLAPPING AND SHOCKING THE BULLS.

Collins Court July 4 5AM :31

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Springfield Shooting July 4 5AM :41
TWO SPRINGFIELD MEN ARE IN CUSTODY THIS MORNING.. FOLLOWING AN ATTEMPTED ROBBERY AND SHOOTING YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. 19 YEAR OLD DERRICK NODEN AND 17 YEAR OLD KENNETH DONALD FACE CHARGES OF ATTEMPTED ARMED ROBBERY AND AGGRAVATED BATTERY.

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DUI Drive July 4 5PM 1:57
STATE POLICE AND I-DOT WILL SPEND ONE MILLION DOLLARS THIS WEEK ALONE TO SEND THE MESSAGE THAT DRUNKEN DRIVING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. BUT TONIGHT NEWSCENTER 17'S MIKE MAZZOCCO SPEAKS WITH ONE CENTRAL ILLINOIS MAN .. WHO IS ALL TOO FAMILIAR WITH THE IMPACT OF DRINKING AND DRIVING.

Springfield Shooting July 4 5PM :24
SPRINGFIELD POLICE CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE AN EARLY MORNING SHOOTING. POLICE SAY A 21 YEAR OLD MAN WALKED INTO SAINT JOHN'S HOSPITAL AROUND 5 THIS MORNING. THE MAN HAD A GUN SHOT WOUND TO HIS LEFT ANKLE.

Gun Club Robbery July 4 5PM :48

A GUN CLUB MAY BE THE LAST PLACE YOU'D EXPECT TO GET HELD UP.. BUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED THIS MORNING IN DECATUR. POLICE SAY TWO HISPANIC MEN HELD UP THE DECATUR GUN CLUB AT GUNPOINT AROUND EIGHT THIS MORNING.

Danville Murder July 4 6PM :20

A MAN WHO WAS GUNNED DOWN ON A DANVILLE STREET YESTERDAY AFTERNOON HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED. THE VICTIM IS 31 YEAR OLD MARQUETE NEWSOME OF LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.. FORMERLY OF DANVILLE. AN AUTOPSY FOUND NEWSOME DIED FROM MULTIPLE GUNSHOT WOUNDS.

Gun Club Robbery July 4 6PM :36

DECATUR POLICE SAY TWO MEN ROBBED THE DECATUR GUN CLUB AROUND EIGHT THIS MORNING. AN EMPLOYEE TELLS POLICE TWO HISPANIC MEN.. ONE ARMED WITH A HANDGUN.. DEMANDED MONEY AND THE COMPUTER SYSTEM.

DUI Driver July 4 10PM 2:03

THIS FOURTH OF JULY WILL SOON BE OVER... BUT POLICE ARE STILL GETTING OUT THE MESSAGE FOR DRIVERS TO STAY SAFE THIS SUMMER. ILLINOIS STATE POLICE AND I-DOT SPENT MORE THAN A MILLION DOLLARS THIS WEEK ALONE TO GET OUT THE MESSAGE: "YOU DRINK, YOU DRIVE, YOU LOSE."

Danville Murder July 4 10PM :19

A MAN GUNNED DOWN ON A DANVILLE STREET YESTERDAY AFTERNOON HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED. THE VICTIM IS 31 YEAR OLD MARQUETE NEWSOME OF LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.. FORMERLY OF DANVILLE. AN AUTOPSY FOUND NEWSOME DIED FROM MULTIPLE GUNSHOT WOUNDS.

Springfield Shooting July 4 10PM :24

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Gun Club Robbery July 4 10PM :32

POLICE SAY TWO HISPANIC MEN ROBBED THE DECATUR GUN CLUB AROUND EIGHT THIS MORNING. THE EMPLOYEE TELLS POLICE THEY DEMANDED MONEY AND THE COMPUTER SYSTEM... WHICH HE GAVE THEM. POLICE SAY THE TWO MEN THEN LEFT THE STORE.. AND THE EMPLOYEE WAS NOT HURT.

DUI Driver July 5 5AM 1:53
STATE POLICE AND I-DOT WILL SPEND ONE MILLION DOLLARS THIS WEEK TO SEND THE MESSAGE: "YOU DRINK, YOU DRIVE, YOU LOSE." BUT WE SPOKE WITH ONE CENTRAL ILLINOIS MAN .. WHO IS ALL TOO FAMILIAR WITH THE IMPACT OF DRINKING AND DRIVING.

Danville Murder July 5 5AM :20
A MAN WHO WAS GUNNED DOWN ON A DANVILLE STREET TUESDAY AFTERNOON HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED. THE VICTIM IS 31 YEAR OLD MARQUETE NEWSOME OF LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.. FORMERLY OF DANVILLE. AN AUTOPSY FOUND NEWSOME DIED FROM MULTIPLE GUNSHOT WOUNDS.

Gun Club Robbery July 5 5AM :38
DECATUR POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR INFORMATION ON TWO MEN WHO ROBBED THE DECATUR GUN CLUB YESTERDAY MORNING. AN EMPLOYEE TOLD POLICE TWO HISPANIC MEN.. ONE ARMED WITH A HANDGUN.. DEMANDED MONEY AND THE COMPUTER SYSTEM.. WHICH HE GAVE THEM.

Springfield Shooting July 5 5AM :24
SPRINGFIELD POLICE CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE A FOURTH OF JULY SHOOTING.
POLICE SAY A 21 YEAR OLD MAN WALKED INTO SAINT JOHN'S HOSPITAL AROUND 5 YESTERDAY MORNING. THE MAN HAD A GUN SHOT WOUND TO HIS LEFT ANKLE.

Family Killed July 5 5PM :35
TOPPING REGIONAL NEWS TONIGHT: A SUBURBAN CHICAGO MAN ACCUSED OF KILLING HIS WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN MAKES HIS FIRST COURT APPEARANCE TODAY. CHRISTOPHER VAUGHN REMAINS JAILED IN WILL COUNTY ON A SUICIDE WATCH.

Echols Latest July 5 6PM :36
FAMILY MEMBERS WILL HAVE TO WAIT SEVERAL MORE DAYS TO FIND OUT IF A FORENSIC TEAM UNCOVERED ANY NEW DETAILS IN A DECATUR WOMAN'S DEATH.
A HORSEBACK RIDER FOUND CYNTHIA ECHOLS PARTIAL REMAINS IN MAY, WHILE RIDING IN THE SANDCREEK RECREATION AREA.

Echols Latest July 5 10PM :36
FAMILY MEMBERS WILL HAVE TO WAIT SEVERAL MORE DAYS TO FIND OUT IF A FORENSIC TEAM UNCOVERED ANY NEW DETAILS IN A DECATUR WOMAN'S DEATH.

A HORSEBACK RIDER FOUND CYNTHIA ECHOLS PARTIAL REMAINS IN MAY, WHILE RIDING IN THE SANDCREEK RECREATION AREA.

Missouri Gun Law July 5 10PM :18
IN REGIONAL NEWS TONIGHT... A NEW LAW ON THE BOOKS IN MISSOURI ALLOWS REGISTERED GUN HOLDERS TO SHOOT AND KILL INTRUDERS... WITHOUT FEAR OF PROSECUTION OR LAWSUITS. THE MEASURE SAYS PEOPLE CAN USE DEADLY FORCE AGAINST AN INTRUDER... ONCE THE PERSON ILLEGALLY ENTERS THEIR HOME OR CAR.

Family Killed July 5 10PM :35
A SUBURBAN CHICAGO MAN ACCUSED OF KILLING HIS WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN MAKES HIS FIRST COURT APPEARANCE TODAY. CHRISTOPHER VAUGHN REMAINS JAILED IN WILL COUNTY ON A SUICIDE WATCH.

DUI Strike Force July 6 5AM :30
THE FOURTH OF JULY MAY BE OVER .. BUT A POLICE CRACKDOWN ON DRUNKEN DRIVING IS NOT. POLICE HAVE RELEASED RESULTS OF A D-U-I STRIKE FORCE OPERATION CONDUCTED IN SANGAMON COUNTY LAST SATURDAY NIGHT.

Echols Latest July 6 5AM :39
FAMILY MEMBERS WILL HAVE TO WAIT SEVERAL MORE DAYS TO FIND OUT IF A FORENSIC TEAM UNCOVERED ANY NEW DETAILS IN A DECATUR WOMAN'S DEATH.
A HORSEBACK RIDER FOUND CYNTHIA ECHOLS PARTIAL REMAINS IN MAY, WHILE RIDING IN THE SANDCREEK RECREATION AREA.

Family Killed July 6 5AM :29
A SUBURBAN CHICAGO MAN ACCUSED OF KILLING HIS WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN MAKES HIS FIRST COURT APPEARANCE TODAY. CHRISTOPHER VAUGHN REMAINS JAILED IN WILL COUNTY ON A SUICIDE WATCH.

Illegals Sentences July 6 6PM :29
SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO PLEADED GUILTY TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION CHARGES.. RECEIVE THEIR SENTENCES. THE U-S DISTRICT CIRCUIT CLERK'S OFFICE SAYS 8 PEOPLE FROM APRIL'S IMMIGRATION RAID AT THE BEARDSTOWN CARGILL PLANT WERE SENTENCED TO 3 MONTHS IN JAIL.. WHICH IS TIME ALREADY SERVED. THEY PLEADED GUILTY TO FRAUD AND MISUSE OF EMPLOYMENT DOCUMENTS.. AND ARE ALL NOW GOING THROUGH THE DEPORTATION PROCESS.

Sanchez July 6 6PM :26

THERE COULD BE A PLEA AGREEMENT FOR A MAN ACCUSED OF KNOWINGLY TRANSMITTING H-I-V TO A 14 YEAR OLD GIRL. THIS MORNING CHAMPAIGN COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY JULIA RIETZ CONFIRMS 29 YEAR OLD JOSE SANCHEZ IS PLANNING TO ACCEPT A PLEA BARGAIN.

Jose Sanchez July 6 5PM :42

A PLEA AGREEMENT IS IN THE WORKS FOR A MAN ACCUSED OF PURPOSELY INFECTING A 14 YEAR OLD GIRL WITH H-I-V. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY WAS IN COURT TODAY... SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE FROM THE NEWSROOM WITH THE DETAILS ON THE PLEA.

Meth Sentence July 6 5PM :18

A CENTRAL ILLINOIS MAN WILL GO TO JAIL FOR SIX YEARS FOR MAKING METHAMPHETAMINE WHILE A CHILD WAS PRESENT. 44 YEAR OLD BRAD GENTRY WILL ALSO HAVE TO GO STRAIGHT INTO THE DRUG COURT PROGRAM AFTER HE SERVES HIS JAILTIME..

Cab Robbed July 6 5PM :22

A LINCOLN YELLOW CAB DRIVER TOLD SPRINGFIELD POLICE HE WAS ROBBED AT KNIFEPOINT THIS MORNING. THE DRIVER TOLD POLICE HE PICKED UP A FARE AT THE AMTRAK STATION ABOUT 3 A.M., THE MAN ASKED TO BE TAKEN TO THE 800 BLOCK OF NORTH EIGHTH STREET.

Springfield Murder July 7 10PM :30

SPRINGFIELD POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A MURDER WE TOLD YOU ABOUT YESTERDAY. THE SANGAMON COUNTY CORONER SAY 63- YEAR OLD JUDY (TUM-UL-TEE) TUMULTY ... WAS *NOT STABBED.... AS NEIGHBORS INITALLY SAID.

Springfield Murder July 7 5PM :30

NEW INFORMATION NOW ON A MURDER WE TOLD ABOUT LAST NIGHT. THE SANGAMON COUNTY CORONER SAY 63- YEAR OLD JUDY (TUM-UL-TEE) TUMULTY ... WAS *NOT STABBED.... AS NEIGHBORS INITALLY SAID. OFFICERS WERE CALLED TO HER HOME IN THE TWO-THOUSAND BLOCK OF STANHOPE ROAD YESTERDAY EVENING.

Motorcycle DUI July 7 5PM :20

POLICE SAY THE MOTORCYCLIST WHO WAS INVOLVED IN A CRASH EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING IS DOING BETTER TODAY. IT HAPPENED IN THE 19-HUNDRED BLOCK OF WEST JEFFERSON. POLICE SAY 43 YEAR OLD JOSEPH BLACK SUFFERED SERIOUS HEAD INJURIES.... AND NOW FACES D-U-I CHARGES

Mattoon Murder July 8 5PM :50

ONE MAN IS DEAD ... AND ANOTHER IS BEHIND BARS. MATTOON POLICE SAY OFFICERS WERE CALLED TO THE 15-HUNDRED BLOCK OF SHELBY AVENUE ABOUT A FIGHT AROUND 8:15 LAST NIGHT. POLICE SAY BY THE TIME THEY ARRIVED ... THE PEOPLE INVOLVED WERE GONE.

Springfield Murder July 8 5PM :20
SPRINGFIELD POLICE SAY THEY ARE INTERVIEWING SOMEONE IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF A 63-YEAR OLD WOMAN FRIDAY. OFFICERS WERE CALLED TO THE TWO-THOUSAND BLOCK OF STANHOPE ROAD FRIDAY. THAT'S WHERE THEY FOUND 63- YEAR OLD JUDY (TUM-UL-TEE) TUMULTY.

Eisenhower Coaches July 6 6PM :44
TWO HIGH SCHOOL COACHES IN DECATUR HAVE RUN-INS WITH THE LAW. COURT RECORDS SHOW POLICE ARRESTED EISENHOWER BOYS BASKETBALL COACH JEREMY MOORE THIS WEEK FOR D-U-I AND IMPROPER LANE USAGE.

Champaign Court July 6 6PM :56
SEAN... A PLEA AGREEMENT IS IN THE WORKS FOR A MAN ACCUSED OF PURPOSELY TRANSMITTING H-I-V TO A 14 YEAR OLD GIRL. POLICE ARRESTED JOSE SANCHEZ IN MAY ON CHARGES OF AGGRAVATED CRIMINAL SEXUAL ABUSE... AS WELL AS CRIMINAL TRANSMISSION OF H-I-V.

Springfield Murder July 8 10PM :30
AN 18 YEAR OLD MAN FACES A FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF A 63 YEAR OLD SPRINGFIELD WOMAN. POLICE SAY THE ARRESTED KYLE J- FRYE TODAY... WHO ALLEGEDLY CONFESSED TO KILLING JUDY TUMULTY.

Mattoon Murder July 8 10PM :45
MORE INFORMATION COULD COME ABOUT TOMORROW ABOUT A MATTOON MAN WHO MURDERED LAST NIGHT. MATTOON POLICE SAY OFFICERS WERE CALLED TO THE 15-HUNDRED BLOCK OF SHELBY AVENUE ABOUT A FIGHT AROUND 8:15 LAST NIGHT.

Springfield Murder July 9 5AM :27
A TEENAGER FACES A FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGE IN THE KILLING OF A WOMAN IN HER SIXTIES IN SPRINGFIELD. POLICE SAY KYLE J. FRYE CONFESSED TO KILLING 63-YEAR OLD JUDY TUMULTY IN HER SPRINGFIELD HOME. OFFICERS WERE CALLED TO THE TWO-THOUSAND BLOCK OF STANHOPE ROAD FRIDAY .. WHERE THEY FOUND TUMULTY DEAD.

Mattoon Murder July 9 5AM :40

FORMAL CHARGES ARE PENDING IN A MURDER THAT HAPPENED IN MATTOON. MATTOON POLICE SAY OFFICERS WERE CALLED TO THE 15-HUNDRED BLOCK OF SHELBY AVENUE ABOUT A FIGHT AROUND 8:15 SATURDAY NIGHT

White July 9 12PM :20

A BOND HEARING IS SCHEDULED TODAY IN THE CASE OF A FORMER URBANA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER. JON ANDREW WHITE HAS PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO CHARGES HE MOLESTED SOME OF HIS STUDENTS.

Springfield Murder July 9 12PM :30

SPRINGFIELD POLICE SAY AN ALLEGED KILLER IS BEHIND BARS AFTER HE MURDERED A 63-YEAR OLD WOMAN. POLICE ARRESTED 18-YEAR-OLD KYLE J. FRYE FOR THE DEATH OF JUDY TUMULTY IN HER SPRINGFIELD HOME.

Mattoon Murder July 9 12PM :35

A MAN IS BEHIND BARS THIS AFTERNOON ON A PRELIMINARY CHARGE OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER. MATTOON POLICE SAY OFFICERS WERE CALLED TO THE 15-HUNDRED BLOCK OF SHELBY AVENUE ABOUT A FIGHT AROUND 8:15 SATURDAY NIGHT.

Mattoon Murder July 9 5PM :35

A MAN AND WOMAN SIT IN JAIL TONIGHT... AFTER A MURDER IN MATTOON THIS WEEKEND. MATTHEW DEPEW IS ACCUSED OF SHOOTING ROBERT GORDON IN THE CHEST ON SHELBY AVENUE AROUND 8:15 SATURDAY NIGHT.

Tumulty Murder July 9 5PM :34

MEANWHILE IN SANGAMON COUNTY, A JUDGE SET A ONE MILLION DOLLAR BOND FOR 18-YEAR-OLD KYLE FRYE, TODAY. THE TEENAGER IS ACCUSED OF KILLING 63-YEAR-OLD JUDY TUMULTY (TUMMLE-TEE), IN HER HOME ON STANHOPE ROAD ON FRIDAY.

Tumulty Murder July 9 6PM 2:09

A TEENAGER CHARGED WITH MURDER COULD SPEND THE REST OF HIS LIFE IN PRISON. ON FRIDAY, 63 YEAR OLD JUDY TUMULTY (TUM-ulty) WAS FOUND BEATEN TO DEATH IN HER SPRINGFIELD HOME.

Mattoon Murder July 9 6PM 1:47

INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE A FIGHT OVER A WOMAN LED TO A MATTOON'S MAN'S DEATH OVER THE WEEKEND. 30 YEAR OLD ROBERT GORDON DIED SATURDAY AFTER BEING SHOT IN THE CHEST OUTSIDE A HOUSE ON SHELBY AVENUE.

Tumulty Murder July 9 10PM :53
A TEENAGER CHARGED WITH MURDER COULD SPEND THE REST OF HIS LIFE IN PRISON. ON FRIDAY, 63 YEAR OLD JUDY TUMULTY (TUM-ulty) WAS FOUND BEATEN TO DEATH IN HER SPRINGFIELD HOME.

Mattoon Murder July 9 10PM :58
INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE A FIGHT OVER A WOMAN LED TO A MATTOON'S MAN'S DEATH OVER THE WEEKEND. 30 YEAR OLD ROBERT GORDON DIED SATURDAY AFTER BEING SHOT IN THE CHEST OUTSIDE A HOUSE ON SHELBY AVENUE.

Tumulty Murder July 10 5AM 1:27
A TEENAGER CHARGED WITH MURDER COULD SPEND THE REST OF HIS LIFE IN PRISON. ON FRIDAY, 63 YEAR OLD JUDY TUMULTY (TUM-ulty) WAS FOUND BEATEN TO DEATH IN HER SPRINGFIELD HOME. NEWSCENTER 17'S TARA BARRETT SHOWS YOU WHAT PROSECUTORS AND NEIGHBORS ARE SAYING ABOUT THE PERSON ARRESTED FOR HER MURDER.

Mattoon Murder July 10 5AM 1:00
INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE A FIGHT OVER A WOMAN LED TO A MATTOON'S MAN'S DEATH OVER THE WEEKEND. MATTHEW DEPEW IS FACING PRELIMINARY MURDER CHARGES IN THE DEATH OF ROBERT GORDON. HIS GIRLFRIEND, RACHEL (AS-QUE) ASKEW IS CHARGED WITH OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

Stun Gun Shooting July 10 12PM :35
ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SAY THEY ARE CLOSE TO WRAPPING UP THEIR PROBE INTO THE DEATH OF A JERSEY COUNTY TEEN.. STATE POLICE SAY DETAILS OF THE INVESTIGATION HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO THE ILLINOIS APPELLATE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, WHICH WILL DECIDE WHETHER CHARGES SHOULD RESULT FROM ROGER HOLYFIELD'S DEATH.

Gordon Shot July 10 12PM :55
NEIGHBORS IN ONE MATTOON NEIGHBORHOOD ARE STILL NERVOUS... EVEN AFTER POLICE SAY THEY SOLVED A MURDER CASE. MATTHEW DEPEW IS FACING PRELIMINARY MURDER CHARGES. HIS GIRLFRIEND, RACHEL (AS-QUE) ASKEW IS OUT ON BOND.

Judy Death July 10 12PM :45
MEANWHILE, A SPRINGFIELD TEEN CHARGED WITH MURDER COULD SPEND THE REST OF HIS LIFE IN PRISON. 18 YEAR OLD KYLE FRYE APPEARED IN A SANGAMON COUNTY COURTROOM YESTERDAY .. WHERE HE WAS CHARGED WITH FOUR COUNTS OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER .. IN THE DEATH OF 63 YEAR OLD JUDY TUMULTY.

Minister Sex Charges July 10 5PM :46
A CENTRAL ILLINOIS PASTOR ACCUSED OF SEXUAL ABUSE IS DUE TO STAND TRIAL NEXT WEEK. NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH IS LIVE IN THE NEWSROOM TO EXPLAIN THE ALLEGATIONS AND THE EFFECT ON LOCAL CHURCHES.

Griffieth Anniversary July 10 6PM 2:09
FAMILY MEMBERS OF 28 YEAR OLD KATIE GRIFFIETH AND HER EIGHT YEAR OLD SON KENDALL ARE PLANNING A MEMORIAL FOR THEIR LOVED ONES, TOMORROW. IT'S BEEN A LONG YEAR FOR THE FAMILY... STILL AWAITING A TRIAL IN THIS CAPITAL MURDER CASE.

Minister Sex Charges July 10 10PM :41
A TRIAL IS SET TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK FOR A CENTRAL ILLINOIS PASTOR ACCUSED OF SEXUAL ABUSE. 50 YEAR OLD CLEVELAND BRADFIELD IS ACCUSED OF SEXUALLY ABUSING A GIRL BETWEEN 13 AND 16 YEARS OLD.

Griffieth Anniversary July 10 10PM :54
IT'S THE EVE OF THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF A GRUESOME MURDER THAT HAPPENED HERE IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS. THE SCENE OF THE CRIME IN SMALL TOWN HALLSVILLE IS ALL QUIET NOW... BUT LAST JULY THIS HOME WAS WHERE A PREGNANT WOMAN AND HER YOUNG SON WERE FOUND BRUTALLY STABBED TO DEATH.

Hallsville Murder July 11 5AM 1:30
TODAY MARKS ONE YEAR SINCE THE MURDERS OF A PREGNANT WOMAN AND HER SON HERE IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS. 28 YEAR OLD KATIE GRIFFIETH AND HER EIGHT YEAR OLD SON KENDALL WERE FOUND WERE FOUND STABBED TO DEATH INSIDE THEIR HOME. FAMILY MEMBERS SAY THEY ARE STILL HAVING A HARD TIME DEALING WITH THE MURDERS.

Minister Sex Charges July 11 5AM :41
A CENTRAL ILLINOIS PASTOR ACCUSED OF SEXUAL ABUSE IS DUE TO STAND TRIAL NEXT WEEK. FIFTY- YEAR OLD CLEVELAND BRADFIELD IS ACCUSED OF SEXUALLY ABUSING A GIRL BETWEEN THE AGES OF THIRTEEN AND SIXTEEN YEARS OLD.

Clemons July 11 12PM :23
THE MAN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING THREE CHAMPAIGN POLICE OFFICERS LAST MONTH.. WILL BE RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL LATER TODAY. DONNELL CLEMONS HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED SINCE THE JUNE SEVENTH SHOOTING INCIDENT AT WEST SIDE PARK.

Hallsville Murder July 11 12PM :30
TODAY MARKS ONE YEAR SINCE THE MURDERS OF A PREGNANT WOMAN AND HER SON HERE IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS. 28 YEAR OLD KATIE GRIFFIETH AND HER EIGHT YEAR OLD SON KENDALL WERE FOUND WERE FOUND STABBED TO DEATH INSIDE THEIR HOME.

Minister Sex Charges July 11 12PM :30
A CENTRAL ILLINOIS PASTOR ACCUSED OF SEXUAL ABUSE IS DUE TO STAND TRIAL NEXT WEEK. FIFTY- YEAR OLD CLEVELAND BRADFIELD IS ACCUSED OF SEXUALLY ABUSING A GIRL BETWEEN THE AGES OF THIRTEEN AND SIXTEEN YEARS OLD.

Donnell Clemons July 11 5PM :20
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS MAN. HE'S CHARGED WITH SHOOTING THREE CHAMPAIGN POLICE OFFICERS. THE OFFICERS FIRED BACK... AND THIS AFTERNOON DONNELL CLEMONS GOT OUT OF THE HOSPITAL AND WENT STRAIGHT TO JAIL.

Sex Charges July 11 5PM :19
A CHAMPAIGN MAN FACES CHILD MOLESTATION CHARGES TONIGHT.. COURT RECORDS SHOW 39 YEAR OLD BRYAN RAMSAY PLEADED NOT GUILTY YESTERDAY TO TWO CHARGES OF PREDATORY CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A GIRL UNDER 13.

Mattoon Murder Folo July 11 5PM :41
A MAN FACING PRELIMINARY CHARGES OF MURDER IN MATTOON IS **OUT OF JAIL** TONIGHT. THE COLES COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY SAYS MATTHEW DEPEW BONDED OUT TODAY. HIS BOND WAS 200-THOUSAND DOLLARS... SO THAT MEANS HE PAID 20-THOUSAND TO GET OUT.

Construction Crash July 11 5PM 1:06
WE NOW HAVE THE NAMES OF THE PEOPLE HURT IN A FOUR-VEHICLE CRASH THAT SENT A FIREBALL FLYING INTO THE AIR. THE CRASH HAPPENED YESTERDAY... NEAR ROUTES 121 AND 128 IN THE DALTON CITY AREA OF MACON COUNTY.

Donnell Clemons July 11 6PM :59
THE MAN ACCUSED OF OPENING FIRE ON THREE CHAMPAIGN COPS TRADES IN HIS HOSPITAL GOWN FOR A JAIL JUMPSUIT. GOOD EVENING AND THANKS FOR JOINING US.. I'M DAWN STERLING. DOCTORS RELEASED DONNELL CLEMONS FROM CARLE HOSPITAL THIS AFTERNOON. OFFICERS TOOK HIM STRAIGHT TO THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY JAIL.

Taylorville Sex Crimes July 11 10PM :43

ALSO NEW TONIGHT... THE TAYLORVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT DOES AN EARLY MORNING SWEEP OF SEX OFFENDERS TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE ALL COMPLIANT.

POLICE SAY THEY DO THESE CHECKS EVERY YEAR.. RIGHT NOW THERE ARE 16 REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS LIVING IN TAYLORVILLE.

Sex Charges July 11 10PM :17

AND A CHAMPAIGN MAN FACES CHILD MOLESTATION CHARGES TONIGHT.. COURT RECORDS SHOW 39 YEAR OLD BRYAN RAMSAY PLEADED INNOCENT YESTERDAY TO TWO CHARGES OF PREDATORY CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A GIRL UNDER 13.

Donnell Clemons July 11 10PM :36

A MAN CHARGED WITH SHOOTING THREE CHAMPAIGN POLICE OFFICERS GETS OUT OF THE HOSPITAL TODAY... AND GOES STRAIGHT TO JAIL. DONNELL CLEMONS WAS ARRAIGNED TODAY IN THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Springfield Vest Scam July 11 10PM :10

NEW AT TEN... SPRINGFIELD POLICE HAVE A WARNING TONIGHT ABOUT A NEW SCAM.

POLICE SAY THEY GOT A CALL FROM A CONCERNED CITIZEN... THAT SHE GOT A PHONE CALL ASKING FOR DONATIONS FOR PROTECTIVE VESTS FOR SPRINGFIELD POLICE OFFICERS. POLICE SAY THEY DO NOT SOLICIT DONATIONS FOR VESTS... AND YOU SHOULD NOT FALL FOR THIS OBVIOUS SCAM.

Sex Charges July 12 5AM :22

A CHAMPAIGN MAN FACES CHILD MOLESTATION CHARGES TONIGHT.. COURT RECORDS SHOW 39 YEAR OLD BRYAN RAMSAY PLEADED INNOCENT YESTERDAY TO TWO CHARGES OF PREDATORY CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A GIRL UNDER 13.

Donnell Clemons July 12 5AM :23

A MAN CHARGED WITH SHOOTING THREE CHAMPAIGN POLICE OFFICERS GETS OUT OF THE HOSPITAL TODAY... AND GOES STRAIGHT TO JAIL. DONNELL CLEMONS WAS ARRAIGNED TODAY IN THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Mattoon Murder Charges July 12 5AM :36

A MAN FACING PRELIMINARY CHARGES OF MURDER IN MATTOON IS NOW **OUT OF JAIL**.

THE COLES COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY SAYS MATTHEW DEPEW BONDED OUT YESTERDAY. DEPEW FACES PRELIMINARY MURDER CHARGES IN THE DEATH OF ROBERT GORDON.

Donnell Clemons July 12 12PM :50
A MAN CHARGED WITH SHOOTING THREE CHAMPAIGN POLICE OFFICERS IS NOW OUT OF THE HOSPITAL AND IN JAIL. DONNELL CLEMONS WAS ARRAIGNED YESTERDAY IN THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Mattoon Murder Charges July 12 12PM :36
A MAN FACING PRELIMINARY CHARGES OF MURDER IN MATTOON IS NOW **OUT OF JAIL**.
THE COLES COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY SAYS MATTHEW DEPEW BONDED OUT YESTERDAY. DEPEW FACES PRELIMINARY MURDER CHARGES IN THE DEATH OF ROBERT GORDON.

Stand off July 12 6PM :27
WE HAVE CONTINUING BREAKING NEWS OUT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY TONIGHT.
AS WE FIRST TOLD YOU AT FIVE... THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SAYS A MAN HAS BARRICADED HIMSELF INSIDE A HOME IN WITT.. WHICH IS NEAR NOKOMIS. A STANDOFF SITUATION WITH POLICE CONTINUES AT THIS HOUR.
ACCORDING TO A NEWSCENTER 17 VIEWER IN THE AREA... HILLSIDE AVENUE IS BLOCKED OFF BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

Bank Robber July 12 6PM :37
THE F-B-I RELEASES A SKETCH OF A SUSPECTED ARMED BANK ROBBER... THIS IS WHAT A WITNESS SAYS THE MAN SUSPECTED OF HOLDING UP THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DANVILLE-WESTVILLE ON SATURDAY LOOKS LIKE. F-B-I AGENTS SAY HE WORE A STOCKING OVER HIS FACE.. POINTED A GUN AT TELLERS.. GOT AN UNDISCLOSED AMOUNT OF CASH.. RAN AWAY AND MET AN ACCOMPLICE.

Massey Charges July 12 6PM :55
NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CASE OF A CLINTON MAN ACCUSED OF KILLING A PREGNANT WOMAN AND HER SON. NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH IS LIVE IN THE NEWSROOM TO EXPLAIN, KELLY?

Witt Standoff July 12 10PM :43
A STAND OFF WITH THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT... ENDS PEACEFULLY JUST MORE THAN AN HOUR AGO. ILLINOIS STATE POLICE AND THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SAY A MAN HAD A BOMB STRAPPED ON HIMSELF INSIDE A HOME IN THE SMALL TOWN OF WITT NEAR NOKOMIS.

Chase Bank Robbery July 12 10PM :26
NEW AT TEN... SPRINGFIELD POLICE ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A BANK ROBBER TONIGHT. POLICE SAY THIS MAN ALLEGEDLY WENT INTO THE

CHASE BANK AT 200 SOUTH DIRKSEN JUST BEFORE 5 TONIGHT. HE SHOWED THE TELLER A HAND GUN... AND DEMANDED MONEY

Bank Robbery July 12 10PM :32
THE F-B-I RELEASES A SKETCH OF A SUSPECTED ARMED BANK ROBBER... A WITNESS DESCRIBED THIS MAN TO A SKETCH ARTIST. HE'S SUSPECTED OF HOLDING UP THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DANVILLE-WESTVILLE ON SATURDAY. F-B-I AGENTS SAY HE WORE A STOCKING OVER HIS FACE.. POINTED A GUN AT TELLERS.. GOT MONEY... RAN AWAY AND MET AN ACCOMPLICE.

Witt Standoff July 13 5AM 2:03
A MONTGOMERY COUNTY MAN IS IN CUSTODY THIS MORNING.. FOLLOWING A STAND OFF WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. ILLINOIS STATE POLICE AND THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SAY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.. THE MAN STRAPPED A BOMB TO HIS BODY.. AND BARRICADED HIMSELF INSIDE A HOME IN THE SMALL TOWN OF WITT NEAR NOKOMIS.

Chase Bank Robbery July 13 5AM :24
SPRINGFIELD POLICE ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A BANK ROBBER. POLICE SAY THIS MAN WENT INTO THE CHASE BANK AT 200 SOUTH DIRKSEN JUST BEFORE 5 LAST NIGHT. HE SHOWED THE TELLER A HAND GUN... AND DEMANDED MONEY. HE THEN RAN SOUTH BOUND FROM THE BANK.

Bank Robber July 13 5AM :33
THE F-B-I HAS RELEASED A SKETCH OF A SUSPECTED ARMED BANK ROBBER... A WITNESS DESCRIBED THIS MAN TO A SKETCH ARTIST. HE'S SUSPECTED OF HOLDING UP THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DANVILLE-WESTVILLE ON SATURDAY.

TN Serial Killer July 13 5AM :23
NASHVILLE POLICE HAVE ARRESTED AN ILLINOIS TRUCK DRIVER THEY SAY, MAY HAVE KILLED AT LEAST SIX WOMEN IN FIVE STATES. FIFTY-SIX YEAR-OLD BRUCE MENDENHALL MADE HIS FIRST COURT APPEARANCE IN NASHVILLE THURSDAY NIGHT.
HE IS CHARGED WITH THE MURDER OF A WOMAN FOUND SHOT AT A NORTH NASHVILLE TRUCK STOP JUNE 26.

Springfield Parole July 13 5AM :30
FOUR PAROLEES ARE UNDER ARREST FACING NEW CHARGES... AFTER POLICE SAY THEY FAILED PAROLE COMPLIANCE CHECKS. SPRINGFIELD POLICE SAY 18 PAROLEES WERE DRUG TESTED YESTERDAY... AS A CONDITION OF THEIR PAROLE.

Massey Charges July 13 5AM :34
A MAN CHARGED WITH KILLING A PREGNANT MOTHER AND HER SON A YEAR AGO... MAY FACE THE DEATH PENALTY. NEXT MONTH... LAWYERS PLAN TO MEET ABOUT WHETHER CAPITAL PUNISHMENT APPLIES.... IF ARTHUR THOMAS MASSEY IS CONVICTED. THE 38 YEAR-OLD FACES CHARGES FOR FIRST-DEGREE MURDER AND INTENTIONAL HOMICIDE OF AN UNBORN CHILD.

Illegal Kennel July 13 5AM :36
A DECATUR MAN IS FACING CHARGES THIS MORNING.. AFTER MACON COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL RAID TURNED UP AN ILLEGAL KENNEL ON HIS PROPERTY.. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS SAY YESTERDAY MORNING.. THEY FOUND SOME 30 DOGS INSIDE THIS HOME ON MAPLE COURT.\

Arcola Court July 13 12PM 1:25
TWO MEN INVOLVED IN A DEPUTY SHOOTING AND HOSTAGE STANDOFF IN ARCOLA .. WERE BACK IN FRONT OF A JUDGE TODAY. YUSEF KAREEM BROWN AND WILLIAM THOMPSON ARE ACCUSED OF RUNNING FROM POLICE .. ROBBING AND TYING UP THREE PEOPLE... SHOOTING A DEPUTY .. AND TAKING FIVE PEOPLE HOSTAGE LAST MONTH.

Witt Standoff July 13 12PM :40
A MONTGOMERY COUNTY MAN IS IN CUSTODY FOLLOWING A STAND OFF WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. ILLINOIS STATE POLICE AND THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SAY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.. 38 YEAR OLD CHARLES HARSTON STRAPPED A BOMB TO HIS BODY.. AND BARRICADED HIMSELF INSIDE A HOME IN THE SMALL TOWN OF WITT NEAR NOKOMIS.

Minister Charged July 13 12PM :35
A BLOOMINGTON MINISTER ACCUSED OF SEXUALLY ABUSING FOUR BOYS DURING SLEEPOVERS AT HIS HOUSE WON'T GO TO TRIAL NEXT WEEK. JAMES C. LOVE'S TRIAL WAS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN JULY 16TH. YESTERDAY.. A MCLEAN COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE VACATED THE TRIAL DATE AND SET A STATUS HEARING FOR AUGUST 21ST.

Beardstown Aliens July 13 12PM :40
A FORMER WORKSITE SUPERVISOR HAS PLEADED GUILTY TO HARBORING ILLEGAL ALIENS AND AIDING IN IDENTITY FRAUD. FEDERAL AGENTS ARRESTED 35 YEAR OLD GERARDO DOMINGUEZ-CHACON .. ALONG WITH 17 OTHER DEFENDANTS. HE WILL BE SENTENCED IN NOVEMBER .. AND COULD SPEND UP TO 10 YEARS IN JAIL.

Springfield Parole July 13 12PM :30

FOUR PAROLEES ARE UNDER ARREST AND CHARGED WITH NEW CRIMES .. AFTER POLICE SAY THEY FAILED PAROLE COMPLIANCE CHECKS. SPRINGFIELD POLICE SAY 18 PAROLEES WERE DRUG TESTED YESTERDAY .. AS A CONDITION OF THEIR PAROLE. 10 OF THOSE TESTED POSITIVE FOR DRUG USE.

Massey Charges July 13 12PM :35
A MAN CHARGED WITH KILLING A PREGNANT MOTHER AND HER SON A YEAR AGO .. MAY FACE THE DEATH PENALTY. NEXT MONTH .. LAWYERS PLAN TO MEET ABOUT WHETHER CAPITAL PUNISHMENT APPLIES .. IF ARTHUR THOMAS MASSEY IS CONVICTED. THE 38 YEAR-OLD FACES FIRST-DEGREE MURDER AND INTENTIONAL HOMICIDE OF AN UNBORN CHILD CHARGES.

Arcola Court July 13 12PM :27
TWO CHICAGO MEN WHO WENT ON A CRIME SPREE IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS PLEAD NOT GUILTY TO THE CHARGES THIS MORNING. BETWEEN THEM, WILLIAM THOMPSON AND YUSEF KAREEM BROWN FACE 48 COUNTS.

Chase Bank Robbery July 13 12PM :24
SPRINGFIELD POLICE ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A BANK ROBBER. POLICE SAY THIS MAN WENT INTO THE CHASE BANK AT 200 SOUTH DIRKSEN JUST BEFORE 5 LAST NIGHT. HE SHOWED THE TELLER A HAND GUN... AND DEMANDED MONEY.

Bank Robbery July 13 12PM :33
THE F-B-I HAS RELEASED A SKETCH OF A SUSPECTED ARMED BANK ROBBER...A WITNESS DESCRIBED THIS MAN TO A SKETCH ARTIST. HE'S SUSPECTED OF HOLDING UP THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DANVILLE-WESTVILLE ON SATURDAY.

Minister Charged July 13 12PM :36
A BLOOMINGTON MINISTER ACCUSED OF SEXUALLY ABUSING FOUR BOYS DURING SLEEPOVERS AT HIS HOUSE WON'T GO TO TRIAL NEXT WEEK. JAMES C-LOVE'S TRIAL WAS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN JULY 16TH. YESTERDAY.. A MCLEAN COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE VACATED THE TRIAL DATE AND SET A STATUS HEARING FOR AUGUST 21ST.

Witt Standoff Folo July 13 5PM :50
THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF RELEASES MORE DETAILS TONIGHT ABOUT YESTERDAY'S STANDOFF IN WITT. MOST OF THE AREA IS CLEAR NOW... BUT THIS WAS THE SCENE THIS AFTERNOON. THE BOMB SQUAD, STATE POLICE, AND F-B-I STILL HAD AN AREA SURROUNDED WHERE THEY EXPECTED TO FIND MORE EXPLOSIVES.

Brown/Thompson July 13 5PM 1:03
TWO MEN APPEAR IN PUBLIC FOR THE FIRST TIME... SINCE BEING CHARGED WITH ALMOST FIFTY FELONY COUNTS. THIS IS VIDEO OF YUSSEF KAREEM BROWN AND WILLIAM THOMPSON WALKING OUT OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE TODAY.

Ermakov July 13 5PM :34
A MAN CONVICTED YESTERDAY ON SEX CHARGES IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY.. IS APPARENTLY IN AMSTERDAM TONIGHT. A JURY CONVICTED YURI ERMAKOV OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE DELINQUENCY OF A MINOR.

Brown/Thompson July 13 6PM 1:57
TWO MEN CHARGED IN LAST MONTH'S CRIME SPREE IN DOUGLAS COUNTY... SAY THEY DIDN'T DO IT. YUSSEF KAREEM BROWN AND WILLIAM THOMPSON HAD THEIR PRELIMINARY HEARING TODAY.

Woman Shot July 13 6PM 1:06
SPRINGFIELD POLICE FIND A WOMAN SHOT TO DEATH IN HER BED THIS MORNING.
BUT THIS DEATH INVESTIGATION IS TRICKY FOR POLICE. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT IS LIVE AT THE SCENE TO EXPLAIN WHY, STEPHANIE?

Witt Standoff July 13 6PM :48
A MONTGOMERY COUNTY MAN IS IN CUSTODY FOLLOWING A STAND OFF WITH SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES YESTERDAY. MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF JIM VAZZI SAYS THIRTY EIGHT YEAR OLD CHARLES HARSTON STRAPPED BOMBS TO HIS BODY...
. CALLED POLICE, AND THREATENED TO HURT HIMSELF AND OTHERS WHO CAME NEAR HIM.

Ermakov July 13 6PM 1:30
A MAN CONVICTED OF SEX OFFENSES IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY IS NOW IN AMSTERDAM AFTER FLEEING LOCAL POLICE AND THE F-B-I. YURI ERMAKOV IS A FORMER TRACK COACH AT UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL IN URBANA... BUT NOW HE'S ON THE RUN HIMSELF.

Robbery Arrest July 13 6PM :36
SPRINGFIELD POLICE GET SOME HELP SOLVING AN ARMED ROBBERY.. THANKS TO THE SUSPECT. POLICE SAY 44-YEAR OLD LINDA WAGGANER ROBBED A CVS PHARMACY AROUND SIX P-M YESTERDAY.
WAGGANER ALLEGEDLY WALKED INTO THE STORE .. PAID FOR A BAG OF M&MS .. THEN PULLED OUT A KNIFE AND DEMANDED MONEY FROM THE CLERK.

Springfield Shooting July 16 5AM :18
SPRINGFIELD POLICE SAY A WOMAN IS RECOVERING IN THE HOSPITAL ..
AFTER AN EARLY MORNING SHOOTING. POLICE SAY THE SHOOTING
HAPPENED AT ABOUT 12:45 THIS MORNING IN THE 900 BLOCK OF SOUTH
FIFTEENTH STREET. POLICE HAVE RELEASED FEW DETAILS BUT THEY
SAY THE WOMAN'S INJURIES ARE NOT LIFE-THREATENING.

Springfield Shooting July 16 12PM :25
SPRINGFIELD POLICE SAY A WOMAN IS RECOVERING IN THE HOSPITAL
AFTER IN EARLY MORNING SHOOTING. POLICE SAY THE 33- YEAR OLD
WOMAN WAS INSIDE A HOME IN THE 900 BLOCK OF SOUTH FIFTEENTH
STREET AROUND 12-45 THIS MORNING... WHEN A GROUP OF PEOPLE
BEGAN FIRING SHOTS AT THE HOUSE.

Springfield Shooting July 16 12PM :20
SPRINGFIELD POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING AN EARLY MORNING
SHOOTING. POLICE SAY A WOMAN WAS INSIDE A HOME IN THE 900
BLOCK OF SOUTH FIFTEENTH STREET AROUND 12-45 THIS MORNING...
WHEN A GROUP OF PEOPLE BEGAN FIRING SHOTS AT THE HOUSE.
SEVERAL OF THE BULLETS HIT THE WOMAN.

Springfield Body July 16 5PM :24
SPRINGFIELD POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING WHAT HAPPENED TO A MAN'S
BODY DISCOVERED THIS MORNING. POLICE SAY THEY GOT A CALL
FROM A PASSERBY WHO FOUND THE BODY NEAR SECOND AND
MADISON STREETS IN SPRINGFIELD A LITTLE BEFORE SEVEN.
OFFICERS ARRIVED ON SCENE... AND CONTACTED THE CORONER'S
OFFICE. THEY DESCRIBE THE MAN AS BEING IN HIS MID-FORTIES. THE
CORONER WILL CONDUCT AN AUTOPSY... AND POLICE SAY THEY'LL
RELEASE THE MAN'S IDENTITY ONCE THEY NOTIFY HIS FAMILY.

Woman Shot July 16 5PM :22
SPRINGFIELD POLICE SAY A WOMAN IS RECOVERING IN THE HOSPITAL
AFTER AN EARLY MORNING SHOOTING. POLICE SAY THE 33-YEAR OLD
WOMAN WAS INSIDE A HOME IN THE 900 BLOCK OF SOUTH FIFTEENTH
STREET AROUND 12-45 THIS MORNING... WHEN A GROUP OF PEOPLE
BEGAN FIRING SHOTS AT THE HOUSE.

Robinson Trial July 16 5PM :25
A JURY TRIAL IS UNDERWAY FOR A MAN SHOT BY POLICE. WE TOLD
YOU FIRST LAST YEAR IN MAY... THAT (LA-KEETH-UH) LAKEITHAE
ROBINSON RAN OUT OF A SUSPECTED DRUG HOUSE ON NORTH
CHURCH STREET IN DECATUR. COPS SHOT HIM IN THE HAND...
BECAUSE THEY SAY HE POINTED A GUN AT THEM.

Garbage Truck July 16 5PM :21

SOMEONE STOLE A GARBAGE TRUCK AND TRASHED A TOWN OVER THE WEEKEND. THE TRUCK TORE THROUGH A STREET IN GRANDVIEW.. NEAR SPRINGFIELD.. DEMOLISHING FENCES.. SMASHING THREE CARS... AND UPROOTING A TREE... DRAGGING IT FOR A BLOCK.

Scott's Law July 16 5PM 1:00
POLICE WANT TO REMIND YOU ABOUT A LAW THAT CAN SAVE LIVES ON THE ROAD.
NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH IS LIVE IN THE NEWSROOM WITH MORE ABOUT SCOTT'S LAW AND ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS BY POLICE, KELLY?

Counterfeit July 16 5PM 1:02
USING FAKE MONEY... WILL GET YOU IN TROUBLE WITH THE FEDS. TONIGHT FEDERAL PROSECUTORS DECIDE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH TWO COUNTERFEIT CASES OUT OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS. MACON COUNTY INVESTIGATORS SAY FOUR PEOPLE FROM CHICAGO PASSED OFF FAKE ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR BILLS LAST WEEK AT WAL MART NORTH AND J-C PENNEY'S.

Police Standoff July 16 6PM 1:17
POLICE OFFICERS AND SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES AROUND THE AREA LEARN AN IMPORTANT LESSON... FROM JUST TURNING ON THE T-V. IT'S NOT A PRETTY PICTURE. NEWSCENTER 17'S FOLLOWED **AT LEAST SIX** STANDOFF'S INVOLVING EITHER HOSTAGES OR THREATS TO POLICE IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS. AS YOU CAN SEE... THEY'RE OCCURRING IN LARGE CITIES LIKE CHAMPAIGN-URBANA AND SMALL TOWNS LIKE WITT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Springfield body July 16 10PM :27
A MAN'S BODY FOUND ON THE SIDE OF A SPRINGFIELD STREET HAS POLICE INVESTIGATING THE DEATH TONIGHT. POLICE SAY THEY RECEIVED A CALL FROM A PASSERBY WHO FOUND THE BODY NEAR SECOND AND MADISON STREETS IN SPRINGFIELD... A LITTLE BEFORE SEVEN THIS MORNING.

Woman Shot July 16 10PM :20
AND SPRINGFIELD POLICE SAY A WOMAN IS RECOVERING IN THE HOSPITAL AFTER AN EARLY MORNING SHOOTING. POLICE SAY A GROUP OF PEOPLE BEGAN TO FIRE SHOTS AT A HOME IN THE 900 BLOCK OF SOUTH 15TH STREET EARLY THIS MORNING... AND SEVERAL BULLETS HIT A 33-YEAR OLD WOMAN.

Police Standoffs July 16 10PM :34
LAW ENFORCEMENT IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS IS THINKING ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THEIR MEN AND WOMEN TONIGHT. IN THE LAST MONTH,

WE'VE SEEN SEVERAL STANDOFF'S AND CASES OF OFFICERS SHOT. OFFICERS IN MANY PARTS OF OUR AREA HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO THROUGH SPECIAL TRAINING ON A YEARLY OR MONTHLY BASIS

Suicide Charges July 16 10PM :30

A MAN WHO WAS IN A STANDOFF WITH SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES LAST WEEK MADE AN APPEARANCE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURT THIS MORNING.. THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S SAYS 38 YEAR OLD CHARLES HARSTON STRAPPED BOMBS TO HIS BODY. HE THEN CALLED POLICE, AND THREATENED TO HURT HIMSELF AND OTHERS WHO CAME NEAR HIM.

Robinson Trial July 16 10PM :21

A JURY TRIAL IS UNDERWAY FOR A MAN SHOT BY POLICE. WE TOLD YOU FIRST BACK IN 2005... (LAH-KEY-THA) LAKEITHAE ROBINSON RAN OUT OF A SUSPECTED DRUG HOUSE ON NORTH CHURCH STREET IN DECATUR. COPS SHOT HIM IN THE HAND BECAUSE THEY SAY HE POINTED A GUN AT THEM.

Counterfeit July 16 10PM :42

BUSINESS OWNERS ARE ASKED TO WATCH OUT TONIGHT... AFTER INVESTIGATORS SAY THEY'VE DISCOVERED TWO DIFFERENT CASES OF COUNTERFEIT MONEY BEING USED IN OUR AREA. IN ONE CASE, MACON COUNTY DETECTIVES SAY FOUR PEOPLE FROM CHICAGO SPENT NEARLY FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS IN FAKE MONEY AT WAL MART NORTH IN DECATUR AND J-C PENNEY'S AT HICKORY POINT MALL.

CO Shooting July 17 5AM :21

A COLORADO STATE TROOPER KILLED A GUNMAN OUTSIDE THE OFFICES OF GOVERNOR BILL RITTER IN THE STATE CAPITOL YESTERDAY. POLICE SAY THE TROOPER FIRED WHEN THE MAN REFUSED TO DROP HIS WEAPON. ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPOKESMAN, THE MAN SAID HE WAS "THE EMPEROR".. AND WOULD "TAKE OVER STATE GOVERNMENT".

WY Hunt July 17 5AM :30

THE HUNT CONTINUES FOR A MAN WITH SNIPER TRAINING WHO IS ACCUSED OF KILLING HIS WIFE IN CHEYENNE, WYOMING. AUTHORITIES SAID DAVID MUNIS SHOT AND KILLED HIS WIFE, ROBIN, WHILE SHE WAS SINGING WITH A BAND IN A NIGHTCLUB SATURDAY NIGHT AND HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE.

Police Standoffs July 17 5AM :43

POLICE OFFICERS AND SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES AROUND THE AREA ARE LEARNING AN IMPORTANT LESSON... FROM JUST TURNING ON THE T-V. IN THE LAST MONTH, WE'VE SEEN SEVERAL STANDOFF'S AND CASES OF

OFFICERS SHOT. OFFICERS IN MANY PARTS OF OUR AREA HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO THROUGH SPECIAL TRAINING ON A YEARLY OR MONTHLY BASIS

Woman Shot July 17 12PM :14

AND SPRINGFIELD POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR SEVERAL PEOPLE SUSPECTED OF SHOOTING AT A HOUSE IN THE 900 BLOCK OF SOUTH 15TH STREET YESTERDAY MORNING. POLICE SAY SEVERAL OF THE BULLETS HIT A 33-YEAR OLD WOMAN. SHE WAS TREATED FOR NON LIFE-THREATENING INJURIES.

Jogger Attacked July 17 5PM :42

SPRINGFIELD PARK POLICE SAY SOMEONE ATTACKED A FEMALE JOGGER IN WASHINGTON PARK EARLY THIS MORNING. PARK POLICE CHIEF GEORGE JUDD SAYS THE ATTACK HAPPENED AROUND FIVE-THIRTY THIS MORNING. THE VICTIM SAYS SHE RAN BY A MAN WHO LOOKED LIKE HE WAS STETCHING.. BUT THEN HE GRABBED HER FROM BEHIND .. CUT HER HAND WITH A LARGE KNIFE AND PUNCHED HER IN THE FACE.

Fair Stabbing July 17 5PM :22

THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY SHERIFF SAYS HE CAN'T MAKE AN ARREST RIGHT NOW FOR A WEEKEND STABBING. THE SHERIFF SAYS FRANK SEDLOCK SUFFERED A STAB WOUND DURING A FIGHT SUNDAY AT THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS.

Fortner Hearing July 17 5PM :25

A CHRISTIAN COUNTY TEENAGER IS ARRAIGNED TODAY... CHARGED WITH D-U-I AND RECKLESS HOMICIDE IN A CAR CRASH THAT KILLED HIS PASSENGER. 19 YEAR OLD SAMUEL FORTNER OF STONINGTON IS STILL HELD ON 100-THOUSAND DOLLARS BOND.

Sex offense Guilty July 17 5PM :24

A JACKSONVILLE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO SEXUAL MISCONDUCT WITH THREE BABYSITTERS. MORGAN COUNTY PROSECUTORS SAY 30 YEAR OLD KIRK WILLINGHAM PLEADED GUILTY TO TWO COUNTS OF AGGRAVATED CRIMINAL SEXUAL ABUSE AND ONE COUNT OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT.

Robinson Trial July 17 5PM :22

A JURY TRIAL CONTINUES TODAY FOR A MAN SHOT BY POLICE. THE JURY HEARD OPENING STATEMENTS TODAY. IN MAY OF 2006... (LAH-KEY-THA) LAKEITHAE ROBINSON RAN OUT OF A SUSPECTED DRUG HOUSE ON NORTH CHURCH STREET IN DECATUR. OFFICERS SHOT HIM IN THE HAND BECAUSE THEY SAY HE POINTED A GUN AT THEM.

Woman Shot Folo July 17 6PM :39
THE SANGAMON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO INVESTIGATE A SPRINGFIELD WOMAN'S DEATH. POLICE WERE CALLED OUT TO THE 400 BLOCK OF NORTH STEPHENS AVENUE FRIDAY MORNING FOR A POSSIBLE SUICIDE.

Jogger Attacked July 17 10PM 1:16
CENTRAL ILLINOIS POLICE STEP UP PATROLS... AFTER A JOGGER IS ATTACKED. SPRINGFIELD PARK POLICE SAY THE ATTACK HAPPENED AROUND 5:30 THIS MORNING AT WASHINGTON PARK. A MAN ATTACKED A WOMAN FROM BEHIND... CUT HER HAND WITH A KNIFE AND THEN PUNCHED HER IN THE FACE.

Bread Store Attached July 17 10PM :32
NEW SINCE SIX... AN ALERT SHOPPER HELPS POLICE CATCH A MAN WHO GOT AWAY WITH SOME DOUGH... AFTER ALLEGEDLY ROBBING A BREAD STORE. POLICE SAY 41 YEAR OLD JUDSON VINING IS IN THE SANGAMON COUNTY JAIL TONIGHT... CHARGED WITH ARMED ROBBERY.

Martin Death July 18 5AM :19
THE DOUGLAS COUNTY DEPUTY SHOT LAST MONTH HAS DIED. CARLE HOSPITAL OFFICIALS HAVE CONFIRMED THAT CHIEF DEPUTY TOM MARTIN DIED LAST NIGHT AT 11:30. AUTHORITIES SAY MARTIN WAS SHOT BY TWO MEN DURING A CRIME SPREE THAT WENT FROM CHICAGO TO ARCOLA.

Jogger Attached July 18 5AM :58
SPRINGFIELD POLICE SAY MORE OFFICERS WILL BE ON PATROL THIS MORNING AFTER AN ATTACK ON A FEMALE JOGGER IN WASHINGTON PARK. SPRINGFIELD PARK POLICE SAY THE ATTACK HAPPENED AROUND 5:30 YESTERDAY MORNING AT WASHINGTON PARK.

Sex Offense guilty July 18 5AM :25
A JACKSONVILLE MAN FACES SEVERAL YEARS IN PRISON FOR SEXUALLY ABUSING THREE OF HIS KIDS' BABYSITTERS. MORGAN COUNTY PROSECUTORS SAY 30 YEAR OLD KIRK WILLINGHAM PLEADED GUILTY TO TWO COUNTS OF AGGRAVATED CRIMINAL SEXUAL ABUSE AND ONE COUNT OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT.

Robinson Trial July 18 5AM :20
A JURY TRIAL CONTINUES TODAY FOR A MAN SHOT BY POLICE. THE JURY HEARD OPENING STATEMENTS YESTERDAY. IN MAY OF 2006... (LAH-KEY-THA) LAKEITHAE ROBINSON RAN OUT OF A SUSPECTED DRUG HOUSE ON NORTH CHURCH STREET IN DECATUR. OFFICERS SHOT HIM IN THE HAND BECAUSE THEY SAY HE POINTED A GUN AT THEM.

Vick Indicted July 18 5AM :24

A NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE SUPER-STAR IS FACING FEDERAL CHARGES ..FOR ALLEGEDLY BEING INVOLVED IN ILLEGAL DOG FIGHTING. A FEDERAL GRAND JURY IN VIRGINIA INDICTED ATLANTA FALCONS QUARTERBACK MICHAEL VICK TUESDAY. VICK AND THREE OTHERS ARE CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY INVOLVING DOG FIGHTING, PROCURING AND TRAINING PIT BULLS FOR THOSE FIGHTS AND TRANSPORTING THE DOGS ACROSS STATE LINES.

WY Sniper July 18 5AM :34

A WYOMING MAN, WHO HAS BEEN ON THE RUN FOR THREE DAYS AFTER KILLING HIS WIFE, SHOT AND KILLED HIMSELF YESTERDAY. POLICE HAD BEEN SEARCHING FOR 36-YEAR-OLD DAVID MUNIS SINCE SATURDAY AFTER HE FIRED A SHOT THROUGH THE WINDOW OF A BAR, KILLING HIS WIFE WHILE SHE WAS ON STAGE SINGING WITH A BAND.

Benoit Steroids July 18 5AM :24

INVESTIGATORS IN GEORGIA LOOKING INTO THE DEATHS OF CHRIS BENOIT, HIS WIFE AND CHILD SAY THE PRO-WRESTLER DID HAVE STEROIDS IN HIS BODY AT THE TIME OF DEATH. AUTHORITIES SAY BENOIT'S BODY HAD TEN TIMES THE NORMAL LEVEL OF TESTOSTERONE.

Martin Death July 18 5AM :22

CENTRAL ILLINOIS IS MOURNING THE LOSS OF A SHERIFF'S DEPUTY WHO DIED LAST NIGHT. CARLE HOSPITAL OFFICIALS CONFIRMED THIS MORNING THAT DOUGLAS COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY TOM MARTIN DIED AT 11:30. AUTHORITIES SAY MARTIN WAS SHOT LAST MONTH BY TWO MEN DURING A CRIME SPREE THAT STARTED IN CHICAGO AND ENDED IN ARCOLA.

Woman Shot Folo July 18 5AM :39

THE STATE OF ILLINOIS IS JUST TWO WEEKS AWAY FROM A POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN. THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATIVE LEADERS REMAIN DEADLOCKED OVER A TWELVE MONTH BUDGET. AND MANY SAY THE CHANCES OF RESOLVING IT BY THE END OF THIS MONTH ARE SLIM.

Martin Death July 18 12PM 1:30

THE DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PREPARES TO SAY GOODBYE TO ONE OF THEIR OWN.. CARLE HOSPITAL OFFICIALS CONFIRMED THIS MORNING THAT DOUGLAS COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY TOM MARTIN DIED AT 11:30 LAST NIGHT..

Jogger Attached July 18 12PM :30

SPRINGFIELD POLICE SAY MORE OFFICERS WILL BE ON PATROL THIS MORNING AFTER AN ATTACK ON A FEMALE JOGGER IN WASHINGTON PARK. SPRINGFIELD PARK POLICE SAY THE ATTACK HAPPENED AROUND 5:30 YESTERDAY MORNING.

Predator July 18 12PM 1:20
COMING UP TONIGHT ON DATELINE .. CHRIS HANSEN IS BACK WITH AN ALL NEW "TO CATCH A PREDATOR" INVESTIGATION. THIS TIME DATELINE CAMERAS SET UP IN OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

Martin Charges July 18 5PM 1:19
AS A RESULT OF MARTIN'S DEATH.. DOUGLAS COUNTY PROSECUTORS UPGRADED THE CHARGES AGAINST THE TWO SUSPECTS INVOLVED. NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH BEGINS OUR LIVE TEAM COVERAGE FROM TUSCOLA..

Williams Arrest July 18 5PM :21
VERMILION COUNTY DEPUTIES MAKE AN ARREST IN A YEAR-OLD SHAKEN BABY CASE.
DEPUTIES ARRESTED 21 YEAR OLD RYAN ALLHANDS ON FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGES IN THE DEATH OF ONE-YEAR OLD REAGAN WILLIAMS. ALLHANDS WAS THE BOYFRIEND OF THE CHILD'S MOTHER AT THE TIME OF HER DEATH.

Sanchez July 18 5PM 1:02
A SURPRISING TURN OF EVENTS AS A CHAMPAIGN COUNTY JUDGE DISMISSES CHARGES TODAY AGAINST A MAN ACCUSED OF PURPOSELY TRANSMITTING H-I-V TO A 14 YEAR OLD GIRL. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY HAS THE DETAILS OF WHAT HAPPENED.

Corruption Hotline July 18 5PM :28
FEDERAL PROSECUTORS ARE STEPPING UP EFFORTS TO WEED OUT PUBLIC CORRUPTION. CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS U-S ATTORNEY ROGER HEATON TODAY ANNOUNCED THE CREATION OF A TIP HOTLINE FOR THE PUBLIC TO REPORT SUSPECTED CORRUPTION AND FRAUD.

Martin Obit July 18 6PM :30
A CENTRAL ILLINOIS COMMUNITY MOURNS A POPULAR FALLEN SHERIFF'S DEPUTY.
DOUGLAS COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY TOMMY MARTIN DIED LAST NIGHT AT CARLE FOUNDATION HOSPITAL IN URBANA.. FROM COMPLICATIONS RELATED TO HIS INJURIES. INVESTIGATORS SAY ONE OF THE TWO CHICAGO MEN CHARGED IN THE JUNE 21ST CRIME SPREE SHOT MARTIN IN THE HEAD AND TORSO AS THEY DROVE PAST HIM IN RURAL DOUGLAS COUNTY.

Martin/Charges July 18 6PM 1:10
WITH CHIEF DEPUTY MARTIN'S PASSING.. THE TWO MEN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING HIM NOW FACE MORE SERIOUS CHARGES. WE CONTINUE OUR LIVE TEAM COVERAGE WITH NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH.. WHO'S ALSO IN TUSCOLA TONIGHT.

Robinson Trial July 18 6PM :25
THE TRIAL OF A MAN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING AT A DECATUR POLICE OFFICER RESUMES IN MACON COUNTY COURT. LAKEITHAE ROBINSON FACES ATTEMPTED MURDER OF A POLICE OFFICER CHARGES.

Sanchez July 18 6PM :25
A CHAMPAIGN MAN ACCUSED OF TRANSMITTING H-I-V TO A 14 YEAR OLD GIRL ON PURPOSE WILL **NOT** GO TO PRISON FOR IT. TODAY JOSE SANCHEZ PLED GUILTY TO AGGRAVATED CRIMINAL SEXUAL ABUSE AS PART OF A PLEA AGREEMENT. SANCHEZ ADMITTED IN COURT TODAY TO HAVING SEX WITH A 14 YEAR OLD MAHOMET GIRL.

QSI Plea July 18 6PM :25
ANOTHER PERSON CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH THE APRIL IMMIGRATION RAID AT A BEARDSTOWN MEAT PACKING PLANT.. ENTERS A GUILTY PLEA.. 40 YEAR OLD MARIA DEL PILAR (**PEE-LAHR**) MARROQUIN (**MARE-OH-KEEN**) PLEADED GUILTY TO HARBORING ILLEGAL ALIENS.

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Baby Lawsuit July 18 10PM :37
NEW AT TEN... A COLES COUNTY HOSPITAL FACES A HALF-MILLION DOLLAR MALPRACTICE LAWSUIT TONIGHT. THE LAWSUIT AGAINST MATTOON'S SARAH BUSH LINCOLN HOSPITAL CLAIMS DOCTOR (**SHAREEF**) SHERIF MALEK CAUSED LIFETIME DAMAGE TO A NEWBORN DURING A ROUTINE CIRCUMCISION.

D.I.R.T. Arrests July 18 10PM :26
NEW TONIGHT... 12 PEOPLE ARE ARRESTED IN SANGAMON COUNTY AS THE RESULT OF A DRUG SWEEP. THE DIRT TEAM... DID A SWEEP OF THE BEL-AIRE MOTEL ON SOUTH 6TH STREET... AFTER GETTING COMPLAINTS FROM SEVERAL RESIDENTS ABOUT PEOPLE SELLING DRUGS.

Sanchez July 18 10PM :28
AND A CHAMPAIGN MAN ACCUSED OF PURPOSELY TRANSMITTING H-I-V TO A 14 YEAR OLD GIRL ACCEPTS A PLEA AGREEMENT. JOSE SANCHEZ PLEADED GUILTY TO ONE COUNT OF AGGRAVATED CRIMINAL SEXUAL ABUSE.

Brick Thrown July 18 10PM :26
ILLINOIS STATE AND PEORIA POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR LEADS IN A MURDER CASE.
A PEORIA WOMAN WAS KILLED OVER THE WEEKEND... WHEN SOMEONE THREW A BRICK FROM AN OVERPASS THAT LANDED ON A CAR. THE APPARENT PRANK KILLED 26-YEAR OLD KATRINA KELLEY... A PASSENGER IN THE CAR.

Martin Obit July 19 5AM :25
FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE SET... AS CENTRAL ILLINOIS MOURNS THE LOSS OF A SHERIFF'S DEPUTY. DOUGLAS COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY TOMMY MARTIN DIED LATE TUESDAY NIGHT AT CARLE HOSPITAL IN URBANA.. FROM COMPLICATIONS RELATED TO HIS INJURIES.

Martin Charges July 19 5AM :53
TWO SUSPECTS NOW FACE FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGES... AND MAY FACE THE DEATH PENALTY.. FOR THE SHOOTING DEATH OF CHIEF DEPUTY TOM MARTIN. THE CHARGES WERE UPGRADED YESTERDAY FOR 23 YEAR OLD YUSEF KAREEM BROWN AND 26 YEAR OLD WILLIAM THOMPSON.

Williams Arrest July 19 5AM :17
A MAN ACCUSED IN A YEAR-OLD SHAKEN BABY CASE WILL MAKE HIS FIRST COURT APPEARANCE TODAY. VERMILION COUNTY DEPUTIES ARRESTED 21 YEAR OLD RYAN ALLHANDS ON FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGES IN THE DEATH OF ONE-YEAR OLD REAGAN WILLIAMS.

Corruption Hotline July 19 5AM :28
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Budget Rally July 19 5AM 1:25
WHILE THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATIVE LEADERS TRY TO REACH A TWELVE MONTH BUDGET AGREEMENT.. A GROUP MADE A SPECIAL TRIP TO THE CAPITOL CITY WITH A MESSAGE FOR LAWMAKERS. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT HAS THE STORY.

Vick Arraignment July 19 5AM :27
TODAY IN WASHINGTON.. MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WILL GET HIGH-LEVEL BRIEFINGS ON HOW THINGS ARE PROGRESSING IN IRAQ. IT COMES AFTER DEMOCRATS TRIED AND FAILED IN THE SENATE TO FORCE THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION TO BRING COMBAT TROOPS HOME.

Martin Obit July 19 12PM :25
FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE SET... AS CENTRAL ILLINOIS MOURNS THE LOSS OF A SHERIFF'S DEPUTY. DOUGLAS COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY TOMMY MARTIN DIED LATE TUESDAY NIGHT AT CARLE HOSPITAL IN URBANA.. FROM COMPLICATIONS RELATED TO HIS INJURIES.

Martin Charges July 19 12PM :53
TWO SUSPECTS NOW FACE FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGES... AND MAY FACE THE DEATH PENALTY.. FOR THE SHOOTING DEATH OF CHIEF DEPUTY TOM MARTIN. THE CHARGES WERE UPGRADED YESTERDAY FOR 23 YEAR OLD YUSEF KAREEM BROWN AND 26 YEAR OLD WILLIAM THOMPSON.

Death Penalty July 19 12PM :50
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Robinson Trial July 19 12PM :30
THE TRIAL OF A MAN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING AT A DECATUR POLICE OFFICER RESUMES IN MACON COUNTY COURT. THE PROSECUTION IS EXPECTED TO FINISH ITS CASE TODAY AGAINST LAKEITHA ROBINSON. HE FACES CHARGES FOR THE ATTEMPTED MURDER OF A POLICE OFFICER.

Corruption Hotline July 19 12PM :30

FEDERAL PROSECUTORS ARE STEPPING UP EFFORTS TO WEED OUT PUBLIC CORRUPTION. CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS U-S ATTORNEY ROGER HEATON HAS ANNOUNCED THE CREATION OF A TIP HOTLINE FOR THE PUBLIC TO REPORT SUSPECTED CORRUPTION AND FRAUD.

Hedge Street Stab July 19 5PM :31
CHAMPAIGN POLICE ARREST A WOMAN FOR AGGRAVATED DOMESTIC BATTERY AFTER THEY SAY SHE STABBED HER EX-BOYFRIEND. POLICE ARRESTED IRIALE JOPLIN EARLY THIS MORNING. JOPLIN IS OUT OF JAIL TONIGHT. POLICE SAY IT WAS A DOMESTIC SITUATION THAT GOT OUT OF CONTROL.

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Legislature July 19 5PM :54
LAWMAKERS FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE ARE WORKING ON A PLAN TO KEEP BUSES AND TRAINS UP AND RUNNING IN THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF THE STATE. METRA... THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY... AND PACE ARE ALL SCHEDULED TO CUT BACK ON ROUTES... AND RAISE FARES... ON SEPTEMBER 17TH... DUE TO FUNDING SHORTFALLS.

Tuition Robbery July 19 5PM :31
IT MAY BE SOME TIME BEFORE A COUPLE OF OHIO COLLEGE STUDENTS CAN HIT THE BOOKS AGAIN. YOU WOULD THINK THAT THE COLLEGE STUDENTS WOULD HAVE ENOUGH OF AN EDUCATION TO KNOW THAT

CRIME DOESN'T PAY. POLICE SAY TWO UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO STUDENTS WERE BEHIND A RECENT BANK ROBBERY IN CINCINNATI.

Woman Shot July 13 10PM 1:01
THE SANGAMON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO A SUICIDE CALL THIS MORNING ... BUT WHEN THEY GOT TO THE HOUSE .. SOME THINGS DIDN'T MAKE SENSE. THE 59 YEAR OLD WOMAN LIVED HERE IN THE 400 BLOCK OF NORTH STEPHENS AVENUE IN SPRINGFIELD.

Witt Standoff July 13 10PM :55
NOW AN UPDATE TO A STORY WE FIRST BROUGHT YOU LAST NIGHT... A MONTGOMERY COUNTY CORRECTIONS OFFICER IS IN JAIL TONIGHT... AFTER A STANDOFF WITH POLICE. AUTHORITIES ARRESTED 38 YEAR OLD CHARLES HARSTON AFTER HE STRAPPED BOMBS TO HIS BODY AND THREATENING TO HARM HIMSELF AND OTHERS.

Brown Thompson July 13 10PM 1:53
TWO MEN CHARGED IN LAST MONTH'S CRIME SPREE IN DOUGLAS COUNTY... SAY THEY DIDN'T DO IT. YUSSEF KAREEM BROWN AND WILLIAM THOMPSON HAD THEIR PRELIMINARY HEARING TODAY.

Child Porn Bust July 13 10PM :23
NEW AT TEN... POLICE ARREST A DECATUR MAN FOR ALLEGEDLY HAVING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY. POLICE SAY THEY SEARCHED A HOUSE IN THE 400 BLOCK OF SOUTH 20TH STREET... AS PART OF AN ONGOING INVESTIGATION. POLICE ARRESTED 49 YEAR OLD STANLEY DICKERSON FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORN AND FIREARMS CHARGES.

Ermakob July 13 10PM :33
AND A MAN CONVICTED YESTERDAY ON SEX CHARGES IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY.. IS APPARENTLY IN AMSTERDAM TONIGHT. A JURY CONVICTED YURI ERMAKOV OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE DELINQUENCY OF A MINOR.

Cat Retires July 13 10PM :25
NEW TONIGHT... A JUDGE GRANTS CLASS-ACTION STATUS TO TWO LAWSUITS AGAINST CATERPILLAR. THE SUITS ACCUSE CAT OF BACKING OUT OF AN AGREEMENT TO GIVE FREE HEALTH CARE FOR LIFE TO RETIREES AND THEIR SPOUSES.

Fetuses Found July 19 5PM 1:08
WE'RE HERE IN THE CENTRAL PART OF CHATHAM ON EAST SPRUCE STREET... POLICE WERE CALLED OUT TO THIS HOUSE LAST FRIDAY WHEN A WOMAN FOUND 2 FETUSES IN HER GARAGE. POLICE SAY THEY

GOT THE CALL AROUND 6 P-M... AND AT FIRST WEREN'T ENTIRELY SURE WHAT IT WAS.

Martin Folo July 19 5PM 1:37
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Fetuses Found July 19 6PM :41
SEAN AND DAWN... POLICE SAY IT'S STILL IN UNCLEAR IF THE WOMAN LIVING IN THIS HOUSE IS ANY WAY CONNECTED TO THE FETUSES. WE

CAUGHT UP WITH NEIGHBORS TODAY WHO SAY THE WOMAN JUST MOVED IN ABOUT A YEAR AGO... AND LIVED ALONE.

Cop Deaths July 19 6PM 1:33
AS A LOCAL CHIEF DEPUTY DIES FROM INJURIES ON DUTY... STARTLING NUMBERS COME OUT SHOWING THE INCREASING RISK TO OFFICER LIVES. DOUGLAS COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY TOM MARTIN DIED LATE TUESDAY NIGHT AFTER BEING SHOT LATE LAST MONTH.

Martin Folo July 19 6PM :55
AS CENTRAL ILLINOIS MOURNS THE LOSS OF DEPUTY MARTIN... WE WANTED TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME HEARTFELT COMMENTS VIEWERS ARE POSTING ON OUR WEBSITE FOR HIM. -QUOTE- "ON BEHALF OF THE TAYLORVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT.. WE WISH TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY FOR YOUR LOSS." WEBSITE FLY THRU AND BARB IN DECATUR WRITES.. "ALTHOUGH I DID NOT KNOW DEPUTY MARTIN OR HIS FAMILY, I CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE FAMILY.... FOR STRENGTH IN YOUR SORROW.. AND HOPE IN YOUR HEALING."

Fetuses Found July 19 10PM 1:25
AN ALARMING DISCOVERY IN CHATHAM HAS POLICE ASKING A LOT OF QUESTIONS TONIGHT. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT WAS IN CHATHAM EARLIER TODAY. SHE TALKED TO BOTH POLICE AND NEIGHBORS AND HAS THE STORY TONIGHT.

Martin Folo July 19 10PM :46
OFFICERS IN DOUGLAS COUNTY ARE ORGANIZING DETAILS TONIGHT, AS THEY PREPARE TO BURY ONE OF THEIR OWN. DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF CHARLIE MCGREW MET WITH THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE AND OTHER AGENCIES OUTLINING ARRANGEMENTS TODAY. HIS CHIEF DEPUTY... TOMMY MARTIN DIED TUESDAY AFTER BEING SHOT IN THE LINE OF DUTY LAST MONTH.

Gun Control July 19 10PM :19
RIGHT NOW... GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH IS PUSHING FOR LAWMAKERS TO BAN HIGH-CAPACITY ASSAULT WEAPONS... WHICH HE SAYS ARE OFTEN USED FOR CRIMINAL PURPOSES... NOT SPORTSMANSHIP. LAST WEEK GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH CALLED A SPECIAL SESSION FOR LAWMAKERS TO APPROVE THE BAN... BUT HE DREW SHARP CRITICISM BECAUSE LEGISLATORS SAY THEIR FIRST PRIORITY RIGHT NOW SHOULD BE WORKING OUT A BUDGET DEAL.

Martin Folo July 20 5AM 1:19
HUNDREDS, AND POSSIBLY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO SHOW UP FOR THE FUNERAL OF A FALLEN OFFICER. DOUGLAS COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY TOM MARTIN DIED TUESDAY NIGHT, AFTER BEING SHOT

IN THE LINE OF DUTY LAST MONTH. NEWSCENTER 17'S TARA BARRETT TAKES YOU TO TUSCOLA.. WHERE THE COMMUNITY THERE IS PREPARING FOR THE FINAL GOODBYE.

Shaken Baby July 20 5AM :28

A MAN ACCUSED IN A YEAR-OLD SHAKEN BABY CASE MADE HIS FIRST COURT APPEARANCE YESTERDAY. VERMILION COUNTY DEPUTIES ARRESTED 21-YEAR-OLD RYAN ALLHANDS WEDNESDAY ON FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGES FOR THE DEATH OF ONE-YEAR OLD (RAY-GAN) REAGAN WILLIAMS.

Hedge Street Lab July 20 5AM :30

A CHAMPAIGN WOMAN IS IN CUSTODY THIS MORNING.. CHARGED WITH AGGRAVATED DOMESTIC BATTERY FOR ALLEGEDLY STABBING HER EX-BOYFRIEND. POLICE ARRESTED IRIALE JOPLIN YESTERDAY MORNING. POLICE SAY IT WAS A DOMESTIC SITUATION THAT GOT OUT OF CONTROL.

Nuclear Branch July 20 5AM 1:50

A TENNESSEE MAN IS CHARGED THIS MORNING WITH TRYING TO SELL NUCLEAR SECRETS TO A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT. THE CASE RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER THERE'S ENOUGH SECURITY AROUND AMERICA'S MOST SENSITIVE NUCLEAR SITES. BROOKE HART HAS THE LATEST FROM WASHINGTON.

Scooter Attack July 20 5AM :26

IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI A BRUTAL ATTACK WAS CAUGHT ON TAPE BY A SECURITY CAMERA IN A GARAGE. TUESDAY NIGHT KAY FOX WAS RETURNING TO HER CONDO WHEN TWO TEENS CAME UP FROM BEHIND HER AND SHOVED HER TO THE GROUND. THE 65-YEAR OLD WOMAN PUT UP A FIGHT BUT WAS UNABLE TO STOP THE TWO TEENAGERS FROM STEALING HER SCOOTER.

Fake Money July 20 12PM :35

CENTRAL ILLINOIS AUTHORITIES ARE WARNING BUSINESSES TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR PEOPLE USING FAKE MONEY. WE TOLD YOU EARLIER THIS WEEK ABOUT TWO CASES OF COUNTERFEIT MONEY BEING USED IN MACON COUNTY. NOW.. FAKE MONEY IS TURNING UP AT STORES IN BLOOMINGTON AND NORMAL.

Tom Arrangements July 20 12PM :40

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Robinson Trial July 20 12PM :20
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Masonry Burns Folo July 20 12PM :30
NVESTIGATORS ARE LOOKING FOR INFORMATION ABOUT A FIRE WE FIRST TOLD YOU ABOUT EARLIER THIS MONTH. THE SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TELLS NEWSCENTER 17 THE FIRE AT THE HOLLAND AND FOX MASONRY.. JUST OUTSIDE OF SHELBYVILLE.. IS NOW BEING INVESTIGATED AS ARSON. THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL AND SHELBY COUNTY DEPUTIES ARE LOOKING FOR TWO MEN SEEN NEAR THE SCENE

Suspect Caught July 20 12PM :34
WE HAVE BREAKING NEWS IN DECATUR AT THIS HOUR. YOU'RE LOOKING AT VIDEO OF POLICE.. CAPTURING A SUSPECT THAT APPARENTLY ESCAPED CUSTODY LATE THIS AFTERNOON IN THE 11-HUNDRED BLOCK OF PINE STREET. HIS FACE IS BLACKED OUT BECAUSE POLICE SAY HE IS A JUVENILE.

Dog Fighting July 20 12PM 1:58
N-F-L STAR MICHAEL VICK'S INDICTMENT THIS WEEK ON DOG FIGHTING CHARGES PUT THE ILLEGAL ACTIVITY IN THE NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT. HOWEVER.. DOG FIGHTS HAPPEN RIGHT HERE IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS.

Dog Abuse July 20 6PM :16
MEANWHILE... A DECATUR MAN SITS IN JAIL TONIGHT FOR ALLEGEDLY HANGING HIS DOG BY A CABLE IN HIS GARAGE. POLICE ARRESTED JOHN CUNNINGHAM ON ANIMAL CRUELTY CHARGES WEDNESDAY.
MACON COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL SAYS HE LIVES IN THE 300 BLOCK OF NORTH 18TH STREET.

Choking Game July 20 6PM 1:01
THIS STORY IS A COMPLETE TRAGEDY, AND IT SERVES AS A WARNING TO PARENTS OF A DANGER THAT THEY MAY NOT EVEN BE AWARE OF.

CUTTER. POLICE SAY NO ONE WAS HURT ... BUT THE MAN GOT AWAY WITH A SMALL AMOUNT CASH.

Martin Folo July 22 5PM 1:07
A CENTRAL ILLINOIS OFFICER IS LAID TO REST TODAY. DOUGLAS COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY TOMMY MARTIN DIED TUESDAY NIGHT AT A HOSPITAL IN URBANA. THE 59 YEAR OLD WAS SHOT DURING A CRIME SPREE IN DOUGLAS COUNTY LAST MONTH.

Witt Deaths July 22 5PM 1:20
TWO PEOPLE ARE DEAD IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY AFTER POLICE SAY A MAN SHOT HIS GIRLFRIEND THEN TOOK HIS OWN LIFE. THE SHOOTINGS HAPPENED AROUND ONE-FORTY THIS MORNING IN RURAL WITT. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEVE BUTERA JOINS US NOW FROM THE NEWSROOM... STEVE WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE INCIDENT

Armed Robber July 23 5AM :52
DECATUR POLICE SAY A SUSPECTED ARMED ROBBER HAS STRUCK TWICE WITHIN THE PAST 12 HOURS. POLICE SAY THE FIRST ROBBERY HAPPENED LAST NIGHT JUST BEFORE TEN AT THE "HOT SPOT" GAS STATION AT 11-08 WEST ELDORADO. THEY SAY A SUSPECT ENTERED THE STORE, TOLD THE CLERK HE HAD A GUN, AND TOOK MONEY FROM THE REGISTER.

Murder Suicide July 23 5AM :51
THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS INVESTIGATING A POSSIBLE MURDER- SUICIDE. MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF JIM VAZZI SAYS SHERRIFF'S DEPUTIES WERE CALLED TO A HOME IN WITT... AROUND 1:40 YESTERDAY MORNING. VAZZI SAYS A KID WHO WAS IN THE HOME WHEN THE SHOOTING HAPPENED... CALLED AUTHORITIES.

Hit and Run July 23 5AM :22
A VEHICLE ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN A HIT- AND- RUN ... LEFT BEHIND A PIECE OF EVIDENCE.. THAT MAY HELP DECATUR POLICE CATCH THE DRIVER. THIS IS WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE AT EDWARD AND GARFIELD SATURDAY EVENING. IT APPEARS A VEHICLE HIT THIS RED CAR.... AND NEIGHBORS SAY THAT SUSPECT VEHICLE'S LICENSE PLATE CAME OFF.... JUST LYING AT THE ACCIDENT SCENE.

Walgreen's Robbery July 23 5AM :17
DECATUR POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A MAN WHO ALLEGEDLY ROBBED THE WALGREENS ON ROUTE 48 EARLY SATURDAY MORNING. POLICE SAY AROUND TWO A-M THE MAN APPROACHED AN EMPLOYEE ARMED WITH A BOX CUTTER.. AND DEMANDED MONEY. POLICE SAY NO ONE WAS HURT ... BUT THE MAN GOT AWAY WITH A SMALL AMOUNT CASH.

Tommy Services July 23 5AM :42
FRIENDS SAY IT WAS THE PERFECT TRIBUTE. DOUGLAS COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY TOMMY MARTIN WAS LAID TO REST YESTERDAY. THE 59-YEAR OLD DIED LAST WEEK AFTER BEING SHOT IN THE LINE OF DUTY. MORE THAN 200 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FROM SEVERAL STATES MARCHED IN UNISON FROM THE TUSCOLA HIGH SCHOOL TO THE CEMETERY.

Fingerprinting July 23 5AM :24
IT'S NOT SOMETHING PARENTS WANT TO THINK ABOUT BUT IF ANYTHING TRAGIC EVER HAPPENED TO YOUR CHILD.... ONE GROUP IS TRYING TO MAKE IT EASIER TO IDENTIFY YOUR LITTLE ONE. IN CONJUNCTION WITH ITS ANNUAL PICNIC...."MACON COUNTY MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES" HELD ITS FIRST FINGERPRINTING EVENT FOR KIDS... ALSO GETTING D-N-A SAMPLES.

Baby Kidnapping July 23 5AM :26
A BABY'S KIDNAPPING LEADS OUR LOOK AT TODAY'S NEWS HEADLINES. FIVE-MONTH-OLD MADISON ERICKSON WAS TAKEN FROM HER HOME AT GUNPOINT IN ITAWAMBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI SATURDAY. INVESTIGATORS SAY THEY FOUND HER WITH HER BIOLOGICAL MOTHER.. JAMIE KIEFER.. AT A MILITARY HOUSING UNIT AT FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA SUNDAY

Douglas County July 23 12PM :55
TARA, AROUND TEN THIS MORNIGN... THE DOUGLAS COUNTY JAIL CALLED A CODE RED. ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS, IT WAS DUE TO A SMALL JAIL RIOT. THEY SAY IT WAS NOT A SERIOUS SITUATION, BUT WE DO KNOW THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE HELPED ASSIST THEM. THE SITUATION WAS UNDER CONTROL BY THE TIME NEWSCENTER 17 ARRIVED IN TUSCOLA, JUST BEFORE ELEVEN. WE ASKED IF THE RIOT HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE TWO CHICAGO MEN JAILED HERE ON MURDER CHARGES, IN THE DEATH OF A DOUGLAS COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY... BUT OFFICIALS CAN'T SAY IF THEY WERE INVOLVED OR NOT.

Witt Deaths July 23 12PM :35
THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS INVESTIGATING A POSSIBLE MURDER SUICIDE.. MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF JIM VAZZI SAYS SHERRIFF'S DEPUTIES WERE CALLED TO A HOME IN WITT... JUST AFTER 1:30 YESTERDAY MORNING.

Armed Robber July 23 12PM :30
DECATUR POLICE ARE ON THE HUNT FOR A SUSPECTED ARMED ROBBER.. THEY SAY STRUCK TWICE WITHIN A MATTER OF HOURS. POLICE SAY THE FIRST ROBBERY HAPPENED LAST NIGHT JUST BEFORE TEN AT THE "HOT SPOT" GAS STATION AT 11-08 WEST ELDORADO.

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ROBBED THE WALGREENS ON ROUTE 48 EARLY SATURDAY MORNING.
POLICE SAY AROUND 2 O'CLOCK ... THE MAN APPROACHED AN
EMPLOYEE... ARMED WITH A BOX CUTTER. POLICE SAY NO ONE WAS
HURT ... BUT THE MAN GOT AWAY WITH A SMALL AMOUNT CASH.

Italian Arrest July 23 12PM :32
ITALIAN AUTHORITIES ARREST THREE MEN... ACCUSED OF RUNNING
WHAT THEY CALL A "TERROR SCHOOL" IN CENTRAL ITALY. ANTI-
TERROR POLICE IN ROME SAID AT A MOSQUE... THE GROUP TAUGHT
HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT AND USED PROPAGANDA FILMS DOWNLOADED
FROM THE INTERNET, TO TEACH STUDENTS HOW TO PREPARE
POISONS AND EXPLOSIVES.

Jail Scuffle July 23 5PM :50
WHAT SOUNDED LIKE A RIOT AT FIRST... IS CHARACTERIZED AS A SMALL
SCUFFLE TONIGHT. ILLINOIS STATE POLICE AND TUSCOLA POLICE TELL
NEWSCENTER 17 THEY WERE CALLED TO THE DOUGLAS COUNTY JAIL
THIS MORNING. NEWSCENTER 17'S MIKAELA HUNT TRIED TO FIND OUT
WHAT HAPPENED

Officer Down July 23 5PM :54
SHELBY COUNTY DEPUTY JEFF WOOD WAS RESPONDING TO A
DOMESTIC DISPUTE WHEN HE WAS ATTACKED BY A MAN WHOSE WIFE
HAD CALLED POLICE ON HIM. DEPUTY WOOD SUFFERED A BROKEN
BONE UNDER HIS EYE WHEN 36-YEAR-OLD COREY TAYLOR OF PANA
PUNCHED HIM IN THE FACE. TWO SHELBYVILLE OFFICERS THEN
RESPONDED TO A CALL FOR BACK-UP FROM DEPUTY WOOD. IN THEIR
ATTEMPT TO MAKE AN ARREST, THE ASSAILANT ALSO INJURED BOTH
OF THEM.

Pearl Big Ham July 23 5PM :27
A JUDGE SENTENCES A CENTRAL ILLINOIS WOMAN INVOLVED IN
JUVENILE PIMPING CASE TO PRISON. NEWSCENTER 17 ORIGINALLY
REPORTED THAT THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
ARRESTED 27-YEAR-OLD PEARL BIGHAM AND 46-YEAR-OLD JOHN
HAYWOOD FOR JUVENILE PIMPING AT HOME IN URBANA. POLICE SAY
BIGHAM WOULD INTRODUCE YOUNG GIRLS TO HAYWOOD AT HIS HOME
AND THEY WOULD ENGAGE IN SEXUAL ACTS. THIS MORNING BIGHAM
WAS SENTENCED TO SIX YEARS IN PRISON FOR SOLICITING FOR
JUVENILE PROSTITUTES.

Officer Down July 23 6PM 1:43

THREE SHELBY COUNTY OFFICERS WERE INJURED WHEN THEY RESPONDED TO A DOMESTIC DISPUTE IN COWDEN LAST NIGHT. SHELBY COUNTY DEPUTY JEFF WOOD WAS RESPONDING TO A CALL WHEN HE WAS ATTACKED BY A MAN WHOSE WIFE HAD CALLED POLICE ON HIM. DEPUTY WOOD SUFFERED A BROKEN BONE UNDER HIS EYE WHEN 36-YEAR-OLD COREY TAYLOR OF PANA PUNCHED HIM IN THE FACE.

Jail Scuffle July 23 6PM 1:05
IT SOUNDED SERIOUS... BUT OFFICIALS AT THE DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SAY EVERYTHING'S FINE TONIGHT AFTER AN ALTERCATION IN THE JAIL THIS MORNING. NEWSCENTER 17'S MIKAELA HUNT HAS THE STORY TONIGHT.

Winger Sentence July 23 6PM :34
A SPRINGFIELD MAN IS SENTENCED TO THIRTY FIVE YEARS IN PRISON TODAY FOR PLOTTING TO KILL HIS EX-GIRLFRIEND AND ANOTHER PERSON WHILE ALREADY IN JAIL FOR **TWO OTHER** MURDERS. A LIVINGSTON COUNTY JURY CONVICTED 44-YEAR OLD MARK WINGER LAST MONTH ON TWO COUNTS OF SOLICITATION OF MURDER.

Depew Court July 23 6PM :33
A MATTOON MAN IS FORMALLY CHARGED WITH MURDER. THE COLES COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY SAYS MATTHEW DEPEW IS CHARGED IN THE DEATH OF ROBERT GORDON. HE WAS IN COURT TODAY WITH HIS ATTORNEY. HE'LL BE BACK IN COURT NEXT MONDAY FOR A PRELIMINARY HEARING.

Jogger Attacked July 23 10PM :38
NEW AT TEN... POLICE NOW HAVE THE NAME OF A SUSPECT WHO MAY HAVE ATTACKED A WOMAN JOGGING IN SPRINGFIELD'S WASHINGTON PARK. WE TOLD YOU LAST WEEK SPRINGFIELD PARK POLICE RELEASED THIS SKETCH OF THE MAN. CHIEF GEORGE JUDD SAYS LAST TUESDAY MORNING... A MAN ATTACKED A WOMAN FROM BEHIND.. CUT HER HAND WITH A LARGE KNIFE AND PUNCHED HER IN THE FACE.

Jail Scuffle July 23 10PM :56
THERE'S CONCERN TONIGHT ABOUT A SHORTAGE OF STAFF AT THE DOUGLAS COUNTY JAIL. EARLIER TODAY OFFICIALS SAY A "SCUFFLE" BROKE OUT BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE INSIDE THE JAIL. THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE AND THE TUSCOLA POLICE DEPARTMENT CAME IN TO THE JAIL TO HELP CONTAIN THE SITUATION.

Officer Down July 23 10PM :46

AND THREE SHELBY COUNTY OFFICERS ARE RECOVERING TONIGHT... AFTER THEY WERE INJURED RESPONDING TO A DOMESTIC DISPUTE IN COWDEN LAST NIGHT. SHELBY COUNTY DEPUTY JEFF WOOD WAS RESPONDING TO THE CALL... WHEN HE WAS ATTACKED BY A MAN WHOSE WIFE HAD CALLED POLICE ON HIM. WOOD SUFFERED A BROKEN BONE UNDER HIS EYE WHEN 36-YEAR-OLD COREY TAYLOR OF PANA PUNCHED HIM IN THE FACE. WOOD THEN CALLED FOR BACK-UP... AND TWO SHELBYVILLE OFFICERS WERE FIRST ON THE SCENE. BUT IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO ARREST TAYLOR... HE **ALSO** INJURED BOTH OF THEM. TAYLOR WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY... AND IS BEING HELD AT THE SHELBY COUNTY DETENTION CENTER.

Shelby Assault July 24 5AM :42
THREE SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ARE RECOVERING AFTER THEY WERE INJURED RESPONDING TO A DOMESTIC DISPUTE. SHELBY AUTHORITIES SAY THE INCIDENT HAPPENED IN COWDEN SUNDAY NIGHT.. THEY SAY DEPUTY JEFF WOOD SUFFERED A BROKEN BONE UNDER HIS EYE.. WHEN 36-YEAR-OLD COREY TAYLOR OF PANA PUNCHED HIM IN THE FACE.

Pearl Bigham July 24 5AM :27
A JUDGE HAS SENTENCED A CENTRAL ILLINOIS WOMAN INVOLVED IN JUVENILE PIMPING TO PRISON. NEWSCENTER 17 ORIGINALLY REPORTED THAT THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ARRESTED 27-YEAR-OLD PEARL BIGHAM AND 46-YEAR-OLD JOHN HAYWOOD FOR JUVENILE PIMPING AT HOME IN URBANA.

Officer Down July 24 5AM :42
THREE SHELBY COUNTY OFFICERS ARE RECOVERING AFTER THEY WERE INJURED RESPONDING TO A DOMESTIC DISPUTE. SHELBY AUTHORITIES SAY THE INCIDENT HAPPENED IN COWDEN SUNDAY NIGHT. THEY SAY DEPUTY JEFF WOOD SUFFERED A BROKEN BONE UNDER HIS EYE.. AFTER HE WAS ATTACKED BY 36-YEAR-OLD COREY TAYLOR OF PANA.

Jail Scuffle July 24 5AM 1:04
IT SOUNDED SERIOUS... BUT OFFICIALS AT THE DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SAY EVERYTHING'S FINE AFTER AN ALTERCATION IN THE JAIL YESTERDAY MORNING. NEWSCENTER 17'S MIKAELA HUNT HAS THE STORY.

Jogger Attacked July 24 5AM :27
POLICE MAY BE CLOSE TO FINDING THE MAN ACCUSED OF ATTACKING A WOMAN JOGGING IN SPRINGFIELD'S WASHINGTON PARK. WE TOLD YOU LAST WEEK SPRINGFIELD PARK POLICE RELEASED THIS SKETCH OF THE MAN. CHIEF GEORGE JUDD SAYS LAST TUESDAY MORNING... A

MAN ATTACKED A WOMAN FROM BEHIND.. CUT HER HAND WITH A LARGE KNIFE AND PUNCHED HER IN THE FACE.

Winger Sentence July 24 5AM :33

A SPRINGFIELD MAN WILL SPEND THIRTY FIVE YEARS IN PRISON FOR PLOTTING TO KILL HIS EX-GIRLFRIEND AND ANOTHER PERSON WHILE ALREADY IN JAIL FOR **TWO OTHER** MURDERS. A LIVINGSTON COUNTY JURY CONVICTED 44-YEAR OLD MARK WINGER LAST MONTH ON TWO COUNTS OF SOLICITATION OF MURDER.

Depew Court July 24 5AM :31

A MATTOON MAN HAS BEEN FORMALLY CHARGED WITH MURDER. THE COLES COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY SAYS MATTHEW DEPEW IS CHARGED IN THE DEATH OF ROBERT GORDON. HE WAS IN COURT YESTERDAY WITH HIS ATTORNEY. HE'LL BE BACK IN COURT NEXT MONDAY FOR A PRELIMINARY HEARING.

Milk Crates July 24 5AM :22

AND STEALING MILK CRATES HAS GONE FROM A COLLEGE PRANK INTO BIG BUSINESS. PLASTIC THIEVES ARE SWIPING THE CRATES BY THE THOUSANDS AND SELLING THEM TO PLASTIC RECYCLERS. CRATES ARE BEING CHOPPED, SHIPPED TO CHINA AND TURNED INTO EVERYTHING FROM PIPES TO FLOWER POTS.

Officer Down July 24 12PM :37

THREE SHELBY COUNTY OFFICERS ARE RECOVERING AFTER THEY WERE INJURED WHILE RESPONDING TO A DOMESTIC DISPUTE. SHELBY AUTHORITIES SAY THE INCIDENT HAPPENED IN COWDEN SUNDAY NIGHT.. THEY SAY DEPUTY JEFF WOOD SUFFERED A BROKEN BONE UNDER HIS EYE. 36-YEAR-OLD COREY TAYLOR OF PANA ALLEGEDLY PUNCHED HIM IN THE FACE.

Code Red July 24 12PM :44

THERE'S CONCERN ABOUT A SHORTAGE OF STAFF AT THE DOUGLAS COUNTY JAIL. YESTERDAY, OFFICIALS SAY A "SCUFFLE" BROKE OUT BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE INSIDE THE JAIL. THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE AND THE TUSCOLA POLICE DEPARTMENT CAME TO THE JAIL TO HELP CONTAIN THE SITUATION

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Depew Court July 24 12PM :31

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Jail Scuffle July 24 5PM :44

TONIGHT... WE KNOW MORE ABOUT A SCUFFLE YESTERDAY AT THE DOUGLAS COUNTY JAIL. ACCORDING TO THE STATE'S ATTORNEY, A JUDGE ARRAIGNED WILLIAM THOMPSON ON AGGRAVATED BATTERY CHARGES TODAY. HE'S ACCUSED OF PUNCHING A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER AT THE JAIL YESTERDAY MORNING.

Robinson Folo July 24 5PM :26

A MAN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING AT A DECATUR POLICE OFFICER GETS CONVICTED OF A LESSER CHARGE. THE MACON COUNTY ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY SAYS LAKEITHAE ROBINSON WAS FOUND GUILTY OF AGGRAVATED DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM. HE WAS CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER OF A PEACE OFFICER. THE JUDGE SENTENCED HIM ON THE SPOT TO THE MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF THREE YEARS IN PRISON.. WITH 446 DAYS ALREADY SERVED.

Liquor Sting July 24 5PM :37

EMPLOYEES FROM EIGHT DIFFERENT LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENTS FACE CHARGES FOR SELLING ALCOHOL TO MINORS. THE MACON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT JUST RELEASED RESULTS OF A LIQUOR STING THAT HAPPENED THIS PAST WEEKEND. THEY USED AN 18 AND 19 YEAR OLD TO TRY AND BUY ALCOHOL AT SOME WELL KNOWN PLACES THEY HEARD WERE SELLING TO MINORS.

Drunk Kid July 24 5PM :43

MOST PARENTS HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF PEOPLE THEY TRUST TO BE IN CHARGE OF THEIR CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY WHEN THOSE CHILDREN ARE VERY YOUNG. BUT ONE ALABAMA MOM IS **BESIDE**

HERSELF AFTER HER NEPHEW AND A FRIEND ALLEGEDLY GAVE ALCOHOL TO HER YOUNG SON. FOUR-YEAR-OLD AUSTIN WAS WITH HIS 20-YEAR-OLD COUSIN BRYAN BURNS AND HIS FRIEND.

NBA Ref July 24 5PM :56
THE COMMISSIONER OF THE NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION TODAY TALKED ABOUT THE GAMBLING INVESTIGATION OF A FORMER REFEREE. THE F-B-I IS INVESTIGATING TIM DONAGHY (**DON-A-HAY**) FOR ALLEGEDLY BETTING ON GAMES HE WORKED DURING THE LAST TWO SEASONS.

Liquid Ban July 24 6PM 1:23
SOMEONE THREATENS A CENTRAL ILLINOIS COURTHOUSE. FOR PART OF TODAY AND YESTERDAY... THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SHERIFF ISSUED A LIQUID BAN AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE. WELL SEAN AND DAWN... SHERIFF DAN WALSH SAYS HE'S HAPPY TO SAY TONIGHT THAT THERE IS NO LONGER A SECURITY CONCERN... BUT THAT DEFINITELY WAS NOT THE CASE EARLIER TODAY.

Jail Scuffle July 24 6PM :45
WE HAVE AN UPDATE ON A JAIL SCUFFLE AT THE DOUGLAS COUNTY JAIL. ACCORDING TO THE STATE'S ATTORNEY, A JUDGE ARRAIGNED WILLIAM THOMPSON ON AGGRAVATED BATTERY CHARGES TODAY. HE'S ACCUSED OF PUNCHING A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER AT THE JAIL YESTERDAY MORNING.

Jail Scuffle July 24 10PM :39
TONIGHT... WE KNOW MORE ABOUT A SCUFFLE YESTERDAY AT THE DOUGLAS COUNTY JAIL. ACCORDING TO THE STATE'S ATTORNEY, A JUDGE ARRAIGNED WILLIAM THOMPSON ON AGGRAVATED BATTERY CHARGES TODAY. HE'S ACCUSED OF PUNCHING A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER AT THE JAIL YESTERDAY MORNING. THOMPSON AND YUSSEF KAREEM BROWN ARE ALREADY CHARGED WITH FIRST DEGREE MURDER IN THE DEATH OF CHIEF DEPUTY TOM MARTIN.

Liquids Ban July 24 10PM :56
A MAN'S THREAT TO SET HIMSELF ON FIRE INSIDE THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY COURTHOUSE PROMPTED A BAN ON LIQUIDS. FOR PART OF TODAY AND YESTERDAY... THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SHERIFF ISSUED THE BAN ... AFTER A MAN CALLED THE CIRCUIT CLERK'S OFFICE... SAYING A FRIEND PLANNED TO COME INTO THE COURTHOUSE WITH FLAMMABLE LIQUID TO KILL HIMSELF.

Liquor Stine July 25 5AM :37
EMPLOYEES FROM EIGHT DIFFERENT LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENTS FACE CHARGES FOR REPORTEDLY SELLING ALCOHOL TO MINORS. THE

MACON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SAYS THE EMPLOYEES WERE CAUGHT IN AN UNDERAGE DRINKING STING THAT HAPPENED THIS PAST WEEKEND.

Jail Scuffle July 25 5AM :41

DOUGLAS COUNTY AUTHORITIES HAVE CONFIRMED ONE OF THE MEN ACCUSED OF KILLING A CHIEF DEPUTY **WAS** INVOLVED IN THIS WEEK'S JAIL SCUFFLE. THE STATE'S ATTORNEY SAYS A JUDGE ARRAIGNED WILLIAM THOMPSON ON AGGRAVATED BATTERY CHARGES YESTERDAY. HE'S ACCUSED OF PUNCHING A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER AT THE JAIL MONDAY MORNING.

Douglas County Folo July 25 5PM :55

THERE ARE NEW DEVELOPMENTS TONIGHT IN THE CASE OF TWO MEN COULD FACE THE DEATH PENALTY IN DOUGLAS COUNTY. NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH IS LIVE IN TUSCOLA... SHE'S BEEN THERE ALL DAY TRACKING NEWS DETAILS, KELLY?

Echols Inquest July 25 5PM 1:09

A CORONER'S JURY HEARS THE TRAGICALLY TWISTED STORY OF TWO DEATHS IN MACON COUNTY TODAY. THE MEN AND WOMEN ON THE JURY HAD TO DECIDE WHAT CAUSED THE DEATH OF 46-YEAR OLD CYNTHIA ECHOLS AND HER FATHER 75-YEAR-OLD NATHANIEL ECHOLS.

Springfield Attacks July 25 5PM 1:17

NEWSCENTER 17 TOLD YOU LAST WEEK ABOUT THE ATTACK OF A JOGGER IN SPRINGFIELD'S WASHINGTON PARK .. NOW POLICE WONDER IF THE SUSPECT IS CONNECTED TO OTHER ATTACKS ACROSS THE CITY. BOTH THE SPRINGFIELD AND PARK POLICE TELL US THEY'RE SHARING INFORMATION AND LOOKING FOR POSSIBLE LINKS BETWEEN THE PARK CASE AND TWO OTHER ATTACKS. THE FIRST ATTACK HAPPENED MAY FOURTH IN THE 800 BLOCK OF SOUTH ENGLISH STREET.

Student Threat July 25 5PM :31

MADISON COUNTY INVESTIGATORS SAY A SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY-EDWARDSVILLE STUDENT THREATENED TO GO ON A VIRGINIA-TECH STYLE RAMPAGE. OLU-TOSIN ODU-WOLE (**OH-LOO-TOH'-SIHN OH-DOO'-WAWL**) REMAINS JAILED TONIGHT ON ONE MILLION DOLLARS BOND.. AFTER PLEADING NOT GUILTY TO CHARGES OF ATTEMPTING TO MAKE A TERRORIST THREAT.

Douglas County Folo July 25 6PM :46

THE NEXT STEP IN A HIGH PROFILE MURDER CASE, DEPENDS ON WHAT A JUDGE DECIDES. NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH HAS BEEN

FOLLOWING THIS STORY ALL DAY.. SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE AT THE DOUGLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE?

Echols Inquest July 25 6PM 1:56
A DAUGHTER AND A FATHER WERE BOTH FOUND DEAD WITHIN DAYS OF EACH OTHER. IT HAPPENED BACK IN MAY. BUT TODAY A CORONER'S JURY HAD TO DECIDE HOW THEY DIED. NEWSCENTER 17'S MIKAELA HUNT BRINGS US INTO AN EMOTIONAL DAY... FILLED WITH A LOT OF QUESTIONS.

Missing Mascot July 25 6PM 1:00
AREA RESIDENTS DON'T HAVE TO BE CONCERNED SO MUCH THAT THERE'S A TIGER ON THE PROWL... BUT IT DOES APPEAR... THERE MAY VERY WELL BE A BURGLAR ON THE LOOSE. IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT ON SUNDAY, THE MASCOT OF THE ILLINOIS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF WAS TAKEN FROM THE LAWN OF THE JACKSONVILLE CAMPUS.

Bad Checks July 25 6PM 1:03
PEOPLE WHO WRITE BAD CHECKS HAVE A CHANCE TO SET THINGS RIGHT THROUGH A SPECIAL PROGRAM. AND NEW TONIGHT... MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF IT. THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE CALLS IT THE "BAD CHECK DIVERSION PROGRAM."

Echols Inquest July 25 10PM 1:46
A FAMILY IS STILL TRYING TO COME TO TERMS WITH THE DEATH OF TWO OF ITS MEMBERS TONIGHT. CYNTHIA ECHOLS... A DAUGHTER WHO TURNED UP DEAD IN A RECREATION AREA IN MAY. AND NATHANIEL ECHOLS... HER FATHER WHO FELL OUT A WINDOW TWO DAYS AFTER A HORSEBACK RIDER FOUND HIS DAUGHTER'S BODY

Springfield Attacks July 25 10PM 1:06
THE RECENT ATTACK OF A JOGGER IN SPRINGFIELD'S WASHINGTON PARK HAS POLICE WONDERING IF IT'S CONNECTED TO TWO OTHERS. THE FIRST ATTACK HAPPENED MAY 4TH IN THE 800 BLOCK OF SOUTH ENGLISH STREET. A 60-YEAR-OLD WOMAN SUFFERED A FRACTURED SKULL WHEN SHE WAS HIT BY A SOMEONE SHE DESCRIBES AS A BLACK MALE, 20 OR 30 YEARS OLD, WEARING DARK CLOTHES.

Missing Mascot July 25 10PM :40
AND TONIGHT A JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL IS TRYING TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF A CASE OF A MISSING MASCOT. THE MASCOT FOR THE ILLINOIS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF WAS TAKEN FROM THE SCHOOL'S CAMPUS SOMETIME SUNDAY NIGHT.

Park Punchers July 26 5AM :57

THE RECENT ATTACK OF A JOGGER IN SPRINGFIELD'S WASHINGTON PARK HAS POLICE WONDERING IF IT'S CONNECTED TO TWO OTHER SIMILAR INCIDENTS.

SPRINGFIELD POLICE SAY ON MAY 4TH.. SOMEONE ATTACKED A SIXTY-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WHILE SHE WAS WALKING IN THE 800 BLOCK OF SOUTH ENGLISH STREET.

Student Threat July 26 5AM :28

A SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY-EDWARDSVILLE STUDENT IS FACING FELONY CHARGES AFTER REPORTEDLY THREATENING A VIRGINIA TECH-STYLE SHOOTING. YESTERDAY...OLU-TOSIN ODU-WOLE (OH-LOO-TOH'-SIHN OH-DOO'-WAWL) PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO CHARGES OF ATTEMPTING TO MAKE A TERRORIST THREAT. THAT'S A FELONY PUNISHABLE BY UP TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON.

Missing Mascot July 26 5AM :38

A SCHOOL IS TRYING TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF A CASE... OF A TIGER ON THE LOOSE. SUNDAY NIGHT, THE MASCOT OF THE ILLINOIS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF WAS TAKEN FROM THE LAWN OF THE JACKSONVILLE CAMPUS. STAFF MEMBERS RETURNED MONDAY MORNING TO FIND A LONE MOTHER TIGER... WITH NO SIGN OF HER CUB.

Bad Checks July 26 5AM :49

PEOPLE WHO WRITE BAD CHECKS HAVE A CHANCE TO SET THINGS RIGHT THROUGH A SPECIAL PROGRAM. THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE CALLS IT THE "BAD CHECK DIVERSION PROGRAM." IT ALLOWS FIRST TIME OFFENDERS.. TO BE DIVERTED OUT OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM... SO THEY ARE NOT PROSECUTED.

Douglas County Folo July 26 12PM :40

THE NEXT STEP IN A HIGH PROFILE MURDER CASE, WILL DEPEND ON WHAT A JUDGE DECIDES. YUSEF KAREEM BROWN'S JURY TRIAL IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 14TH...A DATE HAS NOT BEEN SET FOR WILLIAM THOMPSON. BROWN AND THOMPSON FACE THREE COUNTS OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER FOR SHOOTING DOUGLAS COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY TOM MARTIN LAST MONTH...

Death Ruling July 26 12PM 1:45

A FAMILY IS STILL TRYING TO COME TO TERMS WITH THE DEATH OF TWO OF ITS MEMBERS. CYNTHIA ECHOLS... A DAUGHTER WHO WAS FOUND DEAD IN A RECREATION AREA IN MAY. AND NATHANIEL ECHOLS... HER FATHER WHO FELL OUT A WINDOW TWO DAYS AFTER A HORSEBACK RIDER FOUND HIS DAUGHTER'S BODY.

Missing Mascot July 26 12PM :40

AND TONIGHT A JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL IS TRYING TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF A CASE OF A MISSING MASCOT. THE MASCOT FOR THE ILLINOIS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF WAS TAKEN FROM THE SCHOOL'S CAMPUS SOMETIME SUNDAY NIGHT.

Vick Court July 26 12PM 1:48
ATLANTA FALCON'S STAR QUARTERBACK MICHAEL VICK IS SET TO BE ARRAIGNED TODAY ON FEDERAL CHARGES OF DOGFIGHTING, THAT COULD COST THE ATHLETE HIS CAREER AND LAND HIM IN JAIL.

Pot Harvest July 26 5PM 1:24
AN ILLEGAL CROP MAY BE SPROUTING UP AMONG THE CORN AND SOYBEANS IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS FIELDS. NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH IS LIVE TO EXPLAIN WHAT'S GOING ON, KELLY? SEAN, THIS TIME OF YEAR, MOST FARMERS ARE WATCHING THEIR CROPS GET BIGGER AND BIGGER. AND POLICE SAY, IT'S NO DIFFERENT FOR MARIJUANA GROWERS. THEY ALSO PLANTED SEEDS IN THE SPRING.. AND THEY'RE ALSO WAITING FOR THE HARVEST.

No Chocking Game July 26 5PM :37
WE HAVE AN UPDATE TO LAST WEEK'S TRAGIC DEATH OF A TEN YEAR OLD SHELBY COUNTY BOY. THE COLES COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE FAXED NEWSCENTER 17 A STATEMENT SAYING QUOTE.. DURING THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF A SHELBY COUNTY BOY.. NO EVIDENCE WAS FOUND BY THE SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.. THE COLES COUNTY CORONER OR THE PATHOLOGIST PERFORMING THE AUTOPSY WHICH WOULD INDICATE THE CAUSE OF DEATH TO BE A RESULT OF *THE CHOKING GAME*.

Honea Trial July 26 10PM :26
NEW AT TEN... A FORMER POLICE CHIEF IS **ACQUITTED** ON CHARGES OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTING A RELATIVE. FORMER ILLIOPOLIS POLICE CHIEF BRYON (HOE-KNEE) HONEA WAS ACCUSED OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTING A FEMALE RELATIVE... OVER A 12-YEAR PERIOD. BUT A SANGAMON COUNTY JURY DELIBERATED THE CASE FOR MORE THAN 6 HOURS TODAY.. AND RETURNED THE NOT GUILTY VERDICT THIS EVENING.

Pot Harvest July 26 10PM :14
TONIGHT THE SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS IT'S LOOKING OUT FOR ILLEGAL MARIJUANA CROPS. DEPUTIES FOUND THESE PLANTS IN A REMOTE AREA ON MONDAY. THEY'VE DESTROYED THE CANNIBIS, BUT THEY DON'T KNOW WHO PLANTED IT.

Marijuana Plants July 26 10PM :32
SPRINGFIELD POLICE ARREST A MAN EARLY THIS MORNING... FOR ALLEGEDLY HAVING MORE THAN 30 MARIJUANA PLANTS IN THE TRUNK

OF HIS CAR. POLICE SAY AN OFFICER STOPPED A CAR WITH ILLEGALLY TINTED WINDOWS AROUND 12:45 THIS MORNING... AT THE CORNER OF 25TH AND SHERWOOD STREETS. POLICE SAY 20 YEAR OLD ALEXANDER ORTIZ OF ATHENS DIDN'T HAVE INSURANCE AND WAS DRIVING ON A SUSPENDED LICENSE.

Springfield Activity July 27 12PM :40
SPRINGFIELD POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING TWO SEPARATE ALTERCATIONS .. THAT LEFT TWO PEOPLE HOSPITALIZED OVERNIGHT. POLICE SAY THE FIRST INCIDENT HAPPENED AROUND NINE LAST NIGHT IN FRONT OF THE LINCOLN LIBRARY ON SOUTH SEVENTH STREET.

Honea Trial July 27 12PM :25
A FORMER POLICE CHIEF HAS BEEN **ACQUITTED** ON CHARGES OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTING A RELATIVE. FORMER ILLIOPOLIS POLICE CHIEF BRYON (HOE-KNEE) HONEA WAS ACCUSED OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTING A FEMALE RELATIVE... OVER A 12-YEAR PERIOD. BUT A SANGAMON COUNTY JURY DELIBERATED THE CASE FOR MORE THAN 6 HOURS YESTERDAY.. AND RETURNED A "NOT GUILTY" VERDICT.

Project Safe Hood July 27 5PM :16
THE NATION'S TOP LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER VISITED CENTRAL ILLINOIS TODAY. ATTORNEY GENERAL ALBERTO GONZALES STOPPED IN SPRINGFIELD TO PROMOTE A CHILD SAFETY PROGRAM. BUT BACK IN WASHINGTON, GONZALES FACES **SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS** ABOUT MISLEADING CONGRESS.

Honea Acquitted July 27 5PM :25
A SANGAMON COUNTY JURY FINDS A FORMER POLICE CHIEF **NOT GUILTY** OF CHARGES THAT HE SEXUALLY ASSAULTED A RELATIVE. FORMER ILLIOPOLIS POLICE CHIEF BRYON (HOE-KNEE) HONEA WAS ACCUSED OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTING A FEMALE RELATIVE... OVER A 12-YEAR PERIOD.

Douglas County Folo July 27 5PM :47
A NEW JUDGE IS ASSIGNED TO A HIGH PROFILE MURDER CASE IN DOUGLAS COUNTY.
SIXTH CIRCUIT CHIEF JUDGE JOHN SHONKWILER APPOINTED DEWITT COUNTY JUDGE STEPHEN PETERS TO PRESIDE OVER THE MURDER TRIALS OF 23 YEAR OLD YUSEF KAREEM BROWN AND 26 YEAR OLD WILLIAM THOMPSON.. BOTH OF CHICAGO.

Robbery July 28 5PM :45
CHAMPAIGN POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR SUSPECTS AFTER AN ARMED BANK ROBBERY THIS MORNING. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY

JOINS US NOW LIVE FROM THE NEWSROOM WITH THE DETAILS ON THIS CRIME.

Jogger July 28 5PM :36
MEANWHILE... CHAMPAIGN POLICE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR A MAN WHO ALLEGEDLY ATTACKED A JOGGER. POLICE SAY EARLY FRIDAY MORNING... A MAN THREW A WOMAN TO THE GROUND AND HIT HER. POLICE SAY SHE FOUGHT BACK AND YELLED FOR HELP... WHICH MADE HER ATTACKER RUN.

Crime July 28 10PM :25
CHAMPAIGN POLICE ARE TRYING TO FIND THE MAN WHO ALLEGEDLY ROBBED A BANK THIS MORNING. POLICE SAY A MAN WENT INTO THE "WORLD FINANCE CORPORATION BANK" ON ROUND BARN ROAD AND DEMANDED MONEY... ARMED WITH A HANDGUN.... AND WEARING NUDE-COLORED PANTYHOSE OVER HIS FACE.

Cease Fire July 28 10PM :39
AN EFFORT TO STOP VIOLENCE... REACHES OUT TODAY... THROUGH A CAR WASH.
CEASE FIRE MEMBERS WASHED CARS AT THE GAS STATION AT JASPER AND WOOD STREETS IN DECATUR TODAY. THE GROUP WORKS TO STOP VIOLENCE AND KEEP KIDS IN SCHOOL.

Thefts July 29 5PM 1:37
BOAT DOCKS ARE THE TARGET OF A RECENT RASH OF THEFTS AND BURGLARIES. GOOD EVENING, AND THANKS FOR BEING WITH US, I'M ELIZABETH MOORS. NEWSCENTER 17'S TARA BARRETT JOINS US NOW TO SHOW YOU WHAT'S BEING TAKEN... AND WHAT BOAT OWNERS ARE DOING ABOUT IT.

Springfield July 29 5PM 1:15
CHARGES ARE EXPECTED TO BE UPGRADED AGAINST A MAN ORIGINALLY ACCUSED OF AGGRAVATED BATTERY. THIS AFTER SPRINGFIELD POLICE SAY TIMOTHY RYAN... A 45 YEAR OLD HOMELESS MAN... DIED FRIDAY NIGHT. HE WAS HURT IN AN ATTACK THURSDAY. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEVE BUTERA JOINS US FROM SPRINGFIELD NOW. STEVE WHAT CAN WE EXPECT TO HAPPEN IN THIS CASE.

Whistle July 29 5PM :30
SPRINGFIELD *PARK POLICE ARE TURNING UP THE HEAT ON THEIR ATTEMPT TO STOP ATTACKS. PARK POLICE WILL START HANDING OUT WHISTLES TOMORROW AT WASHINGTON PARK... TO HELP PEOPLE PROTECT THEMSELVES WHILE THERE. THIS COMES AFTER A WOMAN WAS RECENTLY ATTACKED WHILE JOGGING IN WASHINGTON PARK.

PARK POLICE SAY THEY HAVE 8-HUNDRED WHISTLES ... AND WILL GIVE THEM AWAY ON A FIRST COME - FIRST SERVE BASIS.

Urbana Robbery July 29 5PM :20
URBANA POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A MAN WHO ALLEGEDLY STOLE MONEY FROM A WOMAN. POLICE SAY IT HAPPENED AROUND 9 LAST NIGHT IN THE STREET... IN THE 18-HUNDRED BLOCK OF SOUTH COTTAGE GROVE. THEY SAY A MAN ARMED WITH A HANDGUN... WENT UP TO A WOMAN... SHOWED HER THE WEAPON AND STOLE HER MONEY.

Bank Robbery July 29 5PM :25
MEANWHILE... CHAMPAIGN POLICE STILL TRYING TO FIND THE MAN WHO ALLEGEDLY ROBBED A BANK YESTERDAY MORNING. POLICE SAY HE WENT INTO THE "WORLD FINANCE CORPORATION BANK" ON ROUND BARN ROAD AND DEMANDED CASH.

Prairie Assault July 29 5PM :25
IN DECATUR... POLICE SAY A MAN ARRESTED EARLY THIS MORNING AFTER AN ASSAULT SHOULD BE FORMALLY CHARGED TOMORROW. POLICE SAY... AROUND 2 THIS MORNING.... TWO MEN GOT INTO AN ARGUMENT IN THE 1-HUNDRED BLOCK OF EAST PRAIRIE STREET. POLICE SAY THE MAN ARRESTED THREATENED THE OTHER PERSON WITH A SHOTGUN. THEY SAY A BYSTANDER HELPED END THE ARGUMENT BETWEEN THE TWO.

Child/Car July 29 10PM :20
A CAR HITS A YOUNG CHILD. NEIGHBORS SAY A 9-YEAR OLD GIRL WAS HIT BY A CAR THIS EVENING. IT HAPPENED JUST OFF MORGAN STREET NEAR GRAND AVENUE. NEIGHBORS SAY THE GIRL WAS RIDING A BIKE WHEN SHE WAS HIT.

Springfield July 29 10PM :58
CHARGES AGAINST A SPRINGFIELD MAN ACCUSED OF ATTACKING A MAN A FEW DAYS AGO... ARE EXPECTED TO BE UPGRADED. ROBERT JONES IS CURRENTLY CHARGED WITH AGGRAVATED BATTERY... FOR THE ALLEGED ATTACK OF TIMOTHY RYAN... A 45 YEAR OLD SPRINGFIELD MAN... WHO DIED LATE FRIDAY EVENING.

Whistle July 29 10PM :25
SPRINGFIELD *PARK POLICE ARE TURNING UP THE VOLUME AS THEY TRY TO STOP ATTACKS. OFFICERS WILL START HANDING OUT WHISTLES TOMORROW AT WASHINGTON PARK... TO HELP PEOPLE PROTECT THEMSELVES.... AFTER A WOMAN WAS ATTACKED THERE.

Thefts July 29 10PM :49

A STRING OF NIGHT-TIME THEFTS AND BURGLARIES HAVE SOME BOATERS CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR PROPERTY. DECATUR POLICE SAY THE CRIMES HAPPENED TO BOATS DOCKED AT THE WEST END OF THE "MAIN LOADING AREA" ON LAKE DECATUR.

Springfield July 30 5AM :46
CHARGES AGAINST A SPRINGFIELD MAN ACCUSED OF ATTACKING A MAN A FEW DAYS AGO... ARE EXPECTED TO BE UPGRADED. ROBERT JONES IS CURRENTLY CHARGED WITH AGGRAVATED BATTERY... FOR THE ALLEGED ATTACK OF TIMOTHY RYAN... A 45 YEAR OLD SPRINGFIELD MAN... WHO DIED LATE FRIDAY EVENING.

Thefts July 30 5AM 1:30
BOAT DOCKS ARE THE TARGET OF A RECENT RASH OF THEFTS AND BURGLARIES.
NEWSCENTER 17'S TARA BARRETT SHOWS YOU WHAT'S BEING TAKEN... AND WHAT BOAT OWNERS ARE DOING ABOUT IT.

Whistle July 30 5AM :27
SPRINGFIELD *PARK POLICE ARE TURNING UP THE VOLUME AS THEY TRY TO STOP ATTACKS. OFFICERS WILL START HANDING OUT WHISTLES TOMORROW AT WASHINGTON PARK... TO HELP PEOPLE PROTECT THEMSELVES.... AFTER A WOMAN WAS ATTACKED THERE.

Urbana Robbery July 30 5AM :17
URBANA POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A MAN WHO ALLEGEDLY STOLE MONEY FROM A WOMAN. POLICE SAY IT HAPPENED AROUND NINE O-CLOCK SATURDAY NIGHT... IN THE 18-HUNDRED BLOCK OF SOUTH COTTAGE GROVE. THEY SAY A MAN ARMED WITH A HANDGUN... WENT UP TO A WOMAN... SHOWED HER THE WEAPON AND STOLE HER MONEY.

Bank Robbery July 30 5AM :27
MEANWHILE... CHAMPAIGN POLICE ARE STILL TRYING TO FIND THE MAN WHO ALLEGEDLY ROBBED A BANK SATURDAY MORNING. POLICE SAY HE WENT INTO THE "WORLD FINANCE CORPORATION BANK" ON ROUND BARN ROAD AND DEMANDED CASH. THEY SAY THE SUSPECT HAD A HANDGUN.... AND WAS WEARING NUDE-COLORED PANTYHOSE OVER HIS FACE.

Prairie Assault July 30 5AM :24
IN DECATUR... POLICE SAY A MAN ARRESTED YESTERDAY MORNING AFTER AN ASSAULT SHOULD BE FORMALLY CHARGED TODAY. POLICE SAY... AROUND 2 YESTERDAY MORNING.... TWO MEN GOT INTO AN ARGUMENT IN THE 1-HUNDRED BLOCK OF EAST PRAIRIE STREET.

Springfield July 30 12PM :25

TODAY, CHARGES WILL LIKELY BE UPGRADED.. AGAINST A HOMELESS MAN ACCUSED IN A BRUTAL ATTACK LAST WEEK. 45- YEAR OLD ROBERT JONES IS FACING "AGGRAVATED BATTERY CHARGES." HE'S ACCUSED OF STOMPING ON TIMOTHY RYAN'S HEAD MULTIPLE TIMES.. THE ATTACK HAPPENED THURSDAY, OUTSIDE THE LINCOLN LIBRARY IN SPRINGFIELD.

Urbana Robbery July 30 12PM :18
URBANA POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR AN ARMED ROBBER. POLICE SAY IT HAPPENED AROUND 9 SATURDAY NIGHT ... IN THE 18-HUNDRED BLOCK OF SOUTH COTTAGE GROVE. THEY SAY A MAN ARMED WITH A HANDGUN... WENT UP TO A WOMAN ... SHOWED HER THE WEAPON AND STOLE HER MONEY.

Bank Robbery July 30 12PM :28
MEANWHILE... CHAMPAIGN POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A BANK ROBBER. POLICE SAY, ON SATURDAY, A MAN HELD UP THE "WORLD FINANCE CORPORATION BANK" ON ROUND BARN ROAD. AUTHORITIES SAY THE SUSPECT HAD A HANDGUN.... AND WAS WEARING NUDE-COLORED PANTYHOSE OVER HIS FACE.

Boat Crimes July 30 12PM :38
SOME NIGHT-TIME THEFTS AND BURGLARIES .. ARE RAISING CONCERN AMONG BOATERS. DECATUR POLICE SAY, THE CRIMES HAPPENED TO BOATS ... DOCKED AT THE WEST END OF THE "MAIN LOADING AREA" ON LAKE DECATUR. THERE ARE REPORTS OF STOLEN STEREOS AND A COOLER... AS WELL AS PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Homeless Attack July 30 12PM :45
A HOMELESS MAN MAY FACE MORE SERIOUS CHARGES ..IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF ANOTHER HOMELESS MAN. ROBERT JONES IS ACCUSED OF ATTACKING 45- YEAR OLD TIMOTHY RYAN... SPRINGFIELD POLICE SAY IT HAPPENED THURSDAY, OUTSIDE THE LINCOLN LIBRARY... A WELL-KNOWN HOMELESS GATHERING PLACE.

Thefts July 30 12PM 1:30
BOAT DOCKS ARE THE TARGET OF A RECENT RASH OF THEFTS AND BURGLARIES. NEWSCENTER 17'S TARA BARRETT SHOWS YOU WHAT'S BEING TAKEN... AND WHAT BOAT OWNERS ARE DOING ABOUT IT.

Whistle July 30 12PM :23
SPRINGFIELD PARK POLICE ARE TURNING UP THE VOLUME ON THEIR ATTEMPT TO STOP ATTACKS. THIS WEEK, PARK POLICE OFFICERS ARE HANDING OUT WHISTLES TO VISITORS. THIS COMES AFTER A WOMAN WAS RECENTLY ATTACKED WHILE JOGGING IN WASHINGTON PARK.

Hit and Run July 30 5PM :33
WE HAVE A NEWSCENTER 17 FOLLOW UP... TO A STORY WE BROUGHT YOU LAST NIGHT. A LITTLE GIRL HIT BY A CAR... IS DOING OKAY TONIGHT. NEWSCENTER 17 SPOKE WITH THE 9 YEAR OLD GIRL'S MOTHER LATE THIS AFTERNOON. TYKYNA (TY-KEENA) SOX SAYS HER DAUGHTER BROKE HER ARM IN THREE PLACES.. BUT WAS RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL TODAY.

Coaches Charged July 30 5PM :41
WE HAVE NEW INFORMATION ON TWO HIGH SCHOOL COACHES WHO HAD RUN-INS WITH THE LAW. MACON COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY JACK AHOLA SAYS D-U-I CHARGES HAVE BEEN **DROPPED** AGAINST EISENHOWER BOYS BASKETBALL COACH JEREMY MOORE. WE REPORTED MOORE'S ARREST FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE AND IMPROPER LANE USAGE AT THE BEGINNING OF JULY.

Homeless Attacks July 30 5PM :39
WE HAVE NEW INFORMATION TONIGHT ON TWO DIFFERENT FIGHTS BETWEEN HOMELESS MEN IN SPRINGFIELD. THE SANGAMON COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY SAYS CHARGES AGAINST 45 YEAR OLD ROBERT JONES HAVE BEEN UPGRADED TO THREE COUNTS OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER.

Whistle July 30 5PM :31
PARK POLICE ARE TURNING UP THE VOLUME ON THEIR ATTEMPT TO STOP ATTACKS.
THIS MORNING, SPRINGFIELD PARK POLICE OFFICERS HANDED OUT WHISTLES TO VISITORS. THIS COMES AFTER A WOMAN WAS RECENTLY ATTACKED WHILE JOGGING IN WASHINGTON PARK.

New Judge July 30 6PM :51
WE HAVE NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CASE OF TWO MEN CHARGED WITH KILLING A CENTRAL ILLINOIS DEPUTY. MACON COUNTY JUDGE TIMOTHY STEADMAN IS NOW ASSIGNED TO PRESIDE OVER THE MURDER TRIAL OF YUSEF KAREEM BROWN AND WILLIAM THOMPSON. THE TWO CHICAGO MEN ARE ACCUSED OF SHOOTING AND KILLING DOUGLAS COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY TOMMY MARTIN.

Whistles July 30 6PM 1:29
SPRINGFIELD'S JOGGERS WILL NOW HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF BLOWING THE WHISTLE ON CRIMINALS. IN AN EFFORT TO STEP UP SAFETY AND CURB POTENTIAL VIOLENCE, SPRINGFIELD PARK DISTRICT POLICE HAVE COME UP WITH A SYSTEM THAT WILL HELP PARK GOERS PROTECT THEMSELVES.

Church Vandalism July 30 6PM 1:59

VANDALS CONTINUE TO TARGET CHURCHES IN URBANA, MARKING THEM WITH SANTANIC SYMBOLS. URBANA POLICE SAY THEY'VE GOTTEN AT LEAST EIGHT TO TEN REPORTS OF DAMAGE FROM CHURCHES, IN JUST THE PAST TWO WEEKS. THIS MAP SHOWS THE FOUR CHURCHES THAT REPORTED THE MOST RECENT VANDALISM OVER THE WEEKEND.

New Judge July 30 10PM :47
NEW TONIGHT... TWO MEN CHARGED WITH KILLING AN OFFICER ARE MOVED OUT OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY JAIL. WILLIAM THOMPSON IS NOW IN THE MACON COUNTY JAIL... AND YUSEF KAREEM BROWN WAS MOVED TO HILLSBORO. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT COULDN'T SAY IF THE MOVE IS BECAUSE OF AN ALTERCATION AT THE JAIL LAST WEEK.

Homeless Attack July 30 10PM :40
AND ONE MAN IS SENTENCED... AND ANOTHER HAS CHARGES UPGRADED... FOR TWO DIFFERENT FIGHTS BETWEEN HOMELESS MEN IN SPRINGFIELD. THE SANGAMON COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY SAYS CHARGES AGAINST 45 YEAR OLD ROBERT JONES HAVE BEEN UPGRADED TO THREE COUNTS OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER

Whistles July 30 10PM :52
SOME JOGGERS IN SPRINGFIELD WILL NOW HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF BLOWING THE WHISTLE ON CRIMINALS. IN AN EFFORT TO STEP UP SAFETY... PARK DISTRICT POLICE HANDED OUT WHISTLES AT SPRINGFIELD'S WASHINGTON AND LINCOLN PARKS.

Church Vandalism July 30 10PM :45
POLICE NEED YOUR HELP TRACKING DOWN THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR MORE THAN A HALF DOZEN REPORTS OF CHURCH VANDALISM. URBANA POLICE SAY THEY'VE HAD EIGHT TO TEN REPORTS OF VANDALISM WITHIN JUST THE LAST TWO WEEKS. OVER THE WEEKEND FOUR CHURCHES HAD SATANIC SYMBOLS SPRAY PAINTED ON THEIR BUILDINGS.

New Judge July 31 5AM :31
TWO MEN CHARGED WITH KILLING A SHERIFF'S DEPUTY ARE NO LONGER AT THE DOUGLAS COUNTY JAIL. WILLIAM THOMPSON IS NOW IN THE MACON COUNTY FACILITY... AND YUSEF KAREEM BROWN WAS MOVED TO HILLSBORO. THE DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WOULDN'T SAY IF THE MOVE IS BECAUSE OF AN ALTERCATION AT THE JAIL LAST WEEK.

Homeless Attacks July 31 5AM :35
A HOMELESS MAN NOW FACES UPGRADED CHARGES IN CONNECTION WITH A DEADLY ATTACK ON ANOTHER MAN LAST WEEK. THE

SANGAMON COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY SAYS 45 YEAR OLD ROBERT JONES IS NOW CHARGED WITH THREE COUNTS OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER.

Coaches Charged July 31 5AM :35
CHARGES HAVE BEEN DROPPED AGAINST ONE HIGH SCHOOL COACH, BUT ANOTHER ONE WILL HAVE TO ATTEND A PROBATIONARY PROGRAM. MACON COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY JACK AHOLA SAYS D-U-I CHARGES HAVE BEEN **DROPPED** AGAINST EISENHOWER BOYS BASKETBALL COACH JEREMY MOORE.

Hit and Run July 31 5AM :24
FAMILY MEMBERS OF A LITTLE GIRL STRUCK BY A CAR THIS WEEKEND SAY SHE IS DOING BETTER. NEWSCENTER 17 SPOKE WITH THE 9 YEAR OLD GIRL'S MOTHER YESTERDAY. TYKYNA (TY-KEENA) SOX SAYS HER DAUGHTER BROKE HER ARM IN THREE PLACES.. BUT WAS RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL.

Whistles July 31 5AM :52
SOME JOGGERS IN SPRINGFIELD WILL NOW HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF BLOWING THE WHISTLE ON CRIMINALS. IN AN EFFORT TO STEP UP SAFETY... PARK DISTRICT POLICE ARE HANDING OUT WHISTLES AT SPRINGFIELD'S WASHINGTON AND LINCOLN PARKS.

Church Vandalism July 31 5AM 1:39
VANDALS CONTINUE TO TARGET CHURCHES IN URBANA, MARKING THEM WITH SANTANIC SYMBOLS. URBANA POLICE SAY THEY'VE RECEIVED AT LEAST EIGHT TO TEN REPORTS OF DAMAGE FROM CHURCHES, IN JUST THE PAST TWO WEEKS. THIS MAP SHOWS THE FOUR CHURCHES THAT REPORTED THE MOST RECENT VANDALISM OVER THE WEEKEND..

Church Vandalism July 31 12PM 1:39
VANDALS ARE TARGETING CHURCHES IN URBANA, MARKING THEM WITH SATANIC SYMBOLS. URBANA POLICE SAY, THEY'VE RECEIVED AT LEAST EIGHT TO TEN REPORTS OF DAMAGE FROM CHURCHES, IN JUST THE PAST TWO WEEKS. THIS MAP SHOWS THE FOUR CHURCHES THAT REPORTED THE MOST **RECENT** VANDALISM OVER THE WEEKEND.. NEWSCENTER 17'S TARA BARRETT HAS THE CHURCHES REACTION.

Homeless Attacks July 31 12PM :37
A HOMELESS MAN NOW FACES THREE COUNTS OF FIRST-DEGREE MURDER, AFTER A BRUTAL ATTACK ON ANOTHER HOMELESS MAN. 45 YEAR OLD ROBERT JONES IS ACCUSED OF STOMPING ON TIMOTHY RYAN'S HEAD MULTIPLE TIMES.. THE ATTACK HAPPENED THURSDAY, OUTSIDE THE LINCOLN LIBRARY IN SPRINGFIELD.

New Judge July 31 12PM :36
NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CASE OF TWO CHICAGO MEN CHARGED WITH KILLING A DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY. "WILLIAM THOMPSON" AND "YUSEF KAREEM BROWN" HAVE LEFT THE DOUGLAS COUNTY JAIL. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SAYS, THOMPSON HAS BEEN MOVED TO THE MACON COUNTY JAIL... AND BROWN IS NOW AT HILLSBORO.

Holy Sprayers July 31 12PM :35
POLICE NEED YOUR HELP FIGURING OUT WHO VANDALIZED MORE THAN A HALF DOZEN CHURCHES. URBANA POLICE SAY, THEY'VE HAD EIGHT TO TEN REPORTS OF VANDALISM, IN JUST THE LAST TWO WEEKS. THEY SAY, LAST WEEKEND, FOUR CHURCHES HAD SATANIC SYMBOLS SPRAYPAINTED ON THEIR BUILDINGS..

Hit and Run July 31 12PM :26
FAMILY MEMBERS OF A LITTLE GIRL STRUCK BY A CAR SAY SHE'S DOING BETTER.
NEWSCENTER 17 SPOKE WITH THE 9 YEAR OLD GIRL'S MOTHER YESTERDAY. (TY-KEENA) TYKYNA SOX SAYS, HER DAUGHTER BROKE HER ARM IN THREE PLACES.. BUT WAS RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL.

Whistles July 31 12PM :20
SOME SPRINGFIELD JOGGERS NOW HAVE A NEW WAY TO KEEP CRIMINALS AWAY.
PARK DISTRICT POLICE ARE HANDING OUT WHISTLES AT SPRINGFIELD'S WASHINGTON AND LINCOLN PARKS. MORE THAN 500 WHISTLES WERE GIVEN AWAY YESTERDAY...

Clemons Court July 31 5PM 1:00
A MAN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING THREE OFFICERS WAS BACK IN COURT TODAY
DONNELL CLEMONS ALLEGEDLY SHOT 3 CHAMPAIGN POLICE OFFICERS.. ON JUNE 7TH AT WEST SIDE PARK... HE WAS ALSO SHOT SEVERAL TIMES. NEWSCENTER 17'S ELIZABETH MOORS WAS IN THE COURTROOM... SHE JOINS US WITH THE LATEST FROM CHAMPAIGN...

Girl Attacked July 31 5PM :30
AUTHORITIES SAY TWO MEN ARE ACCUSED OF GETTING A 14-YEAR-OLD GIRL DRUNK AND TATTOOING HER. AND ONE OF THE SUSPECTS IS CHARGED WITH SEXUALLY ASSAULTING HER. MACOUPIN COUNTY PROSECUTORS CHARGED 27 YEAR OLDS JASON WAGGENER AND MARK SAWYER YESTERDAY WITH UNLAWFUL DELIVERY OF ALCOHOL TO A MINOR AND TATTOOING THE BODY OF A MINOR.

Douglas Co Sex Offender July 31 5PM :27
DOUGLAS COUNTY AUTHORITIES ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A MAN WANTED FOR A SEX CRIME. THE DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF AND DOUGLAS COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS ARE LOOKING FOR THIS MAN... 22 YEAR OLD BRANDON R. FORD OF PARIS, ILLINOIS. DOUGLAS COUNTY HAS A WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST ON CHARGES OF PREDATORY CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A CHILD.

Depew Court July 31 5PM :28
A MATTOON MAN PLEADS INNOCENT TO CHARGES OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER. THE COLES COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY SAYS MATTHEW DEPEW IS CHARGED IN THE DEATH OF ROBERT GORDON. HIS JURY TRIAL IS SET FOR NOVEMBER. POLICE SAY DEPEW AND HIS GIRLFRIEND SHOWED UP AT A HOUSE ON SHELBY AVENUE AT THE BEGINNING OF JULY. POLICE REPORT ROBERT GORDON AND DEPEW GOT INTO A FIGHT.. AT WHICH POINT DEPEW PULLED OUT A GUN AND SHOT GORDON.

Police Probe July 31 5PM :45
THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS IS NOW INVESTIGATING THE DIRECTOR OF IT'S POLICE TRAINING INSTITUTE. THIS IS FILE VIDEO OF THE DIRECTOR, TOM DEMPSEY FROM LAST YEAR. THE UNIVERSITY IS LOOKING INTO TIES BETWEEN DEMPSEY AND A MILITARY CONTRACTOR CALLED BLACKWATER U-S-A.

Panhandling July 31 5PM :29
SPRINGFIELD CITY OFFICIALS WILL CONSIDER CHANGING THE LAW FOR THOSE ASKING FOR CHANGE. THE CITY'S FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL MEET TONIGHT TO DECIDE WHETHER TO BAN PANHANDLING IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA. OFFICIALS SAY THE REQUEST COMES FROM DOWNTOWN SPRINGFIELD INCORPORATED.

Teen Found July 31 5PM :27
TOPPING REGIONAL NEWS TONIGHT.... INVESTIGATORS HAVE FOUND THE BODY OF A MISSING CHICAGO TEEN WHO FELL INTO THE ROCK RIVER. THE 15 YEAR OLD CHICAGO BOY DISAPPEARED SUNDAY WHILE FISHING WITH HIS FAMILY IN OREGON PARK EAST. MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOUND HIS BODY JUST BEFORE TWO P-M MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Brown Thompson July 31 6PM 2:03
COUNTIES ARE WORKING TOGETHER IN THE MIDST OF A SMALL-TOWN CAPITAL MURDER CASE. AS WE TOLD YOU YESTERDAY... THE TWO CHICAGO MEN ACCUSED OF KILLING DOUGLAS COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY TOM MARTIN ARE NO LONGER BEING HELD IN THE JAIL THERE.

Hit and Run July 31 6PM 1:41
A YOUNG GIRL IS RECOVERING TONIGHT AFTER SHE'S HIT BY A CAR WHILE RIDING HER BIKE. NEWSCENTER 17'S JULIE QUALLS HAS THE STORY, JULIE?

Wanted Sex Offender July 31 6PM :30
DOUGLAS COUNTY AUTHORITIES ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A MAN WANTED FOR A SEX CRIME. THE DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF AND DOUGLAS COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS ARE LOOKING FOR THIS MAN... 22 YEAR OLD BRANDON R. FORD OF PARIS, ILLINOIS. DOUGLAS COUNTY HAS A WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST ON CHARGES OF PREDATORY CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A CHILD.

Panhandling July 31 10PM :36
NEW AT TEN... THE CAPITAL CITY BANS PANHANDLING IN ITS DOWNTOWN AREA. TONIGHT SPRINGFIELD'S FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVED AN AMENDED ORDINANCE.... WHICH CREATES A DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT WHERE PANHANDLING IS PROHIBITED AROUND THE CLOCK. THAT DISTRICT INCLUDES THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSUEM... THE LINCOLN HOMESTEAD... THE OLD STATE CAPITOL... AND THE CURRENT CAPITOL COMPLEX.

Sadorus Missing July 31 10PM :28
NOW AN UPDATE TO A STORY WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWING... A CHAMPAIGN COUNTY WOMAN IS STILL MISSING... AFTER AUTHORITIES BEGAN LOOKING FOR HER IN MAY. 36 YEAR OLD NAOMI ARNETTE OF SADORUS DISAPPEARED MAY 21ST... WHEN THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS SHE WAS LAST SEEN BY HER ESTRANGED HUSBAND. DEPUTIES DID SEARCHES ALONG THE KASKASKIA RIVER NEAR SADORUS... IN THE DAYS AFTER ARNETTE'S DISAPPEARANCE... BUT DIDN'T FIND ANYTHING.

Clemens Court July 31 10PM :31
AND A MAN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING THREE CHAMPAIGN OFFICERS MADE ANOTHER COURT APPEARANCE TODAY. DONNELL CLEMONS ALLEGEDLY SHOT 3 THE OFFICERS, JUNE 7TH AT WEST SIDE PARK. HE WAS ALSO SHOT SEVERAL TIMES.

Brown/Thomas July 31 10PM :56
LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ARE WORKING TO HELP A COUNTY DEVISTATED BY THE LOSS OF ONE OF THEIR SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES. YUSSEF KAREEM BROWN AND WILLIAM THOMPSON ARE CHARGED WITH THE MURDER OF DOUGLAS COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY TOMMY MARTIN DURING A CRIME SPREE LAST MONTH.

Hit and Run July 31 10PM :50
AN AREA GIRL IS RECOVERING TONIGHT AFTER BEING HIT BY A CAR IN DECATUR ON SUNDAY. A HIT AND RUN DRIVER STRUCK NINE-YEAR-OLD OLIVIA HUGHES WHILE RIDING HER BIKE. IT HAPPENED IN THE DRIVEWAY OF A PARKING LOT AT DECATUR'S WABASH CROSSING APARTMENT COMPLEX.

Girl Attacked July 31 10PM :30
AUTHORITIES SAY TWO MEN ARE ACCUSED OF GETTING A 14-YEAR-OLD GIRL DRUNK AND TATTOOING HER. AND ONE OF THE SUSPECTS IS CHARGED WITH SEXUALLY ASSAULTING HER. MACOUPIN COUNTY PROSECUTORS CHARGED 27 YEAR OLDS JASON WAGGENER AND MARK SAWYER YESTERDAY WITH UNLAWFUL DELIVERY OF ALCOHOL TO A MINOR AND TATTOOING THE BODY OF A MINOR.

Wanted Sex Offender July 31 10PM :27
DOUGLAS COUNTY AUTHORITIES ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A MAN WANTED FOR A SEX CRIME. THE DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF AND DOUGLAS COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS ARE LOOKING FOR THIS MAN... 22 YEAR OLD BRANDON R. FORD OF PARIS, ILLINOIS.

Depew Court July 31 10PM :29
A MATTOON MAN PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO CHARGES OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER. THE COLES COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY SAYS MATTHEW DEPEW IS CHARGED IN THE DEATH OF ROBERT GORDON. HIS JURY TRIAL IS SET FOR NOVEMBER.

Clemons Court Aug 1 5AM :31
THE MAN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING THREE CHAMPAIGN OFFICERS WILL BE BACK IN COURT THIS MONTH. THE PRE-TRIAL FOR DONNEL CLEMONS WILL BE AUGUST 14TH. CLEMONS ALLEGEDLY SHOT THE THREE OFFICERS, JUNE 7TH AT WEST SIDE PARK. HE WAS THEN SHOT SEVERAL TIMES BY POLICE.

Girl Attacked Aug 1 5AM :30
AUTHORITIES SAY TWO MEN ARE ACCUSED OF GETTING A 14-YEAR-OLD GIRL DRUNK AND TATTOOING HER. AND ONE OF THE SUSPECTS IS CHARGED WITH SEXUALLY ASSAULTING HER. MACOUPIN COUNTY PROSECUTORS HAVE CHARGED 27-YEAR OLDS.. JASON WAGGENER AND MARK SAWYER WITH UNLAWFUL DELIVERY OF ALCOHOL TO A MINOR AND TATTOOING THE BODY OF A MINOR.

Wanted Sex Offender Aug 1 5AM :27
DOUGLAS COUNTY AUTHORITIES ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A MAN WANTED FOR A SEX CRIME. THE DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF AND DOUGLAS COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS ARE LOOKING FOR 22 YEAR OLD

BRANDON R. FORD OF PARIS, ILLINOIS. DOUGLAS COUNTY HAS A WARRANT OUT FOR HIS ARREST.

Depew Court Aug 1 5AM :29

A MATTOON MAN HAS PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO CHARGES OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER. THE COLES COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY SAYS MATTHEW DEPEW IS CHARGED IN THE DEATH OF ROBERT GORDON. HIS JURY TRIAL IS SET FOR NOVEMBER.

Hit and Run Aug 1 5Am 1:17

A YOUNG GIRL IS RECOVERING AFTER BEING HIT BY A CAR WHILE RIDING HER BIKE. NEWSCENTER 17'S JULIE QUALLS HAS THE STORY

Police Prob Aug 1 5AM :35

THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS IS NOW INVESTIGATING IT'S POLICE TRAINING INSTITUTE DIRECTOR FOR A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH A MILITARY CONTRACTOR. THIS IS FILE VIDEO OF THE DIRECTOR, TOM DEMPSEY, FROM LAST YEAR.

Brown/Thompson Aug 1 5AM 1:45

COUNTIES ARE WORKING TOGETHER IN THE MIDST OF A SMALL-TOWN CAPITAL MURDER CASE. THE TWO CHICAGO MEN ACCUSED OF KILLING DOUGLAS COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY TOM MARTIN ARE NO LONGER BEING HELD IN THE JAIL THERE. YUSSEF KAREEM BROWN... WAS ON PAROLE AND HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Sadorus Missing Aug 1 5AM :25

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Panhandling Aug 1 5AM :27

PANHANDLING COULD SOON BE BANNED AROUND THE CLOCK IN DOWNTOWN SPRINGFIELD. LAST NIGHT, THE SPRINGFIELD FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVED EXPANDING A NIGHT-TIME PANHANDLING BAN TO INCLUDE THE DAY-TIME HOURS THE EXPANSION ALSO ADDS COMMUNITY SERVICE TO THE LIST OF PENALTIES THAT A JUDGE CAN HAND DOWN IF SOMEONE IS CONVICTED OF PANHANDLING

Macon Prisoner Aug 1 12PM :31

THE TWO MEN CHARGED IN THE SHOOTING DEATH OF A DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY.. NOW HAVE NEW ATTORNEYS WHO CAN HANDLE DEATH PENALTY CASES.

TODAY, MACON COUNTY JUDGE TIMOTHY STEADMAN.. APPOINTED ATTORNEYS FOR YUSEF KAREEM BROWN AND WILLIAM THOMPSON.

Student Threat Aug 1 12PM :24

MEANWHILE, A SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY- EDWARDSVILLE STUDENT CHARGED WITH THREATENING A "VIRGINIA TECH-LIKE RAMPAGE"... NOW WANTS HIS BOND LOWERED. THIS WEEK, (OH-LOO-TOH'-SIHN OH-DOO'-WAWL) OLUTOSIN ODUWOLE FILED A MOTION TO HAVE HIS BOND REDUCED.

Robbery Caught Aug 1 12PM :27

A RECENT KIDNAPPING AND ROBBERY AT A GROCERY STORE JUST SOUTH OF CHICAGO HAS BEEN CAUGHT ON TAPE. THIS SECURITY CAMERA SHOWS TWO MEN FORCING A GROCERY STORE MANAGER TO OPEN A SAFE. THE TWO SUSPECTS CAN THEN BE SEEN LEAVING WITH SOME CASH.

Hit and Run Aug 1 12PM :48

A MOTHER SPEAKS OUT, AS HER DAUGHTER RECOVERS FROM BEING HIT BY A CAR. A HIT-AND RUN DRIVER STRUCK NINE-YEAR-OLD "OLIVIA HUGHES" WHILE RIDING HER BIKE, ON SUNDAY. IT HAPPENED IN THE DRIVEWAY OF A PARKING LOT AT DECATUR'S "WABASH CROSSING" APARTMENT COMPLEX.

Girl Attacked Aug 1 12PM :32

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COMMITTEE" APPROVED EXPANDING A NIGHT-TIME PANHANDLING BAN TO INCLUDE THE DAY-TIME HOURS

Douglas County Aug 1 5PM :50

DEFENSE ATTORNEYS ARE NOW APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE TWO MEN INVOLVED IN THE ARCOLA STANDOFF IN JUNE. DEFENDERS JEFFRY JUSTICE AND THOMAS GRIFFITH WILL REPRESENT WILLIAM THOMPSON. YOU MAY REMEMBER THEY ALSO REPRESENTED MAURICE LAGRONE JUNIOR DURING HIS MURDER TRIAL.

Boy Scout Theft Aug 1 5PM :48

YOU MAY BE ABLE TO HELP INVESTIGATORS CATCH WHOEVER STOLE FROM AN AREA BOY SCOUT TROOP. THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS TRYING TO FIND OUT WHO TOOK A TRAILOR FULL OF ALUMINUM CANS FROM BOY SCOUT TROOP 40 IN OGDEN.

Baseball bat Aug 1 5PM :28

SPRINGFIELD POLICE CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE A CASE THAT SENT TWO MEN TO THE HOSPITAL EARLY THIS MORNING. SERGEANT PAT ROSS SAYS ONE MAN SUFFERS LIFE-THREATENING WOUNDS AFTER BEING BEATEN WITH A BASEBALL BAT. THE SUSPECT IN THE CASE WAS LATER HIT BY A CAR BY OSCAR'S TAVERN ON NORTH NINTH STREET.

Chi Robbery Aug 1 5PM :26

A RECENT KIDNAPPING AND ROBBERY AT A GROCERY STORE JUST SOUTH OF CHICAGO IS CAUGHT ON TAPE. THIS SECURITY CAMERA SHOWS TWO MEN FORCING A GROCERY STORE MANAGER TO OPEN A SAFE AT THE STORE. THE TWO SUSPECTS CAN THEN BE SEEN LEAVING WITH AN UNDETERMINED AMOUNT OF CASH.

Douglas Co Attys Aug 1 6PM :50

DEFENSE ATTORNEYS ARE NOW APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE TWO MEN INVOLVED IN THE ARCOLA STANDOFF IN JUNE. DEFENDERS JEFF JUSTICE AND THOMAS GRIFFITH WILL REPRESENT WILLIAM THOMPSON. YOU MAY REMEMBER THEY ALSO REPRESENTED MAURICE LAGRONE JUNIOR DURING HIS MURDER TRIAL.

Champ Bus Terminal Aug 1 10PM :34

NEW TONIGHT... A CHAMPAIGN MAN IS ACCUSED OF FONDLING ANOTHER MAN WHILE TRYING TO STEAL HIS WALLET. 48 YEAR OLD WILLIAM SMITH PLEADED INNOCENT TO FELONY CHARGES OF AGGRAVATED CRIMINAL SEXUAL ABUSE AND AGGRAVATED BATTERY IN A PUBLIC PLACE.

Child Abuse Aug 1 10PM :24

ALSO NEW AT TEN...A CLINTON MAN IS IN JAIL... ACCUSED OF CHILD ABUSE. DEPUTIES ARRESTED 24 YEAR OLD RUSTY HARRIS... AFTER THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES ASKED STATE POLICE TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS OF CHILD ABUSE.

Douglas Co Attys Aug 1 10PM :35
TWO MEN ACCUSED OF A CRIME SPREE IN DOUGLAS COUNTY THAT KILLED A SHERIFF'S DEPUTY... NOW HAVE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS... THAT CAN HANDLE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT CASES. DEFENDERS JEFFREY JUSTICE AND THOMAS GRIFFITH WILL REPRESENT WILLIAM **THOMPSON**. AND DEFENDERS JAY ELMORE AND JEFF PAGE WILL REPRESENT...YUSSEF KAREEM BROWN.

Springfield Shooting Aug 1 10PM :15
BREAKING NEWS TONIGHT... SPRINGFIELD POLICE ARE ON THE SCENE OF A SHOOTING ON ELLIOT AVENUE. POLICE SAY IT HAPPENED JUST BEFORE 10 O'CLOCK TONIGHT. THEY'RE STILL ON THE SCENE RIGHT NOW AND NOT RELEASING ANY DETAILS. WE'LL HAVE MORE FOR YOU AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

News Extra Aug 1 10PM 2:27
THINK YOU KNOW EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SEX? SOME RESEARCHERS ASKED A VERY SIMPLE QUESTION: WHY DO WE DO IT? SOME ANSWERS.... IN TONIGHT'S NEWS EXTRA.

Springfield Shooting Aug 2 5AM :21
SPRINGFIELD POLICE SAY THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A SHOOTER WHO PUT A MAN IN THE HOSPITAL LAST NIGHT WITH SERIOUS INJURIES. POLICE SAY THE SHOOTING INVOLVED TWO MEN AND HAPPENED JUST BEFORE TEN AT WALNUT AND ELLIOT STREETS. THEY SAY THE TWO MEN WERE INVOLVED IN A DAY-LONG DISPUTE.
POLICE SAY THE VICTIM IS EXPECTED TO SURVIVE.

East Clay Aug 2 5AM :19
DECATUR POLICE AREN'T RELEASING MUCH INFORMATION ON AN INCIDENT AT A HOUSE ON EAST CLAY STREET LAST NIGHT. POLICE SAY OFFICERS RESPONDED TO A REPORT OF A DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE AT A HOUSE IN THE 11-HUNDRED BLOCK OF EAST CLAY STREET.

Douglas Co Attys Aug 2 5AM :33
TWO MEN ACCUSED OF KILLING A DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY... NOW HAVE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS... THAT CAN HANDLE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT CASES. DEFENDERS JEFFREY JUSTICE AND THOMAS GRIFFITH WILL REPRESENT WILLIAM **THOMPSON**. AND DEFENDERS JAY ELMORE AND JEFF PAGE WILL REPRESENT...YUSSEF KAREEM BROWN.

Baseball Bat Aug 2 5AM :20

SPRINGFIELD POLICE CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE A CASE THAT SENT TWO MEN TO THE HOSPITAL YESTERDAY. SERGEANT PAT ROSS SAYS ONE MAN SUFFERED LIFE-THREATENING WOUNDS AFTER BEING BEATEN WITH A BASEBALL BAT. THE SUSPECT IN THE CASE WAS LATER HIT BY A CAR.. NEAR OSCAR'S TAVERN ON NORTH NINTH STREET.

Boy Scout Theft Aug 2 5AM :38

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY AUTHORITIES ARE TRYING TO FIND OUT WHO TOOK A TRAILER FULL OF ALUMINUM CANS FROM BOY SCOUT TROOP 40 IN OGDEN. IT HAPPENED SATURDAY.. AND THE BOY SCOUTS RELY ON THE MONEY FROM THOSE CANS FOR TRIPS, AWARDS CEREMONIES AND OTHER EVENTS.

East Clay Aug 2 12PM :30

DECATUR POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING WHAT THEY CALL A SUSPICIOUS DEATH. POLICE SAY OFFICERS FOUND A 57-YEAR OLD WOMAN'S BODY INSIDE A HOUSE ON EAST CLAY STREET AROUND NINE O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT.. THEY SAY THE WOMAN'S HUSBAND CLAIMS HE CAME HOME AROUND 8-30 AND FOUND HIS WIFE UNCONSCIOUS ON THE FLOOR.

Springfield Shooting Aug 2 12PM :25

SPRINGFIELD POLICE CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR SUSPECTS INVOLVED IN A LATE NIGHT SHOOTING.. THAT LEFT A MAN HOSPITALIZED WITH SERIOUS INJURIES.. POLICE SAY.. THE SHOOTING HAPPENED AROUND TEN LAST NIGHT.. NEAR ELLIOT AND OSBORNE STREETS. THEY SAY THE VICTIM.. A 41- YEAR OLD MAN.. WAS SHOT IN THE CHEST.

Baseball Bat Aug 2 12PM :20

MEANWHILE.. POLICE SAY A SPRINGFIELD MAN IS IN CUSTODY FOR ALLEGEDLY BEATING ANOTHER MAN WITH A BASEBALL BAT. SERGEANT PAT ROSS SAYS THE VICTIM IS STILL IN THE HOSPITAL REMAINS WITH LIFE THREATENING INJURIES. ROSS SAYS THE SUSPECT WAS LATER HIT BY A CAR.. NEAR OSCAR'S TAVERN ON NORTH NINTH STREET.

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Douglas Co Atty Aug 2 12PM :35

TWO MEN ACCUSED OF KILLING A DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY... COULD KNOW BY THE END OF THE MONTH WHETHER THEIR

CASES WILL BE TRIED TOGETHER.. A JUDGE YESTERDAY APPOINTED NEW ATTORNEYS FOR THE TWO MEN..

Campus Attacks Aug 2 5PM :38

TWO WOMEN ARE ATTACKED NEAR THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CAMPUS IN CHAMPAIGN. RENE DUNN WITH CHAMPAIGN POLICE SAYS JUST BEFORE 5 IN THE MORNING FRIDAY.. A MAN KNOCKED OVER A WOMAN JOGGING. SHE SCREAMED AND FOUGHT... AND THE MAN RAN AWAY.

Decatur Death Aug 2 5PM :34

DECATUR POLICE CONTINUE INVESTIGATING WHAT THEY'RE CALLING A SUSPICIOUS DEATH. DEPUTY CHIEF TODD WALKER REPORTS OFFICERS FOUND A 57-YEAR OLD WOMAN'S BODY INSIDE THIS HOUSE ON EAST CLAY STREET AROUND NINE LAST NIGHT.

Springfield Shooting Aug 2 5PM :26

WE HAVE NEW INFORMATION TONIGHT AFTER A MAN WAS BEATEN WITH A BASEBALL BAT. SPRINGFIELD POLICE SAY OFFICERS ARRESTED TONY MCCLELLAND YESTERDAY. HE'S CHARGED WITH AGGRAVATED BATTERY AND UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON.

Hit and Run Aug 2 6PM :25

THE COLES COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY PLANS TO CHARGE A CENTRAL ILLINOIS TEENAGER FOR AN ALLEGED HIT AND RUN. STEVE FERGUSON SAYS HE'LL CHARGE 18 YEAR OLD DYLAN FOSTER OF CHARLESTON WITH AGGRAVATED D-U-I AND LEAVING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT.

Dec Death Aug 2 10PM :33

NEW TONIGHT... THE MACON COUNTY CORONER RELEASES THE NAME OF A WOMAN FOUND DEAD INSIDE HER HOME LAST NIGHT... AND SAYS SHE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN STRANGLER. DECATUR POLICE SAY OFFICERS FOUND 57 YEAR OLD DONNA NICKOLSON INSIDE THIS HOME ON EAST CLAY STREET AROUND NINE LAST NIGHT.

Hit and Run Aug 3 5AM :24

A CENTRAL ILLINOIS TEENAGER FACES SOME SERIOUS CHARGES.. FOLLOWING AN ALLEGED HIT AND RUN. COLES COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY STEVE FERGUSON SAYS HE PLANS TO CHARGE 18 YEAR OLD DYLAN FOSTER OF CHARLESTON WITH AGGRAVATED D-U-I AND LEAVING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT.

Dec. Death Aug 3 5AM :30

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DECATUR POLICE SAY OFFICERS FOUND 57 YEAR OLD DONNA NICKOLSON INSIDE THIS HOME ON EAST CLAY STREET AROUND NINE WEDNESDAY NIGHT..

Springfield Shooting Aug 3 5AM :30
A MAN IS UNDER ARREST FOR ALLEGEDLY BEATING SOMEONE WITH A BASEBALL BAT.
SPRINGFIELD POLICE SAY OFFICERS ARRESTED TONY MCCLELLAND WEDNESDAY.
HE'S BEEN CHARGED WITH AGGRAVATED BATTERY AND UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON.

Decatur Murder Aug 3 5PM :49
WE HAVE NEW INFORMATION ON A WOMAN FOUND STRANGLER TO DEATH IN HER HOME. POLICE ARRESTED HER HUSBAND AND PRELIMINARILY CHARGE HIM WITH HER MURDER. DECATUR POLICE DEPUTY CHIEF TODD WALKER SAYS AFTER AN INVESTIGATION, AUTOPSY AND TALKING WITH THE MACON COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY.. THEY ARRESTED AND CHARGED ROBERT NICHOLSON OF DECATUR.

Davison Sentence Aug 3 5PM :25
A DECATUR MAN WILL SPEND THE NEXT 25 YEARS IN PRISON FOR MURDERING A CHICAGO MAN IN 2005. A MACON COUNTY JUDGE GAVE JEFFERY DAVISON THE SENTENCE AFTER A JURY FOUND HIM GUILTY OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER IN JUNE.

Urbana Graffiti Aug 3 5PM 1:49
WE HAVE A NEWSCENTER 17 UPDATE FOR YOU. WE FIRST TOLD YOU ABOUT SOME GRAFFITI IN URBANA ON MONDAY... WHEN VANDALS HIT MULTIPLE CHURCHES IN THE AREA... SPRAYING SOME SATANIC MESSAGES. NOW THERE IS MORE OF THE DISTURBING GRAFFITI FOUND IN URBANA.

Dead Horses Aug 3 6PM 1:21
COLES COUNTY INVESTIGATORS DISCOVERED 14 DEAD HORSES IN VARYING STAGES OF DECAY AND AROUND 60 MORE ON THE PROPERTY... MANY OF WHICH WERE EMACIATED AND WITHOUT WATER. ON WEDNESDAY... SOMEONE CALLED AUTHORITIES BECAUSE OF A FOUL ODOR COMING FROM THE PROPERTY... COLES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ISSUED ERNEST ROSE... THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY... A 48-HOUR NOTICE TO REMOVE OR BURY THE DEAD HORSES AND PROVIDE FOOD AND WATER FOR THE REST.

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Austin Cloyd Aug 3 6PM :47
A NEW HONORARY STREET SIGN IS UNVEILED IN CHAMPAIGN... AS A TRIBUTE TO A CHAMPAIGN NATIVE KILLED AT THE SHOOTINGS AT VIRGINIA TECH IN APRIL. FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF 18 YEAR OLD AUSTIN CLOYD GATHERED AT THE INTERSECTION OF CHURCH AND STATE STREETS TODAY.

1908 Race Riots Aug 3 6PM :41
AREA HIGH SCHOOLERS CREATE AN EXHIBIT FOR THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM. THE PROGRAM IS A TEACHING TOOL... AS THEY PREPARE FOR THE REAL WORLD. THE STUDENTS ARE PRIMARILY HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES THROUGH SENIORS. FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS THEY'VE BEEN RESEARCHING THE 19-08 RACE RIOTS... WRITING, CREATING THE EXHIBIT AND JOB SHADOWING HISTORIANS, PHOTO JOURNALISTS AND EXHIBIT DESIGNERS.

Bank Robbery Aug 3 5PM :35
TWO PEOPLE ARE BEHIND BARS TONIGHT FACING ARMED ROBBERY CHARGES.
CHAMPAIGN POLICE SAY LARRY WILSON AND EZRA MARTIN... BOTH OF DANVILLE... ARE IN THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY JAIL. POLICE SAY ... AROUND 9 THIS MORNING... WILSON ALLEGEDLY WENT INTO THE "FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK" ON WEST SPRINGFIELD AVENUE ... SHOWED A HANDGUN AND DEMANDED CASH.

Bank Robbery Aug 3 10PM :35
IN OTHER NEWS TONIGHT... TWO PEOPLE ARE BEHIND BARS FACING ARMED ROBBERY CHARGES. CHAMPAIGN POLICE SAY LARRY WILSON AND EZRA MARTIN... BOTH OF DANVILLE... ARE IN THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY JAIL. POLICE SAY ... AROUND 9 THIS MORNING... WILSON ALLEGEDLY

Bank Robbery Aug 4 5PM :35
TWO PEOPLE ARE BEHIND BARS TONIGHT FACING ARMED ROBBERY CHARGES.
CHAMPAIGN POLICE SAY LARRY WILSON AND EZRA MARTIN... BOTH OF DANVILLE... ARE IN THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY JAIL.

Bank Robbery Aug 4 10PM :35

IN OTHER NEWS TONIGHT... TWO PEOPLE ARE BEHIND BARS FACING ARMED ROBBERY CHARGES. CHAMPAIGN POLICE SAY LARRY WILSON AND EZRA MARTIN... BOTH OF DANVILLE... ARE IN THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY JAIL. POLICE SAY ... AROUND 9 THIS MORNING... WILSON ALLEGEDLY

Lewis Anniversary Aug 5 5PM 1:50
AFTER 13 YEARS... SHERRY'S SISTER TERRY LEWIS-FOOR AND THEIR ENTIRE FAMILY STILL REMEMBER SHERRY AS A KIND AND CARING PERSON WHO LOVED LIFE. AND AS THEY PAY TRIBUTE TO THE WOMAN THAT DIED TOO YOUNG... SHE AND THE REST OF THE FAMILY REMAIN HOPEFUL THAT THEY WILL ONE DAY FIND CLOSURE.

Hucks Robbery Aug 5 5PM :20
DECATUR POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR THE PERSON WHO ROBBED A GAS STATION LAST NIGHT. POLICE SAY AROUND 9-30... A MAN WENT INTO THE HUCK'S ON SOUTH 22ND STREET... SHOWED A GUN.. AND DEMANDED CASH AND A BAG TO PUT IT IN.

Macoupin Fatal Aug 5 5PM :30
ONE PERSON IS DEAD AND ANOTHER HURT... AFTER A ONE- VEHICLE CRASH. STATE POLICE SAY CHARGES OF RECKLESS HOMICIDE AND D-U-I ARE PENDING AGAINST THE DRIVER. STATE POLICE SAY THE CRASH HAPPENED AROUND 5-40 YESTERDAY EVENING... ON SHAW ROAD IN MACOUPIN COUNTY.

Sherry Lewis Aug 5 10PM :50
AN AREA FAMILY REMEMBERS A LOVED ONE.... WHO WAS MURDERED THIRTEEN YEARS AGO TODAY. SHERRY LEWIS WAS A REALTOR.... WHEN SHE WAS BEATEN AND STRANGLER WHILE SHOWING A HOME IN RURAL DECATUR IN 19-94.

Stabbing Decatur Aug 6 5AM :17
DECATUR POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING AN OVERNIGHT STABBING. POLICE SAY A SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS BROUGHT TO DECATUR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL EARLY THIS MORNING WITH MULTIPLE STAB WOUNDS TO HER BACK. THEY SAY SHE WAS STABBED AT CLINTON AND CONDIT STREETS.

Springfield Stabbing Aug 6 5AM :15
AND SPRINGFIELD POLICE ARE ALSO INVESTIGATING A STABBING IN THE CAPITAL CITY. POLICE SAY A MAN WAS STABBED AT THE 17- HUNDRED BLOCK OF SEVEN PINES ROAD. THERE'S NO WORD YET ON THE EXTENT OF HIS INJURIES OR IF ANY ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

Lewis Anniversary Aug 6 5AM 1:40

THIS WEEKEND MARKED A GRIM ANNIVERSARY FOR ONE FAMILY. AUGUST 5TH, 19-94.... REALTOR SHERRY LEWIS WAS BEATEN AND STRANGLLED INSI DE A RURAL DECATUR HOME. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEVE BUTERA HAS THE STORY.

Bank Robbery Aug 6 5AM :35
TWO PEOPLE ARE BEHIND BARS FACING ARMED ROBBERY CHARGES. CHAMPAIGN POLICE SAY LARRY WILSON AND EZRA MARTIN... BOTH OF DANVILLE... ARE IN THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY JAIL.

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DECATUR POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR THE PERSON WHO ROBBED A GAS STATION FRIDAY NIGHT. THEY SAY AROUND 9-30... A MAN WENT INTO THE HUCK'S ON SOUTH 22ND STREET... SHOWED A GUN.. .AND DEMANDED CASH AND A BAG TO PUT IT IN.

Springfield Stabbing Aug 6 12PM :30
A SPRINGFIELD MAN IS IN CUSTODY FOR ALLEGEDLY STABBING HIS WIFE. SPRINGFIELD POLICE SAY IT HAPPENED AROUND 11-30 LAST NIGHT IN THE 17-HUNDRED BLOCK OF SEVEN PINES ROAD. THEY SAY 22 YEAR OLD LONG LOUNG STABBED HIS 23-YEAR OLD WIFE DURING AN ARGUMENT.

Stabbing Decatur Aug 6 12PM :15
DECATUR POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING AN OVERNIGHT STABBING. POLICE SAY A 17 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS BROUGHT TO DECATUR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL EARLY THIS MORNING WITH MULTIPLE STAB WOUNDS TO HER BACK. THEY SAY SHE WAS STABBED AT CLINTON AND CONDIT STREETS.

Hucks Robbery Aug 6 12PM :15
ALSO IN DECATUR... POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR THE PERSON WHO ROBBED A GAS STATION FRIDAY NIGHT. POLICE SAY AROUND 9-30... A MAN WENT INTO THE HUCK'S ON SOUTH 22ND STREET... SHOWED A GUN.. .AND DEMANDED CASH AND A BAG TO PUT IT IN.

Sherry Lewis Aug 6 12PM :45
AN AREA FAMILY IS REMEMBERING A LOVED ONE ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF HER MURDER. REALTOR SHERRY LEWIS WAS BEATEN AND STRANGLLED WHILE SHOWING A HOME IN RURAL DECATUR ON AUGUST 5, 19-94.

Springfield Stabbing Aug 6 5PM :25
IF LAWMAKERS DO NOT PUT A BUDGET IN PLACE THIS WEEK.. SCHOOLS CAN EXPECT LATE STATE AID PAYMENTS. TODAY.. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH TOLD THE ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY TO MAKE 175

MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF NO-INTEREST LOANS AVAILABLE TO THE STATE'S 900 SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Decatur Stabbing Aug 6 5PM :25

TWO PEOPLE ARE ALSO BEHIND BARS FOR AN OVERNIGHT STABBING IN DECATUR. POLICE SAY A 17 YEAR OLD GIRL SHOWED UP AT DECATUR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WITH SEVERAL STAB WOUNDS TO HER BACK.

Nicholson Case Aug 6 5PM :25

MEANWHILE... FORMAL MURDER CHARGES ARE STILL PENDING AGAINST THIS DECATUR MAN. POLICE ARRESTED ROBERT NICHOLSON FRIDAY AFTER FINDING HIS WIFE DEAD IN THEIR HOME LAST WEDNESDAY.

UI Police Aug 6 5PM :25

THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS POLICE TRAINING INSTITUTE'S DIRECTOR SAYS HIS WORK FOR A MILITARY CONTRACTOR DOES NOT PRESENT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST. TOM DEMPSEY SIGNED A DEAL IN MAY WITH BLACKWATER U-S-A TO TRAIN POLICE OFFICERS IN AFGHANISTAN.

Decatur Stabbing Aug 6 6PM :20

POLICE MAKE TWO ARRESTS IN THE OVERNIGHT STABBING OF A DECATUR TEENAGER. POLICE SAY THE ATTACK HAPPENED AT THE CORNER OF CLINTON AND CONDIT STREETS. A 17 YEAR OLD GIRL SHOWED UP AT DECATUR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WITH SEVERAL STAB WOUNDS TO HER BACK.

Springfield Stab Aug 6 6PM :25

AND THIS MAN SITS IN THE SANGAMON COUNTY JAIL TONIGHT FOR ALLEGEDLY STABBING HIS WIFE. POLICE SAY 22 YEAR OLD LONG LOUNG STABBED HIS WIFE DURING AN ARGUMENT LAST NIGHT.

National Night Out Aug 6 10PM :34

NEW TONIGHT... THOUSANDS OF COMMUNITIES NATIONWIDE... INCLUDING SEVERAL HERE IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS... WILL TAKE TO THE STREETS TOMORROW NIGHT... AS PART OF A CRIME AND DRUG PREVENTION EVENT. THE 24TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS TOMORROW NIGHT.. INVOLVING MORE THAN 10-THOUSAND COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE U-S. IN ALL... MORE THAN 34 MILLION PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE THIS YEAR... INCLUDING IN SPRINGFIELD... CHAMPAIGN... AND DECATUR. THE IDEA IS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF CRIME AND DRUG PREVENTION... AND STRENGTHEN NEIGHBORHOOD AND POLICE PARTNERSHIPS

Decatur Stabbing Aug 7 5AM :15

POLICE MAKE TWO ARRESTS IN THE OVERNIGHT STABBING OF A DECATUR TEENAGER. POLICE SAY THE ATTACK HAPPENED AT THE

CORNER OF CLINTON AND CONDIT STREETS. A 17 YEAR OLD GIRL SHOWED UP AT DECATUR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WITH SEVERAL STAB WOUNDS TO HER BACK.

Springfield Stab Aug 7 5AM :26
AND THIS MAN SITS IN THE SANGAMON COUNTY JAIL TONIGHT FOR ALLEGEDLY STABBING HIS WIFE. POLICE SAY 22 YEAR OLD LONG LOUNG STABBED HIS WIFE DURING AN ARGUMENT LAST NIGHT.

Nicholson Case Aug 7 5AM :22
MEANWHILE...FORMAL MURDER CHARGES ARE STILL PENDING AGAINST THIS DECATUR MAN. POLICE ARRESTED ROBERT NICHOLSON FRIDAY AFTER FINDING HIS WIFE DEAD IN THEIR HOME LAST WEDNESDAY.

UI Police Aug 7 5AM :29
THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS POLICE TRAINING INSTITUTE'S DIRECTOR SAYS HIS WORK FOR A MILITARY CONTRACTOR DOES NOT PRESENT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST. TOM DEMPSEY SIGNED A DEAL IN MAY WITH BLACKWATER U-S-A TO TRAIN POLICE OFFICERS IN AFGHANISTAN.

Teen Girls Robbery Aug 7 12PM :30
TWO TEEN GIRLS ARE IN CUSTODY THIS AFTERNOON.. AFTER TRYING TO ROB A SPRINGFIELD BUSINESS AT GUNPOINT. SPRINGFIELD POLICE SAY THE TWO 15 YEAR OLD GIRLS WALKED INTO THE "HOUSE OF GIFTS" ON EAST MONROE AROUND 12-15 YESTERDAY.. AND DEMANDED MONEY.

Another Stabbing Aug 7 12PM :25
SPRINGFIELD POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING AN EARLY MORNING STABBING. POLICE SAY THE INCIDENT HAPPENED JUST AFTER THREE .. AT THE CORNER OF 13TH AND ASH. THEY SAY THE VICTIM.. 46 YEAR OLD GERALD MOSELY.. TOLD POLICE THAT HIS GIRLFRIEND GOT INTO A FIGHT WITH SEVERAL PEOPLE.. AND WHEN HE TRIED TO INTERVENE.. SOMEONE STABBED HIM IN THE BACK.

National Night Out Aug 7 12PM :25
THOUSANDS OF COMMUNITIES NATIONWIDE... INCLUDING SEVERAL HERE IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS... WILL TAKE TO THE STREETS TONIGHT... AS PART OF A CRIME AND DRUG PREVENTION EVENT. MORE THAN 34 MILLION PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 24TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT.

Cop Shop Move Aug 7 12PM :25
DECATUR CITY LEADERS AREN'T SURE WHAT TO DO ABOUT THEIR POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT SAYS IT NEEDS A LARGER BUILDING. LAST NIGHT.. IT ASKED COUNCIL MEMBERS TO DECIDE

WHETHER TO BUILD A NEW POLICE HEADQUARTERS OR REMODEL THE EXISTING BUILDING.

Bank Robbery Aug 7 5PM :24

WE HAVE BREAKING NEWS TO BRING YOU RIGHT NOW OUT OF HOOPESTON IN VERMILION COUNTY... THE EAST SIDE OF OUR VIEWING AREA. THE HOOPESTON POLICE DEPARTMENT SAYS A BANK WAS ROBBED AND INVESTIGATORS ARE ON THE SCENE AT THIS TIME.

National Night Out Aug 7 5PM :30

GOOD EVENING AND THANKS FOR JOINING US. TONIGHT A CENTRAL ILLINOIS COMMUNITY RALLIES BEHIND ALL POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS.. THOSE WHO WERE KILLED.. AND THOSE WHO WERE INJURED. THREE CHAMPAIGN POLICE OFFICERS WERE HURT AFTER A SHOOT-OUT WITH A HOMELESS MAN NEAR WEST SIDE PARK ON JUNE 7TH.

Bank Robbery Aug 7 6PM :22

HOOPESTON POLICE SAY THEY'RE INVESTIGATING A BANK ROBBERY AT THIS HOUR.

HOOPESTON IS IN NORTHERN VERMILION COUNTY. THE HOOPESTON POLICE DEPARTMENT SAYS A BANK WAS ROBBED AND INVESTIGATORS ARE ON THE SCENE AT THIS TIME.

National Night Out Aug 7 6PM :20

TONIGHT IS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT WHERE RESIDENTS COME OUT TO TAKE A STAND AGAINST CRIME. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY IS LIVE IN CHAMPAIGN'S WEST SIDE PAR..K WHERE EVENTS KICKED OFF AT 5PM, KATE?

Decatur Night Out Aug 7 10PM :57

DAWN AND SEAN, THE POINT OF NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT CRIME AND DRUG PREVENTION ... AND DO IT IN A FUN WAY. IT WAS A BUSY NIGHT. MANY GROUPS AND CITY LEADERS IN DECATUR WERE INVOLVED IN A CARAVAN TODAY TO SPREAD THAT MESSAGE.

Springfield Night Out Aug 7 10PM :53

AND NEIGHBORS IN SPRINGFIELD ALSO HELD A NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT. FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS... THE EVENT HAS BEEN HELD AT THE RIDGLEY SCHOOL IN SPRINGFIELD'S NORTH END NEIGHBORHOOD.

Champaign Night Out Aug 7 10PM :49

AND TONIGHT IN CHAMPAIGN... THE COMMUNITY RALLIED BEHIND POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS AS PART OF THE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT THERE. THREE CHAMPAIGN POLICE OFFICERS HURT AFTER A

SHOOT-OUT WITH A HOMELESS MAN NEAR WEST SIDE PARK BACK IN JUNE.

Bank Robbery Aug 7 10PM :41
NEW TONIGHT... F-B-I AND LOCAL POLICE NOW HAVE A DESCRIPTION OF THE MAN WHO ROBBED A BANK IN VERMILION COUNTY THIS AFTERNOON. THE F-B-I SAYS AROUND 3:20... A MAN WENT INTO THE IROQUOIS FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN IN HOOPESTON... AND PASSED A NOTE TO THE BANK TELLER DEMANDING MONEY.

Decatur Night Out Aug 8 5AM :57
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Champaign Night Out Aug 8 5AM :49
AND TONIGHT IN CHAMPAIGN... THE COMMUNITY RALLIED BEHIND POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS AS PART OF THE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT THERE. THREE CHAMPAIGN POLICE OFFICERS HURT AFTER A SHOOT-OUT WITH A HOMELESS MAN NEAR WEST SIDE PARK BACK IN JUNE.

Bank Robbery Aug 8 5AM :40
F-B-I AND LOCAL POLICE NOW HAVE A DESCRIPTION OF THE MAN WHO ROBBED A BANK IN VERMILION COUNTY THIS AFTERNOON. THE F-B-I SAYS AROUND 3:20... A MAN WENT INTO THE IROQUOIS FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN IN HOOPESTON... AND PASSED A NOTE TO THE BANK TELLER DEMANDING MONEY.

Hoopston Bank RobAug 8 5PM :42
F-B-I AND LOCAL POLICE CONTINUE SEARCHING FOR A MAN WHO ROBBED A VERMILION COUNTY BANK. WE FIRST TOLD YOU ABOUT THE BANK ROBBERY YESTERDAY ON NEWSCENTER 17 AT FIVE. THE F-B-I SAYS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON... A MAN WENT INTO THE IROQUOIS FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN IN HOOPESTON... AND PASSED A NOTE TO THE BANK TELLER DEMANDING MONEY.

Nicholson Aug 8 6PM :25

A DECATUR MAN IS FORMALLY CHARGED WITH MURDER THIS AFTERNOON. DECATUR POLICE SAY NICHOLSON TOLD THEM HE ARRIVED HOME ON EAST CLAY LAST WEDNESDAY AND FOUND HIS WIFE ON THE FLOOR AND WENT TO A NEIGHBOR ASKING THEM TO CALL POLICE.

Springfield Police Chief Aug 8 10PM :19
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD NOW HAS A NEW POLICE CHIEF. NEW TONIGHT... ALDERMAN CONFIRMED RALPH CALDWELL AS THE NEW TOP COP FOR THE CAPITOL CITY. CALDWELL HAS BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR MORE THAN 27 YEARS AND HAS SERVED AS INTERIM CHIEF UNTIL HIS OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT TONIGHT.

Lights Shot Out Aug 8 10PM :33
NEW TONIGHT... THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS INVESTIGATING SEVERAL CASES OF VANDALISM IN RURAL AREAS OF THE COUNTY. DEPUTIES SAY THEY QUESTIONED THREE TEENS... AFTER GETTING REPORTS SEVERAL POLE LIGHTS WERE SHOT OUT WITH A B-B GUN BETWEEN STONINGTON AND OWANECO.

Pool Party Aug 9 5AM :24
DECATUR POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR A DRIVER WHO CAUSED ANOTHER PERSON TO CRASH THEIR CAR INTO A HOUSE LAST NIGHT. POLICE SAY THE CRASH HAPPENED NEAR THE 14-HUNDRED BLOCK OF NORTH POOL STREET. THEY SAY FOR SOME REASON, THE DRIVER OF ONE CAR INTENTIONALLY RAMMED ANOTHER CAR, WHICH THEN WENT INTO A HOUSE.

Hoopeston Bank Rob Aug 9 5AM :38
F-B-I AND LOCAL POLICE CONTINUE SEARCHING FOR A MAN WHO ROBBED A VERMILION COUNTY BANK. THE F-B-I SAYS TUESDAY AFTERNOON... A MAN WENT INTO THE IROQUOIS FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN IN HOOPESTON... AND PASSED A NOTE TO THE BANK TELLER DEMANDING MONEY.

Springfield Police Chief Aug 9 5AM :18
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD NOW HAS A NEW POLICE CHIEF. LAST NIGHT...ALDERMEN CONFIRMED RALPH CALDWELL AS THE NEW CHIEF FOR THE CAPITOL CITY. CALDWELL HAS BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR MORE THAN 27 YEARS AND HAS SERVED AS INTERIM CHIEF UNTIL HIS OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT.

Nicholson Aug 9 5AM :26
A DECATUR MAN HAS BEEN FORMALLY CHARGED WITH MURDER IN THE DEATH OF HIS WIFE. MACON COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY JACK AHOLA

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Nicholson Aug 9 12PM :24

A DECATUR MAN HAS BEEN FORMALLY CHARGED IN HIS WIFE'S DEATH. THE MACON COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY SAYS, ROBERT NICHOLSON WAS CHARGED YESTERDAY WITH FIRST DEGREE MURDER. DECATUR POLICE SAY, NICHOLSON TOLD THEM HE ARRIVED HOME ON EAST CLAY LAST WEDNESDAY.

Lights Shot Out Aug 9 12PM :28

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Stolen A.C. Aug 9 5PM :50

POLICE IN URBANA ARE INVESTIGATING A STRANGE THEFT... THAT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MOTIVATED BY THIS INTENSE HEAT. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY EXPLAINS.

Nelson Pool Closed Aug 9 5PM :22

VANDALISM FORCES A PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL TO CLOSE DURING THE SWELTERING HEAT. THE DECATUR PARK DISTRICT SAYS NELSON

PARK POOL WAS CLOSED TODAY BECAUSE THE POOL'S ONLY OXYGEN TANK WAS STOLEN.

Dog Bite Aug 9 5PM :30

A DOG IS AT THE MACON COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL AND CARE CENTER TONIGHT AFTER BITING A LITTLE GIRL. ACCORDING TO MACON COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL... IT HAPPENED IN HARRISTOWN EARLIER THIS AFTERNOON.

Library Graffiti Aug 9 5PM :36

THERE'S MORE DISTURBING GRAFFITI SHOWING UP IN URBANA. THIS TIME... THE VANDALS HIT THE URBANA FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY. THE DIRECTOR TELLS NEWSCENTER 17 THEY FOUND THE SATANIC MESSAGES THIS MORNING ON THE WEST WALL.

Champaign Meetings Aug 9 5PM :36

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Thompson Brown Aug 9 5PM 1:24

TWO CHICAGO MEN ACCUSED OF KILLING A SHERIFF'S DEPUTY, FACED A NEW JUDGE FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY. NEWSCENTER 17 WAS THE ONLY MEDIA IN COURT FOR THAT STATUS HEARING. YUSEF KAREEM BROWN AND WILLIAM THOMPSON ARE CHARGED WITH FIRST DEGREE MURDER FOR THE SHOOTING DEATH OF DOUGLAS COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY TOMMY MARTIN.

Pelo Status Aug 9 5PM :23

IN ANOTHER CRIMINAL CASE... THE ATTORNEY FOR A BLOOMINGTON POLICE OFFICER CHARGED WITH RAPING FOUR WOMEN SAYS... PROSECUTORS DON'T HAVE D-N-A EVIDENCE LINKING HIS CLIENT TO THE VICTIMS. SERGEANT JEFF PELO'S ATTORNEY SAYS HE'LL SEEK TESTS... COMPARING EVIDENCE GATHERED AT THE CRIME SCENES... TO THE D-N-A OF A CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER ONCE CONSIDERED A SUSPECT

Thompson/Brown Aug 9 6PM 1:10

A MACON COUNTY JUDGE APPROVES A CHANGE OF VENUE FOR TWO MEN ACCUSED OF A DEADLY CRIME SPREE IN DOUGLAS COUNTY. THE TWO CHICAGO MEN, MET WITH THEIR LAWYERS AND THEIR NEW JUDGE TODAY FOR A STATUS HEARING IN DECATUR.

Car into House Aug 9 6PM 1:41

NOW A NEWSCENTER 17 UPDATE ON A CAR CRASH THAT DAMAGED THREE BUILDINGS AND HAS A FAMILY LEFT LOOKING FOR HELP SINCE THE DEVASTATION SATURDAY.

NEWSCENTER 17'S JULIE QUALLS JOINS US NOW WITH NEW DETAILS ON THE DRIVER RESPONSIBLE AND WHERE THE FAMILY IS TURNING TONIGHT.

Dog bite Aug 9 6PM :31

AN UPDATE TO A STORY WE FIRST BROUGHT YOU ON NEWSCENTER 17 AT FIVE...

A SIX YEAR OLD HARRISTOWN GIRL IS OKAY TONIGHT AFTER BEING BIT IN THE HEAD BY A DOG THIS AFTERNOON. THE MACON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SAYS SHE'S OKAY.

Nelson Pool Closed Aug 9 10PM :21

A LOCAL POOL WILL BE BACK OPEN TOMORROW... AFTER IT'S FORCED TO CLOSE TODAY. THE DECATUR PARK DISTRICT SAYS IT COULDN'T OPEN TODAY BECAUSE SOMEONE STOLE THE POOL'S ONLY OXYGEN TANK. THE VENDING MACHINE WAS ALSO VANDALIZED AND SOMEONE THREW A FIRE EXTINGUISHER IN THE POOL.

Stolen A.C. Aug 9 10PM :32

AND THE INTENSE HEAT MAY HAVE BEEN THE MOTIVE BEHIND ONE STRANGE BURGLARY IN URBANA. ACCORDING TO POLICE REPORTS... AN AIR CONDITIONER WAS STOLEN RIGHT OUT OF SOMEONE'S WINDOW. THE PERSON LIVING IN THE HOUSE TELLS NEWSCENTER 17 HE WOKE UP EARLY THIS MORNING TO SOUNDS OUTSIDE HIS HOUSE.

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No Speedy Trial Aug 10 12PM :40
TWO MEN ACCUSED OF A DEADLY CRIME SPREE IN DOUGLAS COUNTY WILL RETURN TO COURT TO FACE UPGRADED CHARGES. YUSEF BROWN AND WILLIAM THOMPSON ARE CHARGED WITH FIRST DEGREE

MURDER FOR THE SHOOTING DEATH OF DOUGLAS COUNTY CHIEF
DEPUTY TOMMY MARTIN.

Pelo Status Aug 10 12PM :25
THE ATTORNEY FOR A POLICE OFFICER CHARGED WITH RAPE SAYS ...
PROSECUTORS **DON'T** HAVE D-N-A EVIDENCE LINKING HIS CLIENT TO
THE VICTIMS. BLOOMINGTON SERGEANT JEFF PELO'S ATTORNEY
SAYS, HE'LL SEEK TESTS.. HE WANTS TO COMPARE EVIDENCE
GATHERED AT THE CRIME SCENES... TO THE D-N-A OF A **CONVICTED**
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Smart Thief Aug 10 12PM :26
THE INTENSE HEAT MAY HAVE BEEN THE MOTIVE BEHIND ONE
STRANGE BURGLARY IN URBANA. POLICE REPORTS SHOW, AN **AIR**
CONDITIONER WAS STOLEN RIGHT OUT OF SOMEONE'S WINDOW. THE
PERSON LIVING IN THE HOUSE SAYS, THE THEFT HAPPENED EARLY
YESTERDAY MORNING. HE DID NOT WANT TO BE ON CAMERA...

Overdue Aug 10 12PM :12
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LIBRARY YESTERDAY MORNING.

Nelson Pool Closed Aug 10 12PM :16
THE DECATUR PARK DISTRICT SAYS ITS POOL IS BACK OPEN TODAY...
AFTER SHUTTING DOWN YESTERDAY. PARK DISTRICT OFFICIAL SAY,
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Dog Bite Aug 10 12PM :24
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THE HEAD.
MACON COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL HAS THE YELLOW LAB
QUARANTINED FOR TEN DAYS AS STANDARD PROCEDURE. THEY SAY
THE DOG IS UP TO DATE ON ITS VACCINATIONS AND REGISTRATION.

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QUESTIONS.

Sex Offenders Bill Aug 10 12PM :17
THE GOVERNOR HAS SIGNED A BILL THAT BANS CONVICTED SEX OFFENDERS FROM WORKING AT CARNIVALS AND COUNTY FAIRS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. IF SEX OFFENDERS VIOLATE THIS NEW LAW... THEY COULD GET UP TO THREE YEARS IN PRISON... AND PAY A FINE OF 25-THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Bundy Sentence Aug 10 10PM :32
A DECATUR MAN WILL SPEND THE NEXT EIGHT YEARS IN PRISON FOR PLEADING GUILTY TO BEING AN ARMED HABITUAL CRIMINAL. 53 YEAR OLD DAVID BUNDY RECEIVED THE SENTENCE FOR THE FELONY CHARGE. AFTER PRISON... HE'LL BE ON THREE YEARS MANDATORY SUPERVISED RELEASE.

Bundy Sentence Aug 10 5PM :25
WE HAVE A NEWSCENTER 17 FOLLOW UP. A DECATUR MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ONE FELONY COUNT OF BEING AN ARMED.. HABITUAL CRIMINAL. MACON COUNTY COURT RECORDS SHOW 53 YEAR OLD DAVID BUNDY IS NOW SENTENCED TO 8 YEARS IN JAIL.. FOLLOWED BY THREE YEARS MANDATORY SUPERVISED RELEASE.

Jail Threat Aug 11 5PM :29
A DECATUR MAN ACCUSED OF ATTEMPTING TO KILL HIS WIFE ... IS NOW ACCUSED OF TRYING TO THREATEN HER FROM JAIL. POLICE SAY 50 YEAR-OLD "JOHN WOODRUFF" INTIMIDATED A FELLOW MACON COUNTY JAIL INMATE. POLICE SAY WOODRUFF MADE THAT INMATE CALL HIS WIFE AND THREATEN HER IF SHE TESTIFIED AGAINST HIM.

Worker Rights Aug 11 5PM :29
TODAY, GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SIGNED LEGISLATION THAT PROTECTS THE RIGHTS OF EMERGENCY WORKERS AND MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY. THE GOVERNOR AMENDED A LAW. IT EXPANDS JOB **PROTECTION** TO "VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY WORKERS" IF THEY MISS WORK WHEN THEY RESPOND TO EMERGENCIES.

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Illegals Aug 12 5PM :32
TOMORROW MORNING, FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES WILL TAKE CUSTODY OF **FIFTEEN ILLEGAL** WORKERS ROUNDED UP IN

CENTRAL ILLINOIS. THE "FAYETTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT" SAYS OFFICERS TOOK ABOUT **EIGHT HOURS** TO FIND ALL THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

Stabbing Aug 12 5PM :19
POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING AN EARLY MORNING STABBING. DECATUR POLICE SAY, A LARGE FIGHT BROKE OUT AT THE "CIRCLE K GAS STATION" ON THE 5-HUNDRED BLOCK OF NORTH MAIN STREET. POLICE SAY, THIRTY TO SIXTY PEOPLE WERE INVOLVED. ONE MAN WAS STABBED IN THE ABDOMEN AREA AND TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL.

ID Theft Penalties Aug 12 5PM :15
THERE ARE NOW STIFFER PENALTIES FOR IDENTITY THIEVES WHO TARGET SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN OVERSEAS. THE PENALTIES ARE INCREASED BY ONE CLASS FOR EACH OFFENSE. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SIGNED THE LEGISLATION TODAY. IT GOES INTO EFFECT NEXT YEAR.

Stabbing Aug 12 10PM :20
INVESTIGATORS ARE LOOKING INTO AN EARLY MORNING STABBING. DECATUR POLICE SAY, A LARGE FIGHT BROKE OUT AT THE "CIRCLE K GAS STATION" ON THE 5-HUNDRED BLOCK OF NORTH MAIN STREET. POLICE SAY, THIRTY TO SIXTY PEOPLE WERE INVOLVED. ONE MAN WAS STABBED IN THE ABDOMEN AREA AND TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL.

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Stabbing Aug 13 5AM :16
INVESTIGATORS ARE LOOKING INTO A WEEKEND STABBING. DECATUR POLICE SAY, A LARGE FIGHT BROKE OUT AT THE CIRCLE K GAS STATION ON THE 5-HUNDRED BLOCK OF NORTH MAIN STREET. POLICE SAY, THIRTY TO SIXTY PEOPLE WERE INVOLVED. ONE MAN WAS STABBED IN THE ABDOMEN AREA AND TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL.

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DECATUR POLICE RESUME SEARCHING FOR SUSPECTS IN A STABBING . POLICE SAY, A LARGE FIGHT BROKE OUT AT THE "CIRCLE K GAS STATION" ON THE 5-HUNDRED BLOCK OF NORTH MAIN STREET, EARLY SUNDAY MORNING. POLICE SAY, THIRTY TO SIXTY PEOPLE WERE INVOLVED.

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Williams Trial Aug 13 5PM :25
ROCHESTER PARENTS WAITING TO FIND OUT WHY A FIFTEEN YEAR OLD STUDENT BROUGHT A LOADED GUN TO SCHOOL .. WILL HAVE TO WAIT A LITTLE BIT LONGER.
JACOB WILLIAMS WAS SCHEDULED TO GO ON TRIAL TODAY.. INSTEAD HIS DEFENSE ATTORNEY FILED FOR A CONTINUANCE.. SAYING THEY WERE NOT READY FOR TRIAL.

Drunk Trooper Aug 13 5PM :29
AN OFF DUTY STATE TROOPER IS ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF DRUNKEN DRIVING. THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS IN SPRINGFIELD SAYS 37 YEAR OLD JASEN WOO WAS ARRESTED EARLY SATURDAY. HIS SQUAD CAR HIT A UTILITY POLE IN THE 16-HUNDRED BLOCK OF PEORIA ROAD IN SPRINGFIELD.

Auditor Arrest Aug 13 6PM :27
AN EMPLOYEE OF THE MACON COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE WAS ARRESTED THIS MORNING ACCUSED OF STEALING MONEY. 35 YEAR OLD TAMMY HENDERSON WAS ARRAIGNED THIS MORNING ON THE FELONY CHARGE AND BONDED OUT OF JAIL THIS AFTERNOON.

Tires/EPA Aug 13 6PM :25
THE OWNER OF A PETERSBURG TIRE RECYCLING BUSINESS FINDS HIMSELF IN TROUBLE WITH THE STATE E-P-A. A COMPLAINT HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL AGAINST LON'S TIRE

RECYCLERS. THE I-E-P-A SAYS A RECENT INSPECTION FOUND THOUSANDS OF USED AND WASTE TIRES ON THE SITE.. MANY CONTAINING WATER AND MOSQUITO LARVAE.

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Student Dies Aug 14 5AM :34
FOUR MEN ARE CHARGED WITH SETTING A FIRE DURING A PRANK THAT KILLED A BRADLEY UNIVERSITY SOCCER PLAYER. THE MEN RANGE IN AGE FROM 19 TO 22. EACH ARE CHARGED WITH AGGRAVATED ARSON AND POSSESSION OF AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. 19 YEAR OLD SHERIDAN DAHLQUIST DIED SUNDAY OF SMOKE INHALATION AFTER A FIRE IN HIS BEDROOM AT A HOME HE SHARED WITH THE MEN.

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Haywood Aug 14 5PM 1:01
WE'RE LEARNING MORE INFORMATION TONIGHT ABOUT AN URBANA MAN ACCUSED OF JUVENILE PIMPING. THE INFORMATION CAME OUT IN COURT TESTIMONY TODAY... BUT NOT AS A PART OF A TRIAL. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY WAS IN COURT ALL MORNING... SHE JOINS US NOW WITH THE LATEST.

Clemons Aug 14 5PM :34
ALSO IN COURT TODAY... A JUDGE GRANTS A CONTINUANCE IN THE CASE OF THE MAN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING TWO CHAMPAIGN POLICE OFFICERS. DONNELL CLEMONS DID NOT APPEAR IN COURT TODAY AT HIS PRE-TRIAL HEARING... BUT HIS ATTORNEY SAYS CLEMONS IS STILL MEDICALLY UNFIT FOR TRIAL... FOLLOWING HIS INJURIES FROM THE SHOOT-OUT HE WAS INVOLVED IN.

Johnson Aug 14 5PM :29
MEANWHILE THE MAN ACCUSED OF TAKING TWO CHILDREN HOSTAGE AFTER LEADING POLICE ON A CHASE WILL ALSO WAIT A LITTLE LONGER TO STAND TRIAL. TORRIANO JOHNSON WILL UNDERGO A PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION TO SEE IF HE'S FIT TO STAND TRIAL.

Taylor U Crash Aug 14 5PM :33
A MICHIGAN TRUCK DRIVER WHO CAUSED A CRASH THAT KILLED A MOUNT ZION WOMAN AND FOUR OTHERS LAST YEAR.. GETS A FOUR YEAR PRISON SENTENCE.
ROBERT SPENCER PLEADED GUILTY IN MAY TO RECKLESS HOMICIDE AND OTHER CHARGES.

IDOT/Labor Day Aug 14 5PM :39
ANOTHER HOLIDAY WEEKEND IS JUST A COUPLE WEEKS AWAY.. AND THAT MEANS ANOTHER STATEWIDE CRACKDOWN ON THE HIGHWAYS.. THIS MORNING AT THE ILLINOIS STATE FAIRGROUNDS.. I-DOT AND ILLINOIS STATE POLICE ANNOUNCED ANOTHER STEPPED UP ENFORCEMENT PERIOD.

Clemons Aug 14 6PM :35
THE MAN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING 2 CHAMPAIGN POLICE OFFICERS WILL WAIT A LONGER LONGER BEFORE STANDING TRIAL. DONNELL CLEMONS WAS INJURED IN THE SHOOT-OUT AT WEST SIDE PARK HE WAS ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN. HE WAS RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL LAST MONTH... BUT TODAY AT A PRE-TRIAL HEARING... HIS ATTORNEY SAYS CLEMONS IS STILL MEDICALLY UNFIT FOR TRIAL.

Haywood Aug 14 6PM :54
ALSO IN COURT TODAY... NEW EVIDENCE ABOUT AN UBANA MAN ACCUSED OF JUVENILE PIMPING. JOHN HAYWOOD HAS ALREADY BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY... POSSESSION OF FIREARM AMMUNITION BY A FELON... AND ARMED HABITUAL CRIMINAL. BUT TODAY AT HIS SENTENCING HEARING... THE STATE'S ATTORNEY PRESENTED NEW EVIDENCE FROM PENDING CASES.

Dog Hanging Aug 14 6PM :21

A MAN ACCUSED OF KILLING A DOG WILL SPEND THREE YEARS IN JAIL FOR THE CRIME. PROSECUTORS ASKED FOR 5 YEARS. MACON COUNTY ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY DUANE DETERS SAYS QUENTIN PRUETT HUNG A DOG IN HIS LANDLORD'S BASEMENT IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR.

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IDOT Labor Day Aug 14 10PM :22
ANOTHER STATEWIDE CRACKDOWN ON THE HIGHWAYS IS COMING.. TODAY AT THE ILLINOIS STATE FAIRGROUNDS.. I-DOT AND ILLINOIS STATE POLICE ANNOUNCED ANOTHER STEPPED UP ENFORCEMENT PERIOD. STARTING THIS FRIDAY.. AND CONTINUING THROUGH THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND.. STATE AND LOCAL POLICE WILL INCREASE PATROLS LOOKING FOR DRUNK DRIVERS.

Haywood Aug 15 5AM :43
NEW EVIDENCE HAS SURFACED IN THE CASE OF AN URBANA MAN ACCUSED OF JUVENILE PIMPING. JOHN HAYWOOD WAS FOUND GUILTY IN JUNE OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY... POSSESSION OF FIREARM AMMUNITION BY A FELON... AND ARMED HABITUAL CRIMINAL.

Clemons Aug 15 5AM :33
A JUDGE HAS GRANTED A CONTINUANCE IN THE CASE OF THE MAN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING TWO CHAMPAIGN POLICE OFFICERS. DONNELL CLEMONS DID NOT APPEAR IN COURT YESTERDAY AT HIS PRE-TRIAL HEARING... BUT HIS ATTORNEY SAYS CLEMONS IS STILL MEDICALLY UNFIT FOR TRIAL... FOLLOWING HIS INJURIES FROM THE SHOOT-OUT HE WAS INVOLVED IN.

EIU AD Aug 15 5AM :21
EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY WILL BEGIN SEARCHING FOR A NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR. AN E-I-U SPOKESPERSON SAYS RICH MCDUFFIE IS ON A YEAR'S PAID LEAVE.. AND WILL LOSE HIS JOB WHEN IT EXPIRES. THE SCHOOL INVESTIGATED A SEXUAL HARRASSMENT CLAIM AGAINST MCDUFFIE EARLIER THIS MONTH.. BUT ADMINISTRATORS SAY THEY DIDN'T FIND EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE CLAIM.

Juvenile Pimping Aug 15 5AM :37
NEW EVIDENCE HAS SURFACED IN THE CASE OF AN URBANA MAN ACCUSED OF JUVENILE PIMPING. JOHN HAYWOOD HAS ALREADY BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF SEVERAL CHARGES, INCLUDING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY. BUT AT A SENTENCING HEARING YESTERDAY... THE STATE'S ATTORNEY PRESENTED NEW EVIDENCE FROM PENDING CASES.

Dog Hanging Aug 15 5AM :21
A MAN ACCUSED OF KILLING A DOG WILL SPEND THREE YEARS IN JAIL FOR THE CRIME. PROSECUTORS ASKED FOR 5 YEARS. MACON COUNTY ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY DUANE DETERS SAYS QUENTIN PRUETT HANGED A DOG IN HIS LANDLORD'S BASEMENT IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR.

IDOT Labor Day Aug 15 5AM :39
ANOTHER HOLIDAY WEEKEND IS JUST A COUPLE WEEKS AWAY.. AND THAT MEANS ANOTHER STATEWIDE CRACKDOWN ON THE HIGHWAYS.. YESTERDAY MORNING AT THE ILLINOIS STATE FAIRGROUNDS.. I-DOT AND ILLINOIS STATE POLICE ANNOUNCED ANOTHER STEPPED- UP ENFORCEMENT PERIOD.

Taylor U Crash Aug 15 12PM :35
A MICHIGAN TRUCK DRIVER WHO CAUSED A CRASH THAT KILLED A MOUNT ZION WOMAN AND FOUR OTHERS LAST YEAR.. WILL SPEND THE NEXT FOUR YEARS IN PRISON. A JUDGE YESTERDAY HANDED DOWN THE SENTENCE AS PART OF A PLEA DEAL..

IDOT Labor Day Aug 15 12PM :20

ANOTHER STATEWIDE CRACKDOWN ON THE HIGHWAYS IS COMING.. STARTING THIS FRIDAY.. STATE AND LOCAL POLICE WILL INCREASE PATROLS LOOKING FOR DRUNK DRIVERS. THE CRACKDOWN CONTINUES THROUGH THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND.

MOP Bandit Aug 15 10PM :26
WE HAVE ANOTHER OUTRAGEOUS CRIME TO TELL YOU ABOUT. LAST NIGHT WE SHOWED YOU A MAN WHO TRIED TO ROB A STORE.. WITH DUCT TAPE ALL OVER HIS FACE. NOW... A MAN PUT A MOP OVER HIS HEAD TO DISGUISE HIMSELF DURING A ROBBERY ATTEMPT. POLICE IN FLORIDA ARE LOOKING FOR THE WOULD-BE ROBBER CAUGHT ON TAPE.

Homeless Death Aug 16 12PM :25
THE MAN ACCUSED IN THIS PAST MONTH'S DEATH OF A HOMELESS MAN IN SPRINGFIELD IS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN COURT TODAY. ROBERT JONES IS CHARGED WITH THREE COUNTS OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER FOR THE ATTACK THAT HAPPENED IN FRONT OF THE LINCOLN LIBRARY.

Scott's Law Aug 16 12PM :25
AS THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY APPROACHES.. ILLINOIS STATE POLICE ARE ENCOURAGING DRIVERS TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND HIGHWAY WORKERS. I-S-P, I-DOT AND THE STATE FIRE MARSHALL'S OFFICE JOINED TOGETHER TODAY TO REMIND MOTORISTS ABOUT SCOTT'S LAW.

Johnson Aug 16 5PM :25
A MAN ACCUSED OF TAKING TWO KIDS HOSTAGE AFTER LEADING POLICE ON A CHASE WILL UNDERGO A PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION BEFORE STANDING TRIAL. TODAY A CHAMPAIGN COUNTY JUDGE APPROVED AN ORDER TO APPOINT A PSYCHIATRIST TO EVALUATE TORRIANO JOHNSON.

Police Ceremony Aug 16 5PM :20
SEVERAL SPRINGFIELD POLICE OFFICERS GOT A PROMOTION TODAY... DURING A CEREMONY THIS MORNING.. NEW POLICE CHIEF RALPH CALDWELL PROMOTED ROBERT WILLIAMS TO ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF.. AND CLAY DOWIS TO DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT.

Martin Dedication Aug 16 5PM :35
DOUGLAS COUNTY WILL HONOR A SHERIFF'S DEPUTY KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY... BY NAMING A STREET AFTER HIM. THE TOMMY K. MARTIN DRIVE WILL BE OFF OF WASHINGTON STREET ON THE DRIVE UP TO THE DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE COUNTY BOARD PASSED THE RESOLUTION AT ITS LAST BOARD MEETING.

Drunk Twice Aug 16 10PM :22
IN REGIONAL NEWS TONIGHT... FOUR POLICE OFFICERS ARE INJURED AND TWO DRUNKEN DRIVERS ARE FACING CHARGES AFTER TWO ACCIDENTS AT THE SAME INTERSECTION THIS MORNING. FIRST, A DRUNK DRIVER READ-ENDED A POLICE PATROL CAR, INJURING TWO OFFICERS. THEN, WITHIN 45 MINUTES, TWO OTHER OFFICERS RESPONDING TO THAT ACCIDENT WERE INJURED WHEN ANOTHER DRUNK DRIVER READ-ENDED THEIR PATROL CAR.

News Extra Aug 16 10PM 1:39
TONIGHT POLICE IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI HAVE CHARGED A MAN WITH MURDER AFTER THEY SAY HE TOSSED HIS SICK WIFE OVER A THIRD STORY BALCONY. AND THE HUSBAND'S REASONING FOR DOING IT IS JUST AS SHOCKING. THE UNBELIEVABLE DETAILS... IN TONIGHT'S NEWS EXTRA.

Officer Hit Aug 17 5AM 1:59
A MACON COUNTY SHERIFF'S SERGEANT IS RECOVERING THIS MORNING AFTER HE WAS ATTACKED WHILE TRYING TO STOP A SHOPLIFTER. THE MACON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS THE SERGEANT WAS AT THE NORTH PROSPECT WAL-MART BUYING OFFICE SUPPLIES WHEN THE SHOPLIFTING OCCURED. THE SERGEANT TRIED TO STOP THE SHOPLIFTER. THAT'S WHEN THE SUSPECT HIT THE SERGENT OVER THE HEAD WITH THE LIQUOR BOTTLE HE WAS TRYING TO STEAL. THE SHERIFF'S SERGEANT SUFFERED A CUT AND A SMALL FRACTURE TO HIS HEAD.

McLean Clerk Aug 17 12PM :25
CLOSING ARGUMENTS ARE UNDERWAY IN THE CASE OF A MCLEAN COUNTY OFFICIAL.. ACCUSED OF STEALING FROM HER JOB. MCLEAN COUNTY CLERK PEGGY ANN MILTON IS CHARGED WITH THEFT AND OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT. PROSECUTORS SAY MILTON TOOK STAMPS FROM HER OFFICE AND ASKED AN EMPLOYEE TO LEAVE WORK EARLY TO DRIVE HER CHILDREN HOME.

SIU Contracts Aug 17 12PM :25
AN ATTEMPT BY SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY TO KEEP THE MEDIA FROM ACCESSING EMPLOYEE CONTRACT INFORMATION.. HAS FAILED. AN ILLINOIS APPEALS COURT RULED YESTERDAY THAT EMPLOYEMENT CONTRACTS FOR S-I-U PRESIDENT GLENN POSHARD AND OTHER OFFICIALS MUST REMAIN OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. A LOWER COURT HAS EARLIER SIDED WITH S-I-U IN THE LAWSUIT.. FILED BY A SOUTHERN ILLINOIS NEWSPAPER.

Officer Hit Aug 17 12PM :25

A MACON COUNTY SHERIFF'S SERGEANT IS RECOVERING AFTER HE WAS HIT WITH A LIQUOR BOTTLE EARLY THIS MORNING. THE MACON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS THE SERGEANT WAS AT THE NORTH PROSPECT WAL-MART BUYING OFFICE SUPPLIES WHEN A SHOPLIFTING OCCURED.

Johnson Aug 17 12PM :30

A MAN ACCUSED OF TAKING TWO KIDS HOSTAGE AFTER LEADING POLICE ON A CHASE WILL UNDERGO A PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION BEFORE STANDING TRIAL. YESTERDAY A CHAMPAIGN COUNTY JUDGE APPROVED AN ORDER TO APPOINT A PSYCHIATRIST TO EVALUATE TORRIANO JOHNSON.

Bundy Sentence Aug 17 6PM :20

A DECATUR MAN WILL SPEND THE NEXT EIGHT YEARS IN PRISON FOR PLEADING GUILTY TO BEING AND ARMED HABITUAL CRIMINAL. 53 YEAR OLD DAVID BUNDY RECIEVED THE SENTENCE FOR THE FELONY CHARGE. AFTER PRISON... HE'LL BE ON THREE YEARS MANDATORY SUPERVISED RELEASE.

Deputy Assault Aug 17 5PM :50

A MACON COUNTY SHERIFF'S SERGEANT IS RECOVERING TONIGHT AFTER A SCARY INCIDENT EARLY THIS MORNING AT A LOCAL BUSINESS. NEWSCENTER 17'S SCOT ENGLAND JOINS US LIVE FROM THE HOSPITAL WHERE THE DEPUTY IS BEING TREATED.

Suicide Folo Aug 17 5PM :30

INVESTIGATORS SAY THE INVESTIGATION INTO A SPRINGFIELD WOMAN'S DEATH WILL REMAIN OPEN DESPITE A CORONER'S JURY RULING THE CASE A SUICIDE. DEPUTIES WERE CALLED OUT TO THE 400 BLOCK OF NORTH STEPHENS AVENUE JULY 13TH. THEY FOUND 59 YEAR OLD LINDA NEEDHAM WITH GUN SHOT WOUNDS AND SAID THERE WERE SOME INCONSISTENCIES TO WHAT THEY NORMALLY SEE WITH A SUICIDE.

Lambdin Plea Aug 17 5PM :24

A FORMER WORKER AT THE DECATUR CORRECTIONAL CENTER ACCUSED OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT WITH AN INMATE.. TAKES A PLEA DEAL. OSCAR LAMBIDIN PLEADED GUILTY TO ONE COUNT OF OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT... A FELONY CONVICTION. LAMBIDIN WAS ORIGINALLY CHARGED WITH TWO COUNTS OF CUSTODIAL SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AND ONE COUNT OF OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT.. FOR ALLEGEDLY GROPING A FEMALE INMATE.

Deputy Update Aug 18 5PM :35

A LONG TIME MACON COUNTY SHERIFF'S SERGEANT IS STILL BEING TREATED TONIGHT AFTER HE WAS ASSAULTED YESTERDAY. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS SGT. DANIEL BURRIS AT ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL... AND IS EXPECTED TO RECOVER. HE SUFFERED SERIOUS HEAD INJURIES YESTERDAY MORNING

Jasper Stabbing Aug 19 5PM :21
DECATUR POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR THE PERSON WHO ALLEGEDLY STABBED A MAN THIS MORNING WITH A KNIFE. POLICE SAY A MAN AND WOMAN PULLED INTO THE PARKING LOT OF THE GROCERY STORE AT JASPER AND PRAIRIE AROUND 9-15 THIS MORNING... WHEN ANOTHER MAN AND WOMAN CONFRONTED THEM.

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Sgt. Update Aug 19 10PM :35
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Decatur Slice Aug 20 5AM :27
DECATUR POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A MAN WHO PUT A PERSON IN THE HOSPITAL WITH SEVERAL CUTS THIS MORNING . POLICE SAY THE VICTIM WAS INJURED IN A FIGHT AT THE SIX-HUNDRED BLOCK OF OLIVE STREET. THEY SAY THE ATTACKER USED SOME KIND OF SHARP OBJECT TO CUT THE VICTIM'S FACE, ARMS, CHEST, AND BACK.

Jasper Stabbing Aug 20 5AM :16
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Sgt Update Aug 20 5AM :33
A LONG-TIME MACON COUNTY SHERIFF'S SERGEANT CONTINUES TO RECOVER IN THE HOSPITAL... AFTER HE WAS ASSAULTED FRIDAY MORNING. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS SGT. DANIEL BURRIS IS STILL AT ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL.

Murder Charges Aug 20 12PM :31
SANGAMON COUNTY PROSECUTORS CHARGE A SPRINGFIELD WOMAN WITH KILLING AN ELDERLY MAN IN HIS HOME MORE THAN THREE YEARS AGO. 50 YEAR OLD SHEILA MORRIS FACES TWO COUNTS OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER FOR THE STABBING DEATH OF 91 YEAR OLD HERMAN TAYLOR.

Vick Plea deal Aug 20 12PM 1:42
STAR N-F-L QUARTERBACK, MICHAEL VICK AGREED TO A PLEA BARGAIN DEAL TODAY IN THE DOGFIGHTING CASE THAT THREATENS HIS FOOTBALL CAREER AND LIKELY WILL SEND HIM TO JAIL FOR AT LEAST A YEAR. STEVE HANDELSMAN HAS THE STORY FROM WASHINGTON.

Murder Charges Aug 20 6PM :31
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Champaign Lawsuit Aug 20 6PM :49
PROPERTY OWNERS IN CHAMPAIGN SUE THE CITY TODAY OVER THE WATER COMPANY ANNEXATION AGREEMENT. IN A RELEASE... ROGER ARMSTRONG, A RESIDENT OF UNINCORPORATED CHAMPAIGN COUNTY AND TOM FIEDLER, A RESIDENT OF CHAMPAIGN... CLAIM THE CITY HAS ACTED BEYOND THEIR LEGAL AUTHORITY AND HAS ENGAGED IN ILLEGAL SPOT ZONING. THE TWO ARE CHALLENGING THE RECENT ANNEXATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHAMPAIGN AND THE ILLINOIS AMERICAN WATER COMPANY.

Murder Charges Aug 20 10PM 1:16
THE SANGAMON COUNTY STATES ATTORNEY CHARGED SHEILA MORRIS WITH THE MURDER OF 91 YEAR OLD HERMAN TAYLOR... WHO WAS STABBED TO DEATH IN HIS SPRINGFIELD HOME MORE THAN THREE YEARS AGO. MORRIS WAS BEING HELD IN THE SANGAMON COUNTY JAIL ON CHARGES FROM AN ANOTHER CASE... WHEN ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY JAY MAGNUSON SAYS THEY FOUND PROBABLE CAUSE TO CHARGE HER...

Murder Charges Aug 21 5AM :26
SANGAMON COUNTY PROSECUTORS HAVE CHARGED A SPRINGFIELD WOMAN WITH KILLING AN ELDERLY MAN IN HIS HOME MORE THAN THREE YEARS AGO. 50 YEAR OLD SHEILA MORRIS FACES TWO COUNTS OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER FOR THE STABBING DEATH OF 91 YEAR OLD HERMAN TAYLOR.

McPhearson Court Aug 21 5AM :26

THE TRIAL OF A FORMER ILLINI FOOTBALL PLAYER CHARGED WITH BURGLARY AND THEFT MAY NOT START FOR ANOTHER MONTH. A JUDGE YESTERDAY AGREED TO POSTPONE THE PRE-TRIAL HEARING FOR DERRICK MCPHEARSON UNTIL OCTOBER 2ND.. MCPHEARSON FACES FOUR COUNTS OF BURGLARY AND TWO COUNTS OF THEFT.

Ermakob Aug 21 5AM :20

A FORMER CHAMPAIGN TRACK COACH BELIEVED TO BE HIDING IN RUSSIA HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS IN PRISON FOR SEXUALLY ASSAULTING A STUDENT. YURI ERMAKOV WAS CONVICTED IN JULY OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A 15 YEAR-OLD GIRL.

Gov Ryan Conviction Aug 21 12PM :30

IT LOOKS LIKE FORMER GOVERNOR GEORGE RYAN WILL BE HEADING TO JAIL. A FEDERAL APPEALS COURT HAS UPHELD RYAN'S CONVICTION ON RACKETEERING CHARGES. THE THREE-JUDGE PANEL TURNED DOWN RYAN'S REQUEST FOR A NEW TRIAL ON THE GROUNDS THAT JURY DELIBERATIONS WERE FLAWED.

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Ryan Appeal Denied Aug 21 5PM :41

IN OTHER NEWS... A FEDERAL APPEALS COURT DENIES FORMER GOVERNOR GEORGE RYAN A NEW TRIAL ON CORRUPTION CHARGES. THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS RULED THE TRIAL JUDGE IN THE CASE PROPERLY HANDLED SOME UNUSUAL ISSUES WITH THE JURY.

Urbana Bank Rob Aug 21 5PM :25

A MAN FACES FEDERAL CHARGES AFTER ROBBING AN URBANA BANK. URBANA POLICE SAY THEY ARRESTED THIS MAN: 24 YEAR OLD TROY BURKE... AFTER HE WALKED INTO THE BUSEY BANK ON PHILO ROAD MONDAY AFTERNOON.. DEMANDING MONEY.

Wanted men Aug 21 6PM :28

STATE POLICE IN INDIANA NEED HELP SEARCHING FOR THREE MEN WANTED FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER. INDIANA STATE POLICE RELEASED THESE SUSPECT SKETCHES. THEY SAY THE THREE MEN ARE WANTED

FOR ATTACKING AND SHOOTING ANOTHER MAN IN VERMILLION COUNTY, INDIANA.

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Dead Horses Aug 21 10PM :36

ALSO NEW SINCE SIX... CHARGES HAVE YET TO BE FILED IN A HORRIFYING CASE OF SUSPECTED ANIMAL NEGLECT. COLES COUNTY INVESTIGATORS FOUND 14 DEAD HORSES ON THIS FARM IN CHARLESTON EARLIER THIS MONTH. THERE WERE ALSO 60 OTHER EMACIATED HORSES... WHICH DID NOT HAVE WATER.

Sft. Update Aug 21 10PM :41

A LONG-TIME MACON COUNTY SHERIFF'S SERGEANT IS AT HOME TONIGHT... AFTER SPENDING A FEW DAYS IN THE HOSPITAL... THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS SGT. DANIEL BURRIS HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL. HE SUFFERED SERIOUS HEAD INJURIES LAST FRIDAY WHEN HE TRIED TO HELP A SECURITY GUARD AT THE "DECATUR NORTH WALMART" STOP A SUSPECTED SHOPLIFTER.

Traffic Stops Aug 21 10PM 1:00

NEW AT TEN... SPRINGFIELD POLICE ARE PULLING OVER MORE WHITE DRIVERS COMPARED TO MINORITY DRIVERS. THAT'S ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY... DONE BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION AT WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY. IT LOOKED AT THREE YEARS OF TRAFFIC STOPS... FROM 2004 THROUGH 2006. THE CITY SAYS THE STUDY SHOWS THAT SPRINGFIELD POLICE ARE NOT TARGETING THE ETHNICITY OF DRIVERS... BUT RATHER TARGETING LAW BREAKERS AND CRIMINALS.

Spanish Police Adac Aug 21 10PM :27

AND NEW AT TEN... TONIGHT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE GRADUATION NIGHT FOR THE CHAMPAIGN POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 2ND SPANISH SPEAKING CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY. BUT... THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SAYS IT CANCELED THE PROGRAM A FEW WEEKS AFTER IT STARTED LAST MONTH BECAUSE NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE SHOWED UP TO EACH MEETING. THE IDEA WAS TO LET PARTICIPANTS KNOW MORE ABOUT POLICE .. AND COMMUNITY- RELATED ISSUES.

Ryan To Jail Aug 21 10PM :28

NEW TONIGHT... FORMER GOVERNOR GEORGE RYAN DOESN'T HAVE TO REPORT TO PRISON... AT LEAST NOT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

TODAY A U-S COURT OF APPEALS STOPPED A COURT ORDER THAT REQUIRED RYAN TO REPORT TO PRISON WITHIN 72 HOURS.

Bradfield Charges Aug 22 12PM :30
A CENTRAL ILLINOIS PASTOR ACCUSED OF SEXUAL ABUSE... IS NOW OFF THE HOOK.
A MACON COUNTY JUDGE DISMISSED ALL CRIMINAL SEXUAL ABUSE CHARGES AGAINST 50-YEAR OLD CLEVELAND BRADFIELD. HE HAD BEEN ACCUSED OF SEXUALLY ABUSING A GIRL BETWEEN THE AGES OF THIRTEEN AND SIXTEEN YEARS OLD.

Bloomington Minister Aug 22 :25
ADDITIONAL CHARGED COULD BE FILED AGAINST A BLOOMINGTON MINISTER CHARGED WITH SEXUALLY ABUSING FOUR BOYS DURING SLEEPOVERS AT HIS HOUSE.
MCLEAN COUNTY PROSECUTORS SAY POLICE HAVE FOUND CHILD PORNOGRAPHY ON A COMPUTER TAKEN FROM 37- YEAR OLD JAMES C. LOVE'S HOME.

Dead Horses Aug 22 :25 :25
CHARGES HAVE YET TO BE FILED IN A CASE OF SUSPECTED ANIMAL NEGLECT. EARLIER THIS MONTH. THEY ALSO FOUND ABOUT 60 OTHER EMACIATED HORSES. COLES COUNTY ANIMAL RESCUE SAYS THOSE HORSES ARE ALL DOING FINE... THEY'RE GAINING WEIGHT AND IN STABLE CONDITION AT AREA FARMS AND STABLES.

Jerome Davis Aug 22 6PM :30
MEANWHILE, A DECATUR MAN'S MURDER TRIAL CONTINUES IN MACON COUNTY COURT TODAY. JEROME DAVIS IS CHARGED IN THE SHOOTING DEATH OF 36 YEAR OLD CALVIN FAKES. IT HAPPENED LAST AUGUST IN THE 500 BLOCK OF SOUTH SEIGEL STREET ON DECATUR'S WEST SIDE.

Minister Love Aug 22 10PM :28
A YOUTH MINISTER WHO'S ALREADY IN JAIL COULD FACE CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES. IT'S AN UPDATE TO A STORY WE FIRST TOLD YOU ABOUT BACK IN MAY. MCLEAN COUNTY PROSECUTORS SAY POLICE FOUND IMAGES OF CHILD PORN ON A COMPUTER SEIZED FROM 37 YEAR OLD JAMES LOVE... A BLOOMINGTON MINISTER.

Jerome Davis Aug 23 5AM :30
MEANWHILE, A DECATUR MAN'S MURDER TRIAL CONTINUES IN MACON COUNTY COURT TODAY. JEROME DAVIS IS CHARGED IN THE SHOOTING DEATH OF 36 YEAR OLD CALVIN FAKES. IT HAPPENED LAST AUGUST IN THE 500 BLOCK OF SOUTH SEIGEL STREET ON DECATUR'S WEST SIDE.

Champaign Body Aug 23 5PM :14

CHAMPAIGN POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A WOMAN'S DEATH TONIGHT.. POLICE WERE CALLED TO AN APARTMENT IN THE 17-HUNDRED BLOCK OF GENTRY SQUARE LANE JUST AFTER NOON.. AND FOUND THE WOMAN'S BODY INSIDE. RIGHT NOW.. INVESTIGATORS SAY THEY'RE NOT SURE WHAT LED TO THE WOMAN'S DEATH.

Tires Slashed Aug 23 6PM 1:30
SOMEONE IS CAUSING A LOT OF HEADACHES FOR DRIVERS IN SHELBYVILLE. NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH IS HERE TO EXPLAIN WHAT'S GOING ON. SEAN, SOMEONE IS TARGETING CAR AFTER CAR, STEALING PROPERTY.. AND LEAVING BEHIND SLASHED TIRES.

Clerk Embezzling Aug 23 10PM :27
NEW AT TEN... A FORMER SPRINGFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY EMPLOYEE PLEADS GUILTY TO EMBEZZLING THOUSANDS IN GOVERNMENT MONEY. THE U-S ATTORNEY FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT... SAYS 48 YEAR OLD REBECCA SARGEANT PLED GUILTY TODAY TO EMBEZZLING 168-THOUSAND DOLLARS... FROM AUGUST OF 2003 TO SEPTEMBER 2006 WHEN SHE WAS A CLERK FOR THE SPRINGFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY.

Tires Slashed Aug 23 10PM 1:26
POLICE NEED YOUR HELP FIGURING OUT WHO'S STEALING FROM CARS AND SLASHING TIRES IN SHELBYVILLE. POLICE SAY THIS IS UNUSUAL BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY REPORTS OF THESE CRIMES IN A VERY SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME. NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH EXPLAINS WHAT'S GOING ON.

Rubber Wrong Aug 24 5AM :31
POLICE NEED YOUR HELP FIGURING OUT WHO'S STEALING FROM CARS AND SLASHING TIRES IN SHELBYVILLE. THESE TIRES AT "NEAL TIRE AND AUTO SERVICE" ARE NOW TRASH BECAUSE THEY CAN'T BE REPAIRED. THAT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE VICTIMS OF A RECENT CRIME SPREE.

Redeploy Aug 24 5PM :57
THE STATE REPORTS THAT IN 2002.. NEARLY HALF OF ALL JUVENILES RELEASED FROM A JUVENILE PRISON RETURNED WITHIN THREE YEARS. NOW A PILOT PROGRAM THAT HELPS DIVERT JUVENILE OFFENDERS FROM PRISON IS WORKING... ACCORDING TO THE STATE.

Drug Arrests Aug 24 10PM :16
ALSO NEW TONIGHT... SPRINGFIELD POLICE ANNOUNCE THE RESULTS OF AN ALL-DAY DRUG STING. YESTERDAY A GRAND JURY INDICTED 35 PEOPLE FOR DRUG OFFENSES... AND 5 PEOPLE FOR PROSTITUTION.

POLICE ARRESTED 20 OF THOSE PEOPLE... WHO HAD WARRANTS OUT FOR THEIR ARREST... AS PART OF "OPERATION SUDDEN IMPACT 5".

Rantoul Shooting Aug 24 10PM :16
WE HAVE BREAKING NEWS TONIGHT... POLICE IN RANTOUL ARE ON THE SCENE OF A SHOOTING. POLICE SAY THE CALL CAME IN ABOUT AN HOUR AGO. THEY SAY SHOTS WERE FIRED... AND THEY'VE POSSIBLY FOUND A SUSPECT. INVESTIGATORS ARE ON THE SCENE RIGHT NOW... WE'LL HAVE MORE WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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Rantoul Murder Aug 25 5PM 1:15
A MAN IS DEAD AFTER HE WAS SHOT LAST NIGHT. RANTOUL POLICE SAY 22 YEAR OLD CHRIS NAPIER (NAPE-ee-URR) WAS SHOT IN THE CHEST WHILE IN THE ONE THOUSAND BLOCK OF JUNIPER DRIVE IN RANTOUL. HE LATER DIED AT CARLE FOUNDATION HOSPITAL IN URBANA. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEVE BUTERA JOINS US NOW FROM THE NEWSROOM WITH THE LATEST.

Rantoul Murder Aug 25 10PM :43
AN AUTOPSY IS SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW ... FOR A MAN WHO WAS SHOT AND KILLED YESTERDAY IN RANTOUL. POLICE ARRESTED 22-YEAR OLD JOANIS (JONAS) BRADLEY ... AND CHARGED HIM WITH THE FIRST DEGREE MURDER IN THE DEATH OF 22 YEAR OLD CHRISTOPHER NAPIER. (NAPE-ee-URR).

Springfield Shooting Aug 25 10PM :20
SPRINGFIELD POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A SUSPECT AFTER AN EARLY MORNING SHOOTING. POLICE SAY IT HAPPENED IN THE PARKING LOT OF MAC'S LOUNGE.. NEAR 12TH AND COOK STREETS SHORTLY AFTER THREE THIS MORNING. POLICE SAY A MAN WAS SHOT IN THE LEG DURING A DISTURBANCE. HE WAS TREATED AND RELEASED.

Rantoul Murder Aug 26 5PM :40
BOND IS SET AT ONE MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE MAN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING A RANTOUL MAN TO DEATH. THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY JAIL SAYS 22- YEAR OLD JOANIS (JONAS) BRADLEY HAD HIS BOND SET THIS MORNING.. AND IS DUE IN COURT TOMORROW. HE IS CHARGED WITH THE FIRST DEGREE MURDER IN THE DEATH OF 22 YEAR OLD CHRISTOPHER NAPIER. (NAPE-ee-URR).

Springfield Battery Aug 26 5PM :20
SPRINGFIELD POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A SUSPECT... AFTER A MAN WAS HIT WITH A GLASS BOTTLE OVERNIGHT. POLICE SAY IN THE 9-HUNDRED BLOCK OF SOUTH 14TH STREET.... A MAN HIT THE 24 YEAR

OLD ON HIS FACE AND NECK... LEAVING HIM WITH LIFE- THREATENING INJURIES. THEY SAY THE VICTIM HAD SURGERY AT ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL... AND IS EXPECTED TO RECOVER.

Rantoul Murder Aug 26 10PM :40
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Alaska Sex Aug 27 12PM :29
A VERMILION COUNTY MAN IS DUE IN ALASKA FEDERAL COURT LATER TODAY TO FACE CHILD SEX CHARGES. FEDERAL PROSECUTORS SAY 42 YEAR OLD RANDY WINSLOW OF TILTON WILL BE ARRAIGNED ON ATTEMPTED AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ABUSE AND DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES. PROSECUTORS SAY WINSLOW ATTEMPTED TO COME TO ALASKA **IN APRIL AND MAY** TO HAVE SEX WITH TWO CHILDREN AGED FOUR AND FIVE.

Clerk Embezzling Aug 26 12PM :26

A FORMER SPRINGFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY EMPLOYEE PLEADS GUILTY TO EMBEZZLING THOUSANDS IN GOVERNMENT MONEY. FEDERAL PROSECUTORS SAY 48 YEAR OLD REBECCA SARGEANT PLEADED GUILTY YESTERDAY TO EMBEZZLING 168-THOUSAND DOLLARS .. FROM AUGUST OF 2003 TO SEPTEMBER 2006 WHEN SHE WAS A CLERK FOR THE SPRINGFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY.

Rubber Wrong Aug 26 12PM :38
POLICE NEED YOUR HELP FIGURING OUT WHO'S STEALING FROM CARS AND SLASHING TIRES IN SHELBYVILLE. THESE TIRES AT "NEAL TIRE AND AUTO SERVICE" ARE NOW TRASH BECAUSE THEY CAN'T BE REPAIRED. THAT'S BECAUSE OF A RECENT CRIME SPREE. SHELBYVILLE POLICE SAY IN THE PAST FEW **DAYS** THEY'VE RECEIVED THIRTY REPORTS OF VEHICLE BURGLARIES AND TIRE SLASHINGS.

Illioopolis Stabbing Aug 27 12PM :27
FOUR DECATUR WOMEN ARE UNDER ARREST AFTER TWO PEOPLE WERE INJURED IN A BAR FIGHT. SANGAMON COUNTY AUTHORITIES SAY AN ILLIOPOLIS TAVERN WAS GETTING READY TO CLOSE WHEN A FIGHT BROKE OUT IN THE PARKING LOT. AUTHORITIES SAY A SECURITY GUARD WAS CUT ON HIS ARM AND A 27-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WAS STABBED SEVERAL TIMES IN THE STOMACH AND ARM.

Drug Arrests Aug 24 10PM :16
ALSO NEW TONIGHT... SPRINGFIELD POLICE ANNOUNCE THE RESULTS OF AN ALL-DAY DRUG STING. YESTERDAY A GRAND JURY INDICTED 35 PEOPLE FOR DRUG OFFENSES... AND 5 PEOPLE FOR PROSTITUTION. POLICE ARRESTED 20 OF THOSE PEOPLE... WHO HAD WARRANTS OUT FOR THEIR ARREST... AS PART OF "OPERATION SUDDEN IMPACT 5".

IL Student Attacked Aug 27 10PM :43
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DUI Patrol Aug 27 10PM :25
NEW TONIGHT... THE SANGAMON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MAKES SEVERAL ARRESTS... IN A WEEKEND CRACKDOWN ON DRUNK DRIVING. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DID THE D-U-I STRIKE FORCE PATROL LATE SATURDAY NIGHT TO EARLY SUNDAY MORNING... IN NORTH WEST SANGAMON COUNTY.

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A COLLEGE STUDENT FROM ILLINOIS IS RECOVERING TONIGHT... AFTER HE WAS SLASHED IN THE THROAT ON THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO CAMPUS. A UNIVERSITY SPOKESMAN SAYS 17 YEAR OLD MICHAEL KNORPS OF (WIN-ET-KA) WINNETKA UNDERWENT SURGERY... BUT HE'S DOING WELL TONIGHT.

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School Lockdown Aug 28 5PM :34
POLICE SAY THREE PEOPLE ARE ARRESTED AND SIX GUNS RECOVERED AFTER A LOCK DOWN AT A CENTRAL ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL. IT HAPPENED THIS MORNING AT PONTIAC HIGH SCHOOL. PONTIAC POLICE MAJOR... JIM WOOLFORD SAYS HE'S CONFIDENT ALL THOSE CONNECTED TO THE INCIDENT HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

Fake Cop Aug 28 5PM :47
A MAN PRETENDING TO BE A COP IS AT LARGE AT THIS HOUR. THE SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SAYS ON SATURDAY... A DRIVER WAS STOPPED ON ROUTE 51.. THREE MILES SOUTH OF PANA. THE DRIVER TOLD SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES THAT A MAN IN A CAR WITH A BLUE LIGHT PULLED HER OVER. HE CLAIMED HE WAS WITH THE SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND HE WAS CONDUCTING A ROAD BLOCK.

Drive By Aug 28 5PM :24
A SPRINGFIELD WOMAN IS HOSPITALIZED TONIGHT... AFTER BEING INJURED IN A DRIVE-BY SHOOTING MONDAY NIGHT. POLICE SAY THE SHOOTING HAPPENED JUST BEFORE TEN AT TAYLOR AND STEVENSON. THEY SAY THE VICTIM WAS IN A CAR STOPPED AT THE INTERSECTION WHEN ANOTHER CAR PULLED UP AND OPENED FIRE.

Beach Vandalism Aug 5PM :27
VANDALISM FORCES A CENTRAL ILLINOIS BEACH TO SHUT DOWN **EARLY** THIS SEASON. THE BEACH AT LAKE MATTOON IS NOW CLOSED. THE PARK DEPARTMENT SAYS, VANDALS HIT THE BEACH SOME TIME SATURDAY NIGHT. THEY DAMAGED SEVERAL PARTS OF THE PROPERTY, INCLUDING A PORTABLE RESTROOM, SAFETY SIGN AND EMERGENCY PHONE.

Prostitute bust Aug 28 6PM :31

A DECATUR POLICE OFFICER HAD TO GET STITCHES AFTER CHASING DOWN A SUSPECTED PROSTITUTE THIS AFTERNOON. ABOUT ONE PM... A DECATUR POLICE DETECTIVE WITH THE STREET CRIMES UNIT... DRESSED IN PLAIN CLOTHES... WAS WAIVED DOWN BY A SUSPECTED PROSTITUTE NEAR OLD KINGS ORCHARD. ANOTHER DETECTIVE WALKED UP AND THE WOMAN, VALERIE SUMMERS... PUSHED THE OFFICER AND RAN OFF.

Beach Vandalism Aug 28 6PM 1:29

IF YOU'RE MAKING PLANS FOR THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND, YOU CAN TAKE ONE CENTRAL ILLINOIS BEACH **OFF** YOUR LIST. NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH EXPLAINS WHY THE SEASON'S ENDING EARLY FOR BEACHGOERS AT LAKE MATTOON.

Ryan Court Aug 28 10PM :37

NEW TONIGHT... LAWYERS FOR FORMER GOVERNOR GEORGE RYAN TODAY ASKED FOR THE ENTIRE U.S. 7TH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS IN CHICAGO TO HEAR AN APPEAL OF HIS RACKETEERING AND FRAUD CONVICTION. IN THEIR FILING, THE LAWYERS ARGUED JURY DELIBERATIONS AT RYAN'S TRIAL WERE SEVERELY FLAWED. THEY CITED U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE REBECCA PALLMEYER'S DISMISSAL OF TWO JURORS AND THEIR REPLACEMENT WITH ALTERNATES AFTER EIGHT DAYS OF DELIBERATIONS.

Beach Vandalism Aug 28 10PM :34

THE BEACH AT LAKE MATTOON IS FORCED TO CLOSE EARLY THIS SEASON. THAT'S BECAUSE VANDALS TARGETED THE AREA OVER THE WEEKEND. THE PARK DEPARTMENT SAYS MUCH OF THE PROPERTY WAS DAMAGED, INCLUDING A PORTABLE RESTROOM, SAFETY SIGN AND EMERGENCY PHONE.

Stabbing Aug 29 5AM :20

A MAN IS IN CUSTODY THIS MORNING ON THE CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED MURDER.

THE 39-YEAR-OLD MAN IS ACCUSED OF STABBING A 49-YEAR-OLD MAN LAST NIGHT AT A BAR ON WEST GREEN STREET IN DECATUR. POLICE SAY THE TWO MEN KNEW EACH OTHER PRIOR TO THE ATTACK. THE VICTIM REMAINS IN THE HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT OF NON LIFE-THREATENING WOUNDS.

Mad Hatter Aug 29 5AM :21

THE MAN KNOWN AS THE "MAD HATTER" BANK ROBBER IS EXPECTED TO PLEAD GUILTY TO SEVERAL BANK ROBBERY COUNTS TODAY. JAMES MADISON IS SUSPECTED OF ROBBING MORE THAN A DOZEN BANKS SINCE SEPTEMBER OF LAST YEAR. HE EARNED HIS NICKNAME BY

WEARING DIFFERENT HATS DURING EACH OF HIS SUSPECTED HOLDUPS.

Stabbing Aug 29 12PM :19

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Decatur Fire Aug 29 12PM :19

DECATUR FIREFIGHTERS ARE INVESTIGATING WHAT THEY CALL A SUSPICIOUS FIRE.

THE FIRE STARTED LAST NIGHT IN THE 24-HUNDRED BLOCK OF EAST LOCUST STREET.

THE HOUSE SUSTAINED MINOR DAMAGE BEFORE FIREFIGHTERS WERE ABLE TO PUT THE FIRE OUT. OFFICIALS SAY THE CAUSE IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION BUT THEY THINK SOMEONE WHO WAS IN THE HOUSE MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED.

School Lockdown Aug 29 12PM :35

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Rantoul Murder Aug 29 5PM :33

WE HAVE AN UPDATE TO A DEADLY SHOOTING IN RANTOUL LAST FRIDAY NIGHT.

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY PROSECUTORS CHARGED A SECOND MAN IN CONNECTION WITH THE SHOOTING. 29 YEAR OLD ROBERT R. BELL FACES CHARGES OF UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON BY A FELON. BELL'S ACCUSED OF HIDING THE GUN USED TO KILL CHRISTOPHER NAPIER FRIDAY NIGHT IN RANTOUL.

Decatur Stabbing Aug 29 5PM :23

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Lagrone Appeal Aug 29 10PM :30

MAURICE LAGRONE JUNIOR WANTS HIS LIFE SENTENCE IN PRISON REDUCED.

LAGRONE IS SERVING THE TIME FOR DROWNING HIS GIRLFRIEND'S THREE YOUNG CHILDREN IN CLINTON LAKE. THE APPEAL SAYS JURORS SHOULDN'T HAVE HEARD FROM WITNESSES WHO TESTIFIED ABOUT HIS ALLEGED DRUG USE AND VIOLENT BEHAVIOR.

Big Drug Bust Aug 29 10PM :17

MEANWHILE... STATE POLICE MAKE A BIG DRUG BUST DURING A ROUTINE TRAFFIC STOP. POLICE SAY THEY PULLED OVER... 25 YEAR OLD EARL JACKSON OF JACKSONVILLE LATE SUNDAY NIGHT ON VETERANS PARKWAY AT ILES AVENUE IN SPRINGFIELD. THE STATE TROOPER FOUND 45 GRAMS OF COCAINE IN THE CAR. JACKSON IS CHARGED WITH DRUG POSSESSION.

Ryan to Prison Aug 29 10PM 2:02

CONVICTED OF FRAUD AND RACKETEERING... FORMER GOVERNOR GEORGE RYAN IS TRYING TO STAY OUT OF PRISON--- HE'S ASKING AN APPELLATE COURT TO GRANT HIM A NEW TRIAL. NEW TONIGHT... PHIL ROGERS TAKES A LOOK AT WHAT LIFE MAY BE LIKE FOR THE FORMER GOVERNOR.. BEHIND PRISON WALLS.

School Lockdown Aug 29 10PM :36

TWO TEENAGERS ARE CHARGED WITH BRINGING GUNS ONTO THE CAMPUS OF PONTIAC HIGH SCHOOL TUESDAY. FIFTEEN YEAR-OLD MARTIN (WEAR-TA) HUERTA JUNIOR AND 16 YEAR OLD SEAN SULLIVAN BOTH FACE **TWELVE COUNTS EACH** OF UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM ON SCHOOL GROUNDS AND ON A SCHOOL BUS.

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Spfld Shooting Aug 30 5PM :25
A SPRINGFIELD MAN WHO SHOT HIMSELF IN THE LEG LAST NIGHT.. WAS DUE IN COURT TODAY. POLICE SAY 29 YEAR OLD REUBEN JOHNSON HAD A GUN IN HIS POCKET WHILE AT BROOKLYN TAVERN IN THE 1900 BLOCK OF SOUTH 15TH STREET. THE GUN FIRED AND JOHNSON SUFFERED A GUNSHOT WOUND TO HIS RIGHT LEG. POLICE SAY JOHNSON THREATENED TO SHOOT SOMEONE EARLIER IN THE NIGHT.

Pot Plants Seized Aug 30 5PM :30
THERE'S MORE THAN JUST CORN AND SOYBEANS GROWING IN SOME CENTRAL ILLINOIS FIELDS. THIS IS A PICTURE OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY SHERIFF JOHN (MOE-NET) MONNET AND CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF JAMES SULSBERGER. THE TWO ARE STANDING WITH SOME...OF THE MORE THAN ONE-HUNDRED MATURE MARIJUANA PLANTS THEY RECENTLY SEIZED.

Brown/Thompson Aug 30 6PM :44

IT MAY BE AWHILE BEFORE TWO MEN CHARGED WITH KILLING A DOUGLAS COUNTY DEPUTY GO ON TRIAL. YUSEF BROWN AND WILLIAM THOMPSON ARE CHARGED WITH FIRST DEGREE MURDER FOR THE SHOOTING DEATH OF DOUGLAS COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY TOMMY MARTIN. PROSECUTORS ARE SEEKING THE DEATH PENALTY. THEY FACE SEVERAL OTHER FELONY CHARGES... ALL STEMMING FROM A CRIME SPREE IN DOUGLAS COUNTY IN JUNE.

Armed Robbery Aug 30 10PM :25
AN ARMED ROBBERY AT A DOLLAR GENERAL STORE IN DECATUR HAS POLICE LOOKING FOR THE SUSPECT TONIGHT. THE HOLD UP HAPPENED AT THE DOLLAR GENERAL STORE IN THE 900 BLOCK OF WEST PERSHING ROAD JUST BEFORE SIX TONIGHT. EMPLOYEES TELL POLICE A WOMAN WEARING A HOODED SWEATSHIRT, SUNGLASSES, AND A BANDANA OVER PART OF HER FACE SHOWED A GUN AND DEMANDED MONEY.

Hit and Run Aug 30 10PM :39
NEW TONIGHT... THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CORONER RELEASES THE NAME OF A MAN WHO DIED AFTER A HIT AND RUN ACCIDENT THIS MORNING. CORONER DUANE NORTHRUP SAYS THE VICTIM IS 76 YEAR OLD WILLIAM HIGDON OF CHAMPAIGN. HE DIED THIS AFTERNOON AT CARLE FOUNDATION HOSPITAL IN URBANA... AN AUTOPSY WILL BE DONE TOMORROW.

Jerome Davis Aug 30 10PM :21
NEW TONIGHT.. A DECATUR MAN'S FATE IS NOW IN THE HANDS OF A JURY. JEROME DAVIS IS CHARGED IN THE SHOOTING DEATH OF 36 YEAR OLD CALVIN FAKES. FAKES WAS SHOT LAST AUGUST IN THE 500 BLOCK OF SOUTH SEIGEL STREET ON DECATUR'S WEST SIDE. JURORS DELIBERATED TODAY... BUT THEY WERE SENT HOME FOR THE NIGHT AND WILL RETURN TO DELIBERATIONS AT 9 TOMORROW MORNING.

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Bad checks Aug 30 10PM :16
NEW TONIGHT... A CENTRAL ILLINOIS MAN WILL SPEND A YEAR IN PRISON FOR WRITING BAD CHECKS. THE SHELBY COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY SAYS 23 YEAR OLD JONATHAN KROUSE OF COWDEN PLED

GUILTY TO THE CLASS FOUR FELONY. KROUSE HAD WRITTEN SEVERAL CHECKS ON A CLOSED ACCOUNT TO A SHELBYVILLE BUSINESS.

Chicago Bank Aug 30 10PM :30
MEANWHILE POLICE IN NORTHERN ILLINOIS ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A MAN WHO **ATTEMPTED** TO ROB A CHICAGO BANK. POLICE BLOCKED STREETS AND ORDERED BUSINESSES TO CLOSE... AS THEY SURROUNDED A BANK WHERE THEY BELIEVED A GUNMAN WAS HOLED UP... POSSILBY WITH HOSTAGES. BUT TONIGHT POLICE SAY THE MAN ESCAPED AND NEVER HELD ANYONE INSIDE.

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CHAMPAIGN POLICE SAY A DRIVER HIT AN ELDERLY MAN AND TOOK OFF, THIS MORNING. THE INCIDENT HAPPENED AROUND 8 O'CLOCK, AT THE INTERSECTION OF WEST EUREKA AND STATE STREETS. POLICE OFFICERS HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT A PERSON DRIVING A VAN ALLEGEDLY HIT THE ELDERLY MAN AND TOOK OFF. THE VICTIM IS BEING TREATED AT CARLE HOSPITAL.

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Brown/Thompson Aug 31 5AM 1:07
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ISP Crackdown Aug 31 5AM :48
IT'S CALLED "STAY ALIVE ON THE I'S". ILLINOIS STATE POLICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO INCREASE PATROLS THIS LABOR DAY WEEKEND. STATE TROOPERS WILL BE STATIONED EVERY TEN MILES ON EVERY INTERSTATE IN ILLINOIS. THE CRACKDOWN STARTS THIS AFTERNOON AT TWO.. AND CONTINUES UNTIL MONDAY NIGHT AT EIGHT.

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Davis Trial Aug 31 12PM :25

A MIS-TRIAL HAS BEEN DECLARED IN A MACON COUNTY MURDER TRIAL. JEROME DAVIS IS CHARGED WITH FIRST DEGREE MURDER IN THE SHOOTING DEATH OF 36 YEAR OLD CALVIN FAKES. CALVIN FAKES WAS SHOT LAST AUGUST IN THE 500 BLOCK OF SOUTH SEIGEL STREET ON DECATUR'S WEST SIDE. THE JURY COULD NOT REACH A VERDICT AND THE CASE WAS DECLARED A MIS-TRIAL AT ABOUT 4... THIS AFTERNOON.

Springfield Drug Raid Aug 31 10PM :27

NEW TONIGHT... SPRINGFIELD POLICE MAKE FOUR ARRESTS AFTER A DRUG RAID.

WHEN POLICE SEARCHED A HOUSE IN THE 12-HUNDRED BLOCK OF EAST CASS.. THEY SAY THEY FOUND 11 AND A HALF GRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE AND MORE THAN **700** DOLLARS IN CASH. POLICE SAY THEY ARRESTED 19 YEAR OLD DEANDRE HOLLINGSWORTH... 22 YEAR OLD PAUL SMITH... AND 18 YEAR OLD LAUREL KAISER... ALL FROM SPRINGFIELD.

Hit and Run Folo Aug 31 10PM :35

CHAMPAIGN POLICE ARE ON THE LOOKOUT TONIGHT... FOR A MAN THEY THINK WAS INVOLVED IN A FATAL HIT AND RUN. POLICE HAVE A WARRANT OUT FOR THIS MAN... 29 YEAR OLD (**DEE-OHS-DA-DA RAY-SEN-DEZ**) DIOSDADA RESENDES. POLICE SAY HIS VAN WAS INVOLVED IN A FATAL HIT AND RUN YESTERDAY.

Hit and Run Folo Aug 31 6PM :54

POLICE NEED YOUR HELP IN TRACKING DOWN A SUSPECTED HIT-AND-RUN DRIVER.

YESTERDAY.. 76-YEAR-OLD BILL HIGDON WAS HIT BY A SPEEDING VAN AT THE CORNER OF STATE AND EUREKA STREETS IN CHAMPAIGN... HE DIED IN THE AFTERNOON. POLICE LOCATED THE VEHICLE AND IMPOUNDED IT... BUT THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VAN-- ALSO THOUGHT TO BE THE DRIVER-- STILL HASN'T BEEN FOUND.

DUI Check Sept 1 5PM :35

IT'S LABOR DAY WEEKEND... WHICH MEANS YOU MAY TRY TO SQUEEZE SOME MORE FUN OUT OF SUMMER. WHILE YOU'RE DOING THAT... BE

CAREFUL ON THE ROADS. STATE TROOPERS ARE OUT .. MAKING SURE PEOPLE WEAR SEATBELTS, STICK TO THE SPEED LIMIT, AND DRIVE SOBER. YOU'LL SEE THEM EVERY 10 MILES ALONG EVERY INTERSTATE IN ILLINOIS. IT'S PART OF THE "STAY ALIVE ON THE I'S" PROGRAM... AIMED AT REDUCING THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE KILLED.

Hit and Run Sept 1 10PM :30
CHAMPAIGN POLICE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A DRIVER THEY THINK WAS INVOLVED IN A FATAL HIT AND RUN. POLICE HAVE A WARRANT OUT FOR THIS MAN... 29 YEAR OLD DIOSDADA RESENDES. POLICE SAY HIS VAN WAS INVOLVED IN A FATAL HIT AND RUN THURSDAY.

DUI Sting Sept 2 10PM :35
WE TOLD YOU HOW OFFICERS ARE ON THE ROADS THIS LABOR DAY WEEKEND.. TRYING TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE STAY SAFE. TONIGHT... WE HAVE SOME RESULTS FROM ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS IN SANGAMON COUNTY. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE THERE SAYS THE EFFORT IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE COUNTY.. INVOLVING AREA POLICE OFFICERS... ENDED WITH EIGHT SPEEDING CITATIONS, EIGHT ILLEGAL TRANSPORTATION CITATIONS, TWO ARRESTS FOR UNDERAGE DRINKING, AND 7 ARRESTS FOR POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA... AMONG OTHER VIOLATIONS.

Hit and Run Sept 3 5AM :31
CHAMPAIGN POLICE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A DRIVER THEY THINK WAS INVOLVED IN A FATAL HIT AND RUN. POLICE HAVE A WARRANT OUT FOR THIS MAN... 29 YEAR OLD DIOSDADA RESENDES. POLICE SAY HIS VAN WAS INVOLVED IN A FATAL HIT AND RUN THURSDAY.

Hit and Run Sept 3 12PM :31
CHAMPAIGN POLICE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A DRIVER THEY THINK WAS INVOLVED IN A FATAL HIT AND RUN. POLICE HAVE A WARRANT OUT FOR THIS MAN... 29 YEAR OLD DIOSDADA RESENDES. POLICE SAY HIS VAN WAS INVOLVED IN A FATAL HIT AND RUN THURSDAY.

Theater Threat Sept 3 5PM :53
MOVIE GOERS AT LAST NIGHT'S 'HALLOWEEN' SHOWING IN SPRINGFIELD GOT A REAL SCARE. POLICE ARE LOOKING INTO WHAT CAUSED A MAN TO THREATEN THE AUDIENCE AND THE THEATER TO CANCEL THE SHOW.

Theater Threat Sept 3 6PM :52
IN OTHER TOP NEWS OF THE DAY... SHOWINGS OF THE NEW MOVIE "HALLOWEEN" RESUME AT A SPRINGFIELD MOVIE THEATER TODAY .. AFTER SOMEONE THREATENED TO QUOTE.. 'SHOOT UP THE PLACE'

LAST NIGHT. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT IS LIVE IN SPRINGFIELD.

Theater Threat Sept 3 10PM :46
A SPRINGFIELD MAN ACCUSED OF THREATENING TO QUOTE "SHOOT UP A THEATER" FACES DISORDERLY CONDUCT CHARGES. POLICE SAY THE INCIDENT STARTED WHEN 26-YEAR-OLD TRENT MOORE GOT INTO AN ARGUMENT WITH ANOTHER PERSON DURING THE MOVIE 'HALLOWEEN.' MANAGEMENT THEN CAME OVER .. ASKED MOORE TO SETTLE DOWN .. BUT HE REFUSED.

Theater Threat Sept 4 5AM 1:13
MOVIE GOERS AT SUNDAY NIGHT'S 'HALLOWEEN' SHOWING IN SPRINGFIELD GOT A REAL SCARE. POLICE ARE LOOKING INTO WHAT CAUSED A MAN TO THREATEN THE AUDIENCE AND THE THEATER TO CANCEL THE SHOW. AROUND 10:30 SUNDAY NIGHT .. POLICE SAY ONE OF THE PATRONS STOOD UP DURING THE MOVIE .. REACHED FOR HIS WAISTBAND .. AND THREATENED TO 'SHOOT UP THE PLACE.'

Drowning Hoax Sept 4 12PM :30
DOZENS OF RESCUE WORKERS SEARCHED A CENTRAL ILLINOIS CREEK YESTERDAY FOR A DROWNING VICTIM, ONLY TO FIND THE WHOLE THING WAS A HOAX BY THREE CHILDREN. POLICE SAY TWO CHILDREN TOLD THEM THEIR NINE-YEAR-OLD FRIEND FELL INTO COON CREEK IN CLINTON. AUTHORITIES FINALLY GOT A CONFESSION FROM ONE OF THE BOYS.... BUT ONLY AFTER POLICE, FIREFIGHTERS AND CITY WORKERS SPENT PART OF THEIR LABOR DAY, WADING THROUGH MUDDY WATERS.

Theater Threat Sept 4 12PM 1:03
MOVIE GOERS AT SUNDAY NIGHT'S 'HALLOWEEN' SHOWING IN SPRINGFIELD GOT A REAL SCARE. POLICE ARE LOOKING INTO WHAT CAUSED A MAN TO THREATEN THE AUDIENCE AND THE THEATER TO CANCEL THE SHOW. AROUND 10:30 SUNDAY NIGHT .. POLICE SAY ONE OF THE PATRONS STOOD UP DURING THE MOVIE .. REACHED FOR HIS WAISTBAND .. AND THREATENED TO 'SHOOT UP THE PLACE.'

Car Chase Fire Sept 4 10PM 1:05
DAWN, SHELBYVILLE POLICE CHIEF DAVE TALLMAN SAYS THE CHASE STARTED AROUND 6-30 WHEN ONE OF HIS OFFICERS TRIED TO PULL THE CAR OVER IN SHELBYVILLE FOR A LANE VIOLATION. HE SAYS THE CHASE WENT THROUGH RURAL AREAS.. AND ENDED IN A CORNFIELD NEAR FINDLAY... WHERE THE CAR CAUGHT FIRE. CHECK OUT THESE PICTURES FROM "SHELBY COUNTY NEWS DOT NET."

Buffet City Plea Sept 4 10PM :34

NEW AT TEN... THE FORMER OWNER OF A SPRINGFIELD RESTAURANT PLEADS GUILTY TO HARBORING ILLEGAL ALIENS AND MONEY LAUNDERING. 40 YEAR OLD (ZAN-Z-YE) XIAN XI YE FILED HIS GUILTY PLEA THIS MORNING... OVER A VIDEO CONFERENCE FROM A SOUTH CAROLINA MEDICAL PRISON. YE ADMITTED HE PROVIDED HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT AND TRANSPORTATION TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS... TO WORK AT HIS RESTAURANT... BUFFET CITY.

Buffet City Plea Sept 5 5AM :33
THE FORMER OWNER OF A SPRINGFIELD RESTAURANT PLEADED GUILTY TO HARBORING ILLEGAL ALIENS AND MONEY LAUNDERING. 40 YEAR OLD (ZAN-Z-YE) XIAN XI YE FILED HIS GUILTY PLEA YESTERDAY MORNING... OVER A VIDEO CONFERENCE FROM A SOUTH CAROLINA MEDICAL PRISON.

Monticello Threat Sept 6 5AM :33
POLICE HAVE ARRESTED A TEENAGE GIRL IN CONNECTION WITH THREATS MADE AT MONTICELLO HIGH SCHOOL EARLIER THIS YEAR. MONTICELLO POLICE ARRESTED 18 YEAR OLD JOSEPHINE AMANDA PIERCE OF MONTICELLO. IT'S NOT KNOWN IF SHE WAS A STUDENT AT THE HIGH SCHOOL. THE PIATT COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY SAYS SHE TURNED HERSELF IN TO POLICE .. YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Car Crash Sept 6 5AM :48
TWO MEN ARE IN SHELBY COUNTY CUSTODY .. AFTER A BIZARRE CHASE. IT ALL STARTED AROUND 6:30 TUESDAY NIGHT .. WHEN SHELBYVILLE POLICE TRIED TO PULL OVER A CAR. THE CHASE ENDED WITH THAT CAR ON FIRE .. AND TWO MEN UNDER ARREST. POLICE FOLLOWED THE CAR THROUGH RURAL AREAS .. ENDING UP IN A CORNFIELD NEAR FINDLAY.

Champaign Shooting Sept 6 5AM :25
CHAMPAIGN POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A SHOOTING SUSPECT. AROUND 12:30 YESTERDAY AFTERNOON... CHAMPAIGN POLICE WERE CALLED TO THE 13-HUNDRED BLOCK OF WEST WALNUT STREET. THEY FOUND ONE PERSON WHO HAD BEEN SHOT. THE VICTIM WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL... NO WORD ON THEIR CONDITION AT LAST CHECK.

Springfield Robbery Sept 6 5AM :22
AND SPRINGFIELD POLICE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP TO FIND A MAN WANTED FOR AGGRAVATED ROBBERY. MORRIS CHRISMAN IS BELIEVED TO BE LIVING IN SPRINGFIELD. HE'S WANTED FOR ALLEGEDLY ROBBING THE WALGREENS ON SOUTH MACARTHUR. POLICE SAY HE'S AFRICAN AMERICAN, 5 FOOT 10 INCHES TALL, 175 POUNDS AND HE HAS TWO TEAR DROP TATTOOS UNDER HIS LEFT EYE.

Champaign Shooting Sept 6 12PM :25
CHAMPAIGN POLICE CONTINUE LOOKING FOR A SHOOTING SUSPECT. AROUND 12:30 YESTERDAY AFTERNOON... CHAMPAIGN POLICE WERE CALLED TO THE 13-HUNDRED BLOCK OF WEST WALNUT STREET. THEY FOUND ONE PERSON WHO HAD BEEN SHOT. THE 53 YEAR OLD VICTIM, WHO IS NOT BEING IDENTIFIED... IS STILL IN THE HOSPITAL.

Spfidl Robbery Sept 6 12PM :25
AND SPRINGFIELD POLICE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP TO FIND A MAN WANTED FOR AGGRAVATED ROBBERY. MORRIS CHRISMAN IS BELIEVED TO BE LIVING IN SPRINGFIELD. HE'S WANTED FOR ALLEGEDLY ROBBING THE WALGREENS ON SOUTH MACARTHUR. POLICE SAY HE'S A BLACK MALE... AND HAS TWO TEAR DROP TATTOOS UNDER HIS LEFT EYE.

Monticello Threat Sept 6 12PM :33
POLICE HAVE ARRESTED A TEENAGE GIRL IN CONNECTION WITH THREATS MADE AT MONTICELLO HIGH SCHOOL EARLIER THIS YEAR. MONTICELLO POLICE ARRESTED 18 YEAR OLD JOSEPHINE AMANDA PIERCE OF MONTICELLO. IT'S NOT KNOWN IF SHE WAS A STUDENT AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Taylorville Drugs Sept 6 12PM :37
A CHRISTIAN COUNTY MAN IS IN JAIL ... CHARGED WITH TRAFFICKING 40 **POUNDS** OF MARIJUANA. TAYLORVILLE POLICE SAY THEY GOT A CALL YESTERDAY FROM THE COLUMBUS, OHIO, POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE POLICE THERE SAID A SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE WAS ON ITS WAY TO TAYLORVILLE THROUGH FED-EX.

Juvi Pot Bust Sept 6 5PM 1:34
A GRADE SCHOOL STUDENT GETS BUSTED FOR BRINGING MARIJUANA TO SCHOOL.
GOOD EVENING AND THANKS FOR JOINING US. URBANA POLICE SAY THE STUDENT.. IS ONLY TEN YEARS OLD.

Shooting Folo Sept 6 5PM :23
CHAMPAIGN POLICE CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR THE GUNMAN INVOLVED IN A SHOOTING YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. A 53 YEAR OLD MAN WAS SHOT AROUND 12-30 IN THE 13-HUNDRED BLOCK OF WEST WALNUT. POLICE ARE NOT RELEASING THE VICTIM'S NAME.. AND HE REMAINS HOSPITALIZED TONIGHT.

Bank Robbery Sept 6 5PM :34
SPRINGFIELD POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A MAN WHO ROBBED A DOWNTOWN BANK THIS AFTERNOON. POLICE SAY THE MAN WALKED INTO ILLINI BANK ON WEST JEFFERSON AROUND TWO THIS AFTERNOON AND WAITED FOR A CUSTOMER TO LEAVE. HE THEN GAVE A NOTE TO A

TELLER DEMANDING MONEY. THE TELLER COMPLIED.. AND THE SUSPECT RAN OFF WITH AN UNKNOWN AMOUNT OF MONEY.

Scam Sentence Sept 6 5PM :32

A CENTRAL ILLINOIS WOMAN GETS JAIL TIME FOR HER GUILTY PLEA TO A COMPUTER FRAUD CHARGE. COLES COUNTY PROSECUTORS SAY 23 YEAR OLD SHEENA GRIER... USED A LAKE LAND COLLEGE COMPUTER TO OPEN A CREDIT CARD ACCOUNT USING ANOTHER WOMAN'S PERSONAL INFORMATION.

Bank Robbery Sept 6 6PM :36

SPRINGFIELD POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A MAN WHO ROBBED A DOWNTOWN BANK THIS AFTERNOON. POLICE SAY THE MAN WALKED INTO ILLINI BANK ON WEST JEFFERSON AROUND TWO THIS AFTERNOON AND WAITED FOR A CUSTOMER TO LEAVE. HE THEN GAVE THE TELLER A NOTE... DEMANDING MONEY. THE SUSPECT DID RUN OFF WITH AN UNKNOWN AMOUNT OF MONEY.

Juvy Pot Bust Sept 6 6PM 1:00

A 10-YEAR-OLD URBANA BOY IS IN TROUBLE FOR BRINGING MARIJUANA TO SCHOOL. HE TOOK IT YESTERDAY... TO URBANA'S PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. INVESTIGATORS SAY SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOUND OUT ABOUT THE DRUGS... FROM OTHER STUDENTS. POLICE SAY THE 10-YEAR-OLD STUDENT KNEW WHAT HE HAD.... BUT SAY HE WASN'T SURE WHY HE BROUGHT IT TO SCHOOL.

Juvy Pot Bust Sept 6 10PM 1:33

URBANA POLICE SAY A BOY BROUGHT MARIJUANA INTO PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WEDNESDAY MORNING... AND HE'S ONLY 10 YEARS OLD. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY SHOWS US HOW PARENTS ARE REACTING TONIGHT.

Ford Pot bust Sept 6 10PM :21

NEW TONIGHT... A FORD COUNTY MAN IS ARRESTED FOR ALLEGEDLY GROWING A HUGE CROP OF MARIJUANA ON HIS NEIGHBOR'S PROPERTY. STATE POLICE ARRESTED 58 YEAR OLD HAROLD LOY OF PAXTON. TROOPERS SEIZED 72 POT PLANTS... WITH A STREET VALUE OF ABOUT 75-THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE PLANTS WERE FOUND HIDDEN BETWEEN A CORN FIELD AND A WOODED AREA NEAR LOY'S PROPERTY... ABOUT TWO MILES SOUTHWEST OF PAXTON.

Strangled Woman Sept 6 10PM :24

NEW TONIGHT... A MACON COUNTY CORONER'S JURY RULES A DECATUR WOMAN'S DEATH... A MURDER. 57 YEAR OLD DONNA NICHOLSON WAS FOUND DEAD IN HER HOME ON EAST CLAY STREET IN

DECATUR IN AUGUST. THE CORONER'S JURY RULED NICHOLSON'S DEATH... A HOMICIDE. SHE WAS STRANGLER TO DEATH AND THE JURY ALSO DETERMINED SHE WAS INTOXICATED AT THE TIME OF HER DEATH.

Bank Robbery Sept 6 10PM :33
SPRINGFIELD POLICE ARE STILL ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A MAN WHO ROBBED A DOWNTOWN BANK THIS AFTERNOON. POLICE SAY THE MAN WALKED INTO ILLINI BANK ON WEST JEFFERSON AROUND TWO THIS AFTERNOON AND WAITED FOR A CUSTOMER TO LEAVE. HE GAVE A TELLER A NOTE... DEMANDING MONEY. THE SUSPECT RAN OFF WITH AN UNKNOWN AMOUNT OF CASH.

Shooting Folo Sept 6 10PM :23
MEANWHILE... CHAMPAIGN POLICE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A GUNMAN INVOLVED IN A SHOOTING YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. A 53 YEAR OLD MAN WAS SHOT AROUND 12-30 IN THE 13-HUNDRED BLOCK OF WEST WALNUT. POLICE ARE NOT RELEASING THE VICTIM'S NAME.. AND HE REMAINS HOSPITALIZED TONIGHT.

Warren Bo Body Sept 6 10PM :30
NEW AT TEN... STATE POLICE AND AUTHORITIES IN NORTHERN ILLINOIS ARE ASKING FOR THE PUBLIC'S HELP... IN TRYING TO IDENTIFY A MAN WHO WAS KILLED IN WARREN COUNTY. INVESTIGATORS SAY A PASSING MOTORIST FOUND THE VICTIM ABOUT 6:30 SUNDAY MORNING ABOUT SEVEN MILES EAST OF MONMOUTH.

Juvi Pot Bust Sept 7 5AM :59
A PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT BROUGHT MARIJUANA TO SCHOOL. AND URBANA POLICE SAY THE STUDENT .. IS ONLY TEN YEARS OLD. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY HAS THE STORY.

Ford Co Pot Sept 7 5AM :21
A FORD COUNTY MAN IS ARRESTED FOR ALLEGEDLY GROWING A HUGE CROP OF MARIJUANA ON HIS NEIGHBOR'S PROPERTY. STATE POLICE ARRESTED 58 YEAR OLD HAROLD LOY OF PAXTON. TROOPERS SEIZED 72 POT PLANTS... WITH A STREET VALUE OF ABOUT 75-THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Shooting Folo Sept 7 5AM :24
CHAMPAIGN POLICE CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR THE GUNMAN INVOLVED IN A SHOOTING WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. A 53 YEAR OLD MAN WAS SHOT AROUND 12-30 IN THE 13-HUNDRED BLOCK OF WEST WALNUT. POLICE ARE NOT RELEASING THE VICTIM'S NAME.. AND HE REMAINS HOSPITALIZED AT LAST CHECK.

Strangled Woman Sept 7 5AM :21

A MACON COUNTY CORONER'S JURY HAS NOW RULED A DECATUR WOMAN'S DEATH...A HOMICIDE. 57 YEAR OLD DONNA NICHOLSON WAS FOUND DEAD IN HER HOME ON EAST CLAY STREET IN DECATUR IN AUGUST. SHE WAS STRANGLERED TO DEATH AND THE JURY ALSO DETERMINED SHE WAS INTOXICATED AT THE TIME OF HER DEATH.

Bank Robbery Sept 7 5AM :32
SPRINGFIELD POLICE ARE STILL ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A MAN WHO ROBBED A DOWNTOWN BANK YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. POLICE SAY THE MAN WALKED INTO ILLINI BANK ON WEST JEFFERSON AROUND TWO AND WAITED FOR A CUSTOMER TO LEAVE. HE GAVE A TELLER A NOTE... DEMANDING MONEY. THE SUSPECT RAN OFF WITH AN UNKNOWN AMOUNT OF CASH.

Monticello Threat Sept 7 5PM :39
A TEENAGED GIRL... CHARGED WITH MAKING VIOLENT THREATS TOWARD A CENTRAL ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL.... WILL BE IN COURT FOR THE FIRST TIME NEXT WEEK. THE PIATT COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SAYS 18 YEAR OLD JOSEPHINE AMANDA PIERCE WILL BE ADVISED OF HER CHARGES.. HER RIGHTS... AND POSSIBLE PENALTIES ON TUESDAY.

Roadblocks Sept 8 10PM :55
DECATUR POLICE SET UP ANOTHER SAFETY ROADBLOCK.. AND RELEASE RESULTS FROM THE LAST ONE. GOOD EVENING THANKS FOR CHOOSING US.. I'M ELIZABETH MOORS. DECATUR POLICE START THE EFFORT IN ABOUT A HALF HOUR... AND CONTINUE UNTIL 3 THIS MORNING. THEY'RE NOT RELEASING JUST WHERE THEY'LL BE.

Decatur Road Check Sept 9 5PM :40
WE TOLD YOU LAST NIGHT DECATUR POLICE WOULD BE OUT FOR ANOTHER ROADSIDE SAFETY CHECK. TONIGHT WE HAVE THE RESULTS. OFFICERS STARTED THE CHECK AROUND 10-30 LAST NIGHT.. LASTING INTO THE EARLY MORNING IN THE 17-HUNDRED BLOCK OF EAST LAKE SHORE DRIVE.

Spfld homicide Sept 10 5AM :31
AN AUTOPSY IS SCHEDULED TODAY FOR A MAN WHO WAS ATTACKED IN A SPRINGFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD THIS WEEKEND. POLICE SAY EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING... SOMEONE HIT 19 YEAR OLD DEVYN GREFF OF SPRINGFIELD ON THE HEAD WITH A BLUNT OBJECT. IT HAPPENED DURING AN ARGUMENT IN THE 17-HUNDRED BLOCK OF SOUTH 7TH STREET.

Decatur Road Block Sept 10 5AM :41

THIS MORNING WE HAVE THE RESULTS OF A ROADSIDE SAFETY CHECK THAT TOOK PLACE THIS WEEKEND. OFFICERS STARTED THE CHECK AROUND 10-30 SATURDAY NIGHT IN THE 17-HUNDRED BLOCK OF EAST LAKE SHORE DRIVE. IT LASTED INTO THE EARLY MORNING HOURS SUNDAY. POLICE SAY THEY STOPPED 554 VEHICLES.

ATM Explosion Sept 10 12PM 1:04
POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR SUSPECTS AFTER AN A-T-M EXPLODES THIS MORNING.

IT HAPPENED JUST BEFORE 6 O'CLOCK IN CHAMPAIGN... NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF NEIL AND KNOLLWOOD. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY IS LIVE AT THE FIRST MID-ILLINOIS BANK AND TRUST... WHERE IT ALL HAPPENED. KATE... WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED THIS MORNING?

Shooting Folo Sept 10 12PM :25
CHAMPAIGN POLICE HAVE NOW RELEASED THE NAME OF A SUSPECT INVOLVED IN A SHOOTING LAST WEEK. A WARRANT HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR 18-YEAR-OLD BRIAN PARTLOW OF CHAMPAIGN. HE IS A BLACK MALE...SIX FOOT ONE AND APPROXIMATELY 165 POUNDS.

Spfld Homicide Sept 10 12PM :30
SPRINGFIELD POLICE MAKE AN ARREST IN CONNECTION WITH MURDER IN A SPRINGFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD THIS WEEKEND. SPRINGFIELD POLICE HAVE ARRESTED 17 YEAR OLD BRANDON J. NELSON OF SPRINGFIELD ON THE PRELIMINARY CHARGE OF 1ST DEGREE MURDER. POLICE SAY EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING... NELSON HIT 19 YEAR OLD DEVYN GREFF OF SPRINGFIELD ON THE HEAD WITH A BLUNT OBJECT.

Spfld Homicide Sept 9 10PM :35
SPRINGFIELD POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A MURDER TONIGHT. POLICE SAY EARLY THIS MORNING... AROUND 1-20 ... THERE WAS AN ARGUMENT IN THE 17-HUNDRED BLOCK OF SOUTH 7TH STREET. POLICE SAY SOMEONE HIT A 19 YEAR OLD MAN WITH A BLUNT OBJECT... LEAVING HIM WITH SEVERE HEAD INJURIES.

Decatur Road Check Sept 9 10PM :33
DECATUR POLICE RELEASE THE RESULTS FROM THEIR LATEST ROADSIDE SAFETY CHECK. OFFICERS STARTED THE CHECK AROUND 10-30 LAST NIGHT.. CONTINUING INTO THE EARLY MORNING IN THE 17-HUNDRED BLOCK OF EAST LAKE SHORE DRIVE. POLICE SAY THEY STOPPED 5-HUNDRED- 54 VEHICLES.

Serial Robber Sept 10 5PM 1:25
SPRINGFIELD POLICE HAVE A MAN IN CUSTODY AFTER A BANK ROBBERY IN SPRINGFIELD THIS AFTERNOON. MORRIS CHRISMAN OF

SPRINGFIELD HAS BEEN ARRESTED... AFTER ALLEGEDLY ROBBING THE REGIONS BANK ON SOUTH SIXTH STREET IN SPRINGFIELD

ATM Explosion Sept 10 5PM 1:17
MEANWHILE... AN UNUSUAL ATTEMPTED ROBBERY AT A CHAMPAIGN BANK. POLICE SAY JUST BEFORE 6 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING... OFFICERS WERE DISPATCHED TO A LOCAL BANK AFTER REPORTS OF A LOUD BANG. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY HAS THE DETAILS ON WHAT CAUSED AN A-T-M EXPLOSION.

Deadly Beating Sept 10 5PM 1:19
NEWSCENTER 17 REPORTED YESTERDAY NINETEEN YEAR OLD DEVYN GREFF OF SPRINGFIELD DIED AFTER HE WAS HIT IN THE HEAD WITH A CONCRETE BLOCK. NOW A SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD FACES MURDER CHARGES. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT SHOWS YOU WHAT POLICE SAY HAPPENED.

Champ Shooting Folo Sept 10 5PM :34
AN UPDATE TO A STORY NEWSCENTER 17'S BEEN FOLLOWING FOR YOU.. CHAMPAIGN POLICE ISSUE AN ARREST WARRANT FOR A MAN WANTED FOR A SHOOTING LAST WEEK. POLICE SAY 18 YEAR OLD BRIAN PARTLOW IS WANTED FOR AGGRAVATED BATTERY WITH A FIREARM. RIGHT NOW POLICE CAN'T FIND PARTLOW.... BUT SAY HIS LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS 104 BELLEFONTAINE IN CHAMPAIGN.

Jville Stabbing Sept 10 5PM :27
JACKSONVILLE POLICE MAKE AN ARREST AFTER A STABBING EARLY SUNDAY MORNING. JACKSONVILLE POLICE WENT TO A HOME AT 4-66 SOUTH MAUVAISTERRE... WHERE THERE WAS A PARTY. POLICE SAY NICHOLAS KENNEDY WAS IN THE KITCHEN WITH A STAB WOUND TO HIS SHOULDER. HE WAS TREATED AT THE HOSPITAL AND RELEASED.

Serial Robber Sept 10 5PM 1:15
MORRIS CHRISMAN IS SUSPECTED OF ROBBING THE REGION'S BANK ON SOUTH 6TH STREET IN SPRINGFIELD SHORTLY AFTER ONE OCLOCK THIS AFTERNOON. SPRINGFIELD POLICE ARRESTED HIM AFTER RECIEVING A DESCRIPTION OF A MAN WHO CAME INTO THE BANK... AND DEMANDED MONEY... AND CLAIMED TO BE CARRYING A BOMB.

ATM Explosion Sept 10 6PM :51
MEANWHILE... POLICE IN CHAMPAIGN ARE SEARCHING FOR A SUSPECT.. WHO TRIED TO BLOW UP AN A-T-M TO GET THE MONEY. CHAMPAIGN POLICE SAY IT HAPPENED JUST BEFORE 6 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING AT THE FIRST MID-ILLINOIS BANK AND TRUST NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF NEIL STREET AND KNOLLWOOD DRIVE.

Deadly Beating Sept 10 6PM :33
A SPRINGFIELD TEENAGER FACES MURDER CHARGES FOR THE WEEKEND BEATING DEATH OF ANOTHER TEENAGER. POLICE SAY 19 YEAR OLD DEVYN GREFF GOT INTO A FIGHT WITH THREE PEOPLE BEHIND HIS APARTMENT IN THE 17 HUNDRED BLOCK OF SOUTH SEVENTH EARLY SUNDAY MORNING.

Champ Shooting Folo Sept 10 6PM :30
CHAMPAIGN POLICE ISSUE AN ARREST WARRANT FOR A MAN WANTED FOR LAST WEEK'S SHOOTING. POLICE ISSUED THE WARRANT FOR THIS MAN.. 18 YEAR OLD BRIAN PARTLOW. HE'S WANTED ON A CHARGE OF AGGRAVATED BATTERY WITH A FIREARM. POLICE SAY HIS LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS 104 BELLEFONTAINE IN CHAMPAIGN.

Thief Arrested Sept 10 6PM :22
A FARMER CITY HOUSEKEEPER.. STANDS ACCUSED OF TAKING OUT MORE THAN JUST THE TRASH. DEWITT COUNTY DEPUTIES ARRESTED 36 YEAR OLD DAWN HAWKINS ON FELONY THEFT CHARGES. SHERIFF ROGER MASSEY SAYS THE CASE INVOLVES THE THEFT OF MONEY AND ITEMS TOTALLING SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS.... FROM A RURAL FARMER CITY HOME WHERE HAWKINS WORKED AS A HOUSEKEEPER.

Serial Robber Sept 10 6PM 1:03
A SPRINGFIELD MAN IS EXPECTED BEFORE A JUDGE TOMORROW... AFTER HE'S ARRESTED FOR A BANK ROBBERY THIS AFTERNOON. BUT HE'S ALSO SUSPECTED IN A STRING OF OTHER ONGOING ROBBERY CASES IN THE CAPITOL CITY.

ATM Explosion Sept 10 6PM :54
MEANWHILE IN CHAMPAIGN... AN ATTEMPTED ROBBER SETS OFF AN EXPLOSION AT AN A-T-M THIS MORNING. POLICE SAY IT HAPPENED JUST BEFORE 6 O'CLOCK AT THE FIRST MID-ILLINOIS BANK AND TRUST. OFFICERS WERE CALLED TO THE SCENE AFTER REPORTS OF A LOUD EXPLOSION. WHEN POLICE ARRIVED... THEY SAY THERE WAS SMOKE COMING FROM THE A-T-M.

Bogus Checks Sept 10 6PM :36
NEW AT TEN... IT'S A SCAM THAT KEEPS CROPPING UP... AND TONIGHT A CHECK-CASHING AGENCY IS WARNING YOU NOT TO FALL FOR IT. FIRST CURRENCY IN DECATUR SAYS TODAY ALONE THEY GOT 9 BOGUS CHECKS IN... ALL MADE OUT FOR 980 DOLLARS. THEY SAY THE CHECKS ARE FROM TWO DIFFERENT BANKS... 1ST CREDIT UNION IN ARIZONA... AND PROSPERITY BANK IN FLORIDA.

Deadly Beating Sept 10 6PM :46

A SPRINGFIELD TEEN JAILED FOR KILLING ANOTHER TEEN COULD FACE ANYWHERE FROM 20 TO 60 YEARS IN PRISON... IF HE'S CONVICTED. PROSECUTORS CHARGED 17 YEAR OLD BRANDON NELSON... FOR THE WEEKEND BEATING OF 19 YEAR OLD DEVYN GREFF. POLICE SAY GREFF GOT INTO A FIGHT WITH THREE PEOPLE BEHIND HIS APARTMENT IN THE 17-HUNDRED BLOCK OF SOUTH 7TH STREET... EARLY SUNDAY MORNING.

Champ Shooting Folo Sept 10 6PM :32
CHAMPAIGN POLICE ISSUE AN ARREST WARRANT FOR A MAN WANTED IN A SHOOTING LAST WEEK. IT'S A STORY WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWING... POLICE SAY 18 YEAR OLD BRIAN PARTLOW IS WANTED FOR AGGRAVATED BATTERY WITH A FIREARM. RIGHT NOW POLICE CAN'T FIND PARTLOW. .BUT SAY HIS LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS 104 BELLEFONTAINE IN CHAMPAIGN.

Jville Stabbing Sept 10 6PM :26
MEANWHILE... JACKSONVILLE POLICE MAKE AN ARREST FOR A STABBING EARLY SUNDAY MORNING. POLICE WENT TO A HOME AT 4-6-6 SOUTH MAUVAISTERRE... WHERE THERE WAS A PARTY. THEY SAY NICHOLAS KENNEDY WAS IN THE KITCHEN WITH A STAB WOUND TO HIS SHOULDER. HE WAS TREATED AT THE HOSPITAL AND RELEASED.

Crack Sentence Sept 10 6PM :23
NEW TONIGHT... A SPRINGFIELD MAN IS SENTENCED FOR SELLING CRACK COCAINE IN CHRISTIAN COUNTY. CHRISTIAN COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY THOMAS FINKS SAYS 23 YEAR OLD AARON CUTLER WILL SPEND 6 YEARS IN PRISON. FINKS SAYS CUTLER SOLD CRACK FROM A HOUSE IN CHRISTIAN COUNTY... AND WAS ARRESTED AFTER A POLICE INVESTIGATION.

Nelson Charges Sept 11 5AM :33
A SPRINGFIELD TEENAGER FACES MURDER CHARGES FOR THE WEEKEND BEATING DEATH OF ANOTHER TEEN. POLICE SAY 19 YEAR OLD DEVYN GREFF GOT INTO A FIGHT WITH THREE PEOPLE BEHIND HIS APARTMENT IN THE 17 HUNDRED BLOCK OF SOUTH SEVENTH STREET EARLY SUNDAY MORNING. AFTER BEING KNOCKED OUT.. POLICE SAY ONE OF THE MEN.. 17 YEAR OLD BRANDON NELSON.. DROPPED A CONCRETE BLOCK ON GREFF'S HEAD.

Serial Robber Sept 11 5AM :47
A SPRINGFIELD MAN ACCUSED OF SEVERAL ROBBERIES IS EXPECTED BEFORE A JUDGE TODAY. MORRIS CHRISMAN WAS ARRESTED YESTERDAY... AFTER HE ALLEGEDLY ROBBED THE REGIONS BANK ON SOUTH SIXTH STREET IN SPRINGFIELD.

POLICE SAY CHRISMAN ENTERED THE BANK AND HANDED A TELLER A NOTE CLAIMING THAT HE HAD AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE IN THE PLASTIC BAG.

ATM Explosion Sept 11 5AM 1:17
MEANWHILE... AN UNUSUAL ATTEMPTED ROBBERY AT A CHAMPAIGN BANK. POLICE SAY JUST BEFORE 6 O'CLOCK YESTERDAY MORNING... OFFICERS WERE DISPATCHED TO A LOCAL BANK AFTER REPORTS OF A LOUD BANG. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY HAS THE DETAILS ON WHAT CAUSED AN A-T-M TO EXPLODE.

Champ Shooting Folo Sept 11 5AM :32
CHAMPAIGN POLICE ISSUE AN ARREST WARRANT FOR A MAN WANTED IN A SHOOTING LAST WEEK. IT'S A STORY WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWING... POLICE SAY 18 YEAR OLD BRIAN PARTLOW IS WANTED FOR AGGRAVATED BATTERY WITH A FIREARM. RIGHT NOW POLICE CAN'T FIND PARTLOW. .BUT SAY HIS LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS 104 BELLEFONTAINE IN CHAMPAIGN.

Jville Stabbing Sept 11 5AM :26
JACKSONVILLE POLICE MAKE AN ARREST FOR A STABBING EARLY SUNDAY MORNING. POLICE WENT TO A HOME AT 4-6-6 SOUTH MAUVAISTERRE... WHERE THERE WAS A PARTY. THEY SAY NICHOLAS KENNEDY WAS IN THE KITCHEN WITH A STAB WOUND TO HIS SHOULDER. HE WAS TREATED AT THE HOSPITAL AND RELEASED.

Christman Theft Sept 11 5AM :50
A SPRINGFIELD MAN ACCUSED IN A SERIES OF ROBBERIES WILL FACE A JUDGE TODAY. MORRIS CHRISMAN WAS ARRESTED YESTERDAY... AFTER HE ALLEGEDLY ROBBED THE REGIONS BANK ON SOUTH SIXTH STREET IN SPRINGFIELD. POLICE SAY CHRISMAN ENTERED THE BANK AND HANDED A TELLER A NOTE CLAIMING THAT HE HAD AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE IN THE PLASTIC BAG.

Bang Withdrawl Sept 11 5AM :38
MEANWHILE... POLICE IN CHAMPAIGN ARE SEARCHING FOR A SUSPECT.. WHO TRIED TO BLOW UP AN A-T-M. CHAMPAIGN POLICE SAY IT HAPPENED JUST BEFORE 6 O'CLOCK YESTERDAY MORNING AT THE FIRST MID-ILLINOIS BANK AND TRUST NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF NEIL STREET AND KNOLLWOOD DRIVE.

Deadly Beating Sept 11 5AM 1:14
A SPRINGFIELD TEENAGER FACES MURDER CHARGES FOR THE WEEKEND BEATING DEATH OF ANOTHER TEEN. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT SHOWS YOU WHAT POLICE SAY HAPPENED.

Thief Arrested Sept 11 5AM :23

MEANWHILE.. A FARMER CITY HOUSEKEEPER.. STANDS ACCUSED OF TAKING OUT MORE THAN JUST THE TRASH. DEWITT COUNTY DEPUTIES ARRESTED 36 YEAR OLD DAWN HAWKINS ON FELONY THEFT CHARGES. SHERIFF ROGER MASSEY SAYS THE CASE INVOLVES THE THEFT OF MONEY AND ITEMS TOTALLING SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS.... FROM A RURAL FARMER CITY HOME WHERE HAWKINS WORKED AS A HOUSEKEEPER.

Monticello Threat Sept 11 12PM :20

AN INTERSECTION NEAR HARRISTOWN IS CAUSING CONCERNS...AND AN EMERGENCY TOWN MEETING IS BEING HELD TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE. LAST WEEK...TWO TEENAGERS LOST THEIR LIVES IN A CRASH AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 36 AND HARRISTOWN BOULEVARD. THIS INTERSECTION HAS BEEN THE SITE OF NUMEROUS OTHER CRASHES AND LOCAL RESIDENTS SAY SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE.

Serial Robber Sept 11 12PM :47

A SPRINGFIELD MAN ACCUSED OF SEVERAL ROBBERIES IS EXPECTED BEFORE A JUDGE TODAY. MORRIS CHRISMAN WAS ARRESTED YESTERDAY... AFTER HE ALLEGEDLY ROBBED THE REGIONS BANK ON SOUTH SIXTH STREET IN SPRINGFIELD. POLICE SAY CHRISMAN ENTERED THE BANK AND HANDED A TELLER A NOTE CLAIMING THAT HE HAD AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE IN THE PLASTIC BAG.

Bang Withdrawal Sept 11 12PM :38

MEANWHILE... POLICE IN CHAMPAIGN ARE SEARCHING FOR A SUSPECT.. WHO TRIED TO BLOW UP AN A-T-M. CHAMPAIGN POLICE SAY IT HAPPENED JUST BEFORE 6 O'CLOCK YESTERDAY MORNING AT THE FIRST MID-ILLINOIS BANK AND TRUST NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF NEIL STREET AND KNOLLWOOD DRIVE.

Nelson Charges Sept 11 12PM :44

A SPRINGFIELD TEENAGER FACES MURDER CHARGES FOR THE WEEKEND BEATING DEATH OF ANOTHER TEEN. POLICE SAY 19 YEAR OLD DEVYN GREFF GOT INTO A FIGHT WITH THREE PEOPLE BEHIND HIS APARTMENT IN THE 17 HUNDRED BLOCK OF SOUTH SEVENTH STREET EARLY SUNDAY MORNING. AFTER BEING KNOCKED OUT.. POLICE SAY ONE OF THE MEN.. 17 YEAR OLD BRANDON NELSON.. DROPPED A CONCRETE BLOCK ON GREFF'S HEAD.

Bogus Checks Sept 11 12PM :35

IT'S A SCAM THAT KEEPS POPPING UP... AND NOW A CHECK-CASHING AGENCY IS WARNING YOU NOT TO FALL FOR IT. "FIRST CURRENCY" IN DECATUR SAYS YESTERDAY IT RECEIVED NINE BOGUS CHECKS.. ALL

MADE OUT FOR 980 DOLLARS. THE BUSINESS SAYS THE CHECKS ARE FROM TWO DIFFERENT BANKS... 1ST CREDIT UNION IN ARIZONA... AND PROSPERITY BANK IN FLORIDA.

Crack Sentence Sept 11 12PM :23
A SPRINGFIELD MAN HAS BEEN SENTENCED FOR SELLING CRACK COCAINE IN CHRISTIAN COUNTY. CHRISTIAN COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY THOMAS FINKS SAYS 23 YEAR OLD AARON CUTLER WILL SPEND 6 YEARS IN PRISON. FINKS SAYS CUTLER SOLD CRACK FROM A HOUSE IN CHRISTIAN COUNTY... AND WAS ARRESTED AFTER A POLICE INVESTIGATION.

Bank Rob Folo Sept 11 12PM :21
PROSECUTORS CHARGE THE MAN ACCUSED OF ROBBING SPRINGFIELD'S REGION BANK YESTERDAY... IN CONNECTION WITH THREE ADDITIONAL ROBBERIES. PROSECUTORS SAY MORRIS CHRISMAN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FOUR SPRINGFIELD ROBBERIES WITHIN THE LAST TWO WEEKS.

ATM Bomb Folo Sept 11 12PM :38
MEANWHILE... POLICE IN CHAMPAIGN CONTINUE SEARCHING FOR A SUSPECT.. WHO TRIED TO BLOW UP AN A-T-M. CHAMPAIGN POLICE SAY IT HAPPENED JUST BEFORE 6 O'CLOCK YESTERDAY MORNING AT THE FIRST MID-ILLINOIS BANK AND TRUST... NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF NEIL STREET AND KNOLLWOOD DRIVE.

Pierce Court Sept 11 12PM :32
A TEEN ACCUSED OF MAKING VIOLENT THREATS AT A CENTRAL ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL APPEARED IN COURT THIS MORNING. PIATT COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY, LEONARD RUMERY SAYS JOSEPHINE AMANDA PIERCE WAS ARRAIGNED IN COURT.... APPEARING BEFORE HER BOND RETURN DATE.

Racism Sept 11 6PM :18
A FORMER SPRINGFIELD POLICE LIEUTENANT'S RACIAL DISCRIMINATION LAWSUIT AGAINST THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.. GETS UNDERWAY IN FEDERAL COURT. FORMER LIEUTENANT RICKEY DAVIS CLAIMS HE WAS PASSED OVER FOR A PROMOTION BECAUSE OF HIS COLOR.

Bank Rob Folo Sept 11 6PM :21
PROSECUTORS CHARGE THE MAN ACCUSED OF ROBBING SPRINGFIELD'S REGIONS BANK YESTERDAY... IN CONNECTION WITH THREE ADDITIONAL ROBBERIES. PROSECUTORS SAY MORRIS CHRISMAN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FOUR SPRINGFIELD ROBBERIES WITHIN THE LAST TWO WEEKS. TODAY A JUDGE DENIED CHRISMAN'S

REQUEST TO REPRESENT HIMSELF AND APPOINTED A PUBLIC DEFENDER.

Deadly Beating Sept 11 10PM :37
NEW AT TEN... FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOW SET... FOR THE VICTIM OF A DEADLY FIGHT. 19 YEAR OLD DEVYN GREFF DIED... AFTER A FIGHT IN THE 17-HUNDRED BLOCK OF SOUTH 7TH STEET IN SPRINGFIELD... EARLY SUNDAY MORNING. POLICE SAY 17 YEAR OLD BRANDON NELSON SMASHED A CONCRETE BLOCK ON GREFF'S HEAD... AS GREFF LAY UNCONSCIOUS

Bank Rob Folo Sept 11 10PM :20
PROSECUTORS CHARGE A MAN ACCUSED OF ROBBING SPRINGFIELD'S REGIONS BANK YESTERDAY... WITH THREE ADDITIONAL ROBBERIES. PROSECUTORS SAY MORRIS CHRISMAN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FOUR ROBBERIES IN THE CAPITAL CITY WITHIN THE LAST TWO WEEKS. A JUDGE DENIED CHRISMAN'S REQUEST TO REPRESENT HIMSELF AND APPOINTED A PUBLIC DEFENDER.

Bank Rob Folo Sept 12 5AM :21
PROSECUTORS HAVE CHARGED THE MAN ACCUSED OF ROBBING SPRINGFIELD'S REGION BANK ... WITH THREE ADDITIONAL ROBBERIES. PROSECUTORS SAY MORRIS CHRISMAN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FOUR SPRINGFIELD ROBBERIES WITHIN THE LAST TWO WEEKS. YESTERDAY A JUDGE DENIED CHRISMAN'S REQUEST TO REPRESENT HIMSELF AND APPOINTED A PUBLIC DEFENDER. THE JUDGE ALSO SET BOND AT 500-THOUSAND DOLLARS

ATM Bomb Folo Sept 12 5AM :38
MEANWHILE... POLICE IN CHAMPAIGN CONTINUE SEARCHING FOR A SUSPECT.. WHO TRIED TO BLOW UP AN A-T-M. CHAMPAIGN POLICE SAY IT HAPPENED JUST BEFORE 6 O'CLOCK MONDAY MORNING AT THE FIRST MID-ILLINOIS BANK AND TRUST... NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF NEIL STREET AND KNOLLWOOD DRIVE. INVESTIGATORS SAY SOMEONE USED SOME SORT OF EXPLOSIVE TO GET INTO THE A-T-M AND STEAL THE CASH INSIDE.

Pierce Court Sept 12 5AM :28
A TEEN ACCUSED OF MAKING VIOLENT THREATS AT A CENTRAL ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL APPEARED IN COURT YESTERDAY MORNING. PIATT COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY, LEONARD RUMERY SAYS JOSEPHINE AMANDA PIERCE WAS ARRAIGNED YESTERDAY. RUMERY SAYS PIERCE PLEADED NOT GUILTY AND WAIVED HER RIGHT TO A PRELIMINARY HEARING.

McCann Prosecutor Sept 12 5AM :31

A PORTUGUESE PROSECUTOR MUST NOW DECIDE WHETHER TO CHARGE THE PARENTS OF MISSING BRITISH GIRL MADELINE MCCANN. POLICE TURNED THE CASE FILE ON MADELINE'S DISAPPEARANCE OVER TO THE PROSECUTOR ON TUESDAY. SHE DISAPPEARED FROM A HOTEL ROOM IN SOUTHERN PORTUGAL BACK IN MAY WHILE HER FAMILY WAS ON VACATION.

Racism Lawsuit Sept 12 12PM :31

A FORMER SPRINGFIELD LIEUTENANT HOPES TO PROVE **RACIAL DISCRIMINATION** IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE TRIAL BETWEEN FORMER LIEUTENANT RICKEY DAVIS AND THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD BEGAN YESTERDAY AND CONTINUES TODAY. DAVIS SAYS HE WAS PASSED UP FOR A PROMOTION BECAUSE OF THE COLOR OF HIS SKIN .. AND PREVIOUS COMPLAINTS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

Bank Rob Folo Sept 12 12PM :21

PROSECUTORS HAVE CHARGED THE MAN ACCUSED OF ROBBING SPRINGFIELD'S REGION BANK ... WITH THREE ADDITIONAL ROBBERIES. PROSECUTORS SAY MORRIS CHRISMAN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FOUR SPRINGFIELD ROBBERIES WITHIN THE LAST TWO WEEKS. YESTERDAY A JUDGE DENIED CHRISMAN'S REQUEST TO REPRESENT HIMSELF AND APPOINTED A PUBLIC DEFENDER.

Deadly Beating Sept 12 12PM :36

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOW SET... FOR THE VICTIM OF A DEADLY FIGHT. 19 YEAR OLD DEVYN GREFF DIED... AFTER A FIGHT IN THE 17-HUNDRED BLOCK OF SOUTH 7TH STEET IN SPRINGFIELD... EARLY SUNDAY MORNING. POLICE SAY 17 YEAR OLD BRANDON NELSON SMASHED A CONCRETE BLOCK ON GREFF'S HEAD... AS GREFF LAY UNCONSCIOUS.

Sex Charges Sept 12 5PM :32

A CENTRAL ILLINOIS MAN WITH A LONG CRIMINAL RECORD... IS EXPECTED TO PLEAD INNOCENT TO SEX CRIMES. 37 YEAR OLD THOMAS RINEHART OF MATTOON SITS IN THE COLES COUNTY JAIL TONIGHT... CHARGED WITH 4 COUNTS OF POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY.

Horse Charges Sept 12 6PM :35

MORE HORSES ARE TAKEN FROM A COLES COUNTY FARM... WHERE INVESTIGATORS FOUND CASES OF SEVERE ANIMAL NEGLECT LAST MONTH. THIS WAS THE SCENE AT THE FARM NEAR CHARLESTON LAST MONTH... AS INVESTIGATORS TOOK 12 HORSES THAT WERE EMACIATED AND WITHOUT WATER. INVESTIGATORS ALSO FOUND 14 DEAD HORSES.

Horses Charges Sept 12 10PM :38

SHOCKING NEW VIDEO TONIGHT... OF EMACIATED HORSES TAKEN FROM A COLES COUNTY FARM... WHERE LAST MONTH INVESTIGATORS FOUND CASES OF SEVERE ANIMAL NEGLECT. THIS IS VIDEO FROM COLES COUNTY ANIMAL RESCUE... ON A FARM NEAR CHARLESTON... WHERE INVESTIGATORS FOUND 14 DEAD HORSES LAST MONTH.

Sex Charges Sept 12 10PM :32

A CENTRAL ILLINOIS MAN WITH A LONG CRIMINAL RECORD... IS EXPECTED TO PLEAD INNOCENT TO SEX CRIMES. 37 YEAR OLD THOMAS RINEHART OF MATTOON SITS IN THE COLES COUNTY JAIL TONIGHT... CHARGED WITH 4 COUNTS OF POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY. HE'S ALSO CHARGED WITH TWO COUNTS OF AGGRAVATED CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT TO A FAMILY MEMBER UNDER THE AGE OF 13.

Horse Charges Sept 13 5AM :30

MORE HORSES HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM A COLES COUNTY FARM... WHERE INVESTIGATORS FOUND CASES OF ANIMAL NEGLECT LAST MONTH. COLES COUNTY INVESTIGATORS SAY NEARLY 60 HORSES WERE TAKEN FROM THE FARM NEAR CHARLESTON YESTERDAY. THIS IS VIDEO FROM LAST MONTH.. WHEN INVESTIGATORS FOUND 14 DEAD HORSES THERE.

Sex Charges Sept 13 5AM :24

A CENTRAL ILLINOIS MAN WITH A LONG CRIMINAL RECORD... IS EXPECTED TO PLEAD NOT GUILTY TO SEX CRIMES. 37 YEAR OLD THOMAS RINEHART OF MATTOON IS CHARGED WITH 4 COUNTS OF POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY. HE'S ALSO CHARGED WITH TWO COUNTS OF AGGRAVATED CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT TO A FAMILY MEMBER UNDER THE AGE OF 13.

Horse Charges Sept 13 12PM :38

MORE HORSES HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM A COLES COUNTY FARM... WHERE INVESTIGATORS FOUND CASES OF ANIMAL NEGLECT LAST MONTH. COLES COUNTY INVESTIGATORS SAY NEARLY 60 HORSES WERE TAKEN FROM THE FARM NEAR CHARLESTON YESTERDAY.

Bank Robbery Sept 13 5PM :33

BREAKING NEWS IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD TONIGHT.. A SUSPECTED BANK ROBBER.. IS UNDER ARREST TONIGHT. POLICE WERE CALLED TO THE NATIONAL CITY BANK AT ONE OLD STATE CAPITOL PLAZA SHORTLY AFTER FOUR O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON.

School Threats Sept 13 5PM :42

THERE ARE MORE POLICE IN TWO SCHOOL DISTRICTS BECAUSE OF THREATS. CARRIE BUSEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CHAMPAIGN

RECEIVED A THREAT OF A POSSIBLE SHOOTING AT **ALL SCHOOLS** IN THE AREA. NO SPECIFIC SCHOOL WAS NAMED. CHAMPAIGN POLICE INCREASED PATROLS AT ALL THE SCHOOLS AND CONTINUE INVESTIGATING.

Davis Trial Sept 13 5PM 1:15
A FORMER SPRINGFIELD POLICE LIEUTENANT'S RACIAL DISCRIMINATION LAWSUIT AGAINST THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.. GOES TO THE JURY. ATTORNEYS WRAPPED UP CLOSING ARGUMENTS THIS MORNING AROUND 10:30... BUT JURORS ARE STILL DELIBERATING RIGHT NOW.

Cortez Gray Sept 13 5PM :19
A MAN ACCUSED OF ROBBING SOY CAPITAL BANK IN DECATUR LAST SPRING.. NOW HAS A TRIAL DATE. CORTEZ GRAY'S JURY TRIAL.. ON THE ARMED ROBBERY CHARGE... WILL BE SEPTEMBER 24TH IN MACON COUNTY COURT. GRAY ALSO FACES MURDER CHARGES... BUT THAT CHARGE WILL BE DEALT WITH SEPARATELY FROM THIS TRIAL.

Mailing Pot Sept 13 5PM :18
A CENTRAL ILLINOIS MAN GETS CONVICTED OF MAILING 37 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA TO HIMSELF. THE INCIDENT HAPPENED TWO YEARS AGO. YESTERDAY... A JURY FOUND 31 YEAR OLD ROCKY JOSEPH OF JACKSONVILLE... **GUILTY** OF POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DELIVER AND UNLAWFUL TRAFFICKING. JOSEPH FACES 12 TO 60 YEARS IN PRISON WHEN HE'S SENTENCED IN OCTOBER.

Bank Robbery Sept 13 6PM :29
A MAN TRIES TO ROB A DOWNTOWN SPRINGFIELD BANK.. BUT DOESN'T GET VERY FAR. POLICE WERE CALLED TO THE NATIONAL CITY BANK AT ONE OLD STATE CAPITOL PLAZA... SHORTLY AFTER FOUR THIS AFTERNOON. INVESTIGATORS SAY JAMES R. MEIR (MEER) ENTERED THE BANK AND GAVE A TELLER A NOTE.. DEMANDING MONEY.

School Threats Sept 13 6PM :41
TWO SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE PUT ON ALERT BECAUSE OF THREATS. CARRIE BUSEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CHAMPAIGN RECEIVED A THREAT OF A POSSIBLE SHOOTING AT ALL SCHOOLS IN THE AREA. NO SPECIFIC SCHOOL WAS NAMED. CHAMPAIGN POLICE INCREASED PATROLS AT ALL THE SCHOOLS AND CONTINUE INVESTIGATING.

Davis Trian Sept 13 6PM :45
JURORS DECIDING A FORMER SPRINGFIELD POLICE LIEUTENANT'S RACIAL DISCRIMINATION LAWSUIT... AGAINST THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.. HAVE GONE HOME FOR THE NIGHT. RICKY DAVIS IS SUING THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.. CLAIMING HE WAS PASSED OVER FOR A PROMOTION BECAUSE OF HIS RACE.

Horse Update Sept 13 6PM 1:20
LAST MONTH... A DOZEN HORSES WERE TAKEN FROM A RANCH IN COLES COUNTY... AFTER THE OWNER IS ACCUSED OF ANIMAL CRUELTY, NEGLECT AND ABUSE. NOW ANOTHER 60 HORSES FROM THAT SAME LOCATION ARE PLACED UNDER PROTECTION.

Sex Offend Bill Sept 13 6PM :27
A NEW LAW PUTS MONEY IN THE HANDS OF POLICE FIGHTING SEX CRIMES. THE LAW CREATES THE "SEX OFFENDER INVESTIGATION FUND." CONVICTED SEX OFFENDERS WILL HAVE TO PAY A 500-DOLLAR FINE... AND THAT MONEY WILL BE PUT IN THE FUND TO HELP STATE INVESTIGATORS FIGHT SEX CRIMES. NEARLY 100 DOLLARS OF EVERY FINE WILL GO DIRECTLY TO THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE THAT PROSECUTED EACH CASE.

Bank Robbery Sept 13 10PM :49
A MAN THAT ALLEGEDLY TRIED TO ROB A SPRINGFIELD BANK THIS AFTERNOON DIDN'T GET VERY FAR. NEW AT TEN... SPRINGFIELD POLICE THINK THE MAN MAY HAVE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES.

School Threats Sept 13 10PM :41
STUDENTS IN TWO CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS WILL BE IN SCHOOL AS USUAL TOMORROW... BUT WITH A STEPPED-UP POLICE PRESENCE. TODAY CARRIE BUSEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CHAMPAIGN RECEIVED A THREAT OF A POSSIBLE SHOOTING AT ALL SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT. NO SPECIFIC SCHOOL WAS NAMED. CHAMPAIGN POLICE INCREASED PATROLS AT ALL THE SCHOOLS.

Davis Trial Sept 13 10PM :42
JURORS FOR A RACIAL DISCRIMINATION LAWSUIT AGAINST THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD WILL RETURN TO DELIBERATIONS TOMORROW MORNING. FORMER SPRINGFIELD POLICE LIEUTENANT RICKEY DAVIS IS SUING THE CITY... CLAIMING HE WAS PASSED OVER FOR A PROMOTION BECAUSE OF HIS RACE. AFTER DELIBERATING FOR MORE THAN SIX HOURS WITH SOME HEATED DISCUSSIONS... JURORS MADE THE DECISION TO GO HOME FOR THE NIGHT.

Horse Update Sept 13 10PM :52
AFTER AN EXTREME CASE OF ANIMAL NEGLECT... NEARLY 70 HORSES ARE NOW IN SAFE LIVING CONDITIONS. LAST MONTH... COLES COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL REMOVED 12 HORSES FROM A RANCH NEAR CHARLESTON... OFFICERS SAY IT IS ONE OF THE MOST **SEVERE** SITUATIONS THEY'VE EVER SEEN.

School Threats Sept 14 5AM :30

THREATS RECEIVED AT TWO CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS WILL MEAN AN INCREASED POLICE PRESENCE TODAY. YESTERDAY CARRIE BUSEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CHAMPAIGN RECEIVED A THREAT OF A POSSIBLE SHOOTING AT ALL SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT. NO SPECIFIC SCHOOL WAS NAMED. TEACHERS, STAFF AND ADMINISTRATORS WERE ALL PUT ON ALERT FOR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY.

Cortez Gray Sept 14 5AM :16
A MAN ACCUSED OF ROBBING SOY CAPITAL BANK IN DECATUR LAST SPRING.. WILL BE GOING TO TRIAL LATER THIS MONTH. CORTEZ GRAY'S JURY TRIAL ON THE ARMED ROBBERY CHARGE WILL BE SEPTEMBER 24TH IN MACON COUNTY COURT. GRAY ALSO FACES A MURDER CHARGE... BUT THAT WILL BE DEALT WITH SEPARATELY.

Mailing Pot Sept 14 5AM :18
A CENTRAL ILLINOIS MAN HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF MAILING 37 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA TO HIMSELF. THE INCIDENT HAPPENED TWO YEARS AGO. WEDNESDAY... A JURY FOUND 31 YEAR OLD ROCKY JOSEPH OF JACKSONVILLE... **GUILTY** OF POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DELIVER AND UNLAWFUL TRAFFICKING.

Davis Trial Sept 14 5AM :32
JURORS FOR A RACIAL DISCRIMINATION LAWSUIT AGAINST THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD WILL CONTINUE DELIBERATIONS THIS MORNING. FORMER SPRINGFIELD POLICE LIEUTENANT RICKEY DAVIS IS SUING THE CITY... CLAIMING HE WAS PASSED OVER FOR A PROMOTION BECAUSE OF HIS RACE.

Bank Robbery Sept 14 5AM :45
A SUSPECTED BANK ROBBER IS IN CUSTODY THIS MORNING.. FOLLOWING SOME SWIFT ACTION BY SPRINGFIELD POLICE. POLICE WERE CALLED TO THE NATIONAL CITY BANK AT ONE OLD STATE CAPITOL PLAZA... SHORTLY AFTER FOUR YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Massey Plea Sept 14 12PM :30
BREAKING NEWS...A PLEA DEAL HAS BEEN MADE IN THE CASE OF A MAN CHARGED WITH KILLING A PREGNANT HALLSVILLE WOMAN AND HER SON IN 2006. ARTHUR THOMAS MASSEY PLEADED GUILTY TO THREE COUNTS IN DEWITT COUNTY COURT THIS MORNING. THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SAYS MASSEY PLEADED GUILTY TO TWO FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGES...ONE FOR THE MURDER OF 28-YEAR-OLD KATIE GRIFFIETH...THE SECOND COUNT FOR HER EIGHT-YEAR-OLD SON, KENDALL.

Davis Trial Sept 14 12PM 1:15

WE HAVE BREAKING NEWS IN A STORY WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWING FOR YOU IN SPRINGFIELD INVOLVING A RACIAL DISCRIMINATION LAWSUIT AGAINST THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT IS LIVE IN SPRINGFIELD WITH MORE. STEPHANIE?

Bank Robbery Sept 14 12PM :44
A SUSPECTED BANK ROBBER IS IN CUSTODY...FOLLOWING SOME SWIFT ACTION BY SPRINGFIELD POLICE. POLICE WERE CALLED TO THE NATIONAL CITY BANK AT ONE OLD STATE CAPITOL PLAZA... SHORTLY AFTER FOUR YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. INVESTIGATORS SAY JAMES R. (MEER) MEIR OF MESA, ARIZONA... ENTERED THE BANK AND GAVE A TELLER A NOTE.. DEMANDING MONEY.

School Threat Sept 14 12PM :29
A CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL HAVE INCREASED POLICE PRESENCE ON ITS CAMPUSES TODAY FOLLOWING A THREAT OF A POSSIBLE SHOOOL SHOOTING.
CARRIE BUSEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CHAMPAIGN RECEIVED THE THREAT YESTERDAY. NO SPECIFIC SCHOOL WAS NAMED. TEACHERS, STAFF AND ADMINISTRATORS WERE ALL PUT ON ALERT FOR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Massey Plea Deal Sept 14 10PM :46
THE MAN WHO KILLED A PREGNANT WOMAN, HER UNBORN CHILD, AND HER SON.. WILL SPEND THE REST OF HIS LIFE IN PRISON. 38 YEAR-OLD ARTHUR THOMAS MASSEY MADE HIS PLEA DEAL IN DEWITT COUNTY COURT THIS MORNING.

Davis Verdict Sept 14 10PM :54
MEANWHILE .. A FORMER SPRINGFIELD POLICE LIEUTENANT ISN'T GIVING UP HIS LEGAL BATTLE. FORMER LIEUTENANT RICKEY DAVIS SUED THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD FOR RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND RETALIATION. THE JURY RULED IN FAVOR OF **THE CITY** ON DISCRIMINATION BUT COULD NOT AGREE ON THE RETALIATION CHARGE

School Threats Sept 14 10PM :47
CHAMPAIGN POLICE SAY A MESSAGE WARNING OF GUN VIOLENCE IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SCHOOLS IS NOT CREDIBLE. INVESTIGATORS SAY THE CALL CAME EARLIER THIS WEEK AT CARRIE BUSEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CHAMPAIGN. INVESTIGATORS SAY THEY TRACED THE CALL CAME TO A HOME IN THE 1600 BLOCK OF IVANHOE WAY IN URBANA... BUT POLICE SAY NO ONE IN THE HOME IS ADMITTING TO MAKING THE CALL... OR KNOWING WHO DID.

Massey Plea Deal Sept 14 5PM :21

MAJOR COURTROOM ACTION IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS TONIGHT. WE BEGIN WITH THE CONCLUSION OF A VERY EMOTIONAL CASE... A MOTHER, HER UNBORN CHILD AND ANOTHER CHILD.. ALL MURDERED IN HALLSVILLE. TONIGHT WE LEARN THE FATE OF THE KILLER.

Davis Verdict Sept 14 5PM :13
MEANWHILE IN THE CAPITOL CITY ... A RACIAL DISCRIMINATION LAWSUIT BETWEEN A FORMER LIEUTENANT AND THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD COMES TO A CLOSE. BUT AS NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT EXPLAINS LIVE FROM SPRINGFIELD .. SOME SAY IT'S FAR FROM OVER.

School Threats Sept 14 5PM :48
CHAMPAIGN POLICE SAY THERE'S **NO** CREDIBILITY TO MESSAGES WARNING OF GUN VIOLENCE IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SCHOOLS. ALL CHAMPAIGN AND URBANA SCHOOLS WERE ON HEIGHTENED SECURITY YESTERDAY... AFTER POLICE SAY A MESSAGE WAS LEFT WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT CARRIE BUSEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CHAMPAIGN.

Spfidl bank Folo Sept 14 5PM :41
WE HAVE AN UPDATE ON A BANK ROBBERY THAT HAPPENED IN SPRINGFIELD LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. THE SANGAMON COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY SAYS THIS MAN... 34 YEAR OLD JAMES MEIR (**MEER**) IS NOW CHARGED WITH ROBBING THE NATIONAL CITY BANK AT ONE OLD STATE CAPITOL PLAZA. THAT'S A CLASS TWO FELONY PUNISHABLE BY THREE TO SEVEN YEARS IN PRISON.

Massey Plea Deal Sept 14 6PM :18
A PLEA DEAL IS MADE FOR THE MAN WHO KILLED A PREGNANT WOMAN AND HER SON.
EVEN WITH A DONE DEAL, THERE ARE STILL UNANSWERED QUESTIONS FOR THE VICTIMS' LOVED ONES. NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH IS LIVE IN THE NEWSROOM TO EXPLAIN, KELLY?

David Verdict Sept 14 6PM :57
MEANWHILE A JURY REACHES A DECISION IN THE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION LAWSUIT BETWEEN A FORMER LIEUTENANT AND THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. BUT AS NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT EXPLAINS SOME SAY... THERE ARE STILL MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS.

Spfld Bust Sept 14 6PM :57
THE SPRINGFIELD POLICE NARCOTICS UNIT SAYS IT MADE TWO SIGNIFICANT DRUG AND WEAPONS BUSTS OVERNIGHT. ONE BUST HAPPENED AT 15-15 EAST GLENN IN SPRINGFIELD. TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.... POLICE FOUND SEVEN GRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE, THREE

GRAMS OF POWDERED COCAINE, 2 OUNCES OF MARIJUANA, A 38 CALIBER REVOLVER.. A 357 MAGNUM... TWO SHOTGUNS AND MORE THAN 16-HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CASH.

Meth Money Sept 14 6PM :21
MEANWHILE... HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WILL GO TOWARDS FIGHTING METH IN EAST CENTRAL ILLINOIS. MORE THAN 400-THOUSAND DOLLARS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE EAST CENTRAL ILLINOIS TASK FORCE... TO FIGHT THE RAPID SPREAD OF THE HIGHLY ADDICTIVE DRUG, METHAMPHETAMINE. THAT INCLUDES COLES, DOUGLAS, MOULTRIE AND VERMILION COUNTIES.

Spfld Bank Folo Sept 14 6PM :40
WE HAVE AN UPDATE ON THE BANK ROBBERY IN SPRINGFIELD LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. THE SANGAMON COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY SAYS THIS MAN... 34 YEAR OLD JAMES MEIR (MEER) IS NOW CHARGED WITH ROBBING THE NATIONAL CITY BANK AT ONE OLD STATE CAPITOL PLAZA. THAT'S A CLASS TWO FELONY PUNISHABLE BY THREE TO SEVEN YEARS IN PRISON

School Threats Sept 14 6PM :46
CHAMPAIGN POLICE HAVE TRACED WHERE A MESSAGE CAME FROM... THAT WARNED OF GUN VIOLENCE IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SCHOOLS. INVESTIGATORS SAY THEY TRACED THE CALL TO A HOME IN THE 1600 BLOCK OF IVANHOE WAY IN URBANA. BUT POLICE SAY NO ONE LIVING THERE ADMITTED TO MAKING THE CALLS... OR KNOWING WHO DID.

Home Invasion Sept 17 5AM :23
MACON COUNTY AUTHORITIES ARE LOOKING FOR TWO MEN WHO INJURED A WOMAN IN A HOME INVASION LAST NIGHT. THE MACON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS THE MEN FORCED THEIR WAY INTO A HOME AT THE 58-HUNDRED BLOCK OF HILL ROAD. WHEN DEPUTIES ARRIVED, THEY FOUND A WOMAN WITH SEVERAL CUTS TO HER HEAD. SHE WAS TREATED AND RELEASED.

Farm Safety Sept 17 5AM 1:36
LOCAL FARMERS WANT DRIVERS TO SLOW DOWN. THIS WEEK IS NATIONAL FARM SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK. IT COMES AT A TIME WHEN FARMERS ARE BEGINNING TO HARVEST THEIR CROPS... AND TEND TO SPEND LONG HOURS IN THE FIELDS. BUT AS NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY SHOWS US... ONE FARMER SAYS THE MOST DANGEROUS PART OF HIS JOB... IS *OUTSIDE* OF THE FIELDS.

Spfld Shooting Sept 17 5AM :15
SPRINGFIELD POLICE SAY TWO MEN ARE IN THE HOSPITAL THIS MORNING AFTER A SHOOTING LAST NIGHT. POLICE SAY THE SHOOTING

HAPPENED IN THE 5-HUNDRED BLOCK OF MC-CREERY STREET. THE VICTIMS ARE MALE. POLICE SAY ONE HAS LIFE-THREATENING INJURIES.

Spfld Shooting Sept 17 12PM :15
POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR SUSPECTS AFTER A LATE NIGHT SHOOTING LEAVES ONE MAN **DEAD** AND ANOTHER INJURED. THE SHOOTING HAPPENED NEAR JACKSON AND McCREARY IN SPRINGFIELD, SHORTLY AFTER 11 O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT.

Home Invasion Sept 17 12PM :19
POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR TWO MEN WHO INJURED A WOMAN IN A HOME INVASION LAST NIGHT. THE MACON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS THE MEN FORCED THEIR WAY INTO A HOME AT THE 58-HUNDRED BLOCK OF HILL ROAD. WHEN DEPUTIES ARRIVED, THEY FOUND A WOMAN WITH SEVERAL CUTS TO HER HEAD.

Sprld Murder Sept 17 5PM :23
A LATE NIGHT SHOOTING BRINGS THE SPRINGFIELD MURDER TALLY TO FIVE THIS YEAR. 18 YEAR OLD PERCY CLEMENT DIED SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT AFTER HE WAS SHOT WHILE DRIVING A CAR NEAR JACKSON AND McCREARY STREETS...

Spfid Murder Sept 17 6PM :12
ONE MAN IS DEAD... ANOTHER INJURED... AFTER A SHOOTING ON SPRINGFIELD'S EAST SIDE LAST NIGHT. AND POLICE SAY THEY ARE STILL LOOKING FOR SUSPECTS. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEVE BUTERA JOINS US NOW WITH THE LATEST IN THE INVESTIGATION.

Spfld Murder Sept 17 10PM :47
SPRINGFIELD POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR SUSPECTS TONIGHT... AFTER A MAN IS SHOT TO DEATH IN A CAR LAST NIGHT. 18 YEAR OLD PERCY CLEMENT OF SPRINGFIELD DIED SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT AT ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL AFTER HE WAS SHOT IN THE HEAD. A PASSENGER IN THE CAR WAS ALSO SHOT... AND TREATED FOR NON- LIFE THREATENING INJURIES.

Spfld Murder Sept 18 5AM 1:34
THE CITY OF SPRINFIELD HAS MARKED ITS FIFTH SHOOTING DEATH THIS YEAR. 18 YEAR OLD PERCY CLEMENT WAS SHOT AND KILLED YESTERDAY IN THE CITY'S EAST SIDE.. NEWSCENTER 17 STEVE BUTERA TALKED WITH NEIGHBORS IN THE AREA WHO SAY THE VIOLENCE THERE IS ONLY GETTING WORSE.

Clemons Court Sept 18 12PM :38

A JUDGE HAS GRANTED ANOTHER CONTINUANCE IN THE CASE OF THE MAN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING TWO CHAMPAIGN POLICE OFFICERS. THE CONTINUANCE IS TO ALLOW A PSYCHIATRIST TO EXAMINE DONNELL CLEMONS... TO SEE IF HE'S MENTALLY FIT TO STAND TRIAL. AT A PRE-TRIAL HEARING THIS MORNING... CLEMONS' ATTORNEY ASKED FOR THE CONTINUANCE.

Johnson Court Sept 18 12PM :39
ALSO IN COURT TODAY... A JUDGE GRANTED A CONTINUANCE FOR A MAN ACCUSED OF TAKING TWO KIDS HOSTAGE AFTER LEADING POLICE ON A CHASE. AT A PRE-TRAIL THIS MORNING...A JUDGE GRANTED THE CONTINUANCE FOR TORRIANO JOHNSON...PENDING RESULTS OF A PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION.

Mattoon Porn Charge Sept 18 12PM :18
A CENTRAL ILLINOIS MAN...PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO SEX CRIMES YESTERDAY.
37 YEAR OLD THOMAS RINEHART OF MATTOON IS CHARGED WITH 4 COUNTS OF POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY. HE'S ALSO CHARGED WITH TWO COUNTS OF AGGRAVATED CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT TO A FAMILY MEMBER UNDER THE AGE OF 13.

Spfld Murder Sept 18 12PM 1:34
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD HAS MARKED ITS FIFTH SHOOTING DEATH THIS YEAR. 18 YEAR OLD PERCY CLEMENT WAS SHOT AND KILLED YESTERDAY IN THE CITY'S EAST SIDE.. NEWSCENTER 17 STEVE BUTERA TALKED WITH NEIGHBORS IN THE AREA WHO SAY THE VIOLENCE THERE IS ONLY GETTING WORSE.

LSA Theft Sept 18 5PM :25
POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING HOW SOME 100-THOUSAND DOLLARS BECAME MISSING FROM THE LUTHERAN SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION IN DECATUR. SERGEANT STEVE CHABAK SAYS THEY GOT THE CASE LATE LAST WEEK AND A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF L-S-A IS PART OF THE INVESTIGATION.

Clemons Court Sept 18 5PM :38
A JUDGE GRANTS ANOTHER CONTINUANCE IN THE CASE OF THE MAN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING TWO CHAMPAIGN POLICE OFFICERS. THE CONTINUANCE WILL ALLOW A PSYCHIATRIST TO EXAMINE DONNELL CLEMONS... TO SEE IF HE'S MENTALLY FIT TO STAND TRIAL. AT A PRE-TRIAL HEARING THIS MORNING... CLEMONS' ATTORNEY ASKED FOR THE CONTINUANCE.

Johnson Court Sept 18 5PM :41

ALSO IN COURT TODAY... A JUDGE GRANTS A CONTINUANCE FOR A MAN ACCUSED OF TAKING TWO KIDS HOSTAGE AFTER LEADING POLICE ON A CHASE. AT A PRE-TRAIL HEARING THIS MORNING... A JUDGE GRANTED THE CONTINUANCE FOR TORRIANO JOHNSON...PENDING RESULTS OF A PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION.

LSA Theft Sept 18 6PM :28
DECATUR POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE THEFT AT THE LUTHERAN SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION. SERGEANT STEVE CHABAK SAYS THEY GOT THE CASE LATE LAST WEEK. A FORMER EMPLOYEE IS A POSSIBLE SUSPECT AND AS MUCH AS 100-THOUSAND DOLLARS COULD BE MISSING.

Decatur Theft Sept 18 6PM :36
DECATUR POLICE SAY THEY CAUGHT A THIEF IN ACTION TODAY. JUST AFTER 1 THIS AFTERNOON... POLICE SAY AN OFF DUTY OFFICER WITNESSED A BURGLARY IN PROGRESS AT 25-03 NANTUCKET DRIVE. POLICE SAY THEY ARRESTED 21 YEAR OLD CHAD SLAW. POLICE SAY HE TRIED STEALING A BIKE, VIDEO GAME AND CANVAS BAG.. BUT ALL THOSE ITEMS WERE RECOVERED.

Clemons Court Sept 19 5AM :38
A JUDGE GRANTS ANOTHER CONTINUANCE IN THE CASE OF THE MAN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING TWO CHAMPAIGN POLICE OFFICERS. THE CONTINUANCE WILL ALLOW A PSYCHIATRIST TO EXAMINE DONNELL CLEMONS... TO SEE IF HE'S MENTALLY FIT TO STAND TRIAL. AT A PRE-TRIAL HEARING THIS MORNING... CLEMONS' ATTORNEY ASKED FOR THE CONTINUANCE.

Johnson Court Sept 19 5AM :41
A JUDGE ALSO GRANTED A CONTINUANCE FOR A MAN ACCUSED OF TAKING TWO KIDS HOSTAGE AFTER LEADING POLICE ON A CHASE. AT A PRE-TRAIL HEARING THIS MORNING... A JUDGE GRANTED THE CONTINUANCE FOR TORRIANO JOHNSON...PENDING RESULTS OF A PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION.

LSA Theft Sept 19 5AM :27
DECATUR POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE THEFT AT THE LUTHERAN SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION. SERGEANT STEVE CHABAK SAYS THEY GOT THE CASE LATE LAST WEEK. A FORMER EMPLOYEE IS A POSSIBLE SUSPECT AND AS MUCH AS 100-THOUSAND DOLLARS COULD BE MISSING.

Decatur Theft Sept 19 5AM :26
DECATUR POLICE SAY THEY CAUGHT A THIEF IN ACTION TODAY. JUST AFTER 1 THIS AFTERNOON... POLICE SAY AN OFF DUTY OFFICER

WITNESSED A BURGLARY IN PROGRESS AT 25-03 NANTUCKET DRIVE. POLICE SAY THEY ARRESTED 21 YEAR OLD CHAD SLAW. POLICE SAY HE TRIED STEALING A BIKE, VIDEO GAME AND CANVAS BAG.. BUT ALL THOSE ITEMS WERE RECOVERED.

Read Murder Court Sept 19 12PM :38
A JURY TRIAL, IS SET IN COURT THIS MORNING... FOR THREE YOUNG MEN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING AND KILLING A TEENAGER. 18-YEAR-OLD CHRISTOPHER GRAVES.. 19-YEAR-OLD THESIS JONES.. AND 20-YEAR-OLD EMMANUEL LEWIS ARE CHARGED WITH FIRST DEGREE MURDER. FINAL PRE-TRIAL HEARINGS FOR ALL THREE, ARE SET FOR OCTOBER 24TH... WITH JURY TRIALS SET FOR NOVEMBER 5TH.

Pot/Cocaine Bust Sept 19 12PM :21
SPRINGFIELD POLICE FIND NEARLY 100 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA...ALONG WITH CASH, FIREARMS AND COCAINE. THE SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PRO-ACTIVE CRIME UNIT MADE THE BUST THIS MORNING, AFTER A SIX MONTH LONG INVESTIGATION. OFFICERS FOUND THE DRUGS AND GUNS, WHILE SEARCHING TWO HOMES... ON WHITE CITY BOULEVARD AND ILES AVENUE.

LSA Theft Sept 19 12PM :27
DECATUR POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE THEFT AT THE LUTHERAN SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION. SERGEANT STEVE CHABAK SAYS THEY GOT THE CASE LATE LAST WEEK. A FORMER EMPLOYEE IS A POSSIBLE SUSPECT AND AS MUCH AS 100-THOUSAND DOLLARS COULD BE MISSING.

Decatur Theft Sept 19 12PM :26
MEANWHILE...DECATUR POLICE SAY THEY CAUGHT A THIEF IN ACTION TODAY. JUST AFTER 1 THIS AFTERNOON... POLICE SAY AN OFF DUTY OFFICER WITNESSED A BURGLARY IN PROGRESS AT 25-03 NANTUCKET DRIVE. POLICE SAY THEY ARRESTED 21 YEAR OLD CHAD SLAW. POLICE SAY HE TRIED STEALING A BIKE, VIDEO GAME AND CANVAS BAG.. BUT ALL THOSE ITEMS WERE RECOVERED.

Drug Bust Sept 19 5PM 1:18
POLICE IN ONE CENTRAL ILLINOIS CITY PUT A BIG DENT INTO THE MARIJUANA TRADE.
SPRINGFIELD POLICE RAID TWO HOMES THIS MORNING AND SEIZE A LARGE AMOUNT OF DRUGS. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT SHOWS YOU HOW BIG THAT HAUL ACTUALLY WAS.

Read Murder Hearing Sept 19 6PM :28
A MACON COUNTY JUDGE SETS A TRIAL DATE FOR THREE MEN ACCUSED OF KILLING A TEENAGER 18 YEAR OLD CHRISTOPHER

GRAVES.. 19 YEAR OLD THESIS JONES.. AND 20 YEAR OLD EMMANUEL LEWIS WILL STAND TRIAL NOVEMBER FIFTH ON FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGES.

86 Minors Arrested Sept 19 6PM :40
MORE THAN 50 MINORS FACE CHARGES... AND A CHARLESTON BAR COULD LOSE ITS LICENSE... AFTER A WEEKEND BAR RAID. JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT SUNDAY... HARLESTON POLICE DID A COMPLIANCE CHECK AT JERRY'S PIZZA BAR. POLICE FOUND **86 MINORS** IN THE BAR... THEY WERE ALL TICKETED... SOME WITH MULTIPLE CHARGES... FOR A TOTAL OF **169 VIOLATIONS**.

BB Vandal Sentenced Sept 19 6PM :21
A TEENAGER CHARGED WITH A VANDALISM SPREE BACK IN FEBRUARY.. WILL GO TO PRISON. THIS MORNING A SANGAMON COUNTY JUDGE SENTENCED CAMERON MARQUEZ TO 30 MONTHS IN PRISON. MARQUEZ SHOT OUT WINDOWS IN VEHICLES, BUSINESSES, AND HOMES IN THE SPRINGFIELD AREA.. CAUSING MORE THAN 120-THOUSAND DOLLARS DAMAGE.

Drug Bust Sept 19 6PM :27
THREE PEOPLE ARE BEHIND BARS TONIGHT AFTER SPRINGFIELD POLICE MAKE A HUGE DRUG BUST. POLICE RAIDED TWO HOMES.. ONE ON THE EAST SIDE OF TOWN.. AND ONE ON THE WEST SIDE EARLY THIS MORNING. IN ALL THEY SEIZED MORE THAN 100 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA.. SEVEN GUNS. AMMUNITION.. COCAINE.. AND SEVERAL HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CASH.

Mail Fraud Guy Sept 19 10PM :29
NEW TONIGHT... A SPRINGFIELD MAN IS IN F-B-I CUSTODY... CHARGED WITH DEFRAUDING MEDICARE AND MEDICAID. THE F-B-I OFFICE IN SPRINGFIELD SAYS 60 YEAR OLD RICHARD WEIR WAS ARRESTED TODAY AND APPEARED IN U-S DISTRICT COURT THIS AFTERNOON. WEIR WAS INDICTED FOR HEALTH CARE AND MAIL FRAUD MORE THAN A WEEK AGO.

Pontiac School/Guns Sept 19 10PM :22
NEW SINCE SIX... A TEENAGE STUDENT CHARGED WITH BRINGING GUNS TO A CENTRAL ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL PLEADS INNOCENT. PONTIAC TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT... 16 YEAR OLD SEAN SULLIVAN IS CHARGED WITH A DOZEN COUNTS RELATED TO HIS AUGUST 28TH ARREST. POLICE SAY SULLIVAN PLANNED TO SELL THE GUNS TO ANOTHER STUDENT.

86 Minors Arrested Sept 19 10PM :40

DOZENS OF MINORS FACE CHARGES... AND A CHARLESTON BAR COULD LOSE ITS LICENSE... AFTER A WEEKEND BAR RAID. JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT SUNDAY... CHARLESTON POLICE DID A COMPLIANCE CHECK AT JERRY'S PIZZA BAR. POLICE FOUND **86 MINORS** IN THE BAR... THEY WERE ALL TICKETED... SOME WITH MULTIPLE CHARGES... FOR A TOTAL OF **169 VIOLATIONS**.

Drug Bust Sept 19 10PM :41
MEANWHILE... SPRINGFIELD POLICE SAY THEY'RE STILL LOOKING FOR SUSPECTS IN CONNECTION TO THE HUGE DRUG BUST MADE THIS MORNING. POLICE RAIDED TWO HOUSES .. ONE ON THE EAST SIDE .. ONE ON THE WEST. THEY ASKED US NOT TO REVEAL THE STREET NAMES BECAUSE THEY EXPECT TO MAKE MORE ARRESTS.

Mail Fraud Guy Sept 20 5AM :25
A SPRINGFIELD MAN IS IN F-B-I CUSTODY... CHARGED WITH DEFRAUDING MEDICARE AND MEDICAID. THE F-B-I OFFICE IN SPRINGFIELD SAYS 60 YEAR OLD RICHARD WEIR WAS ARRESTED AND APPEARED IN U-S DISTRICT COURT YESTERDAY. WEIR WAS INDICTED ON HEALTH CARE AND MAIL FRAUD CHARGES MORE THAN A WEEK AGO.

Pontiac School/Guns Sept 20 5AM :25
A TEENAGE STUDENT CHARGED WITH BRINGING GUNS TO A CENTRAL ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL SAYS HE IS NOT GUILTY. 16 YEAR OLD SEAN SULLIVAN ENTERED THE PLEA IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY COURT YESTERDAY. SULLIVAN IS CHARGED WITH A DOZEN COUNTS RELATED TO HIS AUGUST 28TH ARREST. POLICE SAY SULLIVAN PLANNED TO SELL THE GUNS TO ANOTHER STUDENT AT PONTIAC TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL.

86 Minors Arrested Sept 20 5AM :37
DOZENS OF MINORS ARE FACING CHARGES... AND A CHARLESTON BAR COULD LOSE ITS LICENSE... AFTER A WEEKEND BAR RAID. JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT SUNDAY... CHARLESTON POLICE DID A COMPLIANCE CHECK AT JERRY'S PIZZA BAR. POLICE FOUND **86 MINORS** IN THE BAR... THEY WERE ALL TICKETED... SOME WITH MULTIPLE CHARGES... FOR A TOTAL OF **169 VIOLATIONS**.

Drug Bust Sept 20 5AM :40
SPRINGFIELD POLICE SAY THEY'RE STILL LOOKING FOR SUSPECTS IN CONNECTION TO THE HUGE DRUG BUST MADE YESTERDAY MORNING. POLICE RAIDED TWO HOUSES .. ONE ON THE EAST SIDE .. ONE ON THE WEST. THEY ASKED US NOT TO REVEAL THE STREET NAMES BECAUSE THEY EXPECT TO MAKE MORE ARRESTS.

Johnson Court Preview Sept 20 12PM :28

A MAN ACCUSED OF TAKING TWO KIDS HOSTAGE AFTER LEADING POLICE ON A CHASE IS SCHEDULED TO BE BACK IN COURT THIS AFTERNOON. EARLIER THIS WEEK... A JUDGE GRANTED A CONTINUANCE FOR TORRIANO JOHNSON...PENDING RESULTS OF A PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION. JOHNSON'S ATTORNEY SAYS THE REPORT DOES FIND JOHNSON UNFIT TO STAND TRIAL.

BB Vandal Sentenced Sept 20 12PM :21
A TEENAGER CHARGED WITH A VANDALISM SPREE BACK IN FEBRUARY.. WILL GO TO PRISON. A SANGAMON COUNTY JUDGE SENTENCED CAMERON MARQUEZ TO 30 MONTHS IN PRISON YESTERDAY. MARQUEZ SHOT OUT WINDOWS IN VEHICLES, BUSINESSES, AND HOMES IN THE SPRINGFIELD AREA.. CAUSING MORE THAN 120-THOUSAND DOLLARS DAMAGE

Martin Inquest Sept 20 5PM :45
DAWN, SEAN, THE JURY RULED THE DEATH OF DOUGLAS COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY TOMMY MARTIN AS HOMICIDAL. MORE DETAILS WERE REVEALED ABOUT MARTIN'S DEATH TODAY. CORONER DUANE NORTHRUP SAYS MARTIN DIED FROM COMPLICATIONS AFTER HE WAS SHOT ON JUNE 21ST. THE VIOLENCE STEMMED FROM A CRIME SPREE THAT INCLUDED THE HOSTAGE STANDOFF IN ARCOLA.

Torriano Johnson Sept 20 5PM :24
MEANWHILE... THIS AFTERNOON A JUDGE RULES A MAN ACCUSED OF TAKING TWO KIDS HOSTAGE NOT FIT TO STAND TRIAL. TORRIANO JOHNSON WILL REMAIN IN STATE CUSTODY TO GET TREATMENT... AND HAVE ANOTHER HEARING DECEMBER 17TH.... TO RE-EVALUATE HIS MENTAL HEALTH.

Martin Inquest Sept 20 6PM :42
SWITCHING GEARS NOW... A CORONER'S JURY SAYS A CENTRAL ILLINOIS SHERIFF'S DEPUTY'S DEATH... WAS A HOMICIDE. AN INQUEST WAS HELD THIS MORNING... INTO THE DEATH OF DOUGLAS COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY... TOMMY MARTIN. CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CORONER DUANE NORTHRUP SAYS... MARTIN DIED FROM COMPLICATIONS AFTER HE WAS SHOT ON JUNE 21ST.

Chrisman Hearing Sept 20 6PM :31
A TRIAL DATE IS NOW SET... FOR A MAN ACCUSED OF ROBBING SPRINGFIELD'S REGIONS BANK... AS WELL AS THREE OTHER ROBBERIES. MORRIS CHRISMAN APPEARED IN SANGAMON COUNTY COURT THIS AFTERNOON. HE'LL GO TO TRIAL ON THE ROBBERY CHARGES OCTOBER FIRST. AT HIS LAST COURT HEARING... A JUDGE DENIED CHRISMAN'S REQUEST TO REPRESENT HIMSELF AND APPOINTED A PUBLIC DEFENDER.

Martin Inquest Sept 20 10PM :32
A CORONER'S JURY RULES **HOMICIDE** IN A CENTRAL ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S DEATH. IT HAPPENED AT AN INQUEST IN THE DEATH OF DOUGLAS COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY TOMMY MARTIN. CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CORONER DUANE NORTHRUP SAYS MARTIN DIED FROM COMPLICATIONS AFTER HE WAS SHOT ON JUNE 21ST.

Martin Inquest Sept 21 5AM 28
A CORONER'S JURY HAS RULED **HOMICIDE** IN A CENTRAL ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S DEATH. IT HAPPENED AT AN INQUEST IN THE DEATH OF DOUGLAS COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY TOMMY MARTIN. CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CORONER DUANE NORTHRUP SAYS MARTIN DIED FROM COMPLICATIONS AFTER HE WAS SHOT ON JUNE 21ST. THE VIOLENCE STEMMED FROM A CRIME SPREE THAT INCLUDED THE HOSTAGE STANDOFF IN ARCOLA.

Pelo Trial Date Sept 21 5AM :25
A BLOOMINGTON POLICE SERGEANT CHARGED IN FOUR SERIAL RAPES IS SET TO GO TO TRIAL IN JANUARY. A MCLEAN COUNTY JUDGE SET JEFF PELO'S TRIAL FOR JANUARY 14TH. 42 YEAR OLD PELO PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO NEARLY THREE DOZEN CHARGES. THOSE CHARGES ALLEGE HE RAPED FOUR WOMEN BETWEEN DECEMBER 2002 AND JANUARY 2005.

Tom Cause Sept 21 5AM :37
A CORONER'S JURY HAS MADE A RULING IN THE DEATH OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS SHERIFF'S DEPUTY. THE JURY RULED THE DEATH OF DOUGLAS COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY TOMMY MARTIN .. A HOMICIDE. CORONER DUANE NORTHRUP SAYS MARTIN DIED FROM COMPLICATIONS AFTER HE WAS SHOT ON JUNE 21ST.

Christman Hearing Sept 21 5AM :28
A TRIAL DATE IS NOW SET... FOR A MAN ACCUSED OF ROBBING SPRINGFIELD'S REGIONS BANK... AS WELL AS THREE OTHER ROBBERIES. MORRIS CHRISMAN APPEARED IN SANGAMON COUNTY COURT YESTERDAY. HE'LL GO TO TRIAL ON THE ROBBERY CHARGES OCTOBER FIRST.

All Hands bond Sept 21 12PM :24
A MAN ACCUSED IN A SHAKEN BABY CASE HAS POSTED BAIL. 21-YEAR-OLD RYAN ALLHANDS POSTED 15-THOUSAND DOLLARS BOND. VERMILION COUNTY DEPUTIES ARRESTED ALLHANDS EARLIER THIS YEAR. HE FACES FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGES FOR THE DEATH OF ONE-YEAR OLD (RAY-GAN) REAGAN WILLIAMS.

Lincoln Threat Sept 21 5PM 1:08
SOMEONE MADE A THREAT AT A CENTRAL ILLINOIS SCHOOL THIS MORNING. LINCOLN SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT KIRBY RODGERS.. ALONG WITH POLICE AND LOGAN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.. HELD A NEWS CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON. THEY SAY A HANDWRITTEN THREAT WAS FOUND ON A RESTROOM WALL AT LINCOLN JUNIOR HIGH JUST BEFORE 11 THIS MORNING. IT READ: "BOMB 12 O'CLOCK TODAY."

MU Prof Plea Sept 21 5PM :26
A FORMER MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES TODAY. JOHN ASKILL WILL BE ON PROBATION FOR TWO YEARS. HE MUST ALSO PAY A 25-THOUSAND DOLLAR FINE... AS WELL AS A D-N-A FEE OF 200 DOLLARS BEFORE OCTOBER 15TH THIS YEAR.

Lincoln Threat Sept 21 6PM :40
SOMEONE MADE A THREAT AT A CENTRAL ILLINOIS SCHOOL THIS MORNING. LINCOLN SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT KIRBY RODGERS.. ALONG WITH POLICE AND LOGAN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.. HELD A NEWS CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON. THEY SAY A HANDWRITTEN THREAT WAS FOUND ON A RESTROOM WALL AT LINCOLN JUNIOR HIGH JUST BEFORE 11 THIS MORNING. IT READ: "BOMB 12 O'CLOCK TODAY."

Armed Robbery Sept 22 10PM :28
THE SANGAMON COUNTY SHERRIF'S DEPARTMENT SAYS TWO TEENAGERS ARE IN CUSTODY... AFTER AN ALLEGED ARMED ROBBERY. IT HAPPENED IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE CROSSING TWO LIQUOR STORE ON CLEAR LAKE AVENUE THIS AFTERNOON. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS A SUSPECT POINTED A GUN AT THE VICTIM ... AND STOLE HIS WALLET.

Jacksonville Murder Sept 23 5PM 1:10
POLICE IN JACKSONVILLE SEARCH FOR SUSPECTS AFTER A MAN IS MURDERED. POLICE SAY GUNSHOTS RANG OUT JUST BEFORE 9 O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT IN THE 600 BLOCK OF HOOKER STREET. DETECTIVES SAY OFFICERS FOUND ONE VICTIM LYING IN A YARD THERE.

Jacksonville Murder Sept 23 10PM 1:50
A MAN SEARCHES FOR ANSWERS... AFTER HIS GRANDSON IS FOUND DEAD IN HIS YARD. THE MORGAN COUNTY CORONER SAYS 25-YEAR-OLD EARL CAPONE JACKSON WAS FOUND IN THE 600 BLOCK OF HOOKER STREET LAST NIGHT. AS NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY

SHOWS US... NEIGHBORS THERE SAY THEY HEARD GUN SHOTS... BUT DIDN'T REALIZE UNTIL LATER SOMEONE HAD BEEN HIT.

Hooker Homicide Sept 24 5AM :42
AN AUTOPSY IS SCHEDULED TODAY ON THE VICTIM OF A FATAL SHOOTING IN JACKSONVILLE. 25 YEAR OLD EARL CAPONE JACKSON WAS FOUND DEAD SATURDAY NIGHT IN THE 600 BLOCK OF HOOKER STREET. WITNESSES SAY THEY HEARD YELLING OUTSIDE... AND WHEN THEY LOOKED TO SEE WHAT WAS GOING ON... SAW A WHITE VAN STOPPED IN THE STREET.

Armed Robbery Sept 24 5AM :35
THE SANGAMON COUNTY SHERRIF'S DEPARTMENT SAYS TWO TEENAGERS ARE IN CUSTODY... AFTER AN ALLEGED ARMED ROBBERY. IT HAPPENED IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE "CROSSING TWO" LIQUOR STORE ON CLEAR LAKE AVENUE SATURDAY AFTERNOON. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS THE SUSPECT POINTED A GUN AT THE VICTIM ... AND STOLE HIS WALLET.

Jacob Williams Trial Sept 24 12PM :29
A TRIAL HAS BEEN CONTINUED FOR A LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT...AFTER HE ALLEGEDLY BROUGHT A LOADED GUN TO SCHOOL. TRIAL WAS SET TO BEGIN TODAY FOR FIFTEEN YEAR OLD JACOB WILLIAMS...HE IS CHARGED WITH SEVERAL COUNTS OF UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON.

Cortez Gray Trial Sept 24 12PM :38
MEANWHILE, THE MACON COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY DROPS AN ARMED ROBBERY CASE IN COURT TODAY. POLICE SAY CORTEZ GRAY, STEVEN JOHNSON, AND JERREL CHISM ALLEGEDLY ROBBED SOY CAPITAL BANK IN DECATUR LAST SPRING... POLICE SHOT AND KILLED CHISM DURING A PURSUIT FOLLOWING THE ROBBERY.

Jacksonville Murder Sept 24 12PM 1:48
AN AUTOPSY IS BEING DONE TODAY ON THE VICTIM OF A FATAL SHOOTING IN JACKSONVILLE. THE MORGAN COUNTY CORONER SAYS 25-YEAR-OLD EARL CAPONE JACKSON WAS FOUND IN THE 600 BLOCK OF HOOKER STREET SATURDAY NIGHT.

Armed Robbery Sept 24 12PM :35
THE SANGAMON COUNTY SHERRIF'S OFFICE SAYS TWO TEENAGERS ARE IN CUSTODY... AFTER AN ALLEGED ARMED ROBBERY. IT HAPPENED IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE "CROSSING TWO" LIQUOR STORE ON CLEAR LAKE AVENUE SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Hooker St. Homicide Sept 24 12PM :43

AN AUTOPSY IS BEING DONE TODAY ON THE VICTIM OF A FATAL SHOOTING IN JACKSONVILLE. 25 YEAR OLD EARL CAPONE JACKSON WAS FOUND DEAD SATURDAY NIGHT IN THE 600 BLOCK OF HOOKER STREET. WITNESSES SAY THEY HEARD YELLING OUTSIDE... AND WHEN THEY LOOKED TO SEE WHAT WAS GOING ON... SAW A WHITE VAN STOPPED IN THE STREET.

Jville Murder Sept 24 5PM :20
DOCTORS PERFORM AN AUTOPSY ON A JACKSONVILLE MAN SHOT AND KILLED OVER THE WEEKEND. 25-YEAR OLD EARL CAPONE JACKSON WAS FOUND IN THE 600 BLOCK OF HOOKER STREET SATURDAY NIGHT.

Lincoln Threat Sept 24 5PM :23
LINCOLN POLICE SAY THEY HAVE NO NEW LEADS... ON WHO MADE THREATS AT THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. A HANDWRITTEN THREAT FOUND FRIDAY MORNING ON A RESTROOM WALL READ: "BOMB 12 O'CLOCK TODAY." JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS AND STAFF WERE EVACUATED.. BUT POLICE DID **NOT** FIND A BOMB.

Rinehart Court Sept 24 5PM :28
MEANWHILE.. NEWSCENTER 17 IS CLOSELY FOLLOWING NEWS ABOUT A MATTOON MAN... CHARGED WITH SEX CRIMES. 37 YEAR OLD THOMAS RINEHART OF MATTOON... IS CHARGED WITH 4 COUNTS OF POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY. TODAY IN COURT.... A HEARING WAS SET FOR NOVEMBER 5TH.. AND ANOTHER COURT DATE IS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 4TH.

Cortez Gray Sept 24 5PM :53
IN COURT TODAY.... THE MACON COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY DROPS AN ARMED ROBBERY CHARGE IN A BANK ROBBERY CASE. POLICE SAY CORTEZ GRAY, STEVEN JOHNSON, AND JERREL CHISM ALLEGEDLY ROBBED SOY CAPITAL BANK IN DECATUR LAST SPRING...

MU Professor Sept 24 5PM :22
WE WANT TO CLARIFY SOME DETAILS OF A FORMER MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR .. WHO WAS RECENTLY IN COURT. ACCORDING TO HIS ATTORNEY... JOHN ASKILL PLEADED GUILTY TO OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE... AND THE CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES AGAINST HIM WERE DISMISSED. HE WAS ORDERED TO PAY 25-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN RESTITUTION.

Urbana Pellet Gun Sept 24 5PM :59
POLICE IN URBANA ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A GROUP OF TEENAGERS... WHO THEY SAY... ARE SHOOTING PEOPLE WITH SOME SORT OF PELLET GUN. POLICE SAY THERE WERE 5 SEPARATE

ATTACKS SUNDAY NIGHT... ALL IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF URBANA.
INVESTIGATORS SAY THE TEENS ARE SHOOTING PEOPLE FROM A CAR.

Jville Murder Sept 24 6PM :45
JACKSONVILLE POLICE CONTINUE TO SEARCH FOR A SUSPECT... IN
SATURDAY NIGHT'S DEADLY SHOOTING. 25-YEAR OLD EARL CAPONE
JACKSON WAS FOUND IN THE 600 BLOCK OF HOOKER STREET...
SATURDAY NIGHT.

Cortez Gray Sept 24 6PM :42
IN COURT TODAY.... THE MACON COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY DROPS
AN ARMED ROBBERY CHARGE IN A BANK ROBBERY CASE. POLICE SAY
CORTEZ GRAY, STEVEN JOHNSON, AND JERREL CHISM ALLEGEDLY
ROBBED SOY CAPITAL BANK IN DECATUR LAST SPRING...

Spfld Special Units Sept 24 6PM :38
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD IS STEPPING UP TO BETTER RESPOND TO
VIOLENT CRIMES.
MAYOR TIM DAVLIN AND POLICE CHIEF RALPH CALDWELL ANNOUNCED
A NEW STREET CRIMES UNIT TODAY. THAT UNIT IS MADE UP OF ONE
SERGEANT AND FIVE OFFICERS. THEY WILL TARGET ANY SPIKES IN
CRIME IN THE CITY.

Lincoln threat Sept 24 6PM :23
LINCOLN POLICE SAY THEY HAVE NO NEW LEADS... ON WHO MADE
THREATS AT THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. A HANDWRITTEN THREAT
FOUND FRIDAY MORNING ON A RESTROOM WALL READ: "BOMB 12
O'CLOCK TODAY." JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS AND STAFF WERE
EVACUATED.. BUT POLICE DID **NOT** FIND A BOMB.

Urbana Pellet Gun Sept 24 10PM 1:48
A BIZARRE CRIME SPREE HAS URBANA POLICE BAFFLED TONIGHT.
POLICE ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A GROUP OF TEENS.... INVOLVED IN
DRIVE-BY SHOOTINGS... USING SOME SORT OF PELLET GUN.
NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY IS IN URBANA... WITH THE DETAILS
ON THESE ATTACKS.

Spfld Special Unit Sept 24 10PM 1:24
THE SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT GETS A BIT OF A MAKE-OVER...
STARTING THIS WEEK... THE DEPARTMENT ADDS A NEW STREET
CRIMES UNIT... THAT WILL FOCUS ON VIOLENT CRIMES... RATHER THAN
RESPONDING TO SERVICE CALLS LIKE REGULAR PATROL OFFICERS.

Jville Murder Sept 24 10PM :35
MEANWHILE JACKSONVILLE POLICE CONTINUE TO QUESTION 'PEOPLE
OF INTEREST' IN CONNECTION WITH SATURDAY NIGHT'S DEADLY

SHOOTING. 25-YEAR OLD EARL CAPONE JACKSON WAS FOUND IN THE 600 BLOCK OF HOOKER STREET SATURDAY NIGHT. THE MORGAN COUNTY STATES ATTORNEYS OFFICE WON'T RELEASE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AUTOPSY BECAUSE OF THE ONGOING INVESTIGATION.

Violent Crime Sept 24 10PM :28
MEANWHILE... A NEW REPORT SHOWS THE NUMBER OF VIOLENT CRIMES NATIONWIDE IS NEARING A 5-YEAR PEAK. NEW AT TEN... THE F-B-I RELEASED A REPORT... THAT SAYS VIOLENT CRIME INCREASED BY ABOUT TWO PERCENT NATIONWIDE. IN LARGE CITIES THE NUMBER OF MURDERS ROSE BY 1-POINT-8 PERCENT.

Teen Court Sept 24 10PM 1:52
MEANWHILE... IT'S A PROGRAM THAT SHEDS A POSITIVE LIGHT ON CRIME... DESIGNED TO HELP TEENS WHO GET IN TROUBLE. TEEN COURT IN MACON COUNTY MARKS THREE YEARS THIS WEEK... AND TODAY LEADERS TALKED ABOUT THE PROGRAM'S PROGRESS AND WHAT THEY WANT TO CHANGE.

Urbana Pellet Gun Sept 25 5AM 1:40
URBANA POLICE ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A GROUP OF TEENS.... INVOLVED IN DRIVE-BY SHOOTINGS... USING SOME SORT OF PELLET GUN. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY HAS THE DETAILS ON THESE ATTACKS.

Jville Murder Sept 25 5AM :20
JACKSONVILLE POLICE CONTINUE TO QUESTION 'PEOPLE OF INTEREST' IN CONNECTION WITH SATURDAY NIGHT'S DEADLY SHOOTING. 25-YEAR OLD EARL CAPONE JACKSON WAS FOUND IN THE 600 BLOCK OF HOOKER STREET SATURDAY NIGHT. THE MORGAN COUNTY STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WON'T RELEASE THE RESULTS OF YESTERDAY'S AUTOPSY BECAUSE OF THE ONGOING INVESTIGATION.

Violent Crime Sept 25 5AM :25
MEANWHILE... A NEW REPORT SHOWS THE NUMBER OF VIOLENT CRIMES NATIONWIDE IS NEARING A 5-YEAR PEAK. THE F-B-I RELEASED A REPORT... THAT SAYS VIOLENT CRIME INCREASED BY ABOUT TWO PERCENT NATIONWIDE. IN LARGE CITIES THE NUMBER OF MURDERS ROSE BY 1-POINT-8 PERCENT.

Youth Rehab Sept 25 5AM :41
MACON COUNTY'S "TEEN COURT" MARKS THREE YEARS THIS WEEK... AND LEADERS ARE LOOKING AT WAYS TO MAKE THE PROGRAM BETTER. LAST NIGHT...TEEN COURT ADMINISTRATOR DAVID KIDD SHOWED COMMUNITY MEMBERS 33 MONTHS OF DATA. IN THAT TIME....

183 TEENS HAVE TAKEN PART IN TEEN COURT. 125 HAVE FINISHED SUCCESSFULLY.

Cortez Gray Sept 25 5AM :39
THE MACON COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY HAS DROPPED AN ARMED ROBBERY CHARGE IN A BANK ROBBERY CASE. POLICE SAY CORTEZ GRAY, STEVEN JOHNSON, AND JERREL CHISM ALLEGEDLY ROBBED SOY CAPITAL BANK IN DECATUR LAST SPRING... POLICE SHOT AND KILLED CHISM DURING A PURSUIT FOLLOWING THE ROBBERY.

Lincoln Threat Sept 25 5AM :23
LINCOLN POLICE SAY THEY HAVE NO NEW LEADS... ON WHO MADE THREATS AT THE CITY'S JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. A HANDWRITTEN THREAT FOUND FRIDAY MORNING ON A RESTROOM WALL READ: "BOMB 12 O'CLOCK TODAY." JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS AND STAFF WERE EVACUATED.. BUT POLICE DID **NOT** FIND A BOMB.

LSA Theft Sept 25 12PM :27
DECATUR POLICE HAVE ARRESTED SOMEONE ... AFTER INVESTIGATING THEFT AT THE "LUTHERAN SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION. POLICE ARRESTED 40-YEAR-OLD, KRISTINE K. JONES ON FRIDAY... JONES IS OUT OF JAIL AFTER POSTING THE 35-HUNDRED DOLLARS BAIL. JONES FACES CHARGES INCLUDING THEFT OF MORE THAN A-HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM A SCHOOL AND FORGERY...

BB Guns Sept 25 12PM :41
POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR SEVERAL TEENAGERS... ACCUSED OF SHOOTING PEOPLE WITH SOME SORT OF PELLET GUN. URBANA POLICE SAY THERE WERE 5 ATTACKS SUNDAY NIGHT.. INVESTIGATORS SAY THE TEENS ARE SHOOTING PEOPLE FROM INSIDE A CAR.

Spfld Special Unit Sept 25 12PM 1:19
THE SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT WANTS YOU TO FEEL SAFER. STARTING THIS WEEK, THE DEPARTMENT ADDS A NEW STREET CRIMES UNIT... IT'LL FOCUS ON VIOLENT CRIMES.

Jville Murder Sept 25 12PM :19
JACKSONVILLE POLICE RESUME QUESTIONING 'PEOPLE OF INTEREST' IN CONNECTION WITH THIS WEEKEND'S DEADLY SHOOTING. 25-YEAR OLD EARL CAPONE JACKSON WAS FOUND IN THE 600 BLOCK OF HOOKER STREET SATURDAY NIGHT. THE MORGAN COUNTY STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WON'T RELEASE THE RESULTS OF YESTERDAY'S AUTOPSY .. DUE TO THE ONGOING INVESTIGATION.

Violent Crime Sept 25 12PM :24

MEANWHILE... A NEW REPORT SHOWS THE NUMBER OF VIOLENT CRIMES NATIONWIDE IS NEARING A 5-YEAR **PEAK**. THE F-B-I SAYS VIOLENT CRIME INCREASED BY ABOUT TWO PERCENT NATIONWIDE. IN LARGE CITIES THE NUMBER OF MURDERS **ROSE** BY 1-POINT-8 PERCENT.

Youth Rehab Sept 25 12PM :39
THIS WEEK IS THE THREE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF MACON COUNTY'S "TEEN COURT."
AND LEADERS ARE LOOKING AT WAYS TO IMPROVE THE PROGRAM.
LAST NIGHT...THE TEEN COURT ADMINISTRATOR SHOWED COMMUNITY MEMBERS 33 MONTHS OF DATA.
IN THAT TIME.... 183 TEENS HAVE TAKEN PART IN TEEN COURT.

LSA Theft Sept 25 5PM 1:17
WE TOLD YOU LAST WEEK ABOUT AN ALLEGED THEFT AT LUTHERAN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION IN DECATUR. TONIGHT... NEW INFORMATION. A FORMER BUSINESS MANAGER FACES CHARGES. POLICE AND L-S-A ARE STILL INVESTIGATING.... SO THEY'RE NOT RELEASING TOO MANY DETAILS.

Jon White Court Sept 25 5PM :37
ANOTHER DELAY TODAY... IN THE CASE AGAINST A FORMER CENTRAL ILLINOIS GRADE SCHOOL TEACHER ACCUSED OF SEXUAL ABUSE. AT A HEARING THIS MORNING... A CHAMPAIGN COUNTY JUDGE SET ANOTHER PRE-TRIAL HEARING FOR JON WHITE.

LSA Theft Sept 25 6PM 1:14
A FORMER EMPLOYEE AT LUTHERAN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION IN DECATUR FACES CHARGES AFTER ALLEGEDLY STEALING MORE THAN 244-THOUSAND DOLLARS. A SWORN STATEMENT SHOWS EARLIER THIS MONTH... L-S-A NOTICED DISCREPANCIES IN ITS ACCOUNTS... STARTED AN INTERNAL INVESTIGATION... AND CALLED POLICE.

LSA Theft Sept 25 10PM :35
A FORMER EMPLOYEE AT LUTHERAN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION IN DECATUR FACES CHARGES AFTER ALLEGEDLY STEALING MORE THAN 244-THOUSAND DOLLARS. A SWORN STATEMENT SHOWS EARLIER THIS MONTH... L-S-A NOTICED DISCREPANCIES IN ITS ACCOUNTS... STARTED AN INTERNAL INVESTIGATION... AND CALLED POLICE.

DUI Patrol Sept 25 10PM :19
SANGAMON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES WILL BE WATCHING OUT FOR DRUNK DRIVERS THIS FRIDAY... DURING A SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE D-U-I PATROL. NEW SINCE SIX... SANGAMON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES.. ALONG WITH POLICE FROM PAWNEE, ROCHESTER, SOUTHERN VIEW

AND THAYER.. WILL BE OUT IN FORCE THIS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH FROM 10PM TO 3:30AM.

LSA Theft Sept 26 5AM :28
A FORMER EMPLOYEE AT THE LUTHERAN SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION IN DECATUR... WILL BE IN COURT NEXT MONTH TO BE FORMALLY CHARGED. SHE ALLEGEDLY STOLE 244-THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE SCHOOL. L-S-A FORMER BUSINESS MANAGER... KRISTINE JONES... IS ACCUSED OF THEFT OVER 100-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN A SCHOOL.. A CLASS X FELONY.

LSA Theft Sept 26 12PM :47
A FORMER EMPLOYEE AT THE LUTHERAN SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION IN DECATUR... WILL BE IN COURT NEXT MONTH TO BE FORMALLY CHARGED. SHE ALLEGEDLY STOLE 244-THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE SCHOOL. FORMER L-S-A BUSINESS MANAGER ... KRISTINE JONES ...IS ACCUSED OF MOVING FUNDS FROM ONE ACCOUNT TO ANOTHER TO COVER THE THEFT.

Car Chase Sept 26 5PM :26
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS. THIS CAR WAS INVOLVED IN A CHASE THIS AFTERNOON.. AND ENDED UP SMASHED IN THE SIDE OF COMMUNITY TEMPLE CHURCH AT JACKSON AND CANTRELL STREETS IN DECATUR. A NEWSCENTER 17 PHOTOGRAPHER SAW ONE MAN ARRESTED.. AND PUT IN THE BACK OF A SQUAD CAR. REPORTS FROM THE SCENE ARE THAT ANOTHER MAN WAS ALSO ARRESTED.

Jville Vandalism Sept 26 5PM :29
JACKSONVILLE POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR VANDALS... WHO BROKE-IN TO THE JACKSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD OVERNIGHT. POLICE WERE CALLED JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT BY A NEIGHBOR WHO HEARD DOGS BARKING. THAT NEIGHBOR SAW TWO YOUNG MEN RUNNING OFF WITH A TOTE.

Lincoln Threats Sept 26 5PM :29
MEANWHILE... NEWSCENTER 17 SPOKE WITH LINCOLN POLICE TODAY... ABOUT THREATS MADE AT THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. POLICE SAY THEY HAVE NOT MADE ANY ARRESTS AT THIS POINT.. AND THE INVESTIGATION CONTINUES. LAST FRIDAY MORNING... A HANDWRITTEN THREAT FOUND ON A BATHROOM WALL IN THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL READ: "BOMB 12 O'CLOCK TODAY."

Car Chase Sept 26 6PM :26
DECATUR POLICE CHASE DOWN SUSPECTS... AND CATCH THEM. TAKE A LOOK AT THIS. THIS CAR WAS INVOLVED IN A CHASE THIS

AFTERNOON.. AND ENDED UP SMASHED IN THE SIDE OF COMMUNITY TEMPLE CHURCH AT JACKSON AND CANTRELL STREETS IN DECATUR.

Pontiac School Guns Sept 26 10PM :33
NEW AT TEN... A JUDGE CLEARS ONE OF THE TEENS CHARGED IN A GUN INCIDENT THAT LED AUTHORITIES TO LOCK DOWN A HIGH SCHOOL BACK IN AUGUST.
PROSECUTOR'S CHARGED THE BOY WITH WEAPONS POSSESSION, AS A JUVENILE.. BUT ASSOCIATE JUDGE ROBERT TRAVERS FREED HIM YESTERDAY.

Pontiac School Guns Sept 27 5AM :34
A JUDGE HAS CLEARED ONE OF THE TEENS CHARGED IN A GUN INCIDENT THAT LED AUTHORITIES TO LOCK DOWN A HIGH SCHOOL BACK IN AUGUST. PROSECUTOR'S CHARGED THE BOY WITH WEAPONS POSSESSION, AS A JUVENILE.. BUT ASSOCIATE JUDGE ROBERT TRAVERS DECIDED TO LET HIM GO. THE TEEN HAD BEEN IN CUSTODY SINCE THE AUGUST 28TH INCIDENT AT PONTIAC TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL.

Urbana Magazines Sept 27 5AM :28
URBANA POLICE WANT TO WARN YOU ABOUT A MAGAZINE SCAM THAT THEY'RE INVESTIGATING. POLICE SAY THEY'VE RECEIVED SEVERAL REPORTS OF PEOPLE BEING APPROACHED BY YOUNG PEOPLE CLAIMING TO BE PART OF AN ORGANIZATION CALLED THE "INTEGRITY PROGRAM".

Jville Vandalism Sept 27 5AM :29
JACKSONVILLE POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR VANDALS... WHO BROKE-IN TO THE JACKSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD OVERNIGHT. POLICE WERE CALLED JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT BY A NEIGHBOR WHO HEARD DOGS BARKING. THAT NEIGHBOR SAW TWO YOUNG MEN RUNNING OFF WITH A TOTE.

Lincoln Threats Sept 27 5AM :29
MEANWHILE... NEWSCENTER 17 SPOKE WITH LINCOLN POLICE TODAY... ABOUT THREATS MADE AT THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. POLICE SAY THEY HAVE NOT MADE ANY ARRESTS AT THIS POINT.. AND THE INVESTIGATION CONTINUES. LAST FRIDAY MORNING... A HANDWRITTEN THREAT FOUND ON A BATHROOM

Sullivan Lockdown Sept 27 12PM :29
AN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SPENT TIME UNDER A TEMPORARY LOCKDOWN THIS MORNING. THE SULLIVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT... ALONG WITH POLICE AND MOULTRIE COUNTY SHERRIF'S OFFICE.. TOOK THE

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE AFTER RECEIVING INFORMATION ABOUT...
"NON-THREATENING" BUT "OUT OF THE ORDINARY" ACTIONS.

Nelson Hearing Sept 27 12PM :35
A SPRINGFIELD TEENAGER ACCUSED OF MURDER, AFTER THE BEATING
DEATH OF ANOTHER TEEN... PLEADED NOT GUILTY IN COURT THIS
MORNING. PROSECUTORS CHARGED 17 YEAR OLD BRANDON NELSON...
FOR THE BEATING DEATH OF 19 YEAR OLD DEVYN GREFF BACK ON
SEPTEMBER NINTH. THE ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY SAYS NELSON
ALSO WAIVED HIS RIGHT TO A PRELIMINARY HEARING.

Urbana Magazines Sept 27 12PM :28
URBANA POLICE WANT TO WARN YOU ABOUT A MAGAZINE SCAM THAT
THEY'RE INVESTIGATING. POLICE SAY THEY'VE RECEIVED SEVERAL
REPORTS OF PEOPLE BEING APPROACHED BY YOUNG PEOPLE
CLAIMING TO BE PART OF AN ORGANIZATION CALLED THE "INTEGRITY
PROGRAM".

EHS Lockdown Sept 27 5PM 1:08
THREE CENTRAL ILLINOIS SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE PUT ON LOCKDOWN
TODAY.
WE HAVE NEW DETAILS ON LOCKDOWNS AT DECATUR SCHOOLS,
SULLIVAN SCHOOLS AND LOVINGTON SCHOOLS. WE BEGIN TONIGHT IN
DECATUR.. WITH NEWSCENTER 17'S SCOT ENGLAND.. HE'S BEEN
FOLLOWING THE LOCKDOWN AT EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL..

Sullivan/Lovington Sept 27 5PM 1:15
TWO OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS WERE PUT ON LOCKDOWN THIS
MORNING. SULLIVAN AND LOVINGTON. SULLIVAN SCHOOLS
SUPERINTENDENT TERRY PEARCY (**PIERCE-EE**) SAYS THE LOCKDOWNS
HAPPENED AFTER SCHOOL OFFICIALS DISCOVERED CROSSES MARKED
ON THE SIDE OF DOORS... AT ALL THREE OF THE SULLIVAN SCHOOLS.

Lincoln Threat Sept 27 5PM :20
MEANWHILE... LINCOLN POLICE SAY STILL NO ARRESTS CONNECTED
WITH THE JUNOIR HIGH SCHOOL THREAT... LAST WEEK. LAST FRIDAY
MORNING... A HANDWRITTEN THREAT FOUND ON A BATHROOM WALL IN
THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL READ: "BOMB 12 O'CLOCK TODAY."
STUDENTS AND STAFF WERE EVACUATED.

Nelson Hearing Sept 27 5PM :34
A SPRINGFIELD TEENAGER.... ACCUSED OF BEATING DEATH ANOTHER
TEEN TO DEATH... PLEADS **INNOCENT** IN COURT THIS MORNING.
PROSECUTORS CHARGED 17 YEAR OLD BRANDON NELSON FOR THE
MURDER OF 19 YEAR OLD DEVYN GREFF... BACK ON SEPTEMBER 9TH.

EHS Lockdown Sept 27 6PM 1:00
IT HAS BEEN A SCARY DAY FOR MANY STUDENTS THROUGHOUT
CENTRAL ILLINOIS.

DIFFERENT AND UNRELATED INCIDENTS LED TO A NUMBER OF SCHOOL
LOCKDOWNS IN OUR VIEWING AREA. NEWSCENTER 17'S SCOT
ENGLAND HAS BEEN AT THE SCENE OF ONE OF THOSE SCHOOLS
ALL AFTERNOON... HE JOINS US LIVE ONCE AGAIN FROM DECATUR
EISENHOWER....

Sullivan Lovington Sept 27 6PM :58
TWO OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS WERE PUT ON LOCKDOWN THIS
MORNING. SULLIVAN AND LOVINGTON. SULLIVAN SCHOOLS
SUPERINTENDENT TERRY PEARCY (**PIERCE-EE**) SAYS THE LOCKDOWNS
HAPPENED AFTER SCHOOL OFFICIALS DISCOVERED CROSSES MARKED
ON THE SIDE OF DOORS... AT ALL THREE OF THE SULLIVAN SCHOOLS.

EHS Lockdown Sept 27 10PM :52
SCHOOL WILL GO ON AS NORMAL IN DECATUR TOMORROW... BUT
TODAY... EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL WAS ANYTHING BUT NORMAL.
THE SCHOOL WAS ON LOCK DOWN ALL AFTERNOON... AFTER A
STUDENT ALLEGEDLY BROUGHT A B-B GUN TO SCHOOL. THE GUN
LOOKED LIKE A HANDGUN... AND THE SCHOOL WAS LOCKED DOWN...
WHILE POLICE SEARCHED FOR THE TEEN.

Sullivan Lovington Sept 27 10PM :58
TWO OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS WERE PUT ON LOCKDOWN THIS
MORNING. SULLIVAN AND LOVINGTON. SULLIVAN SCHOOLS
SUPERINTENDENT TERRY PEARCY (**PIERCE-EE**) SAYS THE LOCKDOWNS
HAPPENED AFTER SCHOOL OFFICIALS DISCOVERED CROSSES MARKED
ON THE SIDE OF DOORS... AT ALL THREE OF THE SULLIVAN SCHOOLS.

LSA Theft Sept 27 10PM :37
NEW TONIGHT... A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR IS NOW HANDLING THE CASE
AGAINST A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF THE LUTHERAN SCHOOLS
ASSOCIATION IN DECATUR.
KRISTINE JONES IS ACCUSED OF STEALING 244-THOUSAND DOLLARS
FROM THE SCHOOL... AND FORGERY. SHE'LL BE IN COURT NEXT MONTH
TO FACE FORMAL CHARGES.

Nelson Hearing Sept 27 10PM :28
A SPRINGFIELD TEENAGER.... ACCUSED OF BEATING ANOTHER TEEN TO
DEATH... PLEADS **INNOCENT**. PROSECUTORS CHARGED 17 YEAR OLD
BRANDON NELSON FOR THE MURDER OF 19 YEAR OLD DEVYN
GREFF...IN SEPTEMBER. NELSON REMAINS IN CUSTODY AND HAS A
TRIAL DATE SET FOR NOVEMBER 5TH.

Hit and Run Folo Sept 27 10PM :39

AN UPDATE TO A STORY WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWING FOR YOU..
CHAMPAIGN POLICE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A SUSPECTED HIT AND
RUN DRIVER. IN LATE AUGUST... A SPEEDING VAN HIT AND KILLED 76-
YEAR-OLD BILL HIGDON AT THE CORNER OF STATE AND EUREKA
STREETS IN CHAMPAIGN.

EHS Lockdown Sept 28 5AM :46

EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL IN DECATUR WILL RESUME A NORMAL
SCHEDULE TODAY AFTER A GUN SCARE FORCED A LOCK- DOWN ON
CAMPUS YESTERDAY. DECATUR POLICE SAY THE SCHOOL REMAINED
ON LOCK DOWN ALL AFTERNOON... AFTER A STUDENT ALLEGEDLY
BROUGHT A B-B GUN TO SCHOOL.

Sullivan/Lovington Sept 28 5AM :48

TWO OTHER CENTRAL ILLINOIS SCHOOL DISTRICTS WERE ALSO ON
LOCKDOWN YESTERDAY... SULLIVAN AND LOVINGTON. SULLIVAN
SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT TERRY PEARCY SAYS THE LOCKDOWNS
HAPPENED AFTER SCHOOL OFFICIALS DISCOVERED CROSSES MARKED
ON THE SIDE OF DOORS... AT ALL THREE CAMPUSES.

LSA Theft Sept 28 5AM :21

A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR IS NOW HANDLING THE CASE AGAINST A
FORMER EMPLOYEE OF THE LUTHERAN SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION IN
DECATUR. KRISTINE JONES IS ACCUSED OF STEALING 244-THOUSAND
DOLLARS FROM THE SCHOOL... AND FORGERY. SHE'LL BE IN COURT
NEXT MONTH TO FACE FORMAL CHARGES.

Nelson Hearing Sept 28 5AM :28

A SPRINGFIELD TEENAGER.... ACCUSED OF BEATING ANOTHER TEEN TO
DEATH... HAS PLEADED NOT GUILTY. PROSECUTORS CHARGED 17
YEAR OLD BRANDON NELSON FOR THE MURDER OF 19 YEAR OLD
DEVYN GREFF...IN SEPTEMBER. NELSON REMAINS IN CUSTODY AND
HAS A TRIAL DATE SET FOR NOVEMBER 5TH. SPRINGFIELD POLICE SAY
GREFF GOT INTO A FIGHT WITH THREE PEOPLE BEHIND HIS APARTMENT
IN THE 17-HUNDRED BLOCK OF SOUTH 7TH STREET.

EHS Lockdown Sept 28 12PM :46

EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL IN DECATUR IS EXPECTED TO BE BACK TO
NORMAL TODAY, AFTER A GUN SCARE FORCED A LOCKDOWN
YESTERDAY. DECATUR POLICE SAY THE SCHOOL REMAINED ON LOCK
DOWN ALL AFTERNOON... AFTER A STUDENT ALLEGEDLY BROUGHT A B-
B GUN TO SCHOOL.

Sullivan Lovington Sept 28 12PM :28

MEANWHILE... SULLIVAN AND LOVINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICTS WERE ALSO ON LOCKDOWN YESTERDAY. SULLIVAN SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT TERRY PEARCY SAYS THE LOCKDOWNS HAPPENED AFTER SCHOOL OFFICIALS DISCOVERED CROSSES MARKED ON THE SIDE OF THE DOORS... AT ALL THREE SULLIVAN SCHOOLS.

LSA Theft Sept 28 12PM :22

A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR IS NOW HANDLING THE CASE AGAINST A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF THE LUTHERAN SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION IN DECATUR. KRISTINE JONES IS ACCUSED OF STEALING NEARLY 250 THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE SCHOOL... AND FORGERY. SHE'LL BE IN COURT NEXT MONTH TO FACE FORMAL CHARGES.

Davis Plea Sept 28 5PM :31

A DECATUR MAN CHARGED WITH STABBING HIS GIRLFRIEND TO DEATH... PLEADS GUILTY. TOMMIE L. DAVIS WAS SCHEDULED TO GO ON TRIAL NEXT WEEK.. BUT HE ENTERED HIS GUILTY PLEA, TODAY. AS PART OF THE PLEA AGREEMENT... DAVIS WILL SPEND 15 YEARS IN JAIL... BUT HE DOES GET CREDIT FOR THE TIME HE'S ALREADY SERVED.

Bank Robbery Sept 28 5PM :25

POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR SUSPECTS WHO ROBBED A BANK IN RANTOUL. INITIAL REPORTS ARE THAT BUSEY BANK ON EAST SANGAMON WAS ROBBED JUST BEFORE 11:30 THIS MORNING. RANTOUL POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A MAN WHO WAS WEARING A MASK. HE WALKED INTO THE BANK ARMED WITH SOME SORT OF RIFLE.

EHS Lockdown Folo Sept 28 5PM :33

WE HAVE AN UPDATE TO THE LOCKDOWN AT EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL IN DECATUR. MACON COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY JACK AHOLA SAYS THE JUVENILE FOUND IN MUELLER PARK BY POLICE AS OF NOW DOES NOT FACE CHARGES. AHOLA SAYS HE HAS WAITING ON REPORTS FROM POLICE. HOWEVER...NEXT WEEK... AHOLA PLANS TO FILE A PETITION TO GET THE JUVENILE IN COURT.

LSA Prosecutor Sept 28 5PM :52

SPECIAL PROSECUTOR JEFF JUSTICE IS NOW HANDLING THE THEFT CASE AGAINST A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF THE LUTHERAN SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION IN DECATUR. JUSTICE REPRESENTED MAURICE LAGRONE JUNIOR IN HIS CAPITAL MURDER TRIAL.... AFTER THREE CHILDREN DROWNED IN CLINTON LAKE. JUSTICE IS ALSO CURRENTLY WORKING ON A DEATH PENALTY CASE IN DOUGLAS COUNTY.

EHS Lockdown Sept 28 6PM :34

WE HAVE AN UPDATE TO THE LOCKDOWN AT EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL IN DECATUR. MACON COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY JACK

AHOLA SAYS THE JUVENILE ARRESTED YESTERDAY WAS NOT DETAINED BY POLICE.. AND FACES NO CHARGES.. AT LEAST FOR NOW. AHOLA SAYS HE HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY REPORTS FROM POLICE.

DUI Patrol Sept 28 10PM :15
MEANWHILE... SANGAMON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ARE ON THE LOOKOUT TONIGHT... DURING A SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE D-U-I PATROL. DEPUTIES.. ALONG WITH POLICE FROM PAWNEE, ROCHESTER, SOUTHERN VIEW AND THAYER.. ARE PATROLLING THE STREETS NOW... UNTIL 3:30 A-M.

Stolen Guns Sept 28 10PM :40
NEW AT TEN... FOUR MEN ARE IN THE MACON COUNTY JAIL TONIGHT... AFTER A STING OPERATION LAST NIGHT. 18 GUNS WERE STOLEN FROM A HOUSE ON RAVINA PARK ROAD IN DECATUR... LAST WEEK. LAST NIGHT... DECATUR POLICE HAD THE VICTIM CALL THE ALLEGED ROBBER.... AND TELL HIM TO PICK UP MORE STOLEN GUNS.

Rantoul Robbery Sept 29 5PM :36
TWO PEOPLE FACE CHARGES... AFTER A BANK ROBBERY IN RANTOUL. THE F-B-I SAYS LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRESTED TWO SUSPECTS YESTERDAY. RANTOUL POLICE SAY 19-YEAR OLD AHKEEM THOMAS WAS ARRESTED AT A RANTOUL HOME YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. POLICE SAY HE SURRENDERED AS OFFICERS WAITED ON A SEARCH WARRENT.

Danville Body Sept 29 10PM :20
A BODY IS FOUND.. LAUNCHING AN INVESTIGATION. VERMILION COUNTY CORONER PEGGY JOHNSON SAYS A BADLY DECOMPOSED, UNIDENTIFIED BODY WAS FOUND THIS EVENING IN DANVILLE. IT WAS ON THE BANK OF THE RIVER BEHIND THE 1-HUNDRED BLOCK OF COMMERCIAL STREET IN DANVILLE.

Rantoul Robbery Sept 29 10PM :25
TWO PEOPLE FACE CHARGES... AFTER A BANK ROBBERY IN RANTOUL. THE F-B-I SAYS LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRESTED TWO SUSPECTS YESTERDAY. RANTOUL POLICE SAY 19-YEAR OLD AHKEEM THOMAS WAS ARRESTED AT A RANTOUL HOME YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. POLICE SAY HE SURRENDERED AS OFFICERS WAITED ON A SEARCH WARRENT.

Danville Sept 30 5PM :20
NEW INFORMATION ON A BODY FOUND YESTERDAY IN VERMILION COUNTY. DANVILLE POLICE NOW SAY TWO PEOPLE WALKING NEAR THE RIVER IN THE 1-HUNDRED BLOCK OF COMMERCIAL STREET FOUND THE UNIDENTIFIED BODY AROUND 4-30 YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

DUI Numbers Sept 30 5PM :25
SANGAMON COUNTY DEPUTIES RELEASE RESULTS FROM THEIR D-U-I ENFORCEMENT THIS WEEKEND. DEPUTIES CONCENTRATED ON THE SOUTHERN AND SOUTHEASTER PARTS OF THE COUNTY FRIDAY NIGHT INTO EARLY SATURDAY MORNING.

Danville Body Sept 30 10PM :19
AN AUTOPSY IS SET FOR TOMORROW ON A BODY FOUND YESTERDAY IN VERMILION COUNTY. DANVILLE POLICE SAY TWO PEOPLE WALKING NEAR THE RIVER IN THE 1-HUNDRED BLOCK OF COMMERCIAL STREET FOUND THE BODY LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. CORONER PEGGY JOHNSON SAYS THE UNIDENTIFIED BODY IS BADLY DECOMPOSED.

Rantoul Suspects Sept 30 10PM :24
TWO SUSPECTS FROM A BANK ROBBERY IN RANTOUL ARE DUE IN FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT TOMORROW. RANTOUL POLICE SAY 19-YEAR OLD AHKEEM THOMAS WAS ARRESTED AT A RANTOUL HOME FRIDAY AFTERNOON. POLICE SAY HE SURRENDERED AS OFFICERS WAITED ON A SEARCH WARRANT. THE F-B-I SAYS 18-YEAR OLD KRYSTAL BROWN WAS ARRESTED AROUND 9 FRIDAY NIGHT AT A HOUSE IN RANTOUL.

Economy

State Budget July 1 5PM :35
A NEW BUDGET YEAR BEGINS TODAY FOR THE STATE. MINIMUM WAGE RISES FOR ILLINOIS WORKERS. THE GOVERNOR SAYS IT AFFECTS NEARLY 650-THOUSAND PEOPLE. THE WAGE INCREASES ONE DOLLAR... TO 7-50 AN HOUR. THEN IT WILL GO UP 25 CENTS A YEAR FOR THREE YEARS.

Budget Meeting July 2 5PM :27
HOUSE SPEAKER MICHAEL MADIGAN SAYS THAT SPECIAL SESSION WILL BEGIN WITH A HOUSE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING. MADIGAN CHALLENGED GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH TO SHOW UP AND STAY FOR THE ENTIRE SESSION.. WHICH COULD LAST SEVERAL HOURS. IN A LETTER.. MADIGAN SAYS THE GOVERNOR IS USUALLY ABSENT FROM

THE CAPITOL.. BUT LAWMAKERS HAVE BEEN AT WORK DAY AFTER DAY. MADIGAN ALSO CALLED ON THE GOVERNOR TO GIVE A DETAILED PROPOSAL FOR PRIVATIZING THE STATE LOTTERY SO THE HOUSE CAN VOTE ON IT.

Illinois Coal July 2 5AM :52
THE FOCUS TONIGHT IS COAL... AN ABUNDANT ENERGY SOURCE IN ILLINOIS.

THIS AFTERNOON.. FOLKS GATHERED IN TAYLORVILLE TO TALK ABOUT BRINGING CUTTING EDGE CLEAN COAL TECHNOLOGY TO THE AREA. CONGRESSMAN JOHN SHIMKUS, TAYLORVILLE MAYOR FRANK MATHON AND OTHERS TALKED ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF COAL.. TO BOTH THE ECONOMY IN ILLINOIS AND THE NATION'S ENERGY POLICIES. CONGRESSMAN SHIMKUS SAYS WE HAVE AS MUCH ENERGY... CALCULATED IN B-T-U'S... IN THE ILLINOIS COAL BASIN AS THEY HAVE OIL UNDER SAUDI ARABIA AND KUWAIT. SHIMKUS SAYS WE NEED TO UTILIZE ILLINOIS COAL AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

City Council July 2 5PM :39
THE DECATUR CITY COUNCIL MEETS IN ABOUT HALF AN HOUR. AND THERE ARE TWO IMPORTANT ISSUES THEY'LL TACKLE IN A STUDY SESSION. MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO DISCUSS FUNDING FOR LOOKING FOR LINCOLN PROJECTS. THE DIRECTOR OF DECATUR'S "LINCOLN HERITAGE PROJECT" PRESENTED A BROAD OVERVIEW TO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS IN EARLY JUNE.. SHOWING POSSIBLE PROJECTS. THEY INCLUDE A LOG CABIN ON THE LINCOLN HOMESTEAD AND A STEAMBOAT ON THE LAKE. THEY WOULD TELL LINCOLN STORIES... AND SERVE AS A WAY TO DRAW PEOPLE TO DECATUR.

Heartland Strike July 2 6PM :40
UNION WORKERS AT AN EFFINGHAM MENTAL HEALTH CENTER SAY ENOUGH IS ENOUGH AND STRIKE THIS MORNING. MANAGERS SAY THEY ARE HOPEFUL AN AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED SOON. MEMBERS OF AFSCME COUNCIL 31 AND HEARTLAND HUMAN SERVICES HAVE BEEN IN CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS SINCE SPRING OF 0-6. A FEDERAL MEDIATOR WAS CALLED IN, BUT STILL NO RESOLUTION. ABOUT 40 WORKERS AT THE EFFINGHAM FACILITY WALKED OUT THIS MORNING WITH PICKET SIGNS.. WHILE CHANTING. THE UNION SAYS HEARTLAND HUMAN SERVICES CUT THEIR WAGES AND INCREASED HOURS.

Futuregen July 2 10PM :34
AN ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS SAYS HE'S CONCERNED DELAYS IN THE LEGISLATURE COULD JEOPARDIZE EFFORTS TO LURE AN BILLION DOLLAR POWER PLANT TO THE STATE. IT'S BEEN THREE AND A HALF MONTHS SINCE THE SENATE PASSED A BILL RELIEVING DEVELOPERS

OF LEGAL LIABILITY AT THE PROPOSED FUTUREGEN CLEAN-COAL PLANT. AND THE BILL'S BEEN SITTING IN THE HOUSE SINCE. IN THAT TIME, TEXAS -- ILLINOIS' ONLY RIVAL IN ITS QUEST FOR THE PLANT -- HAS MADE ITS INCENTIVES... LAW. REPRESENTATIVE KURT GRANBERG OF CARLYLE SAYS HE'S CONCERNED IT GIVES THE PERCEPTION ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS AREN'T AGGRESSIVELY PAVING THE WAY FOR THE FUTUREGEN PLANT.

Illinois Coal July 2 10PM :20
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Heartland Strike July 2 10PM :38
UNION WORKERS AT AN EFFINGHAM MENTAL HEALTH CENTER WILL STRIKE AGAIN TOMORROW. MEMBERS OF AFSCME COUNCIL 31 AND HEARTLAND HUMAN SERVICES HAVE BEEN IN CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS SINCE SPRING OF 0-6. A FEDERAL MEDIATOR WAS CALLED IN, BUT STILL NO RESOLUTION. ABOUT 40 WORKERS AT THE EFFINGHAM FACILITY WALKED OUT THIS MORNING WITH PICKET SIGNS. THE UNION SAYS HEARTLAND HUMAN SERVICES CUT THEIR WAGES AND INCREASED HOURS. HEARTLAND HUMAN SERVICES SAYS IT DID INCREASE HOURS AND CUT BENEFITS.. AFTER THE STATE OF ILLINOIS CUT THE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION'S GRANT FUNDING.

Futuregen July 3 5AM :32
AN ILLINOIS LAWMAKER SAYS HE'S CONCERNED DELAYS IN THE LEGISLATURE COULD JEOPARDIZE EFFORTS TO LURE A BILLION-DOLLAR POWER PLANT TO THE STATE.
IT'S BEEN THREE AND A HALF MONTHS SINCE THE SENATE PASSED A BILL RELIEVING DEVELOPERS OF LEGAL LIABILITY AT THE PROPOSED FUTUREGEN CLEAN-COAL PLANT. AND THE BILL'S BEEN SITTING IN THE HOUSE SINCE. IN THAT TIME, TEXAS -- ILLINOIS' ONLY RIVAL IN ITS QUEST FOR THE PLANT -- HAS MADE ITS INCENTIVES... LAW.

Union Workers July 3 5AM :33
UNION WORKERS AT AN EFFINGHAM MENTAL HEALTH CENTER WILL STRIKE AGAIN TODAY. MEMBERS OF "AFSCME COUNCIL 31" AND "HEARTLAND HUMAN SERVICES" HAVE BEEN IN CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS SINCE THE SPRING OF 2006. A FEDERAL MEDIATOR WAS CALLED IN, BUT STILL NO RESOLUTION. ABOUT 40 WORKERS AT THE

EFFINGHAM FACILITY WALKED OUT YESTERDAY MORNING WITH PICKET SIGNS.. WHILE CHANTING. THE UNION SAYS HEARTLAND HUMAN SERVICES CUT THEIR WAGES AND INCREASED HOURS.

Illinois Coal July 3 5AM :35
STATE OFFICIALS ARE LOOKING AT NEW WAYS TO BRING CUTTING-EDGE CLEAN COAL TECHNOLOGY TO CENTRAL ILLINOIS. CONGRESSMAN JOHN SHIMKUS, TAYLORVILLE MAYOR FRANK MATHON AND OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS MET IN TAYLORVILLE YESTERDAY TO DISCUSS THE IMPORTANCE OF COAL.. TO BOTH THE ECONOMY IN ILLINOIS AND THE NATION'S ENERGY POLICIES. CONGRESSMAN SHIMKUS SAYS WE HAVE AS MUCH ENERGY... CALCULATED IN B-T-U'S... IN THE ILLINOIS COAL BASIN AS THEY HAVE OIL UNDER SAUDI ARABIA AND KUWAIT.

Lincoln Signs July 3 6PM :39
YOU'LL NOTICE SOMETHING NEW THE NEXT TIME YOU DRIVE IN DOWNTOWN LINCOLN. UNIQUE SIGNS ARE BEING PUT UP TO EXPLAIN LOCAL EVENTS AND HISTORIC LOCATIONS OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN. THIS MORNING THE CITY OF LINCOLN DEDICATED THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF INFORMATIVE ABRAHAM LINCOLN SIGNS. THE FIRST OF THESE BRAND NEW SIGNS WAS PUT UP THIS MORNING ON THE SHERWIN WILLIAMS BUILDING.

News Extra July 3 10PM 1:56
IT SEEMS LIKE THE GOLDEN YEARS ARE NOT SO GOLDEN FOR MANY AMERICANS OVER THE AGE OF 65. MORE AND MORE ARE DELAYING RETIREMENT LONGER THAN THEIR PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS.... NOT BECAUSE THEY WANT TO WORK... BUT BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO RETIRE.

Car Incentives July 4 5AM :25
CONSUMERS CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SOME SPECIAL DISCOUNTS BEING OFFERED OUT OF DETROIT. GENERAL MOTORS IS OFFERING A ZERO PERCENT RATE FOR 36 MONTHS AND A THOUSAND DOLLARS CASH BACK... BUT NOT FOR SOME MORE POPULAR MODELS.

Late Payments July 4 5AM :20
AMERICANS ARE SHOWING SOME SIGNS OF FINANCIAL DISTRESS. THE AMERICAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION SAYS THAT LATE LOAN PAYMENTS WERE UP OVER TWO PERCENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER. THAT'S THE HIGHEST SINCE THE SUMMER OF 2005.

Energy Degree July 4 10PM :34
NEW AT TEN... A CENTRAL ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY HOPES A NEW DEGREE PROGRAM CATCHES A WAVE OF JOBS... AS THE U-S STEERS AWAY

FROM FOSSIL FUELS. ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY HAS APPROVED A NEW DEGREE IN RENEWABLE ENERGY.

Energy Degree July 5 5AM :33

A CENTRAL ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY HOPES A NEW DEGREE PROGRAM CATCHES A WAVE OF JOBS... AS THE U-S STEERS AWAY FROM FOSSIL FUELS. ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY HAS APPROVED A NEW DEGREE IN RENEWABLE ENERGY.

Equity Stripping July 5 5AM :29

CONSUMERS IN DANGER OF LOSING THEIR HOMES FACE A NEW SCAM. LIKE SHARKS IN THE WATER, SCAMMERS ARE TRYING SOMETHING CALLED "EQUITY STRIPPING" TO STEAL PEOPLE'S HOMES RIGHT FROM UNDER THEM. THEY SCOUR FORECLOSURE NOTICES FROM COURTS AND THEN CONTACT PEOPLE AND OFFER TO GET A THIRD PARTY TO BUY THEIR HOMES.

Super Saver July 5 5AM 1:17

SAVING MONEY REQUIRES A GREAT AMOUNT OF DISCIPLINE AND SELF CONTROL.

IT ALSO REQUIRES A BUDGET SO YOU CAN TRACK YOUR EXPENSES. TRACY DAVIDSON REPORTS ON ONE WOMAN WHO IS LEARNING HOW TO DO JUST THAT.

Plants Shut Down July 5 5PM 1:03

TOMORROW MORE THAN 500 WORKERS AT A RANTOUL FACTORY WILL BEGIN RECEIVING LAYOFF NOTICES. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY JOINS US NOW...KATE... WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THIS CLOSURE?

Ameren Contracts July 5 6PM 1:02

TWO THOUSAND DOWNSTATE UTILITY WORKERS ARE WORKING WITHOUT A CONTRACT TONIGHT. NEWSCENTER 17'S MIKAELA HUNT IS LIVE IN THE NEWSROOM WITH THE STORY.

Plants Shutdown July 5 6PM 1:12

A FACTORY IN RANTOUL BEGINS LAY-OFFS TOMORROW... THAT WILL EVENTUALLY LEAVE MORE THAN 500 PEOPLE WITHOUT A JOB. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY JOINS US NOW. KATE... WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THESE LAY-OFFS?

Effingham Jobs July 5 6PM :45

WHILE ONE CENTRAL ILLINOIS CITY LOSES JOBS.. ANOTHER CITY GAINS SOME. AS WAND TV-DOT-COM FIRST REPORTED THIS AFTERNOON.. THE EFFINGHAM CITY COUNCIL APPROVED AN ECONOMIC INCENTIVE PACKAGE WITH SCHULTE BUILDING SYSTEMS.

Plants Shut Down July 5 10PM :43
MORE THAN 500 WORKERS WILL BE OUT OF A JOB STARTING TOMORROW.
THE COLLINS AND AIKMAN COMPANY WILL CLOSE ALL 3 OF ITS RANTOUL FACTORIES.
THE BANKRUPT COMPANY COULDN'T FIND A BUYER. NOW THE VILLAGE OF RANTOUL IS TRYING TO HELP THE DISPLACED WORKERS.

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Ameren Contracts July 5 10PM :34
REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE LOCAL I-B-E-W GO BACK TO THE BARGAINING TABLE ON MONDAY MORNING... TRYING TO WORK OUT A DEAL BETWEEN AMEREN AND DOWNSTATE UTILITY WORKERS. WORKERS IN THE AMEREN I-P, CILCO, AND C-I-P-S REGIONS ARE WORKING WITHOUT A CONTRACT TONIGHT.

Sandwich Shop July 5 10PM :31
NEW TONIGHT... A CENTRAL ILLINOIS RESTAURANT MAKE A NATIONAL LIST OF PLACES TRAVELERS SHOULD EXPERIENCE. THE MAID RITE SANDWICH SHOP IN SPRINGFIELD IS ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES... AND NOW IT'S BEEN NAMED A "LOCAL SECRET, BIG FIND" BY TRAVEL SITE TRAVELOCITY.

Rantoul Plant July 6 5AM 1:03
KNOWING LAY-OFFS ARE COMING PROBABLY WON'T MAKE RECEIVING THE NOTICES ANY EASIER .. AS MORE THAN 500 WORKERS AT A RANTOUL FACTORY WILL BEGIN RECEIVING PINK SLIPS TODAY. AT THE COLLINS AND AIKMAN PLANT .. CREWS ARE ALREADY MOVING EQUIPMENT OUT OF THE 3 FACTORIES IN RANTOUL.

Ameren July 6 5AM :50
TWO THOUSAND DOWNSTATE UTILITY WORKERS REPORT TO THEIR JOBS THIS MORNING WITHOUT A CONTRACT. UNION MEMBERS INVOLVED WORK AT AMEREN I-P, AMEREN CILCO, AND AMEREN C-I-P-S. ACCORDING TO THE I-B-E-W, THEY'RE IN CITIES THROUGHOUT CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN ILLINOIS: INCLUDING DECATUR, SPRINGFIELD, COLLINSVILLE, AND WEST FRANKFURT.

Effingham Jobs July 6 5AM :28

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Farm Bill July 6 5AM :37

IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN CONSERVATION ISSUES...YOU MAY WANT TO MAKE PLANS TO GO TO RICHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE TODAY. AS A NEW FARM BILL IS CRAFTED IN CONGRESS..A COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSION IS SCHEDULED TODAY.

IT'S SPONSORED BY THE ILLINOIS STEWARDSHIP ALLIANCE. YOU CAN ASK QUESTIONS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.S.D.A AND THE STATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FARM SERVICES AGENCY.

Rantoul Administrator July 6 5AM 1:01

MORE THAN 500 WORKERS AT A RANTOUL FACTORY WILL BEGIN RECEIVING PINK SLIPS TODAY. AT THE COLLINS AND AIKMAN PLANT... CREWS ARE ALREADY MOVING EQUIPMENT OUT OF THE 3 FACTORIES IN RANTOUL. OFFICIALS IN RANTOUL SAY PEOPLE ARE SHOCKED TO HEAR ABOUT IT.

Gas Prices July 6 5AM :32

YOUR GAS PRICES MAY GO UP AGAIN. THIS TIME .. BLAME IT ON BAD WEATHER HERE IN THE MIDWEST. WHEN FLOODING COVERED THIS OIL REFINERY IN COFFEYVILLE, KANSAS, IT MEANT THAT GAS AVAILABLE TO KANSAS, OKLAHOMA, NEBRASKA, THE DAKOTAS AND MINNESOTA WOULD BE AFFECTED.

Non Outsourcing July 6 5AM :26

SMALL TECH FIRMS IN SILICON VALLEY, CALIFORNIA LED THE OUTSOURCING OF JOBS TO INDIA BUT SOME COMPANIES ARE NOW HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS. DEMAND FOR INDIAN ENGINEERS HAS BECOME SO FIERCE THAT SOME TECH EXECUTIVES SAY INFLATION RATES FOR THOSE WORKERS IS CLOSE TO 50 PERCENT A YEAR.

Beer Prices July 6 5AM :36

ACREAGE FORMERLY USED TO GROW A KEY INGREDIENT FOR BEER IS BEING USED TO GROW A KEY INGREDIENT FOR ETHANOL INSTEAD...

THE ADDITION OF ETHANOL PUMPS AT GAS STATIONS COULD LEAD TO AN INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF BEER.

CD's July 6 5AM :36
SALES OF ENTIRE C.D.'S .. STILL REFERRED TO IN THE INDUSTRY AS "ALBUM SALES" .. ARE DOWN, BUT DIGITAL MUSIC TRACK SALES ARE WAY UP. SOUNDSCAN SAYS 229 MILLION ALBUMS WERE SOLD FROM JANUARY TO JULY, DOWN 15 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR.

Ameren Contracts July 6 6PM :30
WE HAVE AN UPDATE ON CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN AMEREN AND ITS DOWNSTATE WORKERS. I-B-E-W PRESIDENT LUCINDA WYATT SAYS A FEDERAL MEDIATOR WILL JOIN MONDAY'S NEGOTIATIONS. IF NEGOTIATIONS **DON'T** MOVE FORWARD, I-B-E-W WORKERS ARE TENTATIVELY PLANNING A RALLY IN SPRINGFIELD JULY 14TH IN FRONT OF THE CAPITOL BUILDING

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Ameren Contract July 8 5PM :30
BACK TO CONTRACT TALKS TOMORROW FOR AMEREN AND ITS DOWNSTATE WORKERS. I-B-E-W PRESIDENT LUCINDA WYATT SAYS A FEDERAL MEDIATOR WILL JOIN MONDAY'S NEGOTIATIONS. IF THEY DON'T MOVE FORWARD.... WORKERS ARE TENTATIVELY PLANNING A RALLY JULY 14TH IN FRONT OF THE CAPITOL BUILDING IN SPRINGFIELD.

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Ameren July 9 5AM :29
CONTRACT TALKS RESUME TODAY FOR THE UTILITY AMEREN AND ITS DOWNSTATE WORKERS. I-B-E-W PRESIDENT LUCINDA WYATT SAYS A FEDERAL MEDIATOR WILL JOIN TODAY'S NEGOTIATIONS. IF THEY DON'T MOVE FORWARD .. WORKERS ARE TENTATIVELY PLANNING A RALLY JULY 14TH IN FRONT OF THE CAPITOL BUILDING IN SPRINGFIELD.

Ameren July 9 12PM :30
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Electric Assist July 9 5PM :24
MACON COUNTY RESIDENTS LOOKING FOR HELP WITH THEIR POWER BILLS MAY BE ABLE TO GET IT THROUGH DECATUR-MACON COUNTY OPPROTUNITIES CORPORATION.
D-M-C-O-C BEGAN TAKING APPOINTMENTS TODAY.. AND WALK-INS WILL BE TAKEN EACH MORNING AND AFTERNOON

Champaign Water Plant July 9 5PM :36
CHAMPAIGN RESIDENTS SPEAK OUT AGAINST A PROPOSED WATER TREATMENT PLANT... BEFORE TONIGHT'S INFORMATIONAL MEETING. A GROUP OF RESIDENTS IN SCOTT TOWNSHIP ARE UPSET ABOUT THE SITE.

Roadside Safety July 9 5PM :24
POLICE WERE OUT AGAIN THIS PAST FRIDAY.. LOOKING FOR DRUNK DRIVERS. NEWSCENTER 17 HAS BEEN TRACKING DOWN NUMBERS OF D-U-I OFFENSES ACROSS CENTRAL ILLINOIS... BEFORE AND AFTER THE FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY.

Electric Assist July 9 5PM :24
MEANWHILE.. MACON COUNTY RESIDENTS LOOKING FOR HELP WITH THEIR POWER BILLS MAY BE ABLE TO GET IT THROUGH DECATUR-MACON COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES CORPORATION.

Taylorville Coal/Sierra July 9 10PM :33
NEW AT TEN... AN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP WANTS TO STOP A PLANNED CLEAN COAL PLANT FROM COMING TO CENTRAL ILLINOIS. TODAY THE SIERRA CLUB APPEALED A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FOR THE PLANNED 630-MEGAWATT POWER PLANT IN TAYLORVILLE.

Electric Assist July 9 10PM :27
LAWMAKERS STILL HAVEN'T ADDRESSED HIGH ELECTRIC RATES... BUT MACON COUNTY RESIDENTS LOOKING FOR HELP WITH THEIR POWER BILLS MAY BE ABLE TO GET IT THROUGH DECATUR-MACON COUNTY OPPROTUNITIES CORPORATION.

Champaign Water Plant July 9 10PM :34
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Taylorville Coal/Sierra July 10 5AM :33

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Liheap July 10 6PM 2:01
RESIDENTS IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY TRYING TO GET HELP COOLING DOWN... ARE RUNNING INTO PROBLEMS. A FEDERAL PROGRAM OFFERS COOLING GRANTS TO HELP PEOPLE WITH THEIR ELECTRIC BILLS... BUT THERE'S ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OFFERED. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY JOINS US NOW.... WITH WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Electric Assist July 10 6PM :25
MEANWHILE.. MACON COUNTY RESIDENTS LOOKING FOR HELP WITH THEIR POWER BILLS MAY BE ABLE TO GET IT THROUGH THE DECATUR-MACON COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES CORPORATION. D-M-C-O-C BEGAN TAKING APPOINTMENTS YESTERDAY.. AND WALK-INS WILL BE TAKEN EACH MORNING AND AFTERNOON.
INDIVIDUALS 60 AND OVER.. AND THOSE WITH A CHRONIC ILLNESS OR ON DISABILITY QUALIFY.. ALONG WITH FAMILIES WITH A CHILD AGE THREE OR UNDER.

Liheap July 10 10PM :57
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Electric Assist July 11 5AM :25
MEANWHILE.. MACON COUNTY RESIDENTS LOOKING FOR HELP WITH THEIR POWER BILLS MAY BE ABLE TO GET IT THROUGH THE DECATUR-MACON COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES CORPORATION. D-M-C-O-C BEGAN

TAKING APPOINTMENTS MONDAY.. AND WALK-INS WILL BE TAKEN EACH MORNING AND AFTERNOON.

Overdraft Fees July 11 10PM 1:40
MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE USING DEBIT CARDS INSTEAD OF CASH.
BUT SOME CONSUMER ADVOCATES SAY BANKS ACROSS THE
COUNTRY ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE... WITH "HIDDEN OVERDRAFT FEES."
NOW CONGRESS IS LOOKING INTO IT.

Consumer Watch July 12 5PM 1:04
ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL LISA MADIGAN SAYS NEARLY 22
THOUSAND RESIDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MONEY FROM AMERIQUEST
MORTGAGE COMPANY. 14 AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS WILL BE
DOLED OUT TO ILLINOIS RESIDENTS AS PART OF A NATIONAL
SETTLEMENT.

Collins Aikman July 12 10PM :32
NEW SINCE SIX... A MICHIGAN COMPANY SAYS IT STILL HOPES TO BUY
AN AUTO PARTS BUSINESS THAT INCLUDES THREE PLANTS IN CENTRAL
ILLINOIS. THE COLLINS AND AIKMAN CORPORATION HAS PLANTS IN
RATOU. THE COMPNAY TOLD A BANKRUPTCY JUDGE IN DETROIT THIS
MORNING THAT TROY, MICHIGAN-BASED *CADENCE INNOVATION*
"DISENGAGED" FROM SALE NEGOTIATIONS.

Soy Seats July 12 10PM :58
DECATUR MAY BE KNOWN AS THE SOY CITY... BUT WHAT ABOUT SOY
SEATS?? TONIGHT IT COULD BE GOOD NEWS FOR CENTRAL ILLINOIS
FARMERS. FORD SAYS IT WILL START PUTTING SOYBEAN-BASED FOAM
CUSHIONS IN THE SEATS OF ITS 2008 MUSTANG. THE AUTOMAKER
SAYS DEPENDING ON HOW THINGS GO, SOY SEATS MAY SHOW UP IN
OTHER MODELS.

News Extra July 12 10PM 1:53
IT'S THE TIME OF YEAR TO THINK ABOUT RENTAL CARS... AND GETTING
THE BEST VALUE BEFORE YOU EVEN LEAVE YOUR HOME. THAT'S
WHERE YOU CAN CHECK ON YOUR CREDIT CARD AGREEMENT AND
INSURANCE POLICY... AND BOTH THINGS CAN SAVE YOU PLENTY OF
MONEY AT THE CAR RENTAL STATION.

Macon County Survey July 13 5AM 1:15
IT'S YOUR CHANCE TO VOICE YOUR OPINION AND HELP FORM THE
FUTURE IN ONE AREA COUNTY. NEWSCENTER 17'S MIKAELA HUNT
TAKES A LOOK AT THE PUSH TO BRING MORE DEVELOPMENT,
RECREATION, AND SERVICES TO CENTRAL ILLINOIS.

Collins/Aikman July 13 5AM :30

A MICHIGAN COMPANY SAYS IT STILL HOPES TO BUY AN AUTO PARTS BUSINESS THAT INCLUDES THREE PLANTS IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS. THE COLLINS AND AIKMAN CORPORATION HAS PLANTS IN RANTOUL. THE COMPANY TOLD A BANKRUPTCY JUDGE IN DETROIT YESTERDAY MORNING THAT TROY, MICHIGAN-BASED *CADENCE INNOVATION* "DISENGAGED" FROM SALES

Mueller Voter July 15 10PM :25
SOME UNION WORKERS WILL VOTE AGAIN TOMORROW ON A CONTRACT. A WORKER TELLS NEWSCENTER 17 MUELLER EMPLOYEES WILL VOTE AFTER THEIR SHIFTS. MEMBERS OF UNITED STEELWORKERS LOCAL UNION 7-838 RALLIED IN FRONT OF MUELLER COMPANY IN DECATUR FRIDAY ... TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR THEIR NEGOTIATING TEAM.

Gas Prices July 15 10PM :20
A NEW SURVEY SHOWS MORE PAIN AT THE GAS PUMPS. PRICES ROSE ABOUT SIX CENTS OVER THE PAST THREE WEEKS.... UP TO 3-DOLLARS SIX CENTS A GALLON. IF YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'RE PAYING A LOT... YOU ARE... EVEN COMPARED TO OTHER STATES.

Treasurer Debate July 15 10PM :25
HYBRIDS AND OTHER FUEL EFFICIENT VEHICLES SAVE GAS. AND STATE TREASURER ALEXI GIANNOULIAS WANTS TO GIVE PEOPLE WHO BUY THOSE VEHICLE A ONE- THOUSAND DOLLAR REBATE. HE ANNOUNCED THE NEW TWO- MILLION -DOLLAR "GREEN REWARDS" EFFORT TODAY.

Gas Prices July 16 5AM :21
A NEW SURVEY SHOWS MORE PAIN AT THE GAS PUMPS. PRICES ROSE ABOUT SIX CENTS OVER THE PAST THREE WEEKS.... UP TO 3-DOLLARS SIX CENTS A GALLON. IF YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'RE PAYING A LOT... YOU ARE... EVEN COMPARED TO OTHER STATES.

Futuregen Grant July 16 12PM :20
AN NEW GROUP.. IS OFFERING BIG BUCKS.. TO BRING A COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT TO CENTRAL ILLINOIS.. THE "ILLINOIS CLEAN COAL REVIEW BOARD" IS PLEDGING A TWO-POINT-FIVE MILLION-DOLLAR GRANT FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE SO-CALLED FUTURE-GEN PLANT.

Gas Prices July 16 12PM :20
A NEW SURVEY SHOWS MORE PAIN AT THE GAS PUMPS. PRICES ROSE ABOUT SIX CENTS OVER THE PAST THREE WEEKS.... UP TO 3-DOLLARS SIX CENTS A GALLON. IF YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'RE PAYING A LOT... YOU ARE... EVEN COMPARED TO OTHER STATES.

Hybrid Rebate July 16 6PM 1:37
HAVE YOU BEEN THINKING ABOUT BUYING A HYBRID CAR TO EASE THE PAIN AT THE PUMP? THIS MIGHT BE THE TIME TO ACT. THE STATE IS OFFERING YOU SOME CASH IF YOU BUY A HYBRID CAR.

Lincoln Projects July 16 10PM :38
NEW TONIGHT... THE DECATUR CITY COUNCIL ALSO DISCUSSED PROJECTS FOR THE UPCOMING LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL IN 2009. THE *LINCOLN HERITAGE PROJECT* PRESENTED COST PROPOSALS AND TIMELINES FOR ALL ITS LINCOLN PROJECT PROPOSALS.

Mueller Workers July 16 10PM :33
NEW SINCE SIX... LOCAL UNION MEMBERS **REJECT** A NEW CONTRACT.... AFTER A VOTE TODAY. AS WE TOLD YOU AT SIX... MEMBERS OF UNITED STEELWORKERS UNION LOCAL 78-38 HAD UNTIL 6 TONIGHT TO VOTE ON THE NEW CONTRACT. UNION PRESIDENT STEVE MORONEY SAYS **94-PERCENT** OF THE WORKERS VOTED AGAINST THE PROPOSED CONTRACT.

Collins/ Aikman July 16 10PM :24
AND 500 CENTRAL ILLINOIS WORKERS WILL BE OUT OF A JOB AT THE END OF NEXT MONTH. BANKRUPT AUTO-PARTS MAKER COLLINS AND AKIMAN SAYS ALL THREE RANTOUL PLANTS WILL CLOSE AT THE END OF AUGUST. THE COMPANY SENT LETTERS FRIDAY TO THE CITY OF RANTOUL AND THE UNION THAT REPRESENTS MOST OF THE WORKERS.

Gas Prices July 16 10PM :32
IF IT FEELS LIKE YOU'RE PAYING MORE AT THE PUMP IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS THAN IN NEIGHBORING STATES... THAT'S TRUE. A NEW TRIPLE-A REPORT SAYS ILLINOIS IS IN THE **TOP FIVE STATES** WITH THE MOST EXPENSIVE GAS. THE NATIONAL AVERAGE IS THREE DOLLARS AND FIVE CENTS.

Hybrid Rebates July 16 10PM :33
AND IN AN EFFORT TO GET DRIVERS INTERESTED IN HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT... THE STATE IS INTRODUCING AN INCENTIVE... THAT WILL HELP DRIVERS' WALLETS. THE ILLINOIS STATE TREASURY IS PLEDGING TWO MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE BIGGEST HYBRID VEHICLE REBATE OFFERED BY ANY STATE IN THE NATION.

Piatt County Corn Plant July 17 5AM 1:28
CONCERNED RESIDENTS PACK A SPECIAL MEETING ABOUT A POSSIBLE CORN MILL.
GOOD EVENING... PEOPLE FOR AND AGAINST BUILDING A CORN MILL IN EITHER LODGE OR NEAR WHITE HEATH IN PIATT COUNTY... CROWDED A SPECIAL ZONING BOARD MEETING.

ADM Contract July 30 5AM :18
NEW TONIGHT... A LOCAL STEELWORKERS UNION ACCEPTS A NEW CONTRACT WITH DECATUR'S ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND. MEMBERS OF UNITED STEEL WORKERS LOCAL UNION 7-876 HAD BEEN WORKING ON AN EXTENDED CONTRACT SINCE FEBRUARY... WHILE NEGOTIATORS WORKED OUT A DEAL WITH A-D-M.

Lincoln Projects July 17 5AM :27
THE DECATUR CITY COUNCIL ALSO DISCUSSED PROJECTS FOR THE UPCOMING LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL IN 2009. THE *LINCOLN HERITAGE PROJECT* PRESENTED COST PROPOSALS AND TIMELINES FOR ALL OF ITS LINCOLN PROJECT PROPOSALS.

Mueller Workers July 17 5AM :27
LOCAL UNION MEMBERS HAVE **REJECTED** A NEW CONTRACT WITH MUELLER COMPANY.... AFTER A VOTE LAST NIGHT. UNITED STEELWORKERS UNION LOCAL 78-38 PRESIDENT STEVE MORONEY SAYS **94-PERCENT** OF THE WORKERS VOTED AGAINST THE PROPOSED CONTRACT.

Collins/Aikman July 17 5AM :25
AND 500 CENTRAL ILLINOIS WORKERS WILL BE OUT OF A JOB AT THE END OF NEXT MONTH. BANKRUPT AUTO-PARTS MAKER "COLLINS AND AKIMAN" SAYS ALL THREE RANTOUL PLANTS WILL CLOSE AT THE END OF AUGUST. THE COMPANY SENT LETTERS FRIDAY TO THE CITY OF RANTOUL AND THE UNION THAT REPRESENTS MOST OF THE WORKERS.

Scott's Law July 17 5AM :55
AUTHORITIES WANT TO GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT A LAW TO HELP MAKE OUR ROADS SAFER. SCOTT'S LAW AIMS TO HELP PROTECT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS, EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND HIGHWAY WORKERS. THE LAW SAYS, DRIVERS NEED TO YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY WHEN THEY SEE AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE, WITH FLASHING WARNING LIGHTS.

Counterfeit July 17 5AM :53
BUSINESS OWNERS ARE ASKED TO WATCH OUT... AFTER INVESTIGATORS SAY THEY'VE DISCOVERED TWO DIFFERENT CASES OF COUNTERFEIT MONEY BEING USED IN OUR AREA. MACON COUNTY INVESTIGATORS SAY FOUR PEOPLE FROM CHICAGO PASSED OFF FAKE ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR BILLS LAST WEEK AT WAL MART NORTH AND J-C PENNEY'S.

Gas Prices July 17 5AM :18

A NEW TRIPLE-A REPORT SAYS ILLINOIS IS IN THE TOP FIVE STATES WITH THE MOST EXPENSIVE GAS. THE NATIONAL AVERAGE IS THREE DOLLARS AND FIVE CENTS. A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY TRILBY-LUNDBERG.. SHOWED THE LOWEST PRICE WAS IN TUCSON, ARIZONA, WHERE A GALLON OF REGULAR COST 2-DOLLARS-AND-80 CENTS.

Hybrid Rebates July 17 5AM 1:23
HAVE YOU BEEN THINKING ABOUT BUYING A HYBRID CAR TO EASE THE PAIN AT THE PUMP? THIS MIGHT BE THE TIME TO ACT. THE STATE IS OFFERING YOU SOME CASH IF YOU BUY A HYBRID CAR.

Infantino Recall July 17 5AM :25
INFANTINO IS RECALLING ABOUT 68-THOUSAND SHAPE SORTING TOY CASTLES. THE PLASTIC ROD CAN COME LOOSE, ALLOWING THE COLORED BEADS TO SLIDE OFF, POSING A CHOKING HAZARD TO YOUNG CHILDREN. INFANTINO HAS RECEIVED FOUR REPORTS OF CHILDREN NEARLY CHOKING ON THE BEADS.

New Lake Sites July 17 6PM 1:27
ONE CENTRAL ILLINOIS CITY GETS CLOSER TO INCREASING ITS WATER SUPPLY. BUT EXPANSION COMES WITH ADDRESSING THE COMMUNITY'S CONCERNS ABOUT BUILDING A NEW LAKE IN DECATUR.

Champaign Water Plant July 17 10PM 2:08
NEW TONIGHT... A WATER TREATMENT PLANT IS ONE STEP CLOSER TO REALITY. IT WOULD BE LOCATED JUST WEST OF CHAMPAIGN. THE CHAMPAIGN CITY COUNCIL TONIGHT APPROVED AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT... THAT EXPANDS ITS JURISDICTION MORE THAN 2 MILES ... AND GIVES THE GO-AHEAD ON THE NEW PLANT.

Electricity Help July 17 10PM 1:10
STATE LAWMAKERS SAY THEY ARE CLOSER TO A DEAL TO BRING RELIEF TO YOUR HIGH ELECTRIC BILLS. AS LAWMAKERS TRY TO WORK OUT DETAILS.... SOME PEOPLE STUCK WITH HIGHER BILLS ARE STRUGGLING. NEWSCENTER 17'S ELIZABETH MOORS SPOKE WITH ONE WOMAN HAVING A HARD TIME MAKING ENDS MEET.

Futuregen July 17 10PM :21
NEW TONIGHT... THE ILLINOIS HOUSE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES AN INCENTIVE PACKAGE... IN AN EFFORT TO LAND THE CUTTING-EDGE FUTUREGEN COAL PROJECT.
IT PROVIDES ABOUT 80 MILLION DOLLARS IN INCENTIVES... AND ALSO PROTECTS DEVELOPERS FROM LEGAL ACTION OVER ANY INJURIES.

Electric Rates July 18 5AM :50

STATE LAWMAKERS SAY THEY ARE CLOSER TO A DEAL TO BRING RELIEF TO YOUR HIGH ELECTRIC BILLS. AMEREN AND COMMONWEALTH EDISON HAVE AGREED TO PAY ABOUT A BILLION DOLLARS TO CUSTOMERS OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS. EAST SAINT LOUIS STATE SENATOR JAMES CLAYBORNE HEADED UP THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UTILITIES ...

New Lake Sites July 18 5AM 1:25
ONE CENTRAL ILLINOIS CITY IS GETTING CLOSER TO INCREASING ITS WATER SUPPLY.
BUT SOME COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT BUILDING A NEW LAKE IN DECATUR. NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH EXPLAINS.

Futuregen July 18 5AM :22
ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS ARE SWEETENING THE DEAL FOR A COAL PLANT LOOKING AT LOCATING IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS. THE ILLINOIS HOUSE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AN INCENTIVE PACKAGE YESTERDAY. IT PROVIDES ABOUT 80 MILLION DOLLARS IN INCENTIVES... AND ALSO PROTECTS DEVELOPERS FROM LEGAL ACTION OVER ANY INJURIES.

Payless Recall July 18 5AM :22
AND SOME RECALLS TO TELL YOU ABOUT.. PAYLESS SHOESOURCE IS EXPANDING ITS NATIONWIDE RECALL OF TODDLER CLOG SHOES. ABOUT 690-THOUSAND AIRWALK COMPEL CLOGS WERE RECALLED IN MAY. NOW, ABOUT 270-THOUSAND OF THE CHARACTER-THEMED CLOG STYLES ARE BEING RECALLED.

Electric Rates July 18 12PM :50
STATE LAWMAKERS SAY THEY ARE CLOSER TO A DEAL TO BRING RELIEF TO YOUR HIGH ELECTRIC BILLS. AMEREN AND COMMONWEALTH EDISON HAVE AGREED TO PAY ABOUT A BILLION DOLLARS TO CUSTOMERS OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS. EAST SAINT LOUIS STATE SENATOR JAMES CLAYBORNE HEADED UP THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UTILITIES ...

Ameren Bill Troubles July 18 12PM :55
AS LAWMAKERS TRY TO WORK OUT DETAILS.... SOME PEOPLE STUCK WITH HIGHER BILLS ARE STRUGGLING. DECATUR RESIDENT MAGGIE WHITE SAYS SHE'S HAVING A TOUGH TIME PAYING FOR ELECTRICITY, HEART MEDICATION, FOOD AND OTHER BILLS.

New Lake Sites July 18 12PM 1:25
ONE CENTRAL ILLINOIS CITY GETS CLOSER TO INCREASING ITS WATER SUPPLY. BUT EXPANSION COMES WITH ADDRESSING THE COMMUNITY'S CONCERNS ABOUT BUILDING A NEW LAKE IN DECATUR. NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH EXPLAINS.

Futuregen July 18 12PM :25
ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS ARE SWEETENING THE DEAL FOR A COAL PLANT
LOOKING TO POSSIBLY LOCATE IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS. THE ILLINOIS
HOUSE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AN 80 MILLION DOLLAR INCENTIVE
PACKAGE YESTERDAY. THE MEASURE ALSO PROTECTS DEVELOPERS
FROM LEGAL ACTION OVER ANY INJURIES.

Consumerwatch July 19 5PM :43
BECAUSE OF THE SENATE'S ALL-NIGHT DEBATE OVER THE IRAQ WAR,
SAFER CIGARETTES HAVE BEEN SNUFFED OUT FOR NOW.
SUPPORTERS SAY... THE BILL WHICH WOULD LEAD TO SAFER SMOKES
WAS SCHEDULED TO BE CONSIDERED BY A KEY SENATE COMMITTEE...
BUT THE VOTE HAS BEEN POSTPONED.

Rantoul Hard Luck July 13 10PM :41
NEW AT TEN... A RANTOUL CITY LEADER SAYS HE WISHES SOMEONE
WOULD LET THE TOWN KNOW THE FUTURE OF THREE AUTO PARTS
PLANTS IN TOWN. THE 3 PLANTS ARE ON THE FORMER CHANTUE AIR
FORCE BASE... AND ARE OWNED BY A BANKRUPT COMPANY CALLED
CALLINS AIKMAN.

News extra July 19 10PM 1:34
YOU MAY LOVE YOUR SMART PHONE... BUT IS IT MAKING YOU
FORGETFUL? SOME SAY TECHNOLOGY IS MAKING OUR BRAINS SOFT...
IN TONIGHT'S NEWS EXTRA.

Electric Rates July 20 5PM :35
SOME OF THE STATE'S TOP DEMOCRATS PLAN TO PROMOTE A NEW
ELECTRIC RATE DEAL IN A STATE FLY-AROUND NEXT WEEK. HOUSE
SPEAKER MICHAEL MADIGAN, SENATE PRESIDENT EMIL JONES, AND
ATTORNEY GENERAL LISA MADIGAN WILL MAKE FOUR STOPS MONDAY...
INCLUDING ONE IN DECATUR.

Electric Rates July 22 5PM :30
PEOPLE WHO WANT RELIEF FROM HIGH ELECTRIC BILLS... WILL LEARN
MORE ABOUT A NEW RATE RELIEF PACKAGE. TOP ILLINOIS
DEMOCRATS WILL DO A STATE WIDE FLY- AROUND TOMORROW.
HOUSE SPEAKER MICHAEL MADIGAN'S OFFICE ANNOUNCED FRIDAY..
.THAT MADIGAN, SENATE PRESIDENT EMIL JONES AND ATTORNEY
GENERAL LISA MADIGAN

Electric Rates July 23 5AM :27
TOP ILLINOIS DEMOCRATS WILL BE FLYING AROUND THE STATE TODAY
TO TALK ABOUT RELIEF FROM HIGH ELECTRIC RATES. HOUSE SPEAKER
MICHAEL MADIGAN'S OFFICE ANNOUNCED FRIDAY.. .THAT MADIGAN,

SENATE PRESIDENT EMIL JONES AND ATTORNEY GENERAL LISA MADIGAN ... WILL BE MAKING STOPS AT A NUMBER OF CITIES.. INCLUDING DECATUR.

Electric Rates July 23 12PM :34
THE STATE'S TOP DEMOCRATS WERE IN DECATUR THIS MORNING.. TO TALK TO RESIDENTS ABOUT RELIEF FROM HIGH ELECTRIC BILLS. HOUSE SPEAKER MICHAEL MADIGAN, SENATE PRESIDENT EMIL JONES AND ATTORNEY GENERAL LISA MADIGAN STOPPED AT THE DECATUR AIRPORT.. AS PART OF A STATE-WIDE FLY AROUND.

Minimum Wage July 24 5AM 1:50
MILLIONS OF AMERICANS WILL BE GETTING A RAISE TODAY AS THE MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TEN YEARS. DEMOCRATS IN WASHINGTON ARE CELEBRATING THE FIRST -- AND SO FAR BIGGEST -- SUCCESS OF THEIR MAJORITY TENURE IN CONGRESS. BROOKE HART HAS THE LATEST FROM WASHINGTON.

Kellner Food July 24 5AM :48
ONE CENTRAL ILLINOIS FOOD DISTRIBUTOR IS PLANNING TO EXPAND BUSINESS WHILE STAYING IN THE COMMUNITY. M-J KELLNER FOODSERVICE IN SPRINGFIELD PLANS TO INVEST EIGHT-POINT-SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS INTO A NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITY.

IP Problems July 24 5AM :26
YOUR NEW IPHONE COULD BE IN DANGER OF BEING HACKED. RESEARCHERS FOR A COMPUTER SECURITY COMPANY SAY THEY CAN TAKE OVER AN IPHONE BY GOING THROUGH ITS WIRELESS CONNECTION. HACKERS CAN ALSO GAIN ACCESS IF THE USER SURFS ONTO A SITE THAT HAS MALICIOUS SOFTWARE ON IT.

Ameren July 24 5PM :24
AMEREN SAYS RATE RELIEF IS ON THE WAY TO ITS CUSTOMERS. NEWSCENTER 17 TOLD YOU YESTERDAY ABOUT THE BILLION DOLLAR AGREEMENT AMEREN AND COMMONWEALTH EDISON REACHED WITH LAWMAKERS. TODAY... AMEREN'S PRESIDENT OUTLINED THE TERMS OF THE DEAL. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT WAS AT THE ANNOUNCEMENT THIS MORNING... AND JOINS US LIVE FROM SPRINGFIELD....

Macon County Plan July 24 5PM :27
A MEETING BEGINS IN ABOUT 15 MINUTES... THAT WILL DETERMINE DECATUR AND MACON COUNTY'S FUTURE. CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIALS ARE HOLDING A PUBLIC FORUM AT THE HICKORY POINT GOLF COURSE. THEY PLAN TO TAKE PUBLIC OPINION ON QUALITY OF LIFE AND USE IT IN A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Farm Progress July 24 5PM :52
FINAL PLANS FOR THIS YEAR'S FARM PROGRESS SHOW ARE TAKING SHAPE... AT PROGRESS CITY ON DECATUR'S NORTHEAST SIDE. THE EVENT IS AUGUST 28TH, 29TH, AND 30TH. BUT TEMPORARY BUILDINGS ARE ALREADY BEING CONSTRUCTED. ASPHALT STREET PAVING IS ALSO WELL UNDERWAY.

Ameren July 24 6PM 1:33
FOR THOSE OF YOU STRUGGLING TO PAY HIGH POWER BILLS ...
RELIEF COULD SOON BE ON THE WAY. AMEREN PRESIDENT SCOTT CISEL OUTLINED TERMS OF THE ONE **BILLION** DOLLAR RATE RELIEF PLAN TODAY. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT IS LIVE IN SPRINGFIELD TO EXPLAIN WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU.

Macon County Plan July 24 6PM 1:00
STARTING TONIGHT... MACON COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE ASKED TO COME OUT AND HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THEIR COMMUNITY. DECATUR CITY AND MACON COUNTY OFFICIALS HIRED A CONSULTING FIRM TO GATHER YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT HOW TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE. NEWSCENTER 17'S MIKAELA HUNT IS LIVE TONIGHT AT THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF PUBLIC FORUMS.

Farm Progress July 24 6PM :55
THE LAST YEAR HAS BEEN AN EXCELLENT ONE FOR MIDWEST FARMERS. HIGH COMMODITY PRICES ALONG WITH GOOD WEATHER HAS THEM EXCITED ABOUT THEIR FUTURE. WITH THE FARM PROGRESS SHOW COMING AT THE END OF AUGUST.. EXHIBITORS ARE ALSO EXCITED BECAUSE THEY FEEL THERE IS A PENT UP DEMAND FOR NEW EQUIPMENT AND PRODUCTS

Recycling Grants July 24 6PM :24
FOUR CENTRAL ILLINOIS COUNTIES GET STATE MONEY TO SUPPORT RECYCLING EFFORTS. THE COMMUNITIES WILL SPLIT MORE THAN 146-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN OPPORTUNITY RETURNS GRANTS. VIRGINIA, IN CASS COUNTY GETS MORE THAN 85-HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR MORE DROP-OFF COLLECTION CONTAINERS FOR RESIDENTS. TAYLORVILLE GETS 60-THOUSAND DOLLARS TO EXPAND ITS PROCESSING CAPABILITIES.

Macon County Plan July 24 10PM :56
NEW TONIGHT... AN IMPRESSIVE TURNOUT FOR THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF PUBLIC FORUMS THAT WILL ADDRESS QUALITY OF LIFE IN MACON COUNTY. A CONSULTING FIRM FROM CHICAGO LISTENED TO IDEAS FROM RESIDENTS AT THE HICKORY POINT GOLF COURSE. THEY'LL TAKE THOSE IDEAS AND CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO

ENHANCE BUSINESS, RECREATION, AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

Ameren July 24 10PM 1:02
YOU MAY SOON SEE RELIEF TO THOSE SKYROCKETING ELECTRIC BILLS .. TODAY AMEREN C-E-O SCOTT CISEL OUTLINED THE TERMS OF THE RATE RELIEF PLAN. AMEREN SAYS EVERYONE CAN EXPECT A CREDIT OF AT LEAST 100- DOLLARS A YEAR.
IF YOU USE NATURAL GAS OR FUEL TO HEAT YOUR HOME .. YOUR AVERAGE CREDIT WILL BE ABOUT 130-DOLLARS

Farm Progress July 24 10PM :23
FINAL PLANS FOR THIS YEAR'S FARM PROGRESS SHOW ARE TAKING SHAPE... AT PROGRESS CITY ON DECATUR'S NORTHEAST SIDE. THE EVENT IS STILL MORE THAN A MONTH AWAY... BUT TEMPORARY BUILDINGS ARE ALREADY GOING UP. AND ASPHALT STREET PAVING IS ALSO WELL UNDERWAY.

News Extra July 24 10PM :57
WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR CREDIT... WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW COULD BE COSTING YOU THOUSANDS. IT'S ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT NUMBERS YOU HAVE.... NOT YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER... BUT YOUR CREDIT SCORE. IT'S DIFFERENT FROM A CREDIT REPORT... BUT **DOES** REFLECT YOUR CREDIT WORTHINESS.

Ameren July 25 5AM :55
YOU MAY SOON SEE RELIEF TO THOSE SKYROCKETING ELECTRIC BILLS .. AMEREN C-E-O SCOTT CISEL HAS OUTLINED THE TERMS OF THE RATE RELIEF PLAN. AMEREN SAYS EVERYONE CAN EXPECT A CREDIT OF AT LEAST 100- DOLLARS A YEAR.

LDC Update July 25 5PM :27
THE FORMER LINCOLN DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER COULD REOPEN NEXT YEAR. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SPOKESPERSON TOM GREEN SAYS NEARLY SIX MILLION DOLLARS IS SET ASIDE FOR THE PROJECT IN THE O-8 BUDGET. HOWEVER ... WHILE LAWMAKERS CONTINUE BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS .. HE SAYS ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN.

St. Mary's O.R. July 25 5PM :51
TODAY A DECATUR HOSPITAL UNVEILED A NEW MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR SURGERY SUITE. SAINT MARY'S NEW OPERATING ROOM WAS A YEAR IN THE MAKING... AT A COST OF NEARLY TWO-POINT-THREE MILLION DOLLARS. TODAY THE HOSPITAL'S FOUNDATION SHOWED OFF SOME OF THE SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE SUITE... INCLUDING A VOICE ACTIVATION SYSTEM AND MULTIPLE MONITORS.

Decatur Chamber July 25 6PM :52
THE GREATER DECATUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MAKES TWO BIG ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS MORNING. THE CHAMBER HAS CREATED A NEW... ALL INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY AWARDS EVENT. IT WILL BE HELD AT MILLIKIN'S KIRKLAND FINE ARTS CENTER... OCTOBER 13TH. BUSINESSES ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT THEIR EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR. CHAMBER PRESIDENT RANDY PRINCE SAYS IT'S AN EFFORT TO HONOR ALL THAT'S HAPPENING IN BUSINESS AND THE COMMUNITY.

CAT Retirees July 25 10PM :28
NEW AT TEN... CATERPILLAR IS SUING TO MAKE THE UNITED AUTO WORKERS SHARE COSTS... IF COURTS RULE THAT CAT DIDN'T UPHOLD A PROMISE TO GIVE RETIREES FREE HEALTH CARE FOR LIFE. THE HEAVY EQUIPMENT MAKER ARGUES THAT THE UNION NEGOTIATED AND APPROVED CONTRACTS THAT SCALED BACK HEALTH CARE COVERAGE. AND CATERPILLAR SAYS U-A-W IS NOW BACKING TWO CLASS-ACTION LAWSUITS SEEKING LIFETIME COVERAGE FOR THOUSANDS OF RETIREES AND SURVIVING SPOUSES.

Vacant buildings July 25 10PM :44
NEW SINCE SIX... JACKSONVILLE CREATES A NEW ORDINANCE TO HELP CLEAN UP VACANT BUILDINGS IN THE CITY. JACKSONVILLE'S MAYOR SAYS THE NEW ORDINANCE BASICALLY SETS UP A REGISTRY SO THE CITY KNOWS WHAT'S GOING ON WITH VACANT BUILDINGS.

St. Mary's O.R. July 25 10PM :30
DECATUR'S ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL IS SHOWING OFF ITS NEW MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR SURGERY SUITE. A YEAR IN THE MAKING... THE NEW O-R SUITE COST NEARLY 2-POINT-3 MILLION DOLLARS. SOME OF THE FEATURES OF THE SUITE INCLUDE... A VOICE ACTIVATION SYSTEM... AND MULTIPLE MONITORS.

Underground R.R. July 25 10PM :56
NEW AT TEN... A MORGAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY GETS THOUSANDS TO DEVELOP AN UNDERGROUND RAILROAD MUSEUM. THE SOCIETY OWNS A 19TH CENTURY FARM HOME... THAT WAS PART OF THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD DURING THE 1840'S AND 50'S. WOODLAWN FARM SERVED AS A STATION FOR FREEDOM-SEEKERS... LOOKING FOR SHELTER ALONG THE NETWORK DURING THEIR JOURNEY AWAY FROM SLAVERY.

LDC Update July 26 5AM :25
THE FORMER LINCOLN DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER COULD REOPEN BY NEXT YEAR. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SPOKESPERSON TOM

GREEN SAYS MONEY HAS BEEN SET ASIDE FOR THE PROJECT, BUT WITHOUT AN APPROVED BUDGET THERE'S A CHANCE THAT COULD CHANGE. GREEN SAYS THE NEW "LINCOLN ESTATES" WOULD PROVIDE HOMES FOR SOME OF THE DISABLED RESIDENTS WHO LIVED AT THE CENTER WHEN IT CLOSED IN 2002.

Decatur Chamber July 26 5AM :54
THE GREATER DECATUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS MAKING SOME BIG PLANS FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. THE CHAMBER SAYS IT HAS CREATED A NEW, ALL-INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY AWARDS EVENT. IT WILL BE HELD AT MILLIKIN'S KIRKLAND FINE ARTS CENTER... OCTOBER 13TH.

TV Stand Recall July 26 5AM :27
NEARLY HALF-A-MILLION T-V STANDS SOLD AT WAL-MART STORES NATIONWIDE AND ONLINE AT WALMART-DOT-COM ARE BEING RECALLED. SAUDER WOODWORKING IS RECALLING 414-THOUSAND T-V STANDS BECAUSE THEY CAN COLLAPSE IF THE FASTENERS USED TO CONNECT THE METAL LEGS TO THE LOWER SHELF ARE NOT COMPLETELY TIGHTENED DURING ASSEMBLY.

On Line PC July 26 5AM :24
SHOPPING FOR A PERSONAL COMPUTER? ONLINE P-C RETAILERS ARE GOING TO NEW LENGTHS TO WIN BACK CUSTOMERS WHO WANT TO GO INSIDE A STORE TO TOUCH AND TEST OUT THEIR COMPUTERS BEFORE BUYING THEM. RETAILERS SUCH AS BUY-DOT-COM AND TIGER-DIRECT HAVE RE-DESIGNED THEIR WEB SITES WITH ADDED FEATURES, INCLUDING ONLINE VIDEO AND COMMUNITY FORUMS... AND PRICE-COMPARISON FEATURES.

Vacant Buildings July 26 12PM :40
THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE HAS A NEW ORDINANCE IN PLACE TO HELP CLEAN UP VACANT BUILDINGS. JACKSONVILLE'S MAYOR SAYS THE ORDINANCE REQUIRES PROPERTY OWNERS TO REGISTER A PLAN WITH THE CITY... FOR ANY BUILDING THAT IS SITTING VACANT. HE SAYS ITS A WAY TO WORK **WITH** PROPERTY OWNERS TO PREVENT DERELICT BUILDINGS.

Consumer Watch July 26 5PM 1:15
TOPPING TONIGHT'S CONSUMERWATCH... IT'S BEEN A ROUGH DAY ON WALL STREET, WITH THE STOCK MARKET TAKING A BIG HIT. THE DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE WAS DOWN MORE THAN 400 POINTS SEVERAL TIMES THIS AFTERNOON. EXPERTS BLAME THE LOSS IN PART ON A WEAKENING HOUSING MARKET.

Fighter Jets July 27 12PM :30

AN EFFORT TO KEEP 15 NATIONAL GUARD JETS IN SPRINGFIELD.. HAS HIT A MAJOR ROADBLOCK. A FEDERAL JUDGE THIS WEEK DISMISSED A LAWSUIT FILED BY GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH.. IT CLAIMED THE PENTAGON COULD NOT MOVE THE 15 F-16 JETS WITHOUT THE GOVERNOR'S APPROVAL. IN HER RULING.. JUDGE JEANNE SCOTT SAID THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT CAN MOVE THE PLANES IF IT WANTS TO AND THAT HER DECISION EFFECTIVELY CLOSES THE CASE.

Elec Rates Checks July 27 6PM 1:28
YOU NOW KNOW YOU'LL BE GETTING MONEY BACK FROM A POWER RATE HIKE FROM EARLIER IN THE YEAR. BUT WHAT IS THE STATE DOING TO PROTECT YOU FROM ANOTHER MAJOR INCREASE?
NEWSCENTER 17'S MIKAELA HUNT TAKES A LOOK TONIGHT.

Moultrie County Jail July 27 6PM :30
EXACTLY ONE YEAR AFTER GROUNDBREAKING... CONSTRUCTION IS ALMOST COMPLETE ON MOULTRIE COUNTY'S NEW JAIL. THE NEW SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND DENTENTION CENTER IS ABLE TO HOUSE MORE THAN 50 INMATES. IT ALSO HAS SPACE FOR MEETING AND TRAINING ROOMS.

Harvest July 27 5PM 1:46
CENTRAL ILLINOIS FARMERS COULD BE IN FOR SOME HIGH PRICES AND AN EARLY HARVEST THIS YEAR. LOCAL FARM EXPERTS SAY CROPS IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS ARE LOOKING GREAT RIGHT NOW... SOME OF THE BEST IN THE MIDWEST. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY IS IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY TO EXPLAIN WHAT THIS MEANS FOR AREA FARMERS.

FutureGen July 29 10PM :20
ALSO TOMORROW.... THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE SAYS HE'LL BE IN FARMERSVILLE... TO SIGN AN "INCENTIVE PACKAGE BILL" GIVING ILLINOIS A BETTER CHANCE AT GETTING THE FUTURE GEN PLANT. TUSCOLA AND MATTOON ARE UP AGAINST TWO CITIES IN TEXAS FOR THE ONE- POINT- 4 BILLION DOLLAR COAL- TO- ENERGY PLANT.

Futuregen July 30 5AM :20
ALSO TODAY.... THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE SAYS HE'LL BE IN FARMERSVILLE... TO SIGN AN "INCENTIVE PACKAGE BILL" GIVING ILLINOIS A BETTER CHANCE AT GETTING THE FUTURE GEN PLANT.
TUSCOLA AND MATTOON ARE UP AGAINST TWO CITIES IN TEXAS FOR THE ONE- POINT- 4 BILLION DOLLAR COAL- TO- ENERGY PLANT.

Futuregen July 30 12PM 1:15
GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH IS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY TODAY.. HE IS THERE TO SIGN AN "INCENTIVE PACKAGE BILL." IT'S TO GIVE ILLINOIS A

BETTER CHANCE AT GETTING THE FUTUREGEN PLANT. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT IS LIVE IN FARMERSVILLE WITH THE DETAILS.

Futuregen July 30 12PM :28
THIS AFTERNOON, THE GOVERNOR TRIED TO INCREASE ILLINOIS' CHANCE OF LANDING A LUCRATIVE DEAL. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH WAS IN FARMERSVILLE ... TO SIGN AN 82-MILLION DOLLAR "INCENTIVE PACKAGE." THE BILL WILL GIVE ILLINOIS A BETTER CHANCE AT GETTING THE FUTURE GEN PLANT.

Futuregen July 30 5PM :54
MEANWHILE GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH CLEARS THE WAY FOR A MORE THAN ONE BILLION DOLLAR POWER PLANT IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS. THE GOVERNOR SIGNED LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO GIVE MATTOON AND TUSCOLA A BETTER CHANCE OF LANDING THE COAL-TO-ENERGY POWER PLANT... FUTUREGEN.

Signs/Camera's July 30 5PM :34
IF YOU'RE TRAVELING TO OR FROM SPRINGFIELD THIS WEEK... YOU MAY RUN INTO SOME DELAYS. I-DOT IS INSTALLING NEW EQUIPMENT ON PART OF INTERSTATE-72... NEAR SPRINGFIELD. TONIGHT AT 7... WESTBOUND I-72 ... WILL BE CLOSED AT MILE POST 1-OH-6 FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTES. THEN TOMORROW NIGHT ALSO AT 7... EASTBOUND LANES AT MILE POST 90 WILL BE CLOSED FOR 15 MINUTES AS WELL.

ADM Earnings July 30 5PM :30
ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND SAYS ITS FISCAL FOURTH-QUARTER PROFITS MORE THAN DOUBLED. HELPED BY HIGHER REVENUE AND GAINS ON ASSET SALES. TODAY A-D-M REPORTS PROFITS FOR THE QUARTER WHICH ENDED JUNE 30TH TOTALED 954-POINT-EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS, OR A-DOLLAR-47 PER SHARE.

Futuregen Bill July 30 6PM :32
GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH CLEARS THE WAY FOR A MORE THAN ONE BILLION DOLLAR POWER PLANT IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS. THE GOVERNOR SIGNED LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO GIVE MATTOON AND TUSCOLA A BETTER CHANCE OF LANDING THE COAL-TO-ENERGY POWER PLANT... FUTUREGEN. THE GOVERNOR SAYS BOTH SITES SIT ABOVE VAST COAL RESERVES .. WHICH CONTAIN MORE ENERGY THAN OIL RESERVES IN SAUDI ARABIA AND KUWAIT COMBINED.

Cease Fire Money July 30 10PM :26
AND NEW AT TEN... A VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM THAT OPERATES THROUGHOUT THE STATE... INCLUDING HERE IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS... STILL DOESN'T HAVE STATE FUNDS. BUT OPERATION CEASEFIRE DID GET A GRANT TODAY TO EXPAND TO THREE CITIES

OUTSIDE ILLINOIS. THE CHICAGO-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION GROUP GETS 1-POINT-7 MILLION DOLLARS TO EXPAND TO BALTIMORE, CINCINNATI AND NEWARK, NEW JERSEY.

News Extra July 30 10PM 1:59
IT'S AN ENORMOUS MESS -- ONE THAT'S FORCED PEOPLE TO MISS OR RESCHEDULE VACATIONS....WEDDINGS... EVEN FUNERALS. THE PROBLEM IS A HUGE BACKLOG IN PASSPORT APPLICATIONS... AFFECTING SOME 2 MILLION PEOPLE. SO, WHAT'S THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S SOLUTION? BELIEVE IT, OR NOT -- INTERNS.

Futuregen July 31 5AM :48
MEANWHILE GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH HAS CLEARED THE WAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ONE-POINT FOUR BILLION DOLLAR POWER PLANT IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS. THE GOVERNOR YESTERDAY SIGNED LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO GIVE MATTOON AND TUSCOLA A BETTER CHANCE OF LANDING THE COAL-TO-ENERGY POWER PLANT... FUTUREGEN.

ADM Earnings July 31 5AM :25
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 12 YEARS... THE CHAMPAIGN URBANA PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT IS ALL IN ONE BUILDING. YESTERDAY THE DISTRICT OPENED ITS DOORS FOR THE FIRST TIME AT ITS NEW LOCATION. THE OFFICES USED TO BE SPREAD OUT IN BOTH CHAMPAIGN AND URBANA... BUT NOW PEOPLE CAN GET ALL THEIR SERVICES UNDER ONE ROOF.

Credit Cards July 31 5PM :24
CONSUMER GROUPS AND NOW, THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD ARE CALLING FOR CREDIT CARD COMPANIES TO MAKE SOME CHANGES IN THEIR POLICIES. THE BOARD IS PROPOSING REQUIRING CARD ISSUERS TO GIVE CLEARER INFORMATION ABOUT RATES AND FEES. THEY ALSO WANT ISSUERS TO GIVE 45 DAYS NOTICE OF A RATE CHANGE, INSTEAD OF THE CURRENT 15 DAYS.

Alcohol Labels July 31 5PM :23
AND THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING INTO REQUIRING CHANGES IN LABELING FOR ALL ALCOHOLIC DRINK PACKAGING. DISTILLERIES AND BREWERIES WOULD HAVE TO PUBLISH A STATEMENT OF THE DRINK'S ALCOHOL PERCENTAGE BY VOLUME. THE NEW LABELS WOULD ALSO HAVE TO SHOW CALORIES, CARBOHYDRATES, FAT AND PROTEIN CONTENT OF THE DRINKS PER SERVING.

Coffee Prices July 31 5PM 1:28
WHAT'S BEHIND THE PRICE HIKE FOR A CUP OF STARBUCKS COFFEE? AND WILL IT HAVE CAFE MOCHA LOYALISTS LOOKING FOR A CHEAPER CUP?

Piatt Co Corn Plant July 31 10PM 1:28
DAWN AND SEAN... DOZENS OF PEOPLE WERE SCHEDULED TO SPEAK.
AS FAR AS WE KNOW... THAT MEETING IS STILL GOING ON. HERE'S THE
ISSUE... CLARKSON GRAIN ... BASED IN CERRO- GORDO.... ORGINALLY
WANTED TO BUILD THE CORN MILL PLANT IN LODGE. AFTER MUCH
OPPOSITION.. THEY PICKED A NEW SITE NEAR WHITE HEATH.

ADM Contract July 31 10PM :18
NEW TONIGHT... A LOCAL STEELWORKERS UNION ACCEPTS A NEW
CONTRACT WITH DECATUR'S ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND. MEMBERS OF
UNITED STEEL WORKERS LOCAL UNION 7-876 HAD BEEN WORKING ON
AN EXTENDED CONTRACT SINCE FEBRUARY... WHILE NEGOTIATORS
WORKED OUT A DEAL WITH A-D-M. UNION PRESIDENT RON PATRICK
SAYS TODAY THE UNION MEMBERS VOTED ACCEPTED THE NEW
CONTRACT.

Piatt Co Corn Plant Aug 1 5AM 1:10
A PIATT COUNTY ZONING BOARD HAS GIVEN ITS SUPPORT TO A
PROPOSED CORN MILL PLANT, BUT SOME COMMUNITY MEMBERS
REMAIN UNSURE. PEOPLE FOR AND AGAINST BUILDING THE MILL...
CROWDED A SPECIAL ZONING BOARD MEETING LAST NIGHT.
CLARKSON GRAIN ... BASED IN CERRO- GORDO.... ORGINALLY WANTED
TO BUILD THE CORN MILL PLANT IN LODGE. BUT AFTER MUCH
OPPOSITION.. IT PICKED A NEW SITE NEAR WHITE HEATH. LYN
CLARKSON ... WITH CLARKSON GRAIN.... SAYS THE NEW 40 ACRE SITE
NEAR WHITE HEATH IS MORE REMOTE FOR ITS PROCESSING FACILITY...
WHICH HE SAYS IS ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY... AND WOULD
COMPLY WITH E-P-A STANDARDS.

ADM Contract Aug 1 5AM :17
A STEELWORKERS UNION HAS ACCEPTED A NEW CONTRACT WITH
DECATUR'S ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND. MEMBERS OF UNITED STEEL
WORKERS LOCAL UNION 7-876 HAD BEEN WORKING ON AN EXTENDED
CONTRACT SINCE FEBRUARY... WHILE NEGOTIATORS WORKED OUT A
DEAL WITH A-D-M.

Piatt Co Corn Plant Aug 1 12PM :52
A PIATT COUNTY ZONING BOARD SUPPORTS A PROPOSED CORN MILL
PLANT, BUT SOME PEOPLE WHO LIVE THERE AREN'T SO SURE. PEOPLE
FOR AND AGAINST BUILDING THE MILL... CROWDED A SPECIAL ZONING
BOARD MEETING LAST NIGHT.

ADM Contract Aug 1 12PM :13
A STEELWORKERS UNION HAS ACCEPTED A NEW CONTRACT WITH
DECATUR'S "ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND." MEMBERS OF "UNITED STEEL

WORKERS LOCAL UNION 7-876" HAD BEEN WORKING ON AN EXTENDED CONTRACT SINCE FEBRUARY.

Corn Mill Folo Aug 1 5PM 1:55
THE BATTLE OVER A PROPOSED CORN MILL IN PIATT COUNTY HAS CHANGED HANDS. ORIGINALLY... CLARKSON GRAIN WANTED TO BUILD A PLANT NEAR LODGE... BUT AFTER LOCAL RESIDENTS COMPLAINED... CLARKSON WITHDREW THE APPLICATION TO BUILD A CORN MILL THERE.

Bank Merger Aug 1 5PM :26
THEY PROMISE MORE BENEFITS FOR CUSTOMERS. FIRST BUSEY BANK ANNOUNCES IT'S MERGER WITH MAIN STREET TRUST IS COMPLETE. THE TRANSITION BEGAN LAST SEPTEMBER. THE PRESIDENT OF FIRST BUSEY BANK SAYS THEY WILL CONSOLIDATE THE TWO PRIMARY BANKS, MAIN STREET BANK AND TRUST AND BUSEY BANK.

Monsanto Rehearsal Aug 1 6PM 1:27
ONE EXHIBITOR AT THIS YEAR'S FARM PROGRESS SHOW HAD AN EARLY DRESS REHEARSAL TODAY AT PROGRESS CITY. MONSANTO QUIZZED FARMERS ON HOW TO MAKE THEIR EXHIBIT MORE APPEALING. NEWSCENTER 17 FARM ANALYST DAVE BROWN WAS ON HAND.

Electric Rates Aug 1 10PM :40
THE STATE IS OPERATING WITH NO STATE BUDGET AT THIS POINT... AND NOW THE GOVERNOR IS ASKING FOR YOUR PATIENCE WHEN IT COMES TO ELECTRIC RATE RELIEF...NEW AT TEN... GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH ASKS YOU TO QUOTE "JUST SIT TIGHT" ON ELECTRIC RATE RELIEF...

Macon Co Surplus Aug 1 10PM :57
MEANWHILE, ILLINOIS COMPTROLLER DAN HYNES SAYS HE HOPES GOOD FINANCIAL NEWS FROM A LOCAL GOVERNMENT WILL ENCOURAGE LAWMAKERS TO WORK TOGETHER. TODAY HYNES MADE A STOP IN DECATUR, FOR A BIG ANNOUNCEMENT IN MACON COUNTY.

Durbin Opponent Aug 1 10PM :32
NEW TONIGHT... A CHICAGO REPUBLICAN SAYS HE'LL RUN AGAINST SENATOR DICK DURBIN FOR HIS SEAT IN THE U-S SENATE. REPUBLICAN STEVE SAUERBERG FORMALLY ANNOUNCED HIS PLANS TO RUN TODAY. SAUERBERG IS A POLITICAL NEWCOMER... BUT HE'S ARGUED THAT DURBIN IS BEATABLE IN 2008... SAYING HIS OWN CANDIDACY WILL OFFER FRESH IDEAS.

Corn Mill Folo Aug 1 10PM :42

CLARKSON GRAIN IS A STEP CLOSER TO BUILDING A NEW CORN MILLING PLANT IN PIATT COUNTY. IT'S A NEWSCENTER 17 UPDATE AS THE PIATT COUNTY ZONING BOARD APPROVES THE PROPOSED SITE IN WHITE HEATH DESPITE LOUD OPPOSITION BY NEIGHBORS.

Monsanto Rehearsal Aug 1 10PM :37
MEANWHILE... ONE EXHIBITOR AT THIS YEAR'S FARM PROGRESS SHOW GETS AN EARLY START AT PROGRESS CITY. MONSANTO QUIZZED FARMERS ON HOW TO MAKE THEIR EXHIBIT MORE APPEALING. THE SEED GIANT IS INVESTING MILLIONS IN THE EXHIBIT AT THIS YEAR'S SHOW.

Clarkson Grain Aug 2 5AM :39
CLARKSON GRAIN IS ON IT'S WAY TO CONSTRUCTING A NEW CORN MILLING PLANT IN PIATT COUNTY. THE PIATT COUNTY ZONING BOARD APPROVED THE PROPOSED SITE IN WHITE HEATH.. DESPITE OPPOSITION BY NEIGHBORS. RESIDENTS IN LODGE ALSO OPPOSED THE MILL.. WHEN IT WAS FIRST PROPOSED FOR THEIR CITY.

Ameren Earnings Aug 2 5PM :25
MEANWHILE.. AMEREN IS MAKING MORE MONEY. AMEREN SAYS ITS SECOND QUARTER 2007 NET INCOME IS... 143 MILLION DOLLARS. THIS TIME LAST YEAR IT WAS 123 MILLION. NET INCOME FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2007---266 MILLION.. COMPARED TO 193 MILLION IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2006.

Yahoo Jobs Aug 2 5PM :48
YAHOO IS TALKING ABOUT OPENING A NEW OFFICE IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS.. BRINGING MANY NEW JOBS TO THE AREA. THE COMPANY IS LOOKING AT OPENING A TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IN THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS RESEARCH PARK IN CHAMPAIGN.

Mt. Zion Teachers Aug 2 5PM :21
SOME CENTRAL ILLINOIS TEACHERS AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL MEET WITH A MEDIATOR NEXT WEEK. NEWSCENTER 17 SPOKE WITH MOUNT ZION SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT DARBE BRINKOETTER THIS MORNING. SHE REFUSED TO COMMENT RIGHT NOW ON THE ISSUES BETWEEN THE TEACHERS AND THE SCHOOL BOARD... BUT BRINKOETTER DID SAY SOMETIME NEXT WEEK THEY WILL MEET WITH A MEDIATOR.

Electric Rates Aug 2 6PM :58
IT COULD BE UP TO TWO MONTHS BEFORE GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH GIVES THE **O.K.** TO AN ELECTRIC RATE RELIEF PLAN APPROVED BY LAWMAKERS LAST WEEK. BLAGOJEVICH HAS ASSIGNED THE DIRECTOR

OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS... MARTY COHEN TO REVIEW THE BILL... WHICH HE CALLS "COMPLICATED."

State Fair Aug 2 6PM 1:15
THE ILLINOIS STATE FAIR IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER... AND MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN PLANNING IT FOR AT LEAST A YEAR.. SO... WITH THE STATE BUDGET STILL UP IN THE AIR... WILL THIS AFFECT THE STATE FAIR?

Celebration Preview Aug 2 6PM 1:47
THIS TIME TOMORROW, THE 22ND ANNUAL DECATUR CELEBRATION WILL BE UNDERWAY. YOU CAN SEE THE CELEBRATION'S OPENING CEREMONIES LIVE HERE ON NEWSCENTER 17. BUT SOME OF THE FUN HAS ALREADY BEGUN. NEWSCENTER 17'S SCOT ENGLAND JOINS US LIVE FROM THE DECATUR CIVIC CENTER WHERE THE CELEBRATION'S CARNIVAL HAS JUST OPENED FOR BUSINESS.

Springfield Flights Aug 2 6PM :57
SPRINGFIELD RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO FLY DIRECTLY TO LAS VEGAS STARTING AUGUST 17TH...AND MORE DIRECT FLIGHT DESTINATIONS COULD BE WAITING IN THE WINGS. MARK HANNA OF THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY COMMISSION SAYS THAT ALLEGIANT AIRLINES COULD BE ADDING FLIGHTS TO PHOENIX ARIZONA... AS WELL AS TAMPA - ST. PETERSBURG... AND ORLANDO FLORIDA.

Power Comments Aug 2 10PM :20
TONIGHT ON NEWSCENTER 17 AT SIX... WE ASKED YOU TO SOUND OFF... ON WHAT YOU THINK OF THE CURRENT STATE OF ELECTRIC RATE RELIEF. NICO IN SPRINGFIELD SAYS... "I THINK THAT IT'S ABOUT AS BAD AS THIS CURRENT BUDGET SITUATION."

Ameren Earnings Aug 2 10PM :27
MEANWHILE... AMEREN'S EARNINGS ARE UP. THE UTILITY GIANT SAYS ITS SECOND QUARTER NET INCOME IS 143 MILLION DOLLARS. THIS TIME LAST YEAR... IT WAS 123 MILLION. AND NET INCOME FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2007---266 MILLION.. COMPARED TO 193 MILLION IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2006.

Ameren Earnings Aug 3 5AM :28
MEANWHILE... AMEREN'S EARNINGS ARE UP. THE UTILITY GIANT SAYS ITS SECOND QUARTER NET INCOME IS 143 MILLION DOLLARS. THIS TIME LAST YEAR... IT WAS 123 MILLION. AND NET INCOME FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2007---266 MILLION.. COMPARED TO 193 MILLION IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2006.

Electric Rates Aug 3 5PM :56

LAWMAKERS SAY TIME IS RUNNING OUT ON GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH'S OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE ELECTRIC RATE'S FOR AMEREN CUSTOMERS. YESTERDAY... MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SENT THE GOVERNOR A LETTER... URGING HIM TO SIGN THE RATE RELIEF BILL WHICH CONGRESS APPROVED LAST WEEK.

Water Rates Aug 3 5PM :25

ON MONDAY THE DECATUR CITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE UP THE ISSUE OF INCREASING CITY WATER RATES. THE DECATUR CITY MANAGER, FINANCE DIRECTOR AND DIRECTOR OF WATER MANAGEMENT SENT OUT A RECOMMENDATION TO RAISE CITY WATER RATES BY 20 PERCENT IN THIS FISCAL YEAR.. 15 PERCENT IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR AND 15 PERCENT THE YEAR AFTER THAT.

Electric Rates Aug 3 6PM :36

A BILL DESIGNED TO KEEP ELECTRIC RATES LOW FOR AMEREN CUSTOMERS SITS ON THE GOVERNORS DESK AT THIS HOUR. LAWMAKERS HAVE WRITTEN THE GOVERNOR A LETTER... URGING HIM TO SIGN OR VETO THE BILL TODAY. THE GOVERNOR HAS SAID HE INTENDS TO REVIEW THE BILL CAREFULLY... AND SAYS THERES NO BENEFIT TO RUSHING TO SIGN THE BILL.

Sound Off Aug 3 6PM :34

WE ASKED YOU TO EMAIL YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE ONE BILLION DOLLAR ELECTRIC RATE AGREEMENT. WE WANT TO SHARE SOME COMMENTS WE RECEIVED: JOHN FROM DANVILLE SAYS: "BAD, BAD... THEY'RE TOO LITTLE TOO LATE. I WILL REMERBER THEM IN NOVEMBER... AND SO SHOULD ALL DOWN STATERS."

Elec Rates Aug 3 5AM :50

IT COULD BE UP TO TWO MONTHS BEFORE GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH GIVES THE O.K. TO AN ELECTRIC RATE RELIEF PLAN APPROVED BY LAWMAKERS LAST WEEK. BLAGOJEVICH HAS ASSIGNED THE DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS... MARTY COHEN TO REVIEW THE BILL.

Ameren Earnings Aug 4 5AM :25

MEANWHILE... AMEREN'S EARNINGS ARE UP. THE UTILITY GIANT SAYS ITS SECOND QUARTER NET INCOME IS 143 MILLION DOLLARS. THIS TIME LAST YEAR... IT WAS 123 MILLION. AND THE COMPANY'S NET INCOME FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2007 WAS 266 MILLION.. COMPARED TO 193 MILLION IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2006.

Electric Rate Aug 4 5PM :20

MEANWHILE.... THE BILL PROMISING RATE RELIEF FOR ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS IS STILL ON THE GOVERNOR'S DESK. MANY LAWMAKERS SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT HE SIGN THE LEGISLATION

*YESTERDAY.... WHICH WAS THE EXPIRATION DATE FOR A CONTRACT IN THE DEAL.

Decatur Water Aug 5 10PM 1:00
WATER RATES COULD RISE IN ONE AREA CITY.... 50 PERCENT OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS. THE DECATUR CITY COUNCIL WILL TALK ABOUT THE PROPOSED INCREASE AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW. CITY STAFF SAYS DECATUR PROVIDES SOME OF THE LEAST EXPENSIVE WATER IN ILLINOIS.

Decatur Water Aug 6 5AM :57
WATER RATES COULD RISE IN ONE AREA CITY.... 50 PERCENT OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS. THE DECATUR CITY COUNCIL WILL TALK ABOUT THE PROPOSED INCREASE AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW. CITY STAFF SAYS DECATUR PROVIDES SOME OF THE LEAST EXPENSIVE WATER IN ILLINOIS.

Economy Aug 6 12PM :20
HOUSE AND SENATE LEADERS WILL MEET AGAIN TODAY... AS THE BUDGET STILL HANGS IN THE BALANCE. THEY MET BRIEFLY THIS WEEKEND. THE STATE'S ONE-MONTH BUDGET EXTENSION EXPIRED LAST TUESDAY... AND IF THE LEGISLATURE DOESN'T APPROVE A DEAL, STATE SERVICES WILL BE AFFECTED WEDNESDAY.

Decatur Water Aug 6 12PM :30
THE DECATUR CITY COUNCIL TONIGHT WILL CONSIDER INCREASING WATER RATES AS A WAY TO RAISE MONEY FOR A NEW WATER SOURCE. CITY STAFF IS SUGGESTING RAISING THE RATE BY 20- PERCENT IMMEDIATELY.. THEN BY 15 PERCENT IN 2008 AND 2009.

Water Rates Aug 6 5PM 1:20
IT'S ONE OF LIFE'S NECESSITIES.. AND ONE CENTRAL ILLINOIS CITY WANTS TO CHARGE MORE FOR IT. BUT DECATUR RESIDENTS DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT A BIG INCREASE IN THEIR WATER BILLS.. AT LEAST FOR NOW.

School Loans Aug 6 5PM :23
IF LAWMAKERS DO NOT PUT A BUDGET IN PLACE THIS WEEK.. SCHOOLS CAN EXPECT LATE STATE AID PAYMENTS. TODAY.. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH TOLD THE ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY TO MAKE 175 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF NO-INTEREST LOANS AVAILABLE TO THE STATE'S 900 SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Umbrella DPD Aug 6 10PM :20
THE DECATUR CITY COUNCIL DEBATES FOR HOURS TONIGHT OVER THE FUTURE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. WE'LL HAVE MORE ON THE

DEBATE OVER WHERE TO PUT THE DECATUR POLICE DEPARTMENT... IN JUST A MOMENT... BUT FIRST...

Cop Shot Move Aug 6 10PM 1:42

IT'S A DECISION THAT WILL AFFECT THE FUTURE OF THE DECATUR POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TAXPAYERS. WHERE TO MOVE THE POLICE STATION FOR MORE SPACE... IS PROVING TO BE ANYTHING BUT AN EASY QUESTION TO ANSWER.

Water Rates Aug 6 10PM :47

MEANWHILE... THE CITY COUNCIL DID **NOT** TALK ABOUT A WATER RATE INCREASE TONIGHT. THE CITY COUNCIL HAD PLANNED TO VOTE ON A WATER RATE HIKE... BUT PULLED IT FROM THE AGENDA. A CITY SPOKESPERSON SAYS COUNCIL MEMBERS WANT MORE TIME TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE.

Schools Budget Aug 6 10PM :53

ILLINOIS SCHOOLS THAT FEARED DOORS WOULDNT OPEN THIS FALL IF A STATE BUDGET ISNT PASSED... CAN REST EASIER TONIGHT. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH DIRECTED THE ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY TO MAKE 175 MILLON DOLLARS AVAILABLE TO SCHOOLS... IF THEY NEED IT.

Regions Air Aug 6 10PM :25

THE AIRLINE THAT ONCE PROVIDED SERVICE BETWEEN SAINT LOUIS AND THE DECATUR AND SPRINGFIELD AIRPORTS.. IS SUING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. REGIONS AIR FILED THE SUIT AGAINST THE F-A-A.. THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.. AND SENATOR DICK DURBIN.

Regions Air Aug 7 5AM :35

THE AIRLINE THAT ONCE PROVIDED AMERICAN CONNECTION SERVICE BETWEEN SAINT LOUIS AND THE DECATUR AND SPRINGFIELD AIRPORTS IS NOW SUING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. REGIONS AIR FILED THE SUIT AGAINST THE F-A-A, THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, AND SENATOR DICK DURBIN.

Allerton Park Aug 7 5AM :23

A WELL KNOWN CENTRAL ILLINOIS PARK.. IS NOW LISTED AS ONE OF THE NATION'S HISTORIC PLACES. THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE LISTED THE "ROBERT ALLERTON ESTATE" ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES LAST MONTH.

Water Rates Aug 7 5AM :46

THE ISSUE OF A PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASE FOR DECATUR RESIDENTS HAS BEEN POSTPONED. THE CITY COUNCIL HAD PLANNED

TO VOTE ON A WATER RATE HIKE... BUT PULLED IT FROM THE AGENDA.
A CITY SPOKESPERSON SAYS COUNCIL MEMBERS WANT MORE
TIME TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE.

Dog Park Aug 7 5AM 1:31
ATTENTION DOG LOVERS... DECATUR IS GETTING ITS FIRST DOG PARK
A DOG PARK COMMITTEE, THE DECATUR PARK DISTRICT AND THE CITY
OF DECATUR HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD TO MAKE IT A REALITY... AND
IT SOON WILL BE.

Home Loans Aug 7 5AM :30
GETTING READY TO BUY A HOUSE? BE WARNED... HOME LOANS ARE
BECOMING HARDER TO GET. IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO BUY A HOUSE, OR
EVEN REFINANCE THE ONE YOU'RE IN... THE CHAOS ON WALL STREET
MAY BE HURTING YOUR CHANCES OF GETTING A LOAN.

Water Rates Aug 7 12PM :45
THE DECATUR CITY COUNCIL ALSO POSTPOSED A DECISION ON A
PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASE. THE CITY COUNCIL HAD PLANNED
TO VOTE ON THE RATE HIKE... BUT PULLED IT FROM THE AGENDA. THE
PROPOSAL LOOKS TO INCREASE RATES BY 50-PERCENT OVER THREE
YEARS.

AFSCME Budget Aug 7 5PM :38
THIS AFTERNOON AFSCME COUNCIL 31 SENT A LETTER TO GOVERNOR
BLAGOJEVICH AND COMPTROLLER DAN HYNES. THE LETTER
THREATENS LEGAL ACTION IF THEY DON'T MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENTS
SAYING AFSCME UNION WORKERS WILL BE PAID ON TIME DESPITE NO
BUDGET.

Recall Amendment Aug 7 5PM 1:46
WHILE GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH AND THE FOUR LEGISLATIVE LEADERS
TRY TO IRON OUT A MUCH OVERDUE BUDGET AGREEMENT.. ONE
REPUBLICAN SENATOR PUSHES FOR A MEASURE TO ALLOW ILLINOIS
VOTERS TO RECALL A GOVERNOR FROM OFFICE.

New Taxi Aug 7 5PM :45
A NEW TAXI SERVICE GETS THE OKAY TO OPEN UP FOR BUSINESS IN
DECATUR. A-O-K T-N-I TAXI IS UP AND RUNNING RIGHT NOW. THE
DECATUR CITY COUNCIL APPROVED THE NEW 24 HOUR TAXI SERVICE
AT LAST NIGHT'S MEETING. THE BUSINESS OPERATES 5 CARS FOR
NOW.

Super Computer Aug 7 5PM :25
A SUPERCOMPUTER... EXPECTED TO BE THE WORLD'S FASTEST...
COULD BE BUILT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS. THE NEW YORK

TIMES REPORTED... A DOCUMENT BRIEFLY AND MISTAKENLY POSTED ON A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WEB SITE INDICATES.... I-B-M WILL BUILD THE COMPUTER AT THE U OF I'S NATIONAL CENTER FOR SUPERCOMPUTING APPLICATIONS.

Bio Energy Aug 7 5PM 1:01
RENEWABLE FUEL IS OF INTEREST TO THE AGRICULTURAL WATER SHED INSTITUTE.. WHICH FINISHED A REPORT OF POTENTIAL BIOMASS CROPS BEING GROWN IN THE MIDWEST. CROPS LIKE SOYBEANS AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY.... THAT STARTED OUT WITH VERY FEW ACRES...

Arthur Buggy Lanes Aug 7 6PM :20
SEMI TRUCKS, BUGGIES, BIKES AND CARS ALL SHARING THE ROAD CAN BE A SAFETY HAZARD. TONIGHT DOUGLAS COUNTY IS SHARING DETAILS ON A PLAN TO UPGRADE ONE ROAD AND IMPROVE SAFETY.

Rantoul Job Fair Aug 7 6PM :32
FORMER EMPLOYEES OF THE RANTOUL COLLINS AND AIKMAN PLANT GET A CHANCE TO GET BACK ON THEIR FEET TODAY. HUNDREDS OF WORKERS WHO LOST THEIR JOBS WHEN THE FACTORY WENT BANKRUPT EARLIER THIS SUMMER... CAME OUT TO RANTOUL'S JOB FAIR THIS AFTERNOON.

Business Protection Aug 7 6PM :53
WITH IDENTITY THEFT MORE COMMON THESE DAYS, LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES GET A LESSON ON HOW TO PREVENT IT FROM HAPPENING. IN DECATUR THIS MORNING... STATE REPRESENTIVES BOB FLIDER AND BILL MITCHELL AND MEGAN FULARA WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE... HELD A SEMINAR FOR BUSINESS OWNERS... WANTING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PROTECTING THEIR INVESTMENT.

New Taxi Aug 7 6PM :25
A NEW TAXI SERVICE IN DECATUR IS NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS 24 HOURS A DAY.
THE DECATUR CITY COUNCIL LAST NIGHT APPROVED A-O-K T-N-I TAXI TO OPEN. THE SERVICE HAS 5 CARS AVAILABLE NOW.. THEY ARE 2003 AND 2004 IMPALAS THAT USED TO BE POLICE CRUISERS.

New Taxi Aug 8 5AM :25
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Toothpaste Recall Aug 8 5AM :20

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Arthur Buggy Lanes Aug 8 12PM :55

SEMI TRUCKS, BUGGIES, BIKES AND CARS ALL SHARING THE ROAD CAN BE A SAFETY HAZARD. TONIGHT DOUGLAS COUNTY IS SHARING DETAILS ON A PLAN TO UPGRADE ONE ROAD AND IMPROVE SAFETY.

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A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BOARD HAS RECOMMENDED THE WORLD'S FASTEST SUPERCOMPUTER BE BUILT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS. A NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION SPOKESPERSON SAYS THE DECISION ALL BUT GUARANTEES THE 400 MILLION DOLLAR SYSTEM WILL BE BUILT AT THE UNIVERSITY'S NATIONAL CENTER FOR SUPERCOMPUTING APPLICATIONS.

Supercomputer Aug 8 10PM :23
NEW AT TEN... AN UPDATE ON A NEW SUPERCOMPUTER WE TOLD YOU ABOUT LAST NIGHT. BY 20-11... THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SHOULD BE THE HOME OF THE WORLD'S FASTEST SUPERCOMPUTER. THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD OK'D SPENDING 208-MILLION DOLLARS TO BUILD THE COMPUTER AT THE U OF I'S NATIONAL CENTER FOR SUPERCOMPUTING APPLICATIONS.

Wireless Champaign Aug 12 5PM :21
YOU CAN NOW TAKE ADVANTAGE OF **FREE** WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS IN DOWNTOWN CHAMPAIGN. WIRELESS ACCESS POINTS HAVE BEEN PLACED ON TEN LOCATIONS, INCLUDING TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND LIGHT POLES. CHAMPAIGN CITY COUNCIL VOTED IN JUNE TO SET UP THE SYSTEM.

Work Camp Aug 12 10PM :20
THE "ED JENISON WORK CAMP," NEAR PARIS, IS UP FOR SALE. THE MOTHBALLED PRISON WORK CAMP GOES ON THE AUCTION BLOCK TUESDAY. BIDDING WILL START AT NEARLY ONE POINT FOUR MILLION DOLLARS. THE WORK CAMP OPENED IN 1993, BUT CLOSED IN 2002 DUE TO STATE BUDGET CUTS.

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Work Camp Aug 13 5AM :27
THERE MAY BE NEW LIFE FOR A CENTRAL ILLINOIS "PRISON WORK CAMP" CLOSED FIVE YEARS AGO. THE "ED JENISON WORK CAMP" IN PARIS GOES ON THE AUCTION BLOCK ON TUESDAY. BIDDING WILL START AT NEARLY NE-POINT-FOUR MILLION DOLLARS. THE WORK CAMP WAS ONE OF SEVERAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES **SHUT** DURING BUDGET CUTS IN 2002.

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SEAN .. BUDGET CUTS FORCED THE FACILITY TO CLOSE ..AND GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH PROMISED AREA RESIDENTS TO REOPEN THE FACILITY ONCE HE WAS ELECTED. BUT AFTER YEARS OF WAITING ...THE GOVERNOR SAID THE STATE JUST COULDN'T AFFORD IT.

Motorola Aug 13 5PM :50
SEVERAL LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE AGENCIES RECENTLY RECEIVED GRANT MONEY TO BUY NEW EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. TODAY.. ONE COMPANY PUT THEIR LATEST TECHNOLOGY ON DISPLAY.

Unclaimed Auction Aug 13 5PM :41
THE STATE OF ILLINOIS PLANS TO PUT SOME UNCLAIMED PROPERTY UP FOR AUCTION ON E-BAY. THE ITEMS GOING UP FOR BIDS NEXT MONDAY HAVE BEEN UNCLAIMED FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS. THOSE ITEMS INCLUDE JEWELRY.. WATCHES.. STAMPS.. AND EVEN BASEBALL CARDS.

Work Camp Aug 13 6PM :53
THE FATE OF A FORMER CENTRAL ILLINOIS PRISON COULD BE DECIDED TOMORROW. THE FORMER PARIS WORK CAMP WILL BE AUCTIONED OFF IN CHICAGO. THE STATE IS ASKING FOR A MINIMUM BID OF NEARLY 1-POINT-4 MILLION DOLLARS.

Gas Prices Down Aug 13 10PM :09
TRIPLE A REPORTS GAS PRICES ARE DOWN 27 CENTS FROM LAST MONTH. THAT PUTS THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR A GALLON OF REGULAR UNLEADED AT TWO DOLLARS AND 77 CENTS.

Gas Prices Up Aug 13 10PM 2:04
AS MOST OF THE NATION SEES A DOWNWARD TREND.. ONE CENTRAL ILLINOIS CITY IS SEEING PRICES **UP** ABOUT 40 CENTS. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEVE BUTERA JOINS US NOW LIVE FROM OUR SPRINGFIELD BUREAU... STEVE...

Conference Center Aug 13 10PM :34
NEW SINCE 6... THIS WEDNESDAY.. THE DECATUR CITY COUNCIL IS EXPECTED TO VOTE ON WHETHER TO BUY THE DECATUR CONFERENCE CENTER AND HOTEL. THIS IS FILE VIDEO OF EVENTS HELD THERE. IN A

RELEASE.. THE CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCED THAT TODAY IT DECIDED TO INFORMALLY PURSUE THE PURCHASE AND SHORT TERM OWNERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE CENTER AND HOTEL.

Work Camp Aug 13 10PM :56
OWNERSHIP OF A FORMER CENTRAL ILLINOIS PRISON COULD SOON GO TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. THE FORMER PARIS WORK CAMP WILL BE AUCTIONED OFF IN CHICAGO. THE STATE IS ASKING FOR A MINIMUM BID OF NEARLY 1-POINT-4 MILLION DOLLARS.

News Extra Aug 13 10PM 1:05
IN TONIGHT'S NEWS EXTRA... RETAIL SALES EDGED UP A BIT LAST MONTH. SALES OF CLOTHES, FURNITURE AND ELECTRONICS WERE ALL UP IN JULY, CAUSING SALES TO CLIMB BY ZERO POINT THREE PERCENT. THAT FOLLOWS A DROP IN JUNE SALES OF ZERO POINT SEVEN PERCENT... THE WORST SHOWING IN 16 MONTHS. ANALYSTS ARE KEEPING A CLOSE EYE ON SPENDING NOW BECAUSE OF RECENT UNCERTAINTY IN FINANCIAL MARKETS.

Piatt Corn Mill Aug 14 5AM :26
THE PIATT COUNTY BOARD WILL MEET THIS MORNING TO DECIDE THE FATE OF A CORN MILL PROPOSED FOR AN AREA NEAR WHITE HEATH. CLARKSON GRAIN WANTS TO BUILD A GRAIN PROCESSING PLANT IN THE COUNTY. LAST MONTH, THE COUNTY ZONING BOARD APPROVED A SPECIAL-USE PERMIT FOR THE WHITE HEATH SITE.

Decatur Conf. Center Aug 14 5AM :29
THIS WEDNESDAY.. THE DECATUR CITY COUNCIL IS EXPECTED TO VOTE WHETHER TO BUY THE DECATUR CONFERENCE CENTER AND HOTEL. THIS IS FILE VIDEO OF EVENTS HELD THERE. IN A RELEASE.. THE CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAS DECIDED TO INFORMALLY PURSUE THE PURCHASE AND SHORT TERM OWNERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE CENTER AND HOTEL.

Work Camp Aug 14 5AM 1:45
A FORMER CENTRAL ILLINOIS PRISON'S FATE IS UP IN THE AIR. THE STATE WILL AUCTION OFF THE PARIS WORK CAMP TODAY IN CHICAGO. BUDGET CUTS FORCED THE FACILITY TO CLOSE ..AND GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH PROMISED TO REOPEN THE FACILITY ONCE HE WAS ELECTED.

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ITEMS INCLUDE JEWELRY.. WATCHES.. STAMPS.. AND EVEN BASEBALL CARDS.

Durbin/Toys Aug 14 12PM :55

U-S SENATOR DICK DURBIN HAS SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT ALL THE RECENT RECALLS .. WARNING ABOUT HIDDEN DANGERS THEY CAN CAUSE IN YOUR HOME.
DURBIN VISITED "DECATUR DAY CARE CENTER" YESTERDAY MORNING. DURING HIS STOP, HE TALKED ABOUT SEVERAL TAINTED IMPORTS THAT HAVE COME INTO THIS COUNTRY RECENTLY.

Piatt Corn Mill Aug 14 12PM :20

CLARKSON GRAIN HAS THE GREEN LIGHT TO START BUILDING A PROPOSED CORN MILL IN PIATTT COUNTY. THE PIATT COUNTY BOARD TODAY VOTED FIVE TO ONE IN FAVOR OF THE MILL BEING BUILT NEAR WHITE HEATH. LAST MONTH, THE COUNTY ZONING BOARD APPROVED A SPECIAL-USE PERMIT FOR THE SITE.

Conference Center Aug 14 12PM :25

THE DECATUR CITY COUNCIL TOMORROW COULD DECIDE TOMORROW WHETHER TO BUY THE DECATUR CONFERENCE CENTER AND HOTEL. THE CITY COUNCIL SAYS NO ONE HAS OFFERED TO BUY THE PROPERTY. THE COUNCIL SAYS SINCE THE CONFERENCE CENTER AND HOTEL IS SCHEDULED TO BE AUCTIONED OFF ON THURSDAY.. IT WILL LOOK INTO POSSIBLY BUYING THE LAND AND OWNING IT IN THE SHORT TERM.

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Corn Mill Aug 14 5PM :49

THE FIGHT OVER A PROPOSED CORN MILL PLANT IN PIATT COUNTY APPEARS OVER AFTER A VOTE THIS MORNING. THE PIATT COUNTY BOARD APPROVED THE ZONING NEEDED FOR CERRO GORDO BASED CLARKSON GRAIN TO PROCEED WITH THE PLANT.

ADM/U of I Aug 14 5PM :25
DECATUR BASED ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND COMPANY ANNOUNCES A NEW JOINT VENTURE WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS. A-D-M SAY IT WILL OPEN A MATHEMATICAL MODELING CENTER ON THE U OF I CAMPUS THIS FALL. THE MODELING CENTER WILL BE ON THE U OF I'S RESEARCH PARK.. AND A-D-M WILL HIRE TEN PART TIME GRADUATE OR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT INTERNS.

Toy Recall Aug 14 5PM 1:51
JUST ONE DAY AFTER SENATOR DICK DURBIN CAME TO A DECATUR DAYCARE CENTER TO CALL FOR TOUGHER INSPECTIONS OF IMPORTED CONSUMER GOODS.. ANOTHER MAJOR TOY MAKER ANNOUNCES A MASSIVE RECALL. AS BRIAN MOOAR REPORTS.. THE RECALL INVOLVES MORE THAN NINE MILLION TOYS CONTAINING SMALL MAGNETS AND LEAD PAINT.

Milk Prices Aug 14 5PM :46
IF YOU THINK GAS PRICES ARE HIGH.. TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE GROCERY STORE DAIRY CASE. A GALLON OF MILK IS NOW AT IT'S HIGHEST NATIONWIDE AVERAGE PRICE.. OF 3-80 A GALLON. THE REASON FOR THE RISING PRICES.. MILK DEMAND WORLDWIDE IS AT AN ALL TIME HIGH.. AND THE COST OF FEEDING THOSE DAIRY COWS IS GOING UP AS WELL.

Corn Mill Aug 14 6PM :30
A FIVE TO ONE VOTE BY THE PIATT COUNTY BOARD THIS MORNING CLEARS THE WAY FOR A NEW CORN MILL. CERRO GORDO BASED CLARKSON GRAIN COMPANY SECURED THE 40 ACRES IN WHITE HEATH DESPITE SOME COMMUNITY OPPOSITION. CLARKSON GENERAL MANAGER RICK BUCKLER SAYS CLARKSON WILL PROVIDE CLEANED CORN TO THE FACILITY THAT WILL BE RUN BY CHICAGO BASED MOLINERO COMPANY.

Conference Center Aug 14 6PM 1:30
TIME IS RUNNING OUT ON THE UNCERTAIN FUTURE OF A MAJOR CENTRAL ILLINOIS HOTEL. NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH EXPLAINS WHAT'S BEING DONE. AND KELLY, DECATUR CITY LEADERS HAVE TO ACT FAST, RIGHT?

Work Camp Auction Aug 14 6PM :32
THE FATE OF A FORMER CENTRAL ILLINOIS PRISON IS LEFT HANGING TONIGHT. THE FORMER PARIS WORK CAMP WAS UP FOR AUCTION THIS AFTERNOON IN CHICAGO. BUT THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES SAYS IT DID NOT SELL AND THE STATE IS

VERY DISAPPOINTED.. BECAUSE THAT MEANS NO JOBS AND NO REVENUE.

Ameren Improvements Aug 14 10PM :29
NEW AT TEN... AMEREN WILL SPEND NEARLY 230 MILLION DOLLARS IN SYSTEM UPGRADES THIS YEAR TO IMPROVE RELIABILITY AND CUSTOMER SERVICE. AMEREN ILLINOIS PRESIDENT AND C-E-O DETAILED THE UTILITIES PLANS TODAY IN A HEARING BEFORE THE ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION.

Conference Center Aug 14 10PM :48
WE TOLD YOU FIRST LAST NIGHT AT TEN ABOUT THE CITY OF DECATUR PURSUING TO BUY THE DECATUR CONFERENCE AND HOTEL CENTER. CITY LEADERS MUST WORK OUT A DEAL BY TOMORROW NIGHT... OR THE PROPERTY HITS THE AUCTION BLOCK. DECATUR MAYOR PAUL OSBORNE SAYS, OTHER PEOPLE MIGHT WANT TO CONVERT THE HOTEL INTO SOMETHING ELSE.

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Corn Mill Aug 15 5AM :45
THE FIGHT OVER A PROPOSED CORN MILL PLANT IN PIATT COUNTY APPEARS TO BE OVER. THE PIATT COUNTY BOARD YESTERDAY APPROVED THE ZONING NEEDED FOR CERRO GORDO- BASED CLARKSON GRAIN TO PROCEED WITH THE PLANT. CLARKSON GENERAL MANAGER RICK BUCKER SAYS CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

ADM/U of I Aug 15 5AM :24
ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND COMPANY HAS ANNOUNCED A NEW JOINT VENTURE WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS. A-D-M SAY IT WILL OPEN A MATHEMATICAL MODELING CENTER ON THE U OF I CAMPUS THIS FALL. THE MODELING CENTER WILL BE ON THE U OF I'S RESEARCH PARK.

Conference Center Aug 15 5AM 1:17
TIME IS RUNNING OUT ON THE UNCERTAIN FUTURE OF A MAJOR CENTRAL ILLINOIS HOTEL. KELLY YUEH EXPLAINS WHAT'S BEING DONE TO KEEP THE BUSINESS ON THE TAX ROLLS.

Work Camp Auction Aug 15 5AM :24
THE FATE OF A FORMER CENTRAL ILLINOIS PRISON REMAINS UNDETERMINED.
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Hotel Purchase Aug 15 12PM :45
TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR THE CITY OF DECATUR TO MAKE SURE A VALUABLE PROPERTY STAYS VALUABLE. CITY LEADERS HAVE UNTIL TONIGHT TO WORK OUT A DEAL TO PURCHASE THE DECATUR CONFERENCE CENTER AND HOTEL. THE PROPERTY IS SCHEDULED TO HIT THE AUCTION BLOCK TOMORROW.

Planes Aug 15 12PM 2:20
IT'S SHAPING UP TO BE THE WORST SUMMER FOR ON-TIME AIR TRAVEL EVER. IF YOU FLY A LOT, YOU KNOW: ITS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO DEPEND ON POINT-TO-POINT TRAVEL ANYMORE. AND ONE OF THE REASONS: THE RISE OF THE REGIONAL JET.. THEY'RE SMALLER, THERE'S A TON OF THEM, AND THAT MEANS GRIDLOCK.

Hotel Council Aug 15 5PM 1:40
THE CITY OF DECATUR COULD SOON BE IN THE HOTEL BUSINESS.. CITY LEADERS HAVE BEEN IN NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT BUYING THE DECATUR CONFERENCE CENTER AND HOTEL. NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH IS LIVE AT THE DECATUR CIVIC CENTER.. WHERE THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MAKE A DECISION SHORTLY.

Cable TV/Big 10 Aug 15 6PM 1:47
A NEW SPORTS CHANNEL IS READY TO HIT THE AIR... BUT YOU MAY NOT GET A CHANCE TO SEE IT ANYTIME SOON. THE BIG 10 NETWORK..LAUNCHES AT THE END OF THIS MONTH. IT WILL BE THE ONLY NETWORK CARRYING ILLINI FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL GAMES.

Hotel Council Aug 15 6PM 1:17
TONIGHT, WE'LL FIND OUT WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR A MAJOR CENTRAL ILLINOIS HOTEL. THE DECATUR CITY COUNCIL IS EXPECTED TO VOTE ON A PROPOSAL TO BUY THE DECATUR CONFERENCE CENTER AND HOTEL.

Hotel/Council Aug 15 10PM 1:21
NEW AT TEN: THE DECATUR CITY COUNCIL MAKES ITS DECISION ON WHETHER TO BUY THE LARGEST HOTEL SOUTH OF CHICAGO. NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH SAT IN ON TONIGHT'S MEETING AND HAS THE LATEST.

Big 10 Aug 15 10PM :56
ILLINI FANS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SEE FOOTBALL GAMES ON T-V THIS YEAR. THE BRAND-NEW BIG 10 NETWORK LAUNCHES AT THE END OF THIS MONTH... AND WILL BE THE ONLY ONES SHOWING THE GAMES. BUT LOCAL CABLE PROVIDERS HAVEN'T AGREED TO CARRY THE NEW CHANNEL.

Hotel/Council Aug 16 5AM 1:20
THE DECATUR CITY COUNCIL HAS MADE ITS DECISION ON WHETHER TO BUY THE LARGEST HOTEL IN ILLINOIS SOUTH OF CHICAGO. NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH SAT IN ON LAST NIGHT'S MEETING AND HAS THE LATEST ON THE FUTURE OF THE DECATUR CONFERENCE CENTER AND HOTEL.

Cable Service Aug 16 5AM :47
ILLINI FANS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SEE FOOTBALL GAMES ON T-V THIS YEAR. THE BRAND-NEW "BIG 10 NETWORK" IS SCHEDULED LAUNCH AT THE END OF THIS MONTH... AND WILL BE THE ONLY ONE SHOWING THE GAMES. BUT LOCAL CABLE PROVIDERS HAVEN'T AGREED TO CARRY THE NEW CHANNEL.

Checking In Aug 16 12PM :40
THE CITY OF DECATUR IS NOW THE OWNER OF THE LARGEST HOTEL IN ILLINOIS SOUTH OF CHICAGO. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED 4-3 LAST NIGHT IN FAVOR OF BUYING THE DECATUR CONFERENCE CENTER AND HOTEL FOR 6 AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS. THE CITY'S GOAL IS TO OWN THE HOTEL FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME AND SELL IT TO BREAK EVEN.

Big 10 Network Aug 16 5PM 1:34
BIG TEN COMMISSIONER JIM DELANEY PAYS A VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.. AND THE UPCOMING LAUNCH OF THE NEW BIG TEN NETWORK WAS HIGH ON THE DISCUSSION LIST. AS NEWSCENTER 17

REPORTED YESTERDAY... NEITHER INSIGHT NOR COMCAST HAVE AGREED TO CARRY THE CHANNEL.

Hotel Folo Aug 16 5PM 1:52

A MAJOR CENTRAL ILLINOIS HOTEL NOW HAS A NEW OWNER. BUT AT THE SAME TIME.. THERE ARE NOW PLANS TO BUILD TWO NEW HOTELS IN MACON COUNTY.. NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH IS LIVE IN FORSYTH AT ONE OF THE PLANNED SITES TO EXPLAIN WHAT'S GOING ON. KELLY?

Chanute Deed Aug 16 6PM :18

A LARGE GIFT TO ONE CENTRAL ILLINOIS COMMUNITY BRINGS A RENEWED SENSE OF HOPE. TODAY, THE AIR FORCE OFFICIALLY HANDED OVER NEARLY 800 ACRES OF THE FORMER CHANUTE AIR BASE TO THE VILLAGE OF RANTOUL. NEWSCENTER 17'S TARA BARRETT JOINS US NOW, TO SHOW YOU WHAT THE VILLAGE PLANS TO DO WITH IT.

Corn Mill Aug 16 6PM :35

AN UPDATE TO A STORY NEWSCENTER 17 HAS BEEN FOLLOWING.. AND WANDTV-DOT COM FIRST REPORTED THIS AFTERNOON. A CONTROVERSIAL CORN MILL THAT PIATT COUNTY LEADERS APPROVED THIS WEEK.. WILL NOT BE BUILT IN THE COUNTY AFTER ALL. CLARKSON GRAIN SAYS IT NO LONGER PLANS TO BUILD THE MILL ON THE SITE NEAR WHITE HEATH.

Hotel Folo Aug 16 6PM :53

SOME MAJOR CHANGES ARE SHAKING UP THE HOTEL BUSINESS IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS. NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH IS LIVE IN FORSYTH TO EXPLAIN WHAT WE'LL SOON SEE. KELLY?

Heartland Strike Aug 16 6PM :30

THE UNION REPRESENTING STRIKING WORKERS AT AN EFFINGHAM MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY.. WANTS THE STATE TO CUT FUNDING DURING THE STRIKE. AFSCME COUNCIL 31 SAYS THE MONEY CURRENTLY GOING TO HEARTLAND HUMAN SERVICES SHOULD INSTEAD GO TO OTHER HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES IN THE AREA INSTEAD.

Hotel Folo Aug 16 10PM :31

AS NEWSCENTER 17 FIRST REPORTED LAST NIGHT.... THE DECATUR CITY COUNCIL VOTED TO BUY THE DECATUR CONFERENCE CENTER AND HOTEL. NOW THERE ARE PLANS TO BUILD TWO NEW HOTELS IN MACON COUNTY. A NEW HOLIDAY INN WILL BE BUILT AT ROUTE 51 AND WEAVER ROAD IN FORSYTH. AND THOSE PLANS INCLUDE A STRIP MALL

IN FRONT OF THE HOTEL.. WHICH WILL INCLUDE FOUR OR FIVE RETAIL STORES AND RESTAURANTS.

Big 10 Network Aug 16 10PM :55
THE BIG TEN COMMISSIONER WAS ON THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CAMPUS TODAY PROMOTING THE LAUNCH OF THE NEW BIG TEN NETWORK. JIM DELANY SPOKE ABOUT WHERE NEGOTIATIONS STAND WITH LOCAL CABLE COMPANIES INSIGHT AND COMCAST. HE SAYS THERE DEFINITELY WON'T BE AN AGREEMENT IN TIME FOR THE START OF THE FOOTBALL SEASON... BUT HE SAYS DISCUSSIONS ARE ON-GOING.

Chanute Deed Aug 16 10PM :53
A FORMER AIR FORCE BASE IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS... MAY SOMEDAY BE A FOREIGN TRADE ZONE. RANTOUL VILLAGE LEADERS SIGNED A DEED TODAY... OFFICIALLY TAKING OVER THE FORMER CHANUTE AIR FORCE BASE. THE AIR FORCE CONTINUES TO CLEAN UP CONATMINATED AREAS ON THE SITE, BEFORE GIVING IT TO THE VILLAGE.

Corn Mill Aug 16 10PM :35
WE HAVE AN UPDATE TO A STORY FIRST REPORTED ON WAND TV DOT COM THIS AFTERNOON. A CONTROVERSIAL CORN MILL THAT PIATT COUNTY LEADERS APPROVED THIS WEEK.. WILL NOT BE BUILT IN THE COUNTY AFTER ALL. CLARKSON GRAIN SAYS IT NO LONGER PLANS TO BUILD THE MILL ON THE SITE NEAR WHITE HEATH.

Big 10 Network Aug 17 5AM 1:43
THE BIG TEN COMMISSIONER WAS ON THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CAMPUS YESTERDAY PROMOTING THE LAUNCH OF THE NEW BIG TEN NETWORK. AS NEWSCENTER 17 REPORTED... NEITHER INSIGHT NOR COMCAST HAVE AGREED TO CARRY THE CHANNEL. AND AS NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY SHOWS YOU... AN AGREEMENT BEFORE THE START OF THE ILLINI FOOTBALL SEASON LOOKS UNLIKELY.

Corn Mill Aug 17 5AM :30
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Heartland Strike Aug 17 5AM :30
THE UNION REPRESENTING STRIKING WORKERS AT AN EFFINGHAM MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY.. WANTS THE STATE TO CUT MONEY DURING THE STRIKE. "AFSCME COUNCIL 31" SAYS THE MONEY CURRENTLY GOING TO HEARTLAND HUMAN SERVICES SHOULD INSTEAD GO TO OTHER HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES IN THE AREA.

Allegiant Air Aug 17 12PM :20
YOU CAN NOW FLY DIRECTLY TO LAS VEGAS FROM CENTRAL ILLINOIS. ALLEGIANT AIR IS LAUNCHING ITS NONSTOP SERVICE BETWEEN SPRINGFIELD AND LAS VEGAS TODAY. THE JET THAT WILL MAKE THE INAUGURAL FLIGHT AT 2-05 THIS AFTERNOON.. ARRIVED AT THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN CAPITOL AIRPORT THIS MORNING.. WITH ELVIS AND A LAS VEGAS SHOWGIRL IN TOW.

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State Fair Aug 17 6PM :39
EVEN THOUGH THE GOVERNOR WASN'T PRESENT DURING THE ANNUAL TWILIGHT PARADE LAST NIGHT AT THE ILLINOIS STATE FAIR... HE DID TAKE PART IN THE RIBBON CUTTING WITH HIS WIFE, PATTI, TO OFFICIALLY KICK THINGS OFF THIS MORNING.
THIS IS THE 155TH ILLINOIS STATE FAIR. THE THEME OF THE FAIR IS "CELEBRATE AND EDUCATE."

Decatur Day Aug 17 6PM :28
TOMORROW AT THE FAIR IS TAYLORVILLE'S HOMETOWN PRIDE DAY... THEN SUNDAY WILL FEATURE LINCOLN AND LOGAN COUNTY. TODAY.. THE FIRST FULL DAY OF THE STATE FAIR INCLUDED ALL THINGS DECATUR. THE CITY SET UP A SPECIAL DISPLAY IN THE ILLINOIS BUILDING. IT SHOWCASES WHAT DECATUR HAS TO OFFER.

Bethany Demolition Aug 17 5PM :52
THE LOOK OF DOWNTOWN BETHANY.. IS UNDERGOING A DRASTIC CHANGE. TODAY.. DEMOLITION CREWS BEGAN TAKING DOWN TWO BUILDINGS CURRENTLY OWNED BY SCOTT STATE BANK. THE BUILDINGS ARE BELIEVED TO DATE BACK TO THE 18-HUNDREDS.. AND ONCE USED TO BE A MASON LODGE AND WAREHOUSE.

Ebay Auction Aug 20 12PM :41
EVER WONDER WHAT PEOPLE PUT IN SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES? STATE OFFICIALS SAY YOU HAVE THE CHANCE TO FIND OUT. TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF AN E-BAY AUCTION OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY LEFT IN SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES.

New Truck Stop Aug 20 12PM :26
IN OTHER NEWS... THERE'S A NEW TRUCK STOP NOW OPEN ON DECATUR'S NORTHEAST SIDE. THIS IS THE NEW PILOT TRUCK STOP ON BOYD ROAD AT I-72 AND ROUTE 48. THE TRUCK STOP HAS SHOWERS FOR TRUCKERS... A SUBWAY AND A MCDONALD'S. PLUS IT'S A GAS STATION FOR DRIVERS. THERE ARE 45 EMPLOYEES WORKING THE TRUCK STOP AND SUBWAY..... AND ANOTHER 50 EMPLOYEES AT THE MCDONALD'S.

Farm Progress Aug 21 5PM 2:20
FARMING IS FARMING WHEREVER YOU ARE IN THE WORLD. BUT *OPPORTUNITY* PRESENTS ITSELF BETTER IN SOME PLACES. ONE AREA FARMER MADE A LEAP OF FAITH 40 YEARS AGO.... MOVING HALFWAY AROUND THE WORLD TO FOLLOW HIS PASSION. AND AS NEWSCENTER 17 FARM EXPERT DAVID BROWN EXPLAINS IN TONIGHT'S FARM

PROGRESS SHOW PREVIEW.. TODAY THE AGRICULTURAL WORLD IS AT HIS DOORSTEP.

Housing Develop Aug 21 10PM :52
ALSO NEW TONIGHT... FAMILIES BROKE GROUND TODAY... ON A PAIR OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS THAT WILL HELP LOW-INCOME FAMILIES IN SPRINGFIELD AND JACKSONVILLE. THE GOVERNOR ANNOUNCED 7-POINT-2 MILLION DOLLARS IN LOW-INTEREST LOANS, GRANTS, AND TAX CREDITS TO BUILD AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOMES FOR 42 LOW-INCOME FAMILIES IN SPRINGFIELD AND JACKSONVILLE. THE SPRINGFIELD DEVELOPMENT... CALLED THE "NEHEMIAH HOMES"... WILL BE BUILT ON SITES SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE CAPITOL CITY'S EASTSIDE.

Rantoul Plants Aug 17 5PM :28
NEW TONIGHT... A PLASTICS COMPANY IN IOWA SAYS IT'S INTERESTED IN BUYING TWO OF THREE RANTOUL AUTO PLANTS THAT ARE SET TO CLOSE THIS MONTH. THE PRESIDENT OF ENGINEERED PLASTIC COMPONENTS SAYS THE COMPANY WANTS TO BUY THE PLANTS FROM BANKRUPT OWNER COLLINS AND AIKMAN.

Vegas Flights Aug 17 5PM :28
GETTING TO SIN CITY FROM CENTRAL ILLINOIS IS NOW A BIT EASIER. AN ELVIS IMPERSONATOR AND A LAS VEGAS SHOWGIRL WERE ON HAND AS ALLEGIANT AIR BEGAN TWICE-WEEKLY NON-STOP FLIGHTS FROM SPRINGFIELD'S ABRAHAM LINCOLN CAPITOL AIRPORT TO LAS VEGAS THIS AFTERNOON.

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Hand up Program Aug 22 5PM 1:03
WITH THE HOT WEATHER OUTSIDE ... SPRINGFIELD'S CITY-WATER-LIGHT-AND POWER TEAMS UP WITH GOOD WILL TO HELP THOSE STRUGGLING TO PAY POWER BILLS. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT IS LIVE IN SPRINGFIELD WITH MORE ON THE "HAND UP PROGRAM."

ADM Reorganized Aug 22 5PM :28
DECATUR BASED ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND COMPANY SAYS IT WILL OFFER BUYOUTS TO SOME 40 UPPER-LEVEL MANAGERS AS PART OF A REORGANIZATION OF IT'S OPERATIONS. A-D-M SPOKESMAN... DAVID

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SPRINGFIELD CITY-WATER-LIGHT-AND-POWER CUSTOMERS HAVE A NEW WAY TO PAY OFF THEIR UTILITY BILLS. YOU CAN NOW "WORK OFF THE BILL." GOODWILL IS OFFERING EIGHT DOLLARS AN HOUR TO DELINQUENT C-W-L-P CUSTOMERS .. WITH ALL THE MONEY GOING TOWARD THEIR UNPAID BILL.

Taylorville Crematorium Aug 22 10PM 1:40
AFTER MONTHS OF DEBATE... A NEW SERVICE MAY SOON BE AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTS IN CHRISTIAN COUNTY. RIGHT NOW THERE ARE NO ZONING REGULATIONS IN PLACE FOR CREMATORIES TO OPERATE WITHIN THE CITY OF TAYLORVILLE...

Spfld Generator Aug 22 10PM :22
NEW AT TEN... A 250-TON GENERATOR MAKES ITS WAY TO THE CAPITOL CITY. THE GENERATOR IS FOR SPRINGFIELD'S 200 MEGAWATT GENERATING PLANT CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION. CITY, WATER, LIGHT AND POWER SPOKESPERSON RAY SERATTI SAYS... THE GENERATOR WAS MANUFACTURED IN JAPAN AND HAS BEEN ENROUTE TO SPRINGFIELD SINCE **MARCH**.

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SPRINGFIELD RESIDENTS STRUGGLING TO PAY UTILITIES NOW HAVE A CHANCE TO 'WORK OFF THE BILL.' GOODWILL IS OFFERING 8-DOLLARS AN HOUR TO DELINQUENT C-W-L-P CUSTOMERS. EACH SHIFT RUNS MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY .. ONE TO SIX P-M ... WITH ALL THE MONEY GOING TOWARD THE UNPAID POWER BILL.

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ADM Reorganize Aug 23 5AM :22

SOME REORGANIZING AT DECATUR-BASED ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND COMPANY COULD COST SEVERAL UPPER-LEVEL MANAGERS THEIR JOBS. A-D-M SPOKESMAN DAVID WEINTRAUB SAYS... THE COMPANY WILL CREATE A SINGLE OPERATIONS GROUP IN CHARGE OF ITS MERCHANDISING.. PROCESSING.. AND MARKETING.

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FPS Economic Aug 27 5PM 1:43
JOINING ME NOW IS NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH. KELLY... THE FARM PROGRESS SHOW MEANS A MAJOR BOOST TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY, RIGHT? YES, SEAN, WITH SO MANY PEOPLE COMING TO TOWN, THEY'RE ALSO BRINGING THEIR WALLETS. AREA BUSINESSES HOPE TO GET SOME OF THOSE VISITOR DOLLARS. BUT THE **TRUE** ECONOMIC IMPACT GOES DEEPER THAN THAT.

FSP Economic Aug 27 6PM ;59
THE FARM PROGRESS SHOW KICKS OFF TOMORROW. AND OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS, A LOT OF MONEY WILL BE SPENT BY PEOPLE ATTENDING THE SHOW. NEWSCENTER 17'S SEAN STREATY AND KELLY YUEH ARE LIVE AT PROGRESS CITY USA TO EXPLAIN THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE AREA.

FSP Economic Aug 27 10PM 1:39
THE FARM PROGRESS SHOW STARTS TOMORROW. WITH SO MANY PEOPLE IN TOWN, THEY'RE SPENDING MONEY AND HELPING SUPPORT

THE LOCAL ECONOMY. BUT AS NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH EXPLAINS... THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF FARM PROGRESS GOES BEYOND THE FEW DAYS OF THE ACTUAL EVENT.

Worker Happiness Aug 29 12PM :30
AS WE APPROACH LABOR DAY... AND A DAY -OFF- FROM WORK FOR MANY OF US. A NEW SURVEY SHOWS MOST AMERICANS SAY THEY'RE PRETTY HAPPY WITH THEIR JOBS. THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO SURVEY INCLUDES INTERVIEWS OF WORKERS BETWEEN 1972 AND 2006. 86-PERCENT SAID THEY WERE SATISFIED WITH THEIR JOBS... AND NEARLY HALF SAID THEY WERE VERY SATISFIED.

Menards Homes Aug 29 10PM :48
A NEW STORE COULD HELP THE CITY OF URBANA EXPAND. URBANA DEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS SAY MENARDS PLANS TO BUILD A NEW STORE... AS WELL AS 540 NEW HOMES ALONG ROUTE 130 IN EAST URBANA. THE CITY IS CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING A FINAL AGREEMENT WITH MENARDS... TO PROVIDE THE PROPER ZONING AND ANNEXATION. THE AGREEMENT INCLUDES 2 SUBDIVISIONS... AS WELL AS SPACES FOR OTHER BUSINESSES.

Menards Aug 30 5AM 1:12
A NATIONAL HOME IMPROVEMENT STORE WANTS TO HELP THE CITY OF URBANA EXPAND. MENARDS PLANS TO BUILD A NEW STORE ON URBANA'S EAST SIDE.. AND MORE THAN 500 NEW HOMES. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY EXPLAINS WHAT THIS COULD MEAN FOR THE CITY OF URBANA.

Consumerwatch Aug 30 5PM 1:08
YOU MAY LOVE HOOKING UP YOUR I-POD IN THE CAR... AND NOW... IT COULD GET A LOT EASIER. THE EVER POPULAR I-POD MAY BE APPEARING IN A CAR... APPLE'S STEVE JOBS AND OFFICIALS FROM VOLKSWAGEN ARE TALKING ABOUT BUILDING A V-W WITH I-POD PRODUCTS. "I-CAR" TALKS ARE IN THE EARLY STAGES, AND THERE AREN'T ANY CONCRETE PLANS YET... BUT THEY EXPECT TO MEET FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS.

Workforce Study Aug 30 6PM 1:37
MEANWHILE IN ANOTHER CENTRAL ILLINOIS COMMUNITY.. THERE ARE PLENTY OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES.. BUT NOT ENOUGH SKILLED WORKERS TO FILL THEM. NEWSCENTER 17'S JULIE QUALLS SHOWS YOU WHAT'S BEING DONE TO CHANGE THAT..

Springfield to STL Air Aug 30 10PM :47
NEW AT TEN... AIR SERVICE TO SAINT LOUIS RETURNS TO THE CAPITOL CITY... BUT WHAT ABOUT ANOTHER CENTRAL ILLINOIS AIRPORT WHERE

FLIGHTS ARE STILL GROUNDED... TODAY AMERICAN AIRLINES ANNOUNCED IT WILL ADD JET SERVICE BETWEEN SPRINGFIELD AND LAMBERT SAINT LOUIS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

Workforce Study Aug 30 10PM :53
A RECENT STUDY SHOWS SURPRISING RESULTS ABOUT MACON COUNTY'S EMPLOYMENT FIELD. THE STUDY SHOWS THERE ARE PLENTY OF JOBS AVAILABLE IN MACON COUNTY. THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION SAYS THE ONLY PROBLEM: IN ORDER TO RETAIN EMPLOYERS AND ATTRACT NEW ONES... THE POOL OF JOB CANDIDATES NEEDS TO BE REFINED.

ISP Labor Day Aug 30 12PM :24
ACCORDING TO TRIPLE-A .. MILLIONS OF AMERICANS WILL HIT THE ROAD THIS HOLIDAY WEEKEND. FOR THOSE HITTING THE ROAD HERE IN ILLINOIS .. I-DOT AND THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE WILL KICK OFF A NEW TRAFFIC SAFETY INITIATIVE .. JUST IN TIME FOR LABOR DAY WEEKEND. "STAY ALIVE ON THE I'S" BEGINS TOMORROW AND WILL BE RUN IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER ROADWAY SAFETY PROGRAMS THIS WEEKEND .. AIMED AT KEEP MOTORISTS SAFE ON ILLINOIS INTERSTATES.

State Historic Sites Aug 30 12PM :33
TOURISTS HEADING TO A STATE HISTORIC SITE SHOULD DOUBLE-CHECK THE SCHEDULE. STATE OFFICIALS SAY MOST HISTORIC SITES RUN BY THE ILLINOIS HISTORIC PRESERVATION AGENCY WILL GO BACK TO BEING OPEN FIVE DAYS A WEEK STARTING AFTER LABOR DAY. IN THE SUMMER MOST OF THE SITES ARE OPEN ALL WEEK LONG.

Mine Meeting Aug 31 5AM 1:32
NEARLY FOUR HUNDRED CENTRAL ILLINOIS COAL MINE WORKERS HAVE RECEIVED LAYOFF NOTICES. PRODUCTION STOPPED YESTERDAY MORNING AT CROWN TWO MINE IN VIRDEN AND THE CROWN THREE MINE IN FARMERSVILLE . NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT HAS THE STORY.

Planning Meetings Aug 31 5PM :49
AN UPDATE TO A STORY WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWING... LAST MONTH THE CITY OF DECATUR AND MACON COUNTY JOINED FORCES TO GET RESIDENTS' OPINIONS ON THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE AREA. TONIGHT THE RESULTS ARE IN... AND THE GROUP STILL WANTS MORE OF **YOUR** INPUT. SURVEYS WENT OUT TO ABOUT SEVEN THOUSAND RESIDENTS IN JULY... THEN THE CITY AND COUNTY HELD THE FIRST SERIES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS.

LIHEAP Sign up Aug 31 10PM :25

YOU'RE PROBABLY NOT THINKING ABOUT TURNING ON YOUR FURNACE JUST YET... BUT... LOW INCOME RESIDENTS CAN START APPLYING FOR HELP WITH WINTER HEATING COSTS. THE DECATUR MACON COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES CORPORATION... BEGINS TAKING APPOINTMENTS ON TUESDAY FROM SEVEN UNTIL 11 A-M AT THE DECATUR CIVIC CENTER.

Rantoul Plant Aug 31 6PM :33

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Liheap Sept 1 10PM :35

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Higher Water Bills Sept 3 5AM :42

PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY COULD SEE HIGHER WATER BILLS. "ILLINOIS AMERICAN WATER" WANTS THE "ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION" TO APPROVE A 60 PERCENT INCREASE .. MEANING THE AVERAGE CUSTOMER CAN EXPECT TO PAY 13 DOLLARS MORE A MONTH. THE COMPANY SAYS THE INCREASE WILL HELP PAY FOR THE NEW 51 MILLION DOLLAR TREATMENT FACILITY WEST OF CHAMPAIGN .. AS WELL AS IMPROVE EXISTING EQUIPMENT.

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Harvest Time Sept 3 6PM 1:33

SEAN...FARMERS FACE A VERY BUSY HARVEST SEASON WITH WHAT IS EXPECTED TO BE A BUMPER CROP. WE VISITED SOME AREA GRAIN ELEVATORS AND SAW FIRSTHAND HOW MUCH TRAFFIC THEY'RE ALREADY SEEING FROM CENTRAL ILLINOIS FARMERS.

Mueller Contract Sept 3 6PM :33

A UNION REPRESENTATIVE SAYS MUELLER COMPANY IN DECATUR AND THE UNION'S NEGOTIATING TEAM ARE SCHEDULED TO RESUME CONTRACT TALKS THIS WEDNESDAY. MEANWHILE.. THE DIRECTOR OF UNITED STEELWORKERS DISTRICT 7 WAS IN DECATUR ON THIS LABOR DAY BECAUSE HE FEELS HE'S NEEDED IN DECATUR AT THIS TIME... TO SUPPORT THE UNION.

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Labor Unions Sept 3 10PM 1:43

LABOR DAY IS A DAY OFF FOR MANY... BUT IT MEANS MUCH MORE THAN THAT. GOOD EVENING... THANKS FOR JOINING US... I'M SEAN STREATY... DAWN HAS THE NIGHT OFF.

THE REASON BEHIND THE DAY IS TO CELEBRATE THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF AMERICAN WORKERS. UNIONS CREATED THE HOLIDAY MORE THAN 100 YEARS AGO.

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ONE LOCAL UNION IS FOCUSING ON CONTRACT TALKS THIS LABOR DAY. A UNION REPRESENTATIVE SAYS MUELLER COMPANY IN DECATUR AND THE UNION'S NEGOTIATING TEAM WILL RESUME CONTRACT TALKS WEDNESDAY WITH A FEDERAL MEDIATOR.

Harvest Time Sept 3 10PM :52

EVEN THOUGH THE HARVEST DOESN'T USUALLY BEGIN UNTIL AFTER LABOR DAY... THAT DIDN'T STOP AREA FARMERS FROM WORKING TODAY. CENTRAL ILLINOIS FARMERS ARE GETTING AN EARLIER START ON THE HARVEST... BECAUSE THEY'RE GROWING MORE CORN THIS YEAR DUE TO ETHANOL DEMAND.

Lincoln Bicentennial Sept 3 10PM :31

NEW AT TEN... SHOPS AROUND THE COUNTRY ARE STOCKING UP ON KNICK-KNACKS FOR HONEST ABE'S 200TH BIRTHDAY. THE FAMILIAR IMAGE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN WITH A BEARD AND STOVEPIPE HAT WILL SOON HAVE THE COMMERCIAL DRAW OF A POP ICON AS HIS BIRTHDAY IN 2009 DRAWS NEAR. SHOPS ARE SEARCHING FOR KNICKKNACKS TO

SELL... FROM SLING SHOTS TO CANDLES TO MUGS TO PENCIL SHARPENERS.

Planning Meetings Sept 4 5AM :44

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Weatherization Sept 4 6PM :38
APPLICATIONS ARE BEING TAKEN FOR FREE HOME WEATHERIZATION HELP. WITH THE RISING COSTS OF HOME HEATING AND COOLING AND WITH THE EVER CHANGING ILLINOIS WEATHER... AMEREN I-P CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE MODERATE INCOME AND OWN THEIR HOME MAY WANT TO START THINKING ABOUT WEATHERIZATION NOW. THE PROCESS CAN SAVE YOU UP TO 20 PERCENT ON FUTURE POWER BILLS.

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Springfield Night Bus Sept 4 10PM 1:29
MEANWHILE... CAPITOL CITY RESIDENTS WILL SOON BE ABLE TO RIDE THE BUS AT NIGHT! RIGHT NOW... BUSES RUN FROM 6 AM UNTIL 6 PM IN THE CAPITOL CITY. BUT THE ROUTES WILL BE A LITTLE DIFFERENT THEN PEOPLE ARE USED TO DURING THE LATER HOURS...

Shelby Water Sept 4 10PM 1:10
NEW TONIGHT... AN UPDATE TO A STORY WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWING OUT OF LAKE SHELBYVILLE. AS WE'VE REPORTED... THE SULLIVAN MARINA WAS CLOSED EARLIER THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF SAFETY CONCERNS. THE OWNER, DENNIS FAYHEE, SAYS HIS DOCKS ARE DAMAGED ALMOST EVERY YEAR WHEN THE LAKE IS LOWERED TO THE WINTER LEVEL.. AND THE DOCKS HIT THE GROUND.

Forsyth Hotel Sept 4 10PM :46
NEW TONIGHT... THE FORSYTH VILLAGE BOARD DOES **NOT** ACCEPT NEW PLANS FOR A HOTEL DEVELOPMENT. TONIGHT DEVELOPERS PRESENTED A NEW PLAN FOR THE PROPOSED HOLIDAY INN AT ROUTE 51 AND WEAVER ROAD. LAST WEEK... THE BOARD REJECTED THE INITIAL PLAN. TONIGHT THE COMPANY CAME BACK WITH A PLAN THAT ADDRESSED MANY OF THE ISSUES THAT BOARD MEMBERS DID NOT APPROVE OF.

Planning Meetings Sept 4 10PM :27
TONIGHT MACON COUNTY RESIDENTS GAVE THEIR INPUT ON THE FUTURE OF THE COMMUNITY. IT'S PART OF A SECOND SERIES OF

PUBLIC MEETINGS... AFTER TAKING A SURVEY OF RESIDENTS IN JULY. BUT IF YOU MISSED TONIGHT'S MEETING... THERE ARE STILL THREE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO GET YOUR OPINION ABOUT MACON COUNTY HEARD. THE TIMES ARE LISTED THERE ON YOUR SCREEN.

Gander Mountain Sept 4 10PM :23

ALSO NEW TONIGHT... A MAJOR SPORTING GOODS STORE IS SET TO COME TO THE CAPITOL CITY. GANDER MOUNTAIN COMPANY PLANS TO OPEN A STORE IN SPRINGFIELD BY NEXT SUMMER. THE SPRINGFIELD-SANGAMON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION... WILL HOLD AN INITIAL HEARING THURSDAY ON PLANS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT. IT'S PLANNED TO GO IN THE PRAIRIE CROSSING DEVELOPMENT AT VETERANS PARKWAY AND INTERSTATE 72.

Weatherization Sept 5 5AM :33

APPLICATIONS ARE BEING TAKEN FOR FREE HOME WEATHERIZATION HELP. AMEREN I-P CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE MODERATE INCOME AND OWN THEIR HOME MIGHT WANT TO START THINKING ABOUT WEATHERIZATION NOW. THE PROCESS CAN SAVE YOU UP TO 20 PERCENT ON FUTURE POWER BILLS.

Liheap Sept 5 5AM :32

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PEOPLE IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CAN START SIGNING FOR LI-HEAP ASSISTANCE. YOU CAN CALL THE "CHAMPAIGN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION" AT 384- 1226.

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Taylorville Crematory Sept 6 12PM :37
AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS OF WAITING... A CHRISTIAN COUNTY FUNERAL HOME CAN SOON BEGIN CONSTRUCTION ON THE COUNTY'S FIRST CREMATORIUM. THE TAYLORVILLE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED A "SPECIAL USE PERMIT" FOR MCCLURE FUNERAL HOME. IT'S BEEN WAITING TO BUILD A CREMATORIUM ON ITS FUNERAL HOME PROPERTY.

Holiday Inn Sept 6 6PM :57
EVEN THOUGH FORSYTH'S HOTELS DO STAY AT LEAST 80-PERCENT FULL ON AVERAGE, THAT HASN'T SWAYED A MAJORITY VOTE WITH THE TOWN'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES. THE VILLAGE OF FORSYTH HAS A MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT ORDINANCE OF 35-FEET... 22 FEET LOWER THAN THE PROPOSED HEIGHT OF THE HOLIDAY INN AND SUITES HOTEL.

Goodwill Buys K's Sept 6 6PM :32
GOODWILL INDUSTRIES IN SPRINGFIELD.. IS GETTING A NEW HOME. GOODWILL AGREED TO BUY THE FORMER K'S MERCHANDISE STORE ON WABASH AVENUE FOR ONE POINT SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS. COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS WILL HELP COVER SOME OF THE COST.

Goodwill Buys K's Sept 6 10PM :35
A CHARITY IS BRINGING SOME GOODWILL TO THE FORMER K'S MERCHANDISE BUILDING IN SPRINGFIELD. GOODWILL INDUSTRIES IN THE CAPITOL CITY AGREED TO BUY THE BUILDING ON WABASH AVENUE FOR 1 POINT 7 MILLION DOLLARS. THE CHARITY IS GETTING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS TO HELP COVER THE COST.

Holiday Inn Sept 6 10PM :42
PLANS FOR A NEW HOTEL IN FORSYTH COULD GET NEW LIFE... WITH A MOVE TO NEAR-BY DECATUR. PLANS FOR A NEW HOLIDAY INN AND SUITES HOTEL IN FORSYTH WERE REJECTED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD BECAUSE OF HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS. THE DEVELOPER IS **NOW CONSIDERING** A LOCATION NEAR THE EXISTING HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS ON WINGATE DRIVE IN DECATUR.

Holiday Inn Sept 7 5AM 1:12
PLANS FOR A NEW HOLIDAY INN HOTEL IN FORSYTH WERE REJECTED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD. BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THE DEVELOPER'S PLANS ARE DEAD. EVEN THOUGH FORSYTH'S HOTELS DO STAY AT LEAST 80-PERCENT FULL ON AVERAGE, THAT HASN'T SWAYED A MAJORITY VOTE WITH THE TOWN'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

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Insight Sept 8 5PM :20
IF YOU LIVE IN DECATUR... YOUR INSIGHT CABLE MIGHT HAVE BEEN OUT FOR A WHILE TODAY. WE CAN NOW TELL YOU WHAT INSIGHT SAYS WAS TO BLAME. A SUPERVISOR AT THE CALL CENTER SAYS SOMEONE WAS DOVE HUNTING AND SHOT A FIBER... DAMAGING IT. HE HAS NO OTHER INFORMATION TO RELEASE THIS WEEKEND... EXCEPT THAT SERVICE IT BACK ON.

Ameren Meeting Sept 10 12PM :29
RATE RELIEFS ARE ON THE WAY FOR SOME AMEREN ILLINOIS CUSTOMERS.
AMEREN SAYS CERTAIN CUSTOMERS WILL START TO RECEIVE THE BENEFITS OF THE ONE BILLION DOLLAR RATE RELIEF PLAN....SOME AS EARLY AS TODAY. A MEETING WAS HELD IN DECATUR THIS MORNING AT 10.... AT AMEREN'S OPERATING CENTER.

Ameren Meeting Sept 9 10PM :35
THIS WEEK IS YOUR CHANCE TO ASK AMEREN EXECUTIVES QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RATE RELIEF PACKAGE GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SIGNED LAST MONTH. AMEREN SAYS OF THE ONE BILLION DOLLARS AVAILABLE FOR RATE RELIEF... LESS THAN HALF WILL GO TO CUSTOMERS OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

Amtrak Illinois Sept 9 10PM :25
IT'S A PUSH TO GET MORE PEOPLE TO BOARD TRAINS. TOMORROW KICKS OFF A NEW STATEWIDE CAMPAIGN FOR AMTRAK ILLINOIS SERVICE... CALLED "CATCH AN ILLINOIS TRAIN." STATE REPRESENTATIVE NAOMI JAKOBSSON AND OTHER LEADERS WILL GATHER AT THE AMTRAK STATION IN CHAMPAIGN TOMORROW MORNING AT 10-15 FOR THE LAUNCH.

Ameren Meeting Sept 10 5PM 1:04
MOST AMEREN CUSTOMERS CAN EXPECT MONEY IN THE MAIL, WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH OR SO. TODAY, AMEREN RELEASED THE DETAILS OF IT'S BILLION DOLLAR RATE RELIEF PROGRAM FOR ILLINOIS CUSTOMERS. THE UTILITY SAYS CHECKS FOR AT LEAST 85 DOLLARS WILL START GOING OUT WEDNESDAY, THROUGHOUT THE NEXT 30 DAYS.

Ameren Meeting Sept 10 6PM 1:43
ELECTRICITY RATE RELIEF IS ON ITS WAY... JUST AS AMEREN IS WORKING TO GET ANOTHER RATE INCREASE. TODAY, AMEREN LEADERS TOURED THE STATE... RELEASING THE DETAILS OF THE BILLION DOLLAR RATE RELIEF PACKAGE. NEWSCENTER 17'S TARA BARRETT WAS AT THE STOP IN DECATUR.

Amtrak C-U Sept 10 6PM :38
AMTRAK SERVICES RECENTLY EXPANDED.... OFFERING A NEW TRAIN THAT TRANSPORTS RIDERS TO CHICAGO. THE TRAIN IS ESPECIALLY BENEFICIAL TO UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS STUDENTS. TOM COSTELLO, ASSISTANT MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE CHAMPAIGN-URBANA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT.... SAYS MANY STUDENTS GO TO CARBONDALE OR CHICAGO OVER THE WEEKENDS.

Ameren Meeting Sept 10 6PM :56
AMEREN WILL BE SENDING OUT MORE THAN JUST BILLS THIS MONTH. REBATE CHECKS START GOING OUT IN THE MAIL ON WEDNESDAY. THE UTILITY SAYS MOST PEOPLE WILL GET A CHECK TO HELP WITH INCREASED RATES, RETROACTIVE FROM JANUARY. THE AMOUNT IS BASED ON ELECTRIC USE, BUT WILL BE AT LEAST 85 DOLLARS.

News Extra Sept 10 6PM 1:57
JUST 25 YEARS AGO... WOMEN EARNED JUST 59 CENTS... FOR EVERY DOLLAR A MAN MADE. NOW WOMEN ARE CLOSING THE WAGE GAP THAT SOME SAY STILL EXISTS BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN.

Rebate Checks Sept 11 12PM :45
AMEREN WILL BE SENDING OUT MORE THAN JUST BILLS THIS MONTH. REBATE CHECKS START GOING OUT IN THE MAIL TOMORROW. THE UTILITY SAYS MOST PEOPLE WILL GET A CHECK TO HELP WITH INCREASED RATES, RETROACTIVE FROM JANUARY. CERTAIN CUSTOMERS WILL SEE CREDITS TO THEIR ACCOUNTS.

Budget Hearings Sept 11 12PM :29
SOME REPUBLICAN STATE LAWMAKERS PLAN TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET CUTS THIS WEEK. BLOOMINGTON SENATOR BILL BRADY SAYS THE GOVERNOR IS TRYING

TO IMPLEMENT HIS HEALTHCARE PROGRAM BY EXPANDING AND CHANGING CURRENT PROGRAMS.

Paying for Pounds Sept 11 12PM :24

A SLIMMER AND HEALTHIER BODY ISN'T THE ONLY THING THAT CAN MOTIVATE PEOPLE TO LOSE WEIGHT. A FINANCIAL REWARD CAN HELP, TOO, ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY. THE RESEARCH INCLUDED MORE THAN 200 OVERWEIGHT PEOPLE ... SOME OF WHOM WERE GIVEN MONEY FOR LOSING WEIGHT.

Firefighters Needed Sept 12 5AM :26

THE CITY OF DECATUR NEEDS MORE FIREFIGHTERS...AND IS TAKING APPLICATIONS RIGHT NOW. THE DECATUR FIRE DEPARTMENT SAYS IT WANTS TO FIND FOUR MORE FIRE FIGHTERS. IF YOU APPLY... YOU COULD BE PUT ON THE HIRING LIST... WHICH IS GOOD FOR TWO YEARS... MEANING YOU'LL BE ELIGIBLE FOR FUTURE OPENINGS AS WELL.

Ameren Relief Sept 12 12PM :29

RESPONDING TO HIGHER DEMAND FOR RATE RELIEF .. AMEREN TODAY ANNOUNCED PLANS TO PROVIDE 6 MILLION DOLLARS IN ASSISTANCE TO SMALL BUSINESSES AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT AGENICES. AMEREN SAYS BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS CAN GO TO THIER WEBSITE TO SEE IF THEY ARE ELIGIBLE AND TO GET AN APPLICATION. AMEREN SAYS ALL APPLICATIONS WILL HAVE TO BE POST MARKED NO LATER THAN

Hotel Liquor Sept 12 5PM :29

MEANWHILE, THE CITY OF DECATUR IS TAKING PROPOSALS FROM COMPANIES TO **MANAGE** THEIR NEWLY PURCHASED HOTEL. THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO FIND A THIRD PARTY TO OPERATE THE HOTEL, BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE OF THE SALE, SET FOR OCTOBER 15TH...IN ORDER TO CONTINUE ALCOHOL SALES AT THE HOTEL, THE NEW MANAGEMENT COMPANY WOULD NEED TO GET A LIQUOR LICENSE BEFORE THEN.

Salv. Army Groundgrk Sept 12 5PM :43

THE SALVATION ARMY BEGINS CONSTRUCTION FOR SOME NEW SERVICES. A GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY TOOK PLACE THIS MORNING IN DECATUR. IT MARKS THE FIRST PHASE OF THE "*HERE FOR OTHERS*" CAPITAL CAMPAIGN.

Ameren Biz Funds Sept 12 5PM :24

AS PART OF A ONE BILLION DOLLAR RATE RELIEF PACKAGE FOR ILLINOIS CUSTOMERS... AMEREN LAUNCHES A FOUR-YEAR, 6 MILLION DOLLAR EFFORT TO HELP OTHERS. AMEREN'S PROGRAM AIMS TO

HELP NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS, SCHOOLS, SENIOR CENTERS, COMMUNITY CENTERS AND SMALL BUSINESSES.

Budget Hearing Sept 12 5PM 1:27
LOCAL GROUPS AFFECTED BY THE GOVERNOR'S RECENT BUDGET CUTS.... HAVE A CHANCE TO SPEAK OUT THIS EVENING AT A PUBLIC HEARING. BUT SOME SAY THE OPPORTUNITY COMES A LITTLE TOO LATE. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEVE BUTERA JOINS US NOW LIVE OUTSIDE THE DECATUR CIVIC CENTER... WHERE THE HEARING WILL BE HELD,STEVE?

Wheat Prices Sept 12 5PM :45
YOU MAY SEE HIGHER PRICES AT THE GROCERY STORE THIS FALL.. AND FUEL PRICES HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH IT. WHEAT PRICES ARE AT RECORD LEVELS BECAUSE OF A TIGHT SUPPLY WORLDWIDE. EUROPEAN AND U-S PRODUCTION WILL BE DOWN SIGNIFICANTLY DUE TO FLOODING AND DROUGHT.

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Ultimate Fight Bill Sept 12 10PM :37
NEW AT TEN... THE GOVERNOR SIGNS A BILL THAT LEGALIZES AND REGULATES SO-CALLED ULTIMATE FIGHTING EVENTS STARTING NEXT JUNE. THE STATE BANNED MIXED MARTIAL ARTS FIGHTS IN 2000... CALLING IT QUOTE "A VIOLENT EXHIBITION"... BUT SUPPORTERS OF THE NEW LAW SAY THE SPORT HAS EVOLVED SINCE THEN.

Ameren Biz Funds Sept 13 5AM :25
A NEW FOUR-YEAR, 6 MILLION DOLLAR EFFORT BY AMEREN TO HELP THOSE IN NEED.. IS NOW UNDERWAY. THE PROGRAM IS PART OF A ONE BILLION DOLLAR RATE RELIEF PACKAGE FOR ILLINOIS CUSTOMERS. AMEREN WILL PROVIDE UP TO 5-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN ASSISTANCE FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS, SCHOOLS, SENIOR CENTERS, COMMUNITY CENTERS AND SMALL BUSINESSES.

Consumerwatch Sept 13 5PM 1:15

TOPPING TONIGHT'S CONSUMER WATCH: SALAD. A REPORT SAYS YOUR SALAD MAY NOT BE ANY SAFER THAN BEFORE THE BIG E. COLI SCARE. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTS... GOVERNMENT REGULATORS NEVER BEEFED UP INSPECTIONS OF GREENS AFTER THE SPINACH OUTBREAK LAST YEAR. IN THAT OUTBREAK, BACTERIA FROM A CATTLE RANCH TAINTED SPINACH AND CAUSED THE DEATHS OF THREE PEOPLE.

Futuregen Sept 13 6PM :55
TWO CENTRAL ILLINOIS TOWNS IN THE RUNNING FOR THE FUTURGEN PROJECT.. FIND THEMSELVES IN THE SPOTLIGHT TODAY AND TOMORROW. KELLY... WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE NEXT 24 HOURS? DAWN, THE FUTUREGEN ALLIANCE IS STILL CONSIDERING FOUR FINALISTS.

Futuregen Sept 13 10PM :28
THE FUTUREGEN ALLIANCE LOOKS AT MATTOON TOMORROW AFTER CONSIDERING TUSCOLA TODAY. THE TWO CENTRAL ILLINOIS TOWNS ARE COMPETING WITH TWO TEXAS TOWNS TO LAND FUTUREGEN... A COAL-TO- ENERGY PLANT. TODAY, TOWN LEADERS UPDATED SENATOR DICK DURBIN ON THEIR PROGRESS.

Futuregen Sept 14 5AM :47
THE FUTUREGEN ALLIANCE LOOKS AT MATTOON TOMORROW AFTER CONSIDERING TUSCOLA TODAY. THE TWO CENTRAL ILLINOIS TOWNS ARE COMPETING WITH TWO TEXAS TOWNS TO LAND FUTUREGEN... A COAL-TO- ENERGY PLANT. TODAY, TOWN LEADERS UPDATED SENATOR DICK DURBIN ON THEIR PROGRESS.

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Harvest Sept 16 5PM :30
ALL OF THAT WORK IN THE FIELDS IS EXPECTED TO BRING A PROMISING HARVEST. EXPERTS SAYS THE STATE'S CORN FIELDS WILL LIKELY YIELD CLOSE TO 1-HUNDRED 80 BUSHEL AN ACRE.... NEARLY A RECORD. IOWA FARMERS ARE EXPECTED TO HARVEST THE MOST CORN THIS YEAR.... MORE THAN 2-AND A HALF BILLION BUSHEL.

Harvest Sept 16 10PM :26
THIS YEAR'S HARVEST IS EXPECTED TO BE A BIG ONE.... NEARLY A RECORD. EXPERTS SAYS ILLINOIS CORN FIELDS WILL LIKELY YIELD

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Ameren Asst Sept 17 5PM 1:05
AS PART OF THE ONE BILLION DOLLAR RATE RELIEF PACKAGE FOR CUSTOMERS.... AMEREN TODAY LAUNCHED TWO PROGRAMS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES.

Ameren Asst Sept 17 6PM :46
AS PART OF THE ONE BILLION DOLLAR RATE RELIEF PACKAGE FOR CUSTOMERS.... AMEREN TODAY LAUNCHED TWO PROGRAMS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES. THE BILL PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND THE RESIDENTIAL HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE 15-MILLION DOLLARS OVER FOUR YEARS TO HELP RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS ADJUST TO THE NEW ELECTRIC RATES.

Ameren Asst Sept 18 5AM :44
AMEREN CUSTOMERS NOW HAVE TWO NEW WAYS TO GET HELP WITH THEIR ELECTRIC BILLS. CUSTOMERS CAN PARTICIPATE IN EITHER THE BILL PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OR THE RESIDENTIAL HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. THE PROGRAMS ARE PART OF AMEREN'S RATE RELIEF PACKAGE FOR CUSTOMERS.

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Air Service Sept 18 6PM :26
GREAT LAKES AIR SERVICE PLANS TO RESTART SERVICE FROM DECATUR TO ST. LOUIS. IT'S A STORY WANDTV-DOT-COM FIRST REPORTED THIS AFTERNOON.
GREAT LAKES AIR SERVICE IS PICKING UP FLIGHTS TO SAINT LOUIS AFTER REGIONS AIR DISCONTINUED SERVICE IN MARCH. CUSTOMERS CAN START BOOKING FLIGHTS STARTING SEPTEMBER 23RD.

Air Service Sept 18 10PM :45
AIR SERVICE TO SAINT LOUIS FINALLY RETURNS TO ONE CENTRAL ILLINOIS CITY. IT'S A STORY YOU FIRST SAW ON W-A-N-D T-V DOT COM THIS AFTERNOON. SENATOR DICK DURBIN ANNOUNCED THIS

AFTERNOON THAT GREAT LAKES AIR SERVICE IS PICKING UP FLIGHTS TO SAINT LOUIS. REGIONS AIR DISCONTINUED SERVICE IN MARCH.

Champaign Liquor Sept 18 10PM :36
NEW SINCE SIX... THE CHAMPAIGN CITY COUNCIL **DOES NOT** PASS CHANGES TO THE CITY'S CURRENT LIQUOR CODE. AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS OF TRYING TO GET THE CURRENT CODE CHANGED... TONIGHT THE COUNCIL NARROWLY VOTED AGAINST CHANGES. THE AMENDMENTS TO THE LIQUOR CODE WOULD HAVE BANNED SO-CALLED "SHOT GIRLS" AND CELEBRITY BARTENDERS IN BARS... AND WOULD HAVE BANNED ALLOWING CHEAPER ALCOHOL SALES AT PRIVATE PARTIES.

Urbana Investment Sept 18 10PM :43
NEW TONIGHT... TWO CENTRAL ILLINOIS CITIES ARE VOTED ONE OF THE TOP 10 SMALL COLLEGE TOWNS FOR REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS. CHAMPAIGN URBANA IS NUMBER TWO ON THE LIST... COMPILED BY NU-WIRE INVESTOR. THE LIST INCLUDES CITIES WITH A POPULATION UNDER 200-THOUSAND... THAT HAVE A UNIVERSITY WITH MORE THAN 10-THOUSAND STUDENTS ENROLLED.

News Extra Sept 18 10PM 1:54
GOOD NEWS IF YOU'RE IN THE MARKET TO MAKE A BIG PURCHASE... INTEREST RATES ARE ROLLING BACK. THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD VOTED TO LOWER A KEY BORROWING RATE BY A HALF PERCENT TODAY... THAT'S MORE THAN EXPECTED. AS YOU'LL SEE IN TONIGHT'S NEWS EXTRA... IT'S A MOVE DESIGNED TO PREVENT A RECESSION THAT SUDDENLY SEEMS VERY POSSIBLE.

Air Service Sept 19 5AM :23
GREAT LAKES AIR PLANS TO BEGIN OFFERING SERVICE FROM DECATUR TO ST. LOUIS.
THE AIR CARRIER IS PICKING UP FLIGHTS TO SAINT LOUIS AFTER REGIONS AIR DISCONTINUED SERVICE IN MARCH. CUSTOMERS CAN START BOOKING FLIGHTS STARTING SEPTEMBER 23RD. SERVICE BEGINS NOVEMBER 4TH. IT'S A TWO YEAR CONTRACT.

Urbana Investment Sept 19 5AM :30
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Job Finding Sept 19 5AM :23

LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB? BE PREPARED TO PAY FOR IT. A NEW ONLINE SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CAREER WEB SITE EXPERIENCE-DOT-COM FINDS 95 PERCENT OF JOB SEEKERS SPEND **100 TO 500** DOLLARS LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB. MOST OF THE COSTS STEM FROM INTERVIEW EXPENSES, SUCH AS CLOTHING, TRAVEL AND LODGING. THE SURVEY FOUND SEVEN PERCENT OF RESPONDENTS COUGHED UP MORE THAN FIVE-THOUSAND DOLLARS TO LAND A NEW GIG.

Urban Corridor Sept 19 10PM 1:06
NEW AT TEN... A PROJECT GETS UNDERWAY TONIGHT... TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT ALONG DECATUR'S MAJOR ROADWAYS. THE CITY'S ECONOMIC AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT LAUNCHED THE PROJECT AT A PUBLIC MEETING TONIGHT. THE PLAN IS TO WORK ON MAJOR ROADWAYS... LIKE ELDORADO STREET AND PERSHING ROAD.

Ameren Contract Sept 19 10PM :23
NEW AT TEN... A LOCAL UNION VOTES DOWN ITS LATEST CONTRACT OFFER FROM AMEREN. I-B-E-W LOCAL 7-0-2 SAYS THE OFFER WAS VOTED DOWN BY NEARLY 97-PERCENT OF UNION MEMBERS. THE UNION HAS AGREED TO MEET WITH AMEREN REPRESENTATIVES AGAIN NEXT WEEK TO TRY TO HAMMER OUT A DEAL.

Great Lakes Air Sept 19 10PM :40
ALSO NEW TONIGHT... GREAT LAKES AIRLINES RELEASES ITS SCHEDULE OF FLIGHTS... WHICH WILL SOON BEGIN TAKING OFF FROM THE DECATUR AIRPORT. WE TOLD YOU LAST NIGHT... GREAT LAKES AIR WILL BEGIN SERVICE FROM DECATUR TO SAINT LOUIS ON NOVEMBER 4TH. THE ROUTE HAS BEEN OUT OF SERVICE SINCE MARCH... WHEN REGIONS AIR DISCONTINUED THE FLIGHTS.

Ameren Contract Sept 20 5AM :24
AMEREN CONTINUES TO HIT A WALL IN CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH ONE OF ITS UNIONS. I-B-E-W LOCAL 7-0-2 SAYS THE LATEST CONTRACT OFFER WAS VOTED DOWN BY NEARLY 97-PERCENT OF UNION MEMBERS. THE UNION HAS AGREED TO MEET WITH AMEREN REPRESENTATIVES AGAIN NEXT WEEK TO TRY TO HAMMER OUT A DEAL.

Great Lakes Air Sept 20 5AM :32
SOME GOOD NEWS FOR LOCAL TRAVELERS. GREAT LAKES AIRLINES HAS RELEASED ITS SCHEDULE OF FLIGHTS... WHICH WILL SOON BEGIN TAKING OFF FROM THE DECATUR AIRPORT. THE AIRLINE WILL BEGIN SERVICE FROM DECATUR TO SAINT LOUIS ON NOVEMBER 4TH.

Liheap Sept 20 12PM :28

LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE WITH HEATING COSTS WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS IN DECATUR TOMORROW MORNING. THE DECATUR-MACON COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES CORPORATION...LIHEAP'S LOCAL AGENCY...WILL BE AT THE DECATUR CIVIC CENTER TOMORROW MORNING FROM SEVEN TO 11 MAKING APPOINTMENTS.

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Liheap Appt. Sept 20 5PM :28
LOW INCOME FAMILIES LOOKING FOR HELP WITH THEIR UTILITY BILLS... CAN FIND IT STARTING TOMORROW MORNING. THE DECATUR-MACON COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES CORPORATION... WHICH IS LI-HEAP'S LOCAL AGENCY... WILL BE AT THE DECATUR CIVIC CENTER TOMORROW MORNING FROM SEVEN TO 11 MAKING APPOINTMENTS.

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Village Mall Sept 21 5AM 1:03
SOME SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS ARE FIGHTING BACK AGAINST A PLAN TO EVICT THEM FROM A STRIP MALL. SHOP OWNERS IN THE VILLAGE MALL LOCATED IN THE DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY'S PARKING LOT... RECENTLY RECEIVED LEGAL PAPERS FROM THE LIBRARY BOARD... TELLING THEM THEY HAVE SIX MONTHS TO LEAVE.

Liheap Appt Sept 21 5AM :27
LOW INCOME FAMILIES LOOKING FOR HELP WITH THEIR UTILITY BILLS CAN FIND IT STARTING THIS MORNING. THE DECATUR-MACON COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES CORPORATION WILL BE AT THE DECATUR CIVIC CENTER THIS MORNING FROM SEVEN TO 11 MAKING APPOINTMENTS. APPLICATIONS WILL BE TAKEN FROM THE ELDERLY, DISABLED AND HOUSEHOLDS WHO ARE DISCONNECTED.

Liheap Sept 21 12PM :41

ALTHOUGH TEMPERATURES ARE HOT TODAY...COLD WEATHER IS NOT FAR AWAY AND LOW INCOME FAMILIES ARE LOOKING FOR HELP WITH THEIR UTILITY BILLS.... PEOPLE LINED UP AT THE DECATUR CIVIC CENTER THIS MORNING TO APPLY FOR HELP THROUGH LIHEAP.

Village Mall Sept 21 12PM 1:03
SOME SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS ARE FIGHTING PLANS TO EVICT THEM FROM A STRIP MALL. THE SHOP OWNERS ARE IN THE VILLAGE MALL, LOCATED IN THE DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY'S PARKING LOT. THEY RECENTLY RECEIVED LEGAL PAPERS FROM THE LIBRARY BOARD...

Liheap Sppt Sept 21 5PM :49
MANY CENTRAL ILLINOIS FAMILIES ARE LOOKING FOR HELP WITH THEIR UTILITY BILLS.... PEOPLE LINED UP AT THE DECATUR CIVIC CENTER THIS MORNING... TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL HELP THROUGH LI-HEAP. DECATUR-MACON COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES CORPORATION STAFF SAY... THEY'VE SEEN AN INCREASE IN PEOPLE ASKING FOR HELP WITHIN THE PAST FEW MONTHS.

Danville Ethanol Sept 21 6PM 1:15
PLANS ARE UNDERWAY FOR AN ETHANOL PLANT IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS. DANVILLE HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS A SITE FOR A NEW ETHANOL PLANT BY A COMPANY CALLED... REED THREE RIVERS BIO GRAIN. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY IS IN DANVILLE WITH THE DETAILS.

Danville Ethanol Sept 21 10PM :50
A NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART ETHANOL PLANT MAY BE COMING TO DANVILLE. THE REED-THREE RIVERS BIO-GRAIN COMPANY IS PLANNING ON BUILDING 9 ETHANOL PLANTS NATIONWIDE... AND WANTS TO MAKE DANVILLE HOME TO ONE OF THEM. DANVILLE MAYOR SCOTT EISENHAUER SAYS THE COMPANY STILL NEEDS TO BUY LAND... BUT IS ALREADY LOOKING AT AREAS ON THE EAST SIDE OF DANVILLE.

RCC Groundbreaking Sept 24 12PM :45
RICHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS MAKING WAY FOR A NEW EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CLASSROOM AND FITNESS CENTER. AT A GROUNDBREAKING THIS MORNING...COMPLETE WITH TINY SHOVELS AND HARD HATS...CHILDREN ENROLLED IN THE CHILD CARE FACILITY, TURNED OVER THE FIRST SHOVELFULS OF DIRT.

RCC Groundbreaking Sept 24 5PM :50
PLANS TO EXPAND RICHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE MOVE FORWARD. THIS MORNING A CEREMONY MAKES WAY FOR A NEW EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CLASSROOM AND FITNESS CENTER. AT A GROUNDBREAKING... COMPLETE WITH TINY SHOVELS AND HARD

HATS...CHILDREN WHO ENROLLED IN THE CHILD CARE FACILITY,
TURNED OVER THE FIRST SHOVELFULS OF DIRT.

CWLP Meeting Sept 24 5PM :33
CITY, WATER LIGHT AND POWER IN SPRINGFIELD IS OFFERING ENERGY
EFFICIENCY WORKSHOPS. YOU CAN LEARN INEXPENSIVE SAVING TIPS
AND ABOUT FREE ENERGY SERVICES AND PRODUCTS. C-W-L-P SAYS
THE WORKSHOPS REALLY HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND WHAT TO DO TO
MAKE HOMES MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT.

Spfld Goundbrk Sept 24 6PM :56
TODAY A VERY SPECIAL GROUNDBREAKING TOOK PLACE IN
SPRINGFIELD. FIFTH STREET RENAISSANCE/SARA CENTER BROKE
GROUND TODAY ON A NEW HOUSING UNIT. THE OLD ONE AT 13-27
NORTH 5TH STREET BURNED DOWN IN A FIRE LAST OCTOBER. THE
HOUSING UNIT WILL BE FOR THE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS, H-I-V
PATIENTS AND OTHERS NEEDING SERVICES.

RCC Groundbrk Sept 24 6PM :28
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CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CLASSROOM AND FITNESS CENTER. AT A
GROUNDBREAKING THIS MORNING...COMPLETE WITH TINY SHOVELS
AND HARD HATS...CHILDREN WHO ENROLLED IN THE CHILD CARE
FACILITY, TURNED OVER THE FIRST SHOVELFULS OF DIRT.

Champ City Council Sept 24 10PM :49
NEW AT TEN... THE CHAMPAIGN CITY COUNCIL WORKS TO SET ITS
VISION FOR THE NEXT 2 YEARS. THE COUNCIL MET TONIGHT FOR THE
FIRST OF TWO MEETINGS... WHERE MEMBERS WILL SET THEIR GOALS
FOR THE UPCOMING YEARS. DISCUSSION FOCUSES ON EVERYTHING
FROM CITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT... TO ENGAGING THE
COMMUNITY.

Dec. Streetscape Sept 24 10PM :35
ALSO NEW TONIGHT... THE CITY OF DECATUR HOLDS AN OPEN HOUSE...
TO SHOW OFF DESIGNS FOR A NEW AND IMPROVED MAIN STREET.
MASSIE, MASSIE, AND ASSOCIATES SHOWCASED DESIGN OPTIONS FOR
STREETSCAPE PROJECTS... INCLUDING PLANS AND ELEVATIONS
THEY'RE RECOMMENDING FOR THE PROJECTS... AS WELL AS PHOTO
MOCK-UPS.

News extra Sept 24 10PM 1:55
TONIGHT, THOUSANDS OF UNION WORKERS ARE ON STRIKE AGAINST
AUTOMAKER GENERAL MOTORS. THE UNITED AUTO WORKERS UNION
CALLED THE NATIONWIDE STRIKE THIS MORNING... ITS FIRST IN MORE
THAN 30 YEARS... AFTER TALKS BROKE DOWN OVER THE WEEKEND.

News Extra Sept 25 10PM 1:50
NEGOTIATORS FOR GENERAL MOTORS AND UNITED AUTOWORKERS ARE BACK AT THE BARGAINING TABLE... TRYING TO END THE STRIKE THAT STARTED YESTERDAY. IT IS THE FIRST STRIKE AGAINST THE AUTO GIANT IN MORE THAN 30 YEARS... AND SOME SAY THE CONTRACT TALKS ARE CRUCIAL TO G-M'S SURVIVAL.

Mueller Contract Sept 26 5AM :25
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS FOR 500 UNION WORKERS AT DECATUR'S MUELLER COMPANY REMAIN STALLED THIS MORNING.. A FEDERAL MEDIATOR ASSISTED IN TALKS THE PAST TWO DAYS... BUT UNION LEADERS SAY NO SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE. ISSUES DIVIDING WORKERS AND MANAGEMENT INCLUDE HEALTH INSURANCE AND PENSIONS.

GM UAW Sept 26 5AM :25
THE UNITED AUTO WORKERS UNION SAYS IT HAS AGREED TO A TENTATIVE CONTRACT WITH GENERAL MOTORS THAT COULD END A TWO-DAY NATIONWIDE STRIKE. THE AGREEMENT WOULD REPORTEDLY SHIFT THE BURDEN OF RETIREE HEALTH CARE FROM GM TO THE UNION AND GIVE WORKERS BONUSES AND LUMP-SUM PAYMENTS. LOCAL UAW PRESIDENTS MUST STILL REVIEW THE TENTATIVE CONTRACT AND IT WILL THEN BE VOTED ON BY 73-THOUSAND RANK-AND-FILE MEMBERS.

Mueller Contract Sept 26 12PM :29
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS FOR 500 UNION WORKERS AT DECATUR'S MUELLER COMPANY REMAIN STALLED TODAY. UNION MEMBERS FROM MUELLER COMPANY ARE HAVING AN INFORMATIONAL PICKET AGAIN TODAY. A FEDERAL MEDIATOR ASSISTED IN TALKS THE PAST TWO DAYS... BUT UNION LEADERS SAY NO SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE.

UAW/GM Deal Sept 26 12PM 1:36
THE UNITED AUTO WORKERS HAVE RECESSED A STRIKE AT GENERAL MOTORS FACILITIES... AFTER UNION NEGOTIATORS AND GM REPRESENTATIVES REACHED A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT OVERNIGHT. THAT AGREEMENT STILL MUST BE RATIFIED BY UNION MEMBERS.

Mueller Picket Sept 26 5PM :28
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS FOR 500 UNION WORKERS AT DECATUR'S MUELLER COMPANY REMAIN STALLED TODAY. UNION MEMBERS FROM MUELLER COMPANY HELD INFORMATIONAL PICKETS AGAIN TODAY. A FEDERAL MEDIATOR HELPED IN TALKS THE PAST TWO DAYS... BUT UNION LEADERS SAY NO SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE.

ADM/Farmers Sept 26 6PM 1:28
A MAJOR CENTRAL ILLINOIS EMPLOYER LAUNCHES A NEW SERVICE FOR AREA FARMERS. ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND IS NOW OFFERING HEALTH INSURANCE TO FARMERS. NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH IS LIVE IN THE NEWSROOM TO EXPLAIN HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS.. AND WHAT FARMERS THINK ABOUT IT, KELLY?

Mueller Picket Sept 26 10PM :29
CONTRACT TALKS FOR 500 UNION WORKERS AT DECATUR'S MUELLER COMPANY REMAIN STALLED. UNION MEMBERS HELD AN INFORMATIONAL PICKET AGAIN TODAY.
THE TWO SIDES PLAN TO GO BACK TO THE BARGINNING TABLE FRIDAY MORNING.

UAW/GM Update Sept 26 10PM :33
NEW AT TEN... G-M WORKERS ARE BACK ON THE JOB... AFTER THE COMPANY AND UNITED AUTO WORKERS NEGOTIATORS.... REACHED A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT EARLY THIS MORNING. THE DEAL ENDS A TWO-DAY STRIKE... WHICH MARKED THE FIRST NATIONWIDE WALKOUT AGAINST THE AUTO GIANT... IN MORE THAN 30 YEARS.

ADM/Farmers Sept 26 10PM :32
CENTRAL ILLINOIS FARMERS CAN NOW GET HEALTH INSURANCE THROUGH A NEW INITIATIVE FROM ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND. A-D-M HAS A PLAN CALLED "PARTNERS IN PRODUCTION." IT'S A GROUP INSURANCE PROGRAM.... AND IT'S FOR GRAIN PRODUCERS WHO SUPPLY A-D-M. THE OFFER IS ANOTHER OPTION FOR FARMERS BATTLING RISING HEALTH CARE COSTS.

Mueller Picket Sept 27 5AM :26
CONTRACT TALKS FOR 500 UNION WORKERS AT DECATUR'S MUELLER COMPANY REMAIN STALLED. UNION MEMBERS HELD AN INFORMATIONAL PICKET AGAIN YESTERDAY. THE TWO SIDES PLAN TO GO BACK TO THE BARGAINING TABLE TOMORROW MORNING. A FEDERAL MEDIATOR HELPED IN TALKS THIS WEEK... BUT UNION LEADERS SAY NO SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE.

Production Partners Sept 27 12PM :32
CENTRAL ILLINOIS FARMERS CAN NOW GET HEALTH INSURANCE THROUGH A NEW INITIATIVE FROM ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND. A-D-M HAS A PLAN CALLED "PARTNERS IN PRODUCTION." IT'S A GROUP INSURANCE PROGRAM.... AND IT'S FOR GRAIN PRODUCERS WHO SUPPLY A-D-M.

ADM/Conoco Sept 27 5PM :26

ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND ANNOUNCES A COLLABORATION WITH CONOCO-PHILLIPS TO DEVELOP RENEWABLE TRANSPORTATION FUELS. THE NEWLY CREATED ALLIANCE WILL RESEARCH.. AND WORK TO COMMERCIALIZE... TWO COMPONENTS OF A NEXT GENERATION BIOFUEL PRODUCTION PROCESS.

Ameren Bills Sept 28 6PM :32
ANYONE WITH OUTSTANDING BALANCES WITH AMEREN NEEDS TO SETTLE THEM... OR POWER WILL BE SHUT OFF. AMEREN HAS SEVERAL OPTIONS FOR CUSTOMERS TO GET BILLS PAID OFF. MONEY IS AVAILABLE FOR PEOPLE HIT HARDEST BY THE ELECTRIC RATE INCREASES.

Hotel Sept 30 5PM :35
DECATUR LEADERS COULD TAKE ANOTHER STEP TOMORROW IN DECIDING WHO WILL **MANAGE** THE DECATUR CONFERENCE CENTER AND HOTEL. THE CITY BOUGHT THE HOTEL FOR 6 AND HALF MILLION DOLLARS.... TO KEEP IT FROM BEING AUCTIONED... AND MAKE SURE IT STAYS A HOTEL. THAT DECISION HAS SPARKED CONTROVERSY.

Hotel Sept 30 10PM :40
THEY HAVE THREE OPTIONS ON THE TABLE.. AND TOMORROW.... DECATUR LEADERS COULD TAKE ANOTHER STEP IN DECIDING WHO WILL **MANAGE** THE DECATUR CONFERENCE CENTER AND HOTEL. THE CITY BOUGHT THE HOTEL FOR 6 AND HALF MILLION DOLLARS.... TO KEEP IT FROM BEING AUCTIONED... AND MAKE SURE IT STAYS A HOTEL.

Government

New Laws July 1 5PM :32
DRIVERS CONVICTED OF DRIVING WITHOUT INSURANCE WILL NOW LOSE THEIR LICENSE FOR THREE MONTHS. FIRST OFFENSES USED TO ONLY CARRY A FINE.
THE STATE CAN NOW ALSO REVOKE THE DRIVER'S LICENSES OR PERMITS OF MINORS CONSIDERED DROP OUTS OR CHRONICALLY ABSENT. TATTOO AND BODY PIERCING PARLORS CAN BECOME STATE CERTIFIED WITH A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION.

New Laws July 2 5AM :25

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Obama July 1 5PM :25
SENATOR BARACK OBAMA'S CAMPAIGN SETS A RECORD FOR FUNDRAISING FOR A DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. OBAMA'S CAMPAIGN SAYS IT'S RAISED MORE THAN 32 MILLION DOLLARS FROM APRIL THROUGH JUNE. AIDES TO OBAMA'S DEMOCRATIC RIVAL.. HILLARY CLINTON ... SAY SHE IS EXPECTED TO RAISE "IN THE RANGE" OF 27 MILLION FOR THAT SAME PERIOD. DEMOCRAT JOHN EDWARDS IS A DISTANT THIRD... RAISING MORE THAN NINE MILLION DOLLARS FROM APRIL TO JUNE.

Obama July 2 5AM :23
SENATOR BARACK OBAMA'S CAMPAIGN SETS A RECORD FOR FUNDRAISING FOR A DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. OBAMA'S CAMPAIGN SAYS IT'S RAISED MORE THAN 32 MILLION DOLLARS FROM APRIL THROUGH JUNE. AIDES TO OBAMA'S DEMOCRATIC RIVAL.. HILLARY CLINTON ... SAY SHE IS EXPECTED TO RAISE "IN THE RANGE" OF 27 MILLION FOR THAT SAME PERIOD. DEMOCRAT JOHN EDWARDS IS A DISTANT THIRD... RAISING MORE THAN NINE MILLION DOLLARS FROM APRIL TO JUNE.

State News July 1 10PM :35
STATE LAWMAKERS HEAD BACK TO WORK JULY 5TH... TO TRY TO COME UP WITH A NEW BUDGET. A NEW BUDGET YEAR STARTED TODAY ... BUT ILLINOIS IS WOKING OFF OF AN EXTENSION OF THE OLD BUDGET... SINCE LAWMAKERS CAN'T AGREE. THEY DID AGREE LAST WEEK TO PASS A ONE- MONTH EXTENSION OF THE CURRENT SPENDING PLAN TO KEEP STATE AGENCIES RUNNING.

State News July 20, 2007 5AM :32
HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF ILLINOIS WORKERS WILL BE STARTING THE WEEK OFF WITH A RAISE. YESTERDAY... MINIMUM WAGE INCREASED ONE DOLLAR... TO 7-50 AN HOUR. IT WILL THEN GO UP 25 CENTS A YEAR FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS. THE *FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE WILL RISE 70 CENTS TO 5-85 LATER THIS MONTH. AND A NEW BUDGET YEAR STARTED YESTERDAY ... BUT STILL NO NEW STATE BUDGET. ILLINOIS IS WORKING OFF OF AN EXTENSION OF THE OLD

BUDGET. LAWMAKERS PLAN TO RETURN TO THE BUDGET PROCESS ON THURSDAY.

Gov. Signs Temporary Budget July 2 5PM :33
THE STATE OF ILLINOIS OFFICIALLY HAS A NEW TEMPORARY SPENDING PLAN.
AS WAND-TV-DOT COM FIRST REPORTED THIS AFTERNOON..
GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SIGNED THE ONE-MONTH BUDGET TO KEEP THE STATE OPERATING.
THE BUDGET IS REALLY JUST AN EXTENSION OF THE SPENDING PLAN THAT EXPIRED ON SUNDAY.. THE START OF THE NEW FISCAL YEAR. WITHOUT IT.. THE STATE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PAY IT'S BILLS.. AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES WOULD BEGIN SHUTTING DOWN.

Gov. Signs Budget July 2 10PM :30
STATE OPERATIONS WILL CONTINUE RUNNING... AFTER THE GOVERNOR SIGNS A TEMPORARY SPENDING PLAN. AS WE FIRST REPORTED ON W-A-N-D T-V DOT COM THIS AFTERNOON.. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SIGNED THE ONE-MONTH BUDGET TO KEEP THE STATE OPERATING. THE BUDGET IS REALLY JUST AN EXTENSION OF THE SPENDING PLAN THAT EXPIRED YESTERDAY.. THE START OF THE NEW FISCAL YEAR. WITHOUT IT.. THE STATE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PAY IT'S BILLS.. AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES WOULD BEGIN SHUTTING DOWN. THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATIVE LEADERS HAVE BEEN DEADLOCKED FOR WEEKS OVER A NEW BUDGET.

Economy July 2 10PM :23
LAWMAKERS ARE CALLING ON THE GOVERNOR TO SHOW UP FOR THURSDAY'S SPECIAL SESSION. HOUSE SPEAKER MICHAEL MADIGAN ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE ENTIRE HOUSE WILL MEET THURSDAY TO TALK ABOUT A KEY PART OF THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET. AND MADIGAN CHALLENGED BLAGOJEVICH TO SHOW UP AND STAY FOR THE ENTIRE SESSION... WHICH COULD LAST FOR HOURS. MADIGAN SAYS BLAGOJEVICH IS GENERALLY ABSENT FROM THE CAPITOL... WHILE LAWMAKERS WORK DAY AFTER DAY.

Obama July 2 10PM :30
NEW AT TEN... ILLINOIS SENATOR AND PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFUL BARACK OBAMA SAYS HIS RECORD SETTING FUND-RAISING IS A SIGN OF THE VOTER SUPPORT BEHIND HIM.
AT A RALLY IN NEW HAMPSHIRE... OBAMA SAID THE MORE THAN 30 MILLION DOLLARS HIS CAMPAIGN RAISED IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS... IS A TESTAMENT OF SUPPORT FROM THE QUARTER MILLION PEOPLE WHO GAVE MONEY.

Scotter Libby July 3 5AM :15

THIS MORNING PRESIDENT BUSH HAS STEPPED IN, IN THE CASE OF VICE-PRESIDENT CHENEY'S FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF SCOOTER LIBBY. THE PRESIDENT EFFECTIVELY ERASED HIS PRISON SENTENCE, A MOVE GETTING CHEERS AND JEERS ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM.

Durbin/Libby July 3 5PM :34
SENATOR DICK DURBIN COMPARES LEWIS "SCOOTER" LIBBY TO PARIS HILTON.

YESTERDAY PRESIDENT BUSH DECIDED TO COMMUTE LIBBY'S TWO AND-A-HALF YEAR PRISON SENTENCE. SENATOR DURBIN FIRED BACK SAYING -QUOTE- "WHEN IT COMES TO THE LAW.. THERE SHOULD NOT BE TWO SETS OF RULES..ONE FOR PRESIDENT BUSH AND DICK CHENEY.. AND ANOTHER FOR THE REST OF AMERICA."

Pres/4th July 4 5PM :31
PRESIDENT BUSH SAYS MORE PATIENCE.. COURAGE AND SACRIFICE ARE NEEDED FOR VICTORY IN IRAQ. THE PRESIDENT CELEBRATED THE FOURTH OF JULY BY ATTENDING AN INVITATION-ONLY VISIT WITH MEMBERS OF THE WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD'S 167TH AIRLIFT WING AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Special Session July 4 10PM :55
NEW TONIGHT... LAWMAKERS WILL BE BACK AT THE CAPITOL TOMORROW... TRYING ONCE AGAIN TO HAMMER OUT A BUDGET. BUT GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH WON'T BE IN ATTENDANCE. IN A LETTER TODAY TO HOUSE SPEAKER MICHAEL MADIGAN... THE GOVERNOR SAYS HE BELIEVES MADIGAN ISN'T TOO INTERESTED IN FINDING SOLUTIONS TO REAL PROBLEMS.

End Iraq July 5 5PM 1:47
THE HEAT IS ON SOME LOCAL POLITICAL LEADERS. IT COULD BE A LONG HOT SUMMER WHEN IT COMES TO THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE IRAQ WAR. NEWSCENTER 17'S SCOT ENGLAND HAS DETAILS ON A NEW CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE WAR.

Iraq Terror July 5 5PM :52
MEANWHILE.. IN A NEWLY RELEASED VIDEO, OSAMA BIN LADEN'S TOP DEPUTY APPEALS TO MUSLIMS WORLDWIDE.. TO JOIN WITH AL QAEDA IN IRAQ. IN WASHINGTON THE AL QAEDA APPEAL IS SEEN BY SOME AS A DOUBLE VALIDATION OF THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION SURGE STRATEGY.

Special Session July 5 5PM 1:23
STATE LAWMAKERS RETURN TO THE CAPITOL FOR THE FIRST DAY OF A SPECIAL SESSION ON THE BUDGET. RIGHT NOW, HOUSE MEMBERS ARE

DEBATING GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH'S PROPOSAL TO LEASE THE STATE LOTTERY.

Special Session July 5 6PM 1:17
STATE LAWMAKERS SPEND THE FIRST DAY OF THEIR SPECIAL SESSION ON THE BUDGET.. DISCUSSING WHETHER TO LEASE THE LOTTERY... TO PAY OFF THE STATE'S PENSION DEBT. THOSE DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE IN THE HOUSE RIGHT NOW.. AND THE SENATE ALSO HELD A SPECIAL HEARING.

End Iraq July 5 6PM :54
THE HEAT IS ON SOME LOCAL POLITICAL LEADERS TO CHANGE THEIR STANCE ON THE WAR IN IRAQ. NEWSCENTER 17'S SCOT ENGLAND IS LIVE TO SHOW YOU HOW A NEW CAMPAIGN IS TARGETING TWO AREA CONGRESSMEN.

Gov. Blago July 5 10PM :59
THE GOVERNOR IS A NO-SHOW FOR TODAY'S SPECIAL SESSION AT THE CAPITOL... AND SOME VOTERS ARE GETTING FED UP. LAWMAKERS SCOLDED GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH FOR NOT TAKING PART... BUT THEY'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES UNHAPPY HE IS RARELY IN SPRINGFIELD.

Special Session July 5 10PM :34
THE BIG ISSUE AT THE SPECIAL SESSION... CENTERED AROUND UNDERFUNDED PENSIONS. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH HOPES TO LEASE THE LOTTERY TO A PRIVATE COMPANY TO REDUCE THE STATE'S 40 BILLION DOLLAR PENSION DEBT. BUT MANY LAWMAKERS HAVE CONCERNS.

End Iraq July 5 10PM :38
CONGRESSMAN RAY LAHOOD AND TIM JOHNSON CAN EXPECT TO RECEIVE EXTRA PHONE CALLS AND LETTERS OVER THE NEXT TEN WEEKS. THAT'S THE MESSAGE FROM A GROUP CALLED AMERICAN'S AGAINST ESCALATION IN IRAQ.

Madigan Legislature July 6 5AM 1:12
THE STATE LEGISLATURE WILL BE WORKING THROUGH THE WEEKEND IN SPECIAL SESSION, WITH OR WITHOUT THE GOVERNOR. YESTERDAY, HOUSE SPEAKER MICHAEL MADIGAN OPENED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING BY CRITICIZING GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH ..

End Iraq July 6 6PM :43
CONGRESSMAN RAY LAHOOD AND TIM JOHNSON CAN EXPECT TO RECEIVE EXTRA PHONE CALLS AND LETTERS OVER THE NEXT TEN WEEKS. THAT'S THE MESSAGE FROM A GROUP CALLED AMERICAN'S AGAINST ESCALATION IN IRAQ.

Legislative Lotto July 6 5AM 1:06
TODAY MARKS THE SECOND DAY OF A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION FOCUSING, AIMED AT RESOLVING THE STATE BUDGET. A MAJOR PLAN UNDER DISCUSSION .. LEASING THE STATE'S LOTTERY AS A MEANS OF MAKING MONEY. RIGHT NOW .. THERE IS NO OTHER STATE THAT LEASES ITS LOTTERY. AND LAWMAKERS WANT TO BE SURE THEY MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE.

Special Session July 6 6PM :51
GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH PLANS TO MEET WITH ALL FOUR LEGISLATIVE LEADERS TOMORROW THE THIRD DAY OF SPECIAL SESSION. THE GOVERNOR BLAMES HOUSE SPEAKER MICHAEL MADIGAN FOR HOLDING UP BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS. HE SAYS MADIGAN IS NOT INTERESTED IN HELPING WORKING FAMILIES .. AND SAYS IT'S TIME THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE RECOGNIZED THE NEEDS OF ILLINOISANS.

Special Session July 6 5PM :17
NOW SOME LAWMAKERS RECENTLY FILED LEGISLATION THAT WOULD CHANGE THIS WHOLE BUDGET PROCESS ...

Immigration July 6 6PM :50
SEVERAL **LEGAL** IMMIGRANTS.. WHO APPLIED FOR VISA'S.. ARE TURNED DOWN. NEWSCENTER 17 SPOKE WITH A MAN ORIGINALLY FROM INDIA. HE TRAVELED TO CALIFORNIA, CHICAGO AND NOW HE IS A PHYSICIAN AT DECATUR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. HE WORKED FOR NEARLY 12 YEARS ON TEMPORARY VISAS. AND HE THOUGHT JUNE WAS HIS CHANCE TO GET HIS GREEN CARD. BUT HIS APPLICATION WAS DENIED BY THE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AGENCY.

Beardstown July 6 6PM :29
SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO PLEADED GUILTY TO **ILLEGAL** IMMIGRATION CHARGES.. RECEIVE THEIR SENTENCES. THE U-S DISTRICT CIRCUIT CLERK'S OFFICE SAYS 8 DEFENDANTS FROM APRIL'S IMMIGRATION RAID AT THE BEARDSTOWN CARGILL PLANT WERE SENTENCED TO 3 MONTHS IN JAIL.. WHICH IS TIME ALREADY SERVED.

Budget Update July 7 10PM 1:01
BACK TO WORK ON A SUNDAY FOR STATE LAWMAKERS. WITH NO BUDGET AGREEMENT TODAY... LAWMAKERS WILL MEET AGAIN IN SPRINGFIELD TOMORROW.
THE GOVERNOR WANTS LEADERS THERE "SEVEN DAYS A WEEK" AS THEY TRY TO COME UP WITH A COMPROMISE. TODAY, ALL LAWMAKERS WERE ALLOWED IN ON A MEETING USUALLY JUST FOR PARTY LEADERS.

Budget Update July 7 5PM :56
SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES MET WITH THE LEADERS FOR OVER 3 HOURS THIS AFTERNOON AND MOST SEEM TO THINK THEY ARE NO CLOSER THAN WHEN THEY STARTED. RANK AND FILE LEGISLATORS SHOWED UP AT BLAGOJEVICH'S OFFICE IN THE CAPITOL BUILDING BUT WERE THEN REDIRECTED TO THE EXECUTIVE MANSION TO ACCOMMODATE THE LARGER GROUP.

Budget Latest July 8 5PM :26
ANOTHER ROUND TONIGHT OF TRYING TO REACH A STATE BUDGET AGREEMENT.
LEADERS ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET IN ABOUT AN HOUR... AT SIX. IT'S NOT KNOWN YET WHETHER IT'S GOING TO BE AT THE CAPITOL OR THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION.

Gov. Church July 8 5PM :31
GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH TALKED ABOUT THE BUDGET TROUBLES TODAY AT PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH IN SPRINGFIELD. HE TALKED ABOUT THE TWO ISSUES HE THINKS ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT FOR THE BUDGET ... HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION.

Durbin July 8 5PM :41
THIS WEEK... LAWMAKERS IN D-C WILL AGAIN DEBATE THE WAR IN IRAQ. SENATOR DICK DURBIN SAYS THE U-S NEEDS TO START BRINGING TROOPS HOME.... IN THE NEXT 90 DAYS. HE SAYS THAT'S A REASONABLE TIME FRAME FOR THE IRAQIS TO TAKE OVER.

Special Session July 6 6PM :55
DAWN ... MANY LAWMAKERS ARE FED UP WITH THESE STALLED NEGOTIATIONS .. AND THEY SAY LEADERS NEED TO BE MORE OPEN ABOUT THE BUDGET PROCESS. SENATE DEMOCRATS RECENTLY FILED LEGISLATION THAT REQUIRES GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH AND THE FOUR LEGISLATIVE LEADERS TO MEET WITH BOTH CHAMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DURING EACH DAY OF A SPECIAL SESSION.

Budget Latest July 8 10PM 1:05
BUDGET TALKS AGAIN END WITH NO COMPROMISE TONIGHT.... BUT IT'S NOT OVER YET. GOOD EVENING, THANKS FOR CHOOSING US... I'M ELIZABETH MOORS. STATE LAWMAKERS HAVE BEEN TALKING ALL WEEKEND.

Durbin July 8 10PM 1:03
LAWMAKERS IN WASHINGTON WILL TAKE UP THE WAR IN IRAQ AGAIN THIS WEEK. THE WHITE HOUSE IS LOSING SOME KEY REPUBLICAN SUPPORT FOR THE WAR. IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS... THREE MORE HAVE JOINED THE CALL TO START BRINGING TROOPS HOME.

Libby July 8 10PM :37
SENATOR DURBIN ALSO COMMENTED ON THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION TO COMMUTE THE TWO AND A HALF PRISON SENTENCE OF FORMER WHITE HOUSE AIDE LEWIS LIBBY. LIBBY WAS CONVICTED OF LYING AND OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE IN THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE LEAK OF A C-I-A OFFICER'S IDENTITY.

Legislature July 9 5AM 1:30
BUDGET DISCUSSIONS PICK UP TODAY...WHERE THEY LEFT OFF AFTER A WEEKEND OF WORK BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. A BIG STEP CAME YESTERDAY...WHEN THE ENTIRE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WAS INVITED TO SIT IN ON A BUDGET MEETING USUALLY ONLY OPEN TO LEGISLATIVE LEADERS. AFTER ABOUT TWO HOURS OF TALKS... THE MEETING ENDED WITHOUT AN AGREEMENT.

Durbin July 9 5AM 1:04
LAWMAKERS IN WASHINGTON WILL TAKE UP THE WAR IN IRAQ AGAIN THIS WEEK. THE WHITE HOUSE IS LOSING SOME KEY REPUBLICAN SUPPORT FOR THE WAR. IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS .. THREE MORE HAVE JOINED THE CALL TO START BRINGING TROOPS HOME.

Congress July 9 5AM 1:45
TODAY CONGRESS RETURNS FROM ITS JULY FOURTH BREAK PLANNING HEARINGS AND TOUGH QUESTIONS FOR THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION ON A RANGE OF ISSUES, INCLUDING IRAQ. BROOKE HART REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON.

Libby July 9 5AM :42
ILLINOIS SENATOR DICK DURBIN EXPRESSED UNHAPPINESS WITH THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION TO COMMUTE THE SENTENCE OF FORMER WHITE HOUSE AIDE LEWIS "SCOOTER" LIBBY. AS YOU MAY RECALL, LIBBY WAS SENTENCED TO SPEND TWO AND A HALF YEARS IN PRISON.

Legislature July 9 12PM :54
BUDGET DISCUSSIONS PICK UP TODAY .. WHERE THEY LEFT OFF AFTER A WEEKEND OF WORK BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. A BIG STEP CAME YESTERDAY .. WHEN THE ENTIRE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WAS INVITED TO SIT IN ON A BUDGET MEETING USUALLY ONLY OPEN TO LEGISLATIVE LEADERS.

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Budget Latest July 9 5PM 1:42
WORD OF A GOVERNMENT SHUT DOWN IN ANOTHER STATE HITS CLOSE TO HOME HERE IN ILLINOIS. GOOD EVENING AND THANKS FOR JOINING US. THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATIVE LEADERS ARE MEETING AT THIS HOUR..

Gov Guns July 9 5PM 1:01
THE BUDGET ISN'T THE ONLY THING GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH WANTS LAWMAKERS TO PASS. TODAY.. HE CALLED ON LAWMAKERS TO PASS AN ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN. FAMILIES OF GUN VIOLENCE VICTIMS.. GUN SAFETY ACTIVISTS.. AND STATE TROOPERS JOINED THE GOVERNOR AS HE MADE HIS PUSH TODAY IN CHICAGO.

Budget Latest July 9 6PM 1:23
ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS ARE AT IT AGAIN... TRYING DESPERATELY TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN WHAT BUDGET NEGOTIATORS ESTIMATE IS A 874 MILLION DOLLAR SPENDING DEFICIT.

Budget Talks July 9 10PM :59
NEW SINCE SIX... TONIGHTS BUDGET MEETING WRAPPED UP AFTER ABOUT TWO HOURS OF DISCUSSIONS... AND LAWMAKERS STILL HAVEN'T REACHED AN AGREEMENT. LAST NIGHTS MEETING GAVE HOPE TO WHAT HAS OTHERWISE BEEN A SLOW AND SOMETIMES TENSE SERIES OF TALKS.

Budget Latest July 10 5AM :48
ILLINOIS REMAINS WITHOUT A NEW BUDGET BUT LAWMAKERS SAY THEY PLAN TO KEEP THE STATE RUNNING. BUDGET MEETINGS HAVE BEEN UNDERWAY FOR SEVERAL DAYS AT THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION.

Gov. Guns July 10 5AM :39
GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH IS CALLING ON LAWMAKERS TO PASS AN ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN. FAMILIES OF GUN VIOLENCE VICTIMS.. GUN SAFETY ACTIVISTS.. AND STATE TROOPERS JOINED THE GOVERNOR AS HE MADE HIS PUSH YESTERDAY IN CHICAGO.

Iraq July 10 5AM 1:50
TODAY PRESIDENT BUSH HEADS TO CLEVELAND, OHIO AND AIDES SAY HE'LL START TO LAY OUT HIS VIEW OF THE NEXT PHASE OF THE WAR. IT COMES AS THE WHITE HOUSE CIRCULATES A DRAFT OF THE PROGRESS REPORT IT'S REQUIRED TO HAND CONGRESS BY WEEK'S END.

Late Legislatures July 10 5AM :44

ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS WILL HEAD INTO ANOTHER DAY OF SPECIAL-SESSION BUDGET TALKS. LAWMAKERS SAY AFTER HOURS OF DISCUSSION, THE BUDGET SITUATION REMAINS UNCHANGED. LEGISLATIVE LEADERS SAY THERE SEEMS TO BE A DIFFERENCE OF PRIORITIES BETWEEN THE GOVERNOR AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Late Legislatures July 10 12PM :45
ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS HEAD INTO ANOTHER DAY OF SPECIAL-SESSION BUDGET TALKS.
LAWMAKERS SAY AFTER HOURS OF DISCUSSION, THE BUDGET SITUATION REMAINS UNCHANGED. LEGISLATIVE LEADERS SAY THERE SEEMS TO BE A DIFFERENCE OF PRIORITIES BETWEEN THE GOVERNOR AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

State Budget July 10 5PM :56
NOW WE MOVE ON TO SOME MORE SERIOUS NEWS AT THE CAPITAL. AS GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH AND THE LEGISLATIVE LEADERS HOLD ANOTHER BUDGET MEETING... OTHER LAWMAKERS WONDER WHY THE GOVERNOR EVEN CALLED A SPECIAL SESSION.

Government July 10 6PM 1:12
IT'S THE SIXTH DAY OF SPECIAL SESSION AND LAWMAKERS CONTINUE THE BATTLE OVER THE BUDGET. THE GOVERNOR MET WITH THE FOUR LEGISLATIVE LEADERS AGAIN TODAY. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT IS LIVE OUTSIDE THE EXECUTIVE MANSION. STEPHANIE ... WHAT'S HOLDING UP THESE NEGOTIATIONS?

Shelter Grants July 10 10PM :28
NEW TONIGHT... THE GOVERNOR GIVES THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO CENTRAL ILLINOIS AGENCIES TO HELP SUPPORT LOW INCOME RESIDENTS. 250-THOUSAND DOLLARS IS GOING TO SUPPORT EMERGENCY SHELTERS AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE THOSE IN NEED OF A HELPING HAND IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS.

Budget July 10 10PM :29
WITH GROWING FRUSTRATIONS AT THE STATE CAPITOL .. LAWMAKERS MAY SPLIT INTO SMALLER GROUPS TO WORK OUT A BUDGET DEAL. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH MET WITH LEADERS AND OTHER LAWMAKERS TODAY IN THE SIXTH DAY OF SPECIAL SESSION.

State Budget July 11 5AM :47
ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS WILL RETURN TO SPECIAL SESSION TODAY BUT MANY ARE WONDERING WHY THE GOVERNOR CALLED THE MEETINGS IN THE FIRST PLACE.
TODAY LAWMAKERS ARE SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS GUN VIOLENCE.

Congress Iraq July 11 5AM 1:50
IN WASHINGTON, THE FIGHT IN CONGRESS OVER IRAQ JUST GOT TOUGHER. PRESIDENT BUSH GOT A BOOST ON HIS WAR PLAN FROM REPUBLICAN SENATOR AND PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE JOHN MCCAIN.

Smaller Groups July 11 5AM :49
SOME LAWMAKERS SAY SMALLER GROUPS MAY BE NEEDED TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE STATE'S BUDGET DEADLOCK. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH WILL MET WITH LEADERS AND OTHER LAWMAKERS FOR THE SEVENTH DAY OF SPECIAL SESSION.

Smaller Groups July 11 12PM :50
SOME LAWMAKERS SAY SMALLER GROUPS MAY BE NEEDED TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE STATE'S BUDGET DEADLOCK. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH IS MEETING TODAY WITH LEADERS AND OTHER LAWMAKERS FOR THE SEVENTH DAY OF SPECIAL SESSION.

Gun Control July 11 5PM 1:12
WELL MIKAELA .. TODAY LAWMAKERS WERE ASKED BY THE GOVERNOR TO TAKE UP THE ISSUE OF GUN CONTROL. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH IS PUSHING FOR A BAN ON HIGH CAPACITY AMMUNITION CLIPS FOR 50-CALIBER RIFLES AND MACHINE GUNS.

Budget Latest July 11 6PM 1:07
BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS AT THE STATE CAPITOL ARE STALLED TONIGHT AFTER AN IMPORTANT PERSON IS MISSING IN ACTION. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT IS LIVE IN SPRINGFIELD WITH THE DETAILS.

Madigan MySpace July 11 10PM :33
NEW AT TEN... ILLINOIS' ATTORNEY GENERAL GETS THE NAMES OF HUNDREDS MORE SEX OFFENDERS WHO USE MYSPACE. IT'S AN UPDATE TO A STORY WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWING FOR YOU. WE'VE REPORTED LISA MADIGAN... ALONG WITH SEVERAL OTHER ATTORNEYS GENERAL... SUBPOENAED THE SOCIAL NETWORKING SITE "MY SPACE."

Budget Latest July 11 10PM :55
AT THE STATE CAPITOL TONIGHT THE GOVERNOR DECIDES **NOT** TO HOLD A BUDGET MEETING.. BUT DOES **NOT** NOTIFY OTHER LEADERS. NEWSCENTER 17 CONTACTED THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE TODAY TO SEE WHY THERE WAS NOT A MEETING .. BUT OUR CALLS WERE NOT RETURNED.

Gun Control July 11 10PM :50

AND GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH WANTED LAWMAKERS IN THE CAPITOL CITY TO TALK ABOUT GUN CONTROL. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH IS PUSHING FOR A BAN ON HIGH CAPACITY AMMUNITION CLIPS FOR 50-CALIBER RIFLES AND MACHINE GUNS.

Impeach Blago July 11 10PM :26
NEW AT TEN... A STATE GROUP IS LEADING A NEW EFFORT TO IMPEACH THE GOVERNOR. THE "UNITED REPUBLICAN FUND" IS SENDING OUT THIS EMAIL. IT LINKS YOU TO A WEBSITE... WHERE VOTERS CAN FILL OUT A PETITION FORM TO IMPEACH GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH.

Gun Control July 12 5AM :57
LAWMAKERS HAVE SHOT DOWN AN ATTEMPT FROM THE GOVERNOR TO PASS A GUN CONTROL MEASURE. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH IS PUSHING FOR A BAN ON HIGH CAPACITY AMMUNITION CLIPS FOR 50-CALIBER RIFLES AND MACHINE GUNS.

Madigan MySpace July 12 5AM :29
ILLINOIS' ATTORNEY GENERAL GETS THE NAMES OF HUNDREDS MORE SEX OFFENDERS WHO USE MYSPACE. IT'S AN UPDATE TO A STORY WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWING FOR YOU. WE'VE REPORTED LISA MADIGAN... ALONG WITH SEVERAL OTHER ATTORNEYS GENERAL... SUBPOENAED THE SOCIAL NETWORKING SITE "MY SPACE."

Blago Cancelled July 12 12PM :45
THE GOVERNOR HAS YET TO EXPLAIN WHY A BUDGET MEETING SCHEDULED FOR YESTERDAY WAS CANCELLED. NEWSCENTER 17 CONTACTED THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE BUT OUR CALLS WERE NOT RETURNED.

Impeach Blago July 12 12PM :25
A STATE GROUP IS LEADING A NEW EFFORT TO IMPEACH THE GOVERNOR. THE "UNITED REPUBLICAN FUND" IS SENDING OUT THIS EMAIL. IT LINKS YOU TO A WEBSITE... WHERE VOTERS CAN FILL OUT A PETITION FORM TO IMPEACH GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH.

Budget Latest July 12 5PM 1:20
AT THE STATE CAPITOL TONIGHT .. LEADERS MEET **WITHOUT** THE GOVERNOR TO TALK ABOUT EXPANDING GAMBLING. IN MAY, THE SENATE PASSED A MASSIVE GAMING BILL BUT IT DIDN'T GO ANYWHERE IN THE HOUSE.

Budget Latest July 12 6PM 1:15
AT THE STATE CAPITOL.. LAWMAKERS LOOK TO OLD IDEAS TO CREATE NEW REVENUE FOR THE STATE. THE FOUR LEGISLATIVE LEADERS MET TODAY **WITHOUT** GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH TO TALK ABOUT

EXPANDING GAMBLING TO PAY FOR ROAD AND SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

Budget Latest July 12 10PM :56
LAWMAKERS PLAN TO MEET AGAIN TOMORROW TO DISCUSS EXPANDING GAMBLING ... THIS TIME WITH THE GOVERNOR. THE FOUR LEGISLATIVE LEADERS MET TODAY WITHOUT GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH TO TALK ABOUT EXPANDING GAMBLING TO PAY FOR ROAD AND SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

Budget Latest July 13 5AM :49
LAWMAKERS PLAN TO MEET AGAIN TODAY TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE GAMBLING EXPANSION... THIS TIME WITH THE GOVERNOR. THE FOUR LEGISLATIVE LEADERS MET YESTERDAY WITHOUT GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH TO TALK ABOUT EXPANDING GAMBLING TO PAY FOR ROAD AND SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

Gambling Talks July 13 12PM :30
LAWMAKERS PLAN ARE MEETING AGAIN TODAY TO DISCUSS A POSSIBLE GAMBLING EXPANSION PLAN WITH THE GOVERNOR. LEGISLATIVE LEADERS ARE LOOKING TO EXPAND GAMBLING TO PAY FOR ROAD AND SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

GOP Convention July 13 5PM 1:29
WHEN IT WAS FOUNDED IN THE 18-HUNDREDS... DECATUR WAS JUST A TINY TOWN.
ITS GROWN TREMENDOUSLY SINCE THEN. BUT TODAY, THE CITY REVISITS ITS HERITAGE WITH A MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT.
NEWSCENTER 17'S JULIE QUALLS IS LIVE IN DOWNTOWN DECATUR WITH MORE DETAILS TONIGHT.

Budget Deadlock July 13 5PM 1:09
WE CONTACTED THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE EARLY THIS MORNING FOR AN INTERVIEW, IF NOT WITH HIM .. JUST ANYONE FROM HIS OFFICE. BUT THEY SAY THEY HAD MEETINGS ALL DAY AND COULD NOT MAKE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE. THE GOVERNOR REQUIRED LAWMAKERS TO BE IN SPRINGFIELD SEVEN DAYS A WEEK UNTIL A BUDGET AGREEMENT IS REACHED. BUT LEADERS HAVEN'T MET EVERYDAY .. AND WHEN THEY DO .. IT'S BEEN LATE IN THE AFTERNOON. THE GOVERNOR SAID HE WOULD BE IN SPRINGFIELD EVERYDAY BUT YESTERDAY HE WAS IN CHICAGO .. AND HE MISSED A LEADER'S MEETING ON GAMING.

Budget Deadlock July 13 6PM :56
RANK AND FILE LAWMAKERS FRUSTRATED BY THE ONGOING BUDGET DEADLOCK SAY THEY'RE LOSING RESPECT FOR THE MAN WITH THE STATE'S TOP JOB. NEWSCENTER 17 TALKED TO BOTH REPUBLICAN AND

DEMOCRATIC LAWMAKERS TODAY WHO SAY GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH IS QUICKLY LOSING POLITICAL ALLIES.

GOP Convention July 13 6PM :27
THE ILLINOIS REPUBLICAN PARTY RETURNS TO ITS ROOTS FOR IT'S 2008 STATE CONVENTION.. THIS MORNING.. THE STATE G-O-P ANNOUNCED IT WILL DECIDE ITS SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 2008 GENERAL ELECTION IN DECATUR.

Budget July 13 10PM 1:35
ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS ARE TAKING THE REST OF THE WEEKEND OFF.... EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE NOT AGREED ON A NEW BUDGET. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEVE BUTERA WAS IN SPRINGFIELD FOR THIS MORNING'S SHORT SESSION.

Obama/War July 13 10PM :26
THE U-S NEEDS TO MOVE TROOPS FROM IRAQ.... TO GO AFTER AL-QAIDA ALONG THE PAKISTAN- AFGHANISTAN BORDER. THAT'S WHAT U-S SENATOR FROM ILLINOIS... AND DEMOSCRATAIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE... BARACK OBAMA SAID WHILE CAMPAIGNING TODAY IN IOWA.

Budget July 14 10PM :25
STATE LAWMAKERS TAKE TOMORROW OFF... AFTER MEETING BRIEFLY THIS MORNING... AND LEAVING AGAIN WITHOUT A BUDGET. THE LEGISLATURE HAS BEEN IN SESSION FOR TEN DAYS STRAIGHT... AFTER GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SAID ALL LAWMAKERS MUST BE IN SPRINGFIELD UNTIL THEY PASS A BUDGET.

State Budget July 15 5PM :20
MORE BUDGET TALKS EXPECTED THIS WEEKAFTER LAWMAKERS TOOK TODAY OFF. THEY MET BRIEFLY AT THE CAPITOL YESTERDAY. THAT MARKED TEN DAYS STRAIGHT OF BEING IN SESSION... AFTER GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SAID ALL LAWMAKERS HAD TO BE IN SPRINGFIELD UNTIL THEY PASSED A BUDGET.

Decatur Council July 15 10PM :43
WE'VE TOLD YOU ABOUT HERBICIDE OVERSPRAYING IN DECATUR. HOW EMPTY LOTS WERE SPRAYED... IT CAUSED HEALTH PROBLEMS FOR PEOPLE NEAR-BY AND DAMAGED PROPERTY. IT HAPPENED IN A FEW SECTIONS OF DECATUR.. AND TOMORROW NIGHT... THE CITY COUNCIL COULD VOTE ON AN ORDINANCE TO PROTECT PEOPLE.

State Budget July 15 10PM :20

STATE LAWMAKERS ARE AGAIN EXPECTED TO TALK ABOUT THE BUDGET THIS WEEKAFTER TAKING TODAY OFF. THEY MET BRIEFLY AT THE CAPITOL YESTERDAY. THAT MARKED TEN STRAIGHT DAYS OF BEING IN SESSION. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SAID ALL LAWMAKERS HAD TO BE IN SPRINGFIELD UNTIL THEY PASSED A BUDGET.

Obama Cash July 15 10PM :22
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE... AND SENATOR FROM ILLINOIS... BARACK OBAMA IS BRINGING IN SOME BIG MONEY FOR HIS CAMPAIGN. HIS CAMPAIGN SAID TODAY OBAMA HAS 34 MILLION DOLLARS IN CASH FOR HIS PRESIDENTIAL BID. HIS RIVAL... DEMOCRAT HILLARY CLINTON ENDS THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR NOT FAR BEHIND... WITH 33 MILLION.

Iraq This Week July 15 10PM 1:28
THE U-S SENATE HEADS INTO ANOTHER DEBATE OVER THE IRAQ WAR THIS WEEK. THIS TIME ... KEY REPUBLICANS ARE LOOKING FOR A WAY TO FORCE THE PRESIDENT TO CHANGE COURSE. AS BRIAN MOOR SHOWS YOU... THE PLAN WOULDN'T FORCE A TROOP PULLOUT ... BUT THE WHITE HOUSE IS ALREADY AGAINST IT.

Decatur Council July 16 5AM :43
WE'VE TOLD YOU ABOUT HERBICIDE OVERSPRAYING IN DECATUR. A NUMBER OF EMPTY LOTS WERE SPRAYED... CAUSING HEALTH PROBLEMS FOR PEOPLE NEARBY AND DAMAGING PROPERTY. IT HAPPENED IN A FEW SECTIONS OF DECATUR.. AND TONIGHT... THE CITY COUNCIL COULD VOTE ON AN ORDINANCE TO PROTECT PEOPLE.

State Budget July 16 12PM :20
STATE LAWMAKERS ARE AGAIN EXPECTED TO TALK ABOUT THE BUDGET THIS WEEKAFTER TAKING THE DAY OFF YESTERDAY. THEY MET BRIEFLY AT THE CAPITOL SATURDAY. THAT MARKED TEN STRAIGHT DAYS OF BEING IN SESSION. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH IS REQUIRING THAT ALL LAWMAKERS REMAIN IN SPRINGFIELD UNTIL THEY PASS A BUDGET.

State Budget July 16 12PM :20
STATE LAWMAKERS ARE AGAIN EXPECTED TO TALK ABOUT THE BUDGET THIS WEEKAFTER TAKING THE DAY OFF YESTERDAY. THEY MET BRIEFLY AT THE CAPITOL SATURDAY. THAT MARKED TEN STRAIGHT DAYS OF BEING IN SESSION.

Legislature Folo July 16 5PM 1:15
STATE LEGISLATORS WERE BACK AT IT TODAY... TRYING TO CLOSE THE BUDGET GAP.

THEY TOOK A DAY OFF YESTERDAY FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH CALLED A SPECIAL SESSION.

Obama/Clinton July 16 5PM :35
TWO DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES ARE SITTING ON TOP WHEN IT COMES TO SECURING FINANCIAL BACKING. BARACK OBAMA AND HILLARY CLINTON BOTH HAVE RAISED AT LEAST 30 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THEIR RUN TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

Legislature Folo July 16 6PM 1:03
THE CLOCK IS TICKING FOR LAWMAKERS TO HAMMER OUT A STATE BUDGET... OR RISK A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN. ONE OF THE SOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE FOR FUNDING THE STATES DEFICIT IS TO EXPAND GAMBLING IN ILLINOIS.

Legislature Folo July 16 10PM :46
ANOTHER DAY PASSES AND ILLINOIS IS STILL WITHOUT A BUDGET. LAWMAKERS RETURNED TO SPRINGFIELD TODAY AFTER A BRIEF ONE DAY BREAK. LEGISLATIVE LEADERS TALKED ABOUT A GAMING BILL THAT COULD OFF-SET SOME OF THE STATE'S SPENDING DEFICIT. THE TALKS ENDED WITH A STALEMATE OVER HOW MONEY GENERATED BY GAMBLING SHOULD BE SPENT. SOME WANT THE REVENUE TO BE USED STRICTLY FOR CAPITOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS... WHILE OTHERS THINK SOME OF THE MONEY SHOULD BE SET ASIDE FOR OPERATIONS AND EDUCATION.
HOUSE SPEAKER MICHAEL MADIGAN SAYS PASSING A BILL OF THIS NATURE WOULD REQUIRE COOPERATION FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE.

Senate Intel July 17 5AM 1:50
TODAY THE NATION'S SIXTEEN INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES WILL RELEASE THEIR CLASSIFIED REPORT ABOUT THREATS TO U-S NATIONAL SECURITY. AL QAEDA GETS TOP BILLING, AND DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS ARE JUMPING TO CALL IRAQ A DISTRACTION IN THE ANTI-TERROR FIGHT.

Vitter Returns July 17 5AM :23
A LOUISIANA SENATOR LINKED TO A SEX SCANDAL MAKES A PUBLIC APOLOGY. REPUBLICAN DAVID VITTER APPEARED WITH HIS WIFE, WENDY, IN LOUISIANA YESTERDAY... TELLING VOTERS HOW SORRY HE IS TO HAVE LET THEM DOWN.

No Budget July 17 5AM :49
THE CLOCK IS TICKING FOR LAWMAKERS TO HAMMER OUT A STATE BUDGET... OR RISK A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN. ONE OF THE

SOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE FOR FUNDING THE STATE'S DEFICIT IS TO EXPAND GAMBLING IN ILLINOIS.

No Budget July 17 12PM :42
THE STATE LEGISLATURE IS BACK IN SESSION TODAY.. BUT NO WORD YET ON WHETHER LAWMAKERS WILL TACKLE THE BUDGET ISSUE. ONE OF THE SOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE FOR FUNDING THE STATE'S DEFICIT IS TO EXPAND GAMBLING IN ILLINOIS.

Dec. Overspraying July 17 12PM 1:21
THE DECATUR CITY COUNCIL HAS PASSED AN ORDINANCE IN RESPONSE TO A DAMAGING HERBICIDE OVER- SPRAYING INCIDENT. NEWSCENTER 17'S ELIZABETH MOORS SHOWS YOU WHAT THIS NEW ORDINANCE MEANS.

Senate Intel July 17 12PM 1:50
TODAY THE NATION'S SIXTEEN INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES RELEASE THEIR CLASSIFIED REPORT ABOUT THREATS TO U-S NATIONAL SECURITY. ONE OF THE FINDINGS: AL QAEDA WILL LEVERAGE ITS CONTACTS AND CAPABILITIES IN IRAQ TO MOUNT AN ATTACK ON U-S SOIL.

Intel Report July 17 5PM :45
A NEW GOVERNMENT REPORT WARNS AL-QAEDA IS PLANNING ATTACKS HERE IN THE U-S THAT COULD RIVAL NINE-ELEVEN. THE REPORT FROM ESTIMATES BY SIXTEEN SPY AGENCIES INDICATES OSAMA BIN LADEN HAS REBUILT AL QAEDA IN PAKISTAN AND COULD STRIKE AGAIN... POSSIBLY WITH CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, OR RADIOACTIVE WEAPONS.

IL Immigration July 17 5PM :21
A CHICAGO SUBURB WILL GO HEAD WITH PLANS THAT ALLOW **LOCAL** POLICE OFFICERS TO DETAIN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. PROTESTERS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ISSUE SHOWED UP FOR WAUKEGAN'S CITY COUNCIL MEETING LAST NIGHT. THE COUNCIL REAFFIRMED ITS PLANS TO TRAIN LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS ON HOW TO PROCESS AND DETAIN UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS.

State budget July 17 6PM :56
THE STATE OF ILLINOIS IS JUST TWO WEEKS AWAY FROM A POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN. THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATIVE LEADERS REMAIN DEADLOCKED OVER A TWELVE MONTH BUDGET. AND MANY SAY THE CHANCES OF RESOLVING IT BY THE END OF THIS MONTH ARE SLIM.

State Budget Jul 17 10PM :50
NEW AT TEN.. THE ILLINOIS HOUSE SENDS A STRONG MESSAGE TO GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH... STAY IN SPRINGFIELD. LAWMAKERS ADOPTED A RESOLUTION WHICH CALLS FOR THE GOVERNOR TO "RESIDE IN SPRINGFIELD" DURING THE OVERTIME SESSION ON THE BUDGET DEADLOCK.

Ameren Bill Troubles July 18 5AM :54
AS LAWMAKERS TRY TO WORK OUT DETAILS.... SOME PEOPLE STUCK WITH HIGHER BILLS ARE STRUGGLING. DECATUR RESIDENT MAGGIE WHITE SAYS SHE'S HAVING A TOUGH TIME PAYING FOR ELECTRICITY, HEART MEDICATION, FOOD AND OTHER BILLS. WHITE SAYS SHE IS FALLING BEHIND PAYING HER AMEREN BILL... GETTING ONE FOR ALMOST 3-HUNDRED DOLLARS...

Senate Iraq July 18 5AM 1:50
IN WASHINGTON SENATORS ARE WAKING UP THIS MORNING ON THE JOB -- MANY OF THEM ACTUALLY WERE NEVER ASLEEP AFTER AN ALL-NIGHT SESSION ON IRAQ. IT COMES BEFORE WHAT COULD BE A DRAMATIC VOTE THIS MORNING ON A DEMOCRATIC PLAN TO PULL TROOPS FROM IRAQ BY SPRING.

State Budget July 18 5AM :56
THE STATE OF ILLINOIS IS JUST TWO WEEKS AWAY FROM A POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN. THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATIVE LEADERS REMAIN DEADLOCKED OVER A TWELVE MONTH BUDGET. AND MANY SAY THE CHANCES OF RESOLVING IT BY THE END OF THIS MONTH ARE SLIM.

Blago Stay July 18 12PM :45
THE ILLINOIS HOUSE IS SENDING A STRONG MESSAGE TO GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH... STAY IN SPRINGFIELD. LAWMAKERS ADOPTED A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE GOVERNOR TO "RESIDE IN SPRINGFIELD" DURING THE OVERTIME BUDGET SESSION.

Senate Debate July 18 12PM 1:30
THE U-S SENATE THIS MORNING WRAPPED UP A MARATHON, OVERNIGHT DEBATE ON ENDING THE WAR IN IRAQ. DEMOCRATS FAILED TO PASS AN AMENDMENT THAT WOULD PULL OUT THE TROOPS - - BUT THEY SUCCEEDED IN MAKING A STATEMENT. REPUBLICANS ... WHO WERE FORCED TO STAY THE NIGHT BECAUSE OF SENATE RULES ... CALLED IT A STUNT.

Budget Rally July 18 5PM 1:39
AT THE STATE CAPITOL.. WHILE THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATIVE LEADERS TRY TO REACH A TWELVE MONTH BUDGET AGREEMENT.. A

GROUP MAKES A SPECIAL TRIP TO THE CAPITOL CITY WITH A MESSAGE FOR LAWMAKERS. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT IS LIVE IN SPRINGFIELD TO SHOW YOU WHAT THAT MESSAGE IS.

Senate Iraq July 18 5PM :28
SENATE DEMOCRATS FAIL TO GET AN AMENDMENT PASSED TO FORCE THE WHITE HOUSE TO BEGIN PULLING TROOPS OUT OF IRAQ WITHIN FOUR MONTHS. DEMOCRATS HAD THE PROCEDURAL POWER TO FORCE REPUBLICANS TO DEBATE THE AMENDMENT IN AN OVERNIGHT MARATHON SESSION.

Budget Rally July 18 10PM :38
AT THE STATE CAPITOL TONIGHT ... WHILE LAWMAKERS WORK ON A TWELVE MONTH BUDGET DEAL .. A GROUP OF KIDS ASKS NOT TO BE LEFT OUT. AROUND FIFTY YOUNGSTERS TRAVELED DOWN FROM CHICAGO TO LET LAWMAKERS KNOW THE CURRENT BUDGET DELAY IS ALREADY IMPACTING PEOPLE IN THEIR AREA.

Congress Iraq July 19 5AM 1:50
TODAY IN WASHINGTON.. MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WILL GET HIGH-LEVEL BRIEFINGS ON HOW THINGS ARE PROGRESSING IN IRAQ. IT COMES AFTER DEMOCRATS TRIED AND FAILED IN THE SENATE TO FORCE THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION TO BRING COMBAT TROOPS HOME.

Kapitol Kids July 19 12PM :45
WHILE LAWMAKERS WORK ON A TWELVE MONTH BUDGET DEAL .. A GROUP OF KIDS ARE ASKING NOT TO BE LEFT OUT. AROUND FIFTY KIDS TRAVELED DOWN FROM CHICAGO YESTERDAY TO LET LAWMAKERS KNOW THE CURRENT BUDGET DELAY IS ALREADY IMPACTING PEOPLE IN THEIR AREA ...

Budget Deadlock July 13 10PM :41
NEW AT TEN .. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH AND THE FOUR LEGISLATIVE LEADERS DECIDE TO TAKE THE WEEKEND OFF AFTER ONLY NINE DAYS OF SPECIAL SESSION.
THE GOVERNOR ORIGINALLY ORDERED LAWMAKERS TO MEET SEVEN DAYS A WEEK UNTIL A BUDGET AGREEMENT IS REACHED.

GOP Convention July 13 10PM :54
DECATUR HAS GROWN TREMENDOUSLY SINCE ITS BEGINNINGS IN THE 18-HUNDREDS... BUT TODAY THE CITY REVISITS ITS HERITAGE WITH A MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT. THE ILLINOIS REPUBLICAN PARTY RETURNS TO ITS ROOTS FOR IT'S 2008 STATE CONVENTION..

Legislature July 19 10PM :32

AND TONIGHT LAWMAKERS STILL HAVE NOT COME TO AN AGREEMENT ON THE BUDGET. BUT TODAY LAWMAKERS DID WORK ON A PLAN TO KEEP BUSES AND TRAINS RUNNING IN NORTHERN ILLINOIS. METRA... THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY... AND PACE ARE ALL SCHEDULED TO CUT BACK ON ROUTES... AND RAISE FARES... ON SEPTEMBER 17TH... DUE TO FUNDING SHORTFALLS.

Legislature July 20 5AM :53
LAWMAKERS FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE ARE WORKING ON A PLAN TO KEEP BUSES AND TRAINS UP AND RUNNING IN THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF THE STATE.
"METRA", THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY AND "PACE" ARE ALL SCHEDULED TO CUT BACK ON ROUTES... AND RAISE FARES ON SEPTEMBER 17TH. DUE TO FUNDING SHORTFALLS.

Smoking Ban July 22 5PM :15
AN AIDE SAYS GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH WILL NOT BE PART OF THAT FLYAROUND.... BECAUSE HE PLANS TO SIGN THE STATEWIDE SMOKING BAN INTO LAW TOMORROW. IT APPLIES TO ALL PUBLIC PLACES ... AND TAKES EFFECT JANUARY 1ST. SOME ILLINOIS CITIES ALREADY HAVE SMOKING BANS.

Law Makers Vote July 23 5PM 1:06
LAWMAKERS HOPE TO WRAP UP SESSION BY THE END OF THIS MONTH. SO IF THE RATE RELIEF PACKAGE DID GO BEFORE LAWMAKERS THIS WEEK ... WE WANTED TO KNOW HOW MANY WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE PLAN. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT TALKED WITH CENTRAL ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS TODAY.

Rate Relief Plan July 23 10PM :52
HOWEVER .. THE RATE RELIEF PLAN DOESN'T HAVE SUPPORT FROM ALL LAWMAKERS.
MANY REPUBLICANS SAY THEY HAVEN'T EVEN SEEN THE BILL ... AND IT'S TOO EARLY TO TAKE AN OFFICIAL STANCE .. OR TO KNOW IF A BILLION DOLLARS IS ENOUGH MONEY FOR CONSUMERS. SPRINGFIELD REPUBLICAN SENATOR LARRY BOMKE SAYS HIS STAFF WORKED OUT SOME PRELIMINARY FIGURES.

Smoking Ban July 24 5AM :23
GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH HAS MADE ILLINOIS THE 22ND STATE TO BAN SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES. THE BAN... WHICH INCLUDES BARS, RESTAURANT AND WORK PLACES... GOES INTO EFFECT JANUARY FIRST. HOMES, CARS, RETAIL TOBACCO SHOPS, CERTAIN HOTELS OR MOTEL ROOMS, AND THE OUTDOORS ARE STILL ALLOWED FOR ILLINOIS SMOKERS.

Electric Rates July 24 5AM :32
A PROPOSED ONE **BILLION** DOLLAR ELECTRIC RATE PACKAGE COULD GIVE ILLINOIS UTILITY CUSTOMERS RATE RELIEF. SENATE PRESIDENT EMIL JONES, HOUSE SPEAKER MICHAEL MADIGAN AND ATTORNEY GENERAL LISA MADIGAN ARE TOURING CENTRAL ILLINOIS PROMOTING THE PACKAGE. THEY STOPPED AT THE DECATUR AIRPORT YESTERDAY.

Law Maker Votes July 24 5AM :51
HOWEVER .. THE RATE RELIEF PLAN DOESN'T HAVE SUPPORT FROM ALL LAWMAKERS.
MANY REPUBLICANS SAY THEY HAVEN'T EVEN SEEN THE BILL ... AND IT'S TOO EARLY TO TAKE AN OFFICIAL STANCE .. OR TO KNOW IF A BILLION DOLLARS IS ENOUGH MONEY FOR CONSUMERS.

Budget July 24 5PM :31
TODAY LEADERS DID NOT MEET ON THE BUDGET ...DESPITE BEING JUST ONE WEEK AWAY FROM A POTENTIAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN. LAWMAKERS HAVE UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH TO PASS A TWELVE MONTH SPENDING PLAN OR ANOTHER TEMPORARY BUDGET. LEADERS DISAGREE ON WAYS TO GENERATE NEW REVENUE AND HOW TO SPEND IT. LAWMAKERS MET IN SMALLER GROUPS TODAY IN HOPES OF FINDING SOLUTIONS.

Smoking Ban July 24 6PM 1:10
YESTERDAY WE TOLD YOU THAT GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SIGNED THE STATEWIDE SMOKING BAN INTO LAW. TONIGHT WE TALK WITH BAR OWNERS WHO KNOW IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THEY HAVE TO DEAL WITH IT. NEWSCENTER 17'S JULIE QUALLS HAS THE STORY TONIGHT.

Budget July 24 10PM :22
MEANWHILE... LEGISLATORS DID NOT MEET TODAY TO TALK ABOUT THE BUDGET, EVEN THOUGH THE STATE IS JUST ONE WEEK AWAY FROM A POTENTIAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN. SOME LAWMAKERS MET IN SMALLER GROUPS IN HOPES OF FINDING SOLUTIONS. SOME SAY IT MAKE TAKE A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN TO FORCE LEADERS TO COMPROMISE ON THE BUDGET ..

Budget July 25 5AM :15
LAWMAKERS ARE EXPECTED TO RESUME WORK ON THE BUDGET TODAY.. SETTING A NEW RECORD. TODAY MARKS THE 55TH DAY OF THE OVERTIME SESSION, WHICH MAKES IT THE LONGEST IN ILLINOIS HISTORY. THE PREVIOUS RECORD WAS SET BACK IN 2004.

Budget Latest July 25 5PM :35

MEANWHILE STATE LAWMAKERS BREAK A RECORD FOR OVERTIME SESSION. TODAY LAWMAKERS MET FOR THEIR 55TH DAY OF SPECIAL SESSION ... BREAKING THE LAST RECORD SET IN 2004. THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE SAYS THEY'RE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO AVOID A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN AT THE END OF THIS MONTH ..

State Gov. Wrap July 25 10PM 1:49
IT'S A MILESTONE FOR STATE GOVERNMENT... BUT NOT IN A GOOD WAY. TODAY LAWMAKERS BROKE THE RECORD FOR LONGEST OVERTIME SESSION. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEVE BUTERA IS LIVE IN SPRINGFIELD... WHAT'S HOLDING UP THE PROCESS?

Health Care July 25 10PM :48
A SENATE COMMITTEE PASSED A CIGARETTE TAX HIKE... WHICH COULD HELP BRIDGE THE ESTIMATED 874 MILLION DOLLAR SPENDING GAP. SMOKERS COULD SEE CIGARETTES JUMP 75 CENTS A PACK... IF THE BILL PASSES. THE BILLS SPONSOR SAYS THE INCREASE WOULD BRING IN 328 MILLION DOLLARS TO BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

Rate Relief July 25 10PM :47
THE BILL'S SPONSOR SAYS IT WOULD PROVIDE OVER ONE BILLION DOLLARS IN TOTAL RELIEF. IF IT PASSES... AMEREN CUSTOMERS COULD EXPECT A CREDIT TO THEIR POWER BILLS... REFUNDING BETWEEN 40 AND 70 PERCENT OF THE INCREASES THAT TOOK AFFECT AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR

State Gov Wrap July 26 5AM :13
STATE LAWMAKERS HAVE ONCE AGAIN SKIPPED A DAY OF BUDGET TALKS AS ILLINOIS INCHES CLOSER TOWARD A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN. BUT... SEVERAL PIECES OF LEGISLATION DID TAKE BIG STEPS TOWARD BECOMING LAWS... WHICH COULD ULTIMATELY AID LAWMAKERS IN PASSING A BUDGET.

Rate Relief July 26 5AM :45
THE BILL'S SPONSOR SAYS IT WOULD PROVIDE MORE THAN ONE BILLION DOLLARS IN TOTAL RELIEF. IF IT PASSES... AMEREN CUSTOMERS COULD BE REFUNDED BETWEEN 40 AND 70 PERCENT OF THE INCREASES THAT TOOK AFFECT AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR

Obama Clinton July 26 5AM 1:50
THE RACE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION JUST GOT A LITTLE PRICKLIER. SENATORS BARACK OBAMA AND HILLARY CLINTON THIS WEEK ARE EXCHANGING FIGHTING WORDS ON WAR, AND PEACE.

Budget Latest July 26 5AM :29

STATE LAWMAKERS HAVE ONCE AGAIN SKIPPED A DAY OF BUDGET TALKS AS ILLINOIS INCHES CLOSER TOWARD A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN. LAWMAKERS SAY THEY CONTINUE TO LOOK AT DIFFERENT WAYS TO RAISE REVENUE. A SENATE COMMITTEE PASSED A BILL TO RAISE STATE CIGARETTE TAXES BY 75 CENTS A PACK.

Budget Latest July 26 12PM :30
ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS ARE BACK AT THE CAPITOL TODAY .. FOR MORE POSSIBLE BUDGET DISCUSSION.. AS THE STATE INCHES CLOSER TOWARD A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN. LAWMAKERS SAY THEY CONTINUE TO LOOK AT DIFFERENT WAYS TO RAISE REVENUE.

Budget Latest July 26 5M 1:01
AT THE STATE CAPITOL.. LAWMAKERS CONTINUE THE BATTLE OF THE BUDGET TODAY IN WHAT'S ALREADY A RECORD BREAKING OVERTIME SESSION. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT IS LIVE IN SPRINGFIELD WITH SOME NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

Smoking Ban Enforce July 26 5PM 1:20
ALSO IN STATE NEWS TONIGHT, WE CONTINUE BRINGING YOU NEW DETAILS ON THE STATEWIDE SMOKING BAN. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SIGNED IT EARLIER THIS WEEK. TONIGHT.. NEWSCENTER 17'S JULIE QUALLS TAKES A CLOSER LOOK AT HOW THE NEW LAW WILL BE ENFORCED... OR NOT.

Budget Latest July 26 6PM 1:09
THEY DIDN'T REACH A BUDGET COMPROMISE.. BUT STATE LAWMAKERS TOOK ACTION ON A NUMBER OF OTHER BILLS TODAY. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT IS LIVE IN SPRINGFIELD. STEPHANIE .. WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

Lawmakers Latest July 26 10PM 1:31
LAWMAKERS PUSH AHEAD WITH THE ELECTRIC RATE RELIEF PLAN... WHILE THE BATTLE OVER THE BUDGET CONTINUES. TODAY BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE APPROVED AMEREN AND COMMONWEALTH EDISON'S BILLON DOLLAR RATE RELIEF PLAN. CONSUMER ADVOCATE GROUPS SAY WHILE THE PLAN ISN'T PERFECT .. IT'S A STRONG STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

Lawmakers Latest July 27 5AM :48
A BILLION DOLLAR ELECTRIC RATE RELIEF PLAN IS HEADING TO THE GOVERNOR FOR HIS SIGNATURE. YESTERDAY THE HOUSE AND SENATE APPROVED AMEREN AND COMMONWEALTH EDISON'S RELIEF PACKAGE FOR IT'S CUSTOMERS. THE PLAN PROVIDES REBATE CHECKS OR BILL CREDITS TO MOST CUSTOMERS, BUT DOES NOT ROLL BACK RATES OR

PREVENT FUTURE INCREASES. CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUPS SAY WHILE THE PLAN ISN'T PERFECT .. IT'S A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Budget Latest July 27 5AM :37

AND WITH A DEADLINE LOOMING...SENATE DEMOCRATS SAY THEY'RE TAKING THE BUDGET PROCESS INTO THEIR OWN HANDS. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH HASN'T MET WITH THE FOUR LEGISLATIVE LEADERS TO TALK ABOUT THE BUDGET IN THE PAST WEEK ... AND NOW SENATE DEMOCRATS ARE CRAFTING THEIR OWN SPENDING PLAN.

Smoking Ban Enforce July 27 5AM :49

THE STATEWIDE SMOKING BAN WILL GO INTO EFFECT JANUARY FIRST.... BUT AS OF NOW, THERE ARE STILL A LOT OF DETAILS MISSING. THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IS THE AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR PUTTING TOGETHER THE DETAILS OF THE "SMOKE FREE ILLINOIS ACT."

Jackson Health Bill July 27 5AM :51

SOME LOCAL CHILDREN COULD SOON BE LOSING HEALTH INSURANCE. A FEDERAL PROGRAM CALLED S-CHIP IS SET TO EXPIRE LATER THIS YEAR. THE PROGRAM WORKS WITH STATES TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE TO POOR, UNINSURED CHILDREN

Gonzales July 27 12PM :25

U-S ATTORNEY GENERAL ALBERTO GONZALES IS IN THE CAPITAL CITY TODAY TO DISCUSS CHILD SEX ABUSE PREVENTION. GONZALES AND U-S ATTORNEY RODGER HEATON.. HOSTED A ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION THIS MORNING.. ON THE STATE'S "PROJECT SAFE CHILDHOOD" PROGRAM. THE GROUP DISCUSSED EFFORTS TO COMBAT SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN. THIS COMES AS GONZALES REMAINS ON THE HOT SEAT IN WASHINGTON OVER THE FIRINGS OF FEDERAL PROSECUTORS.

Spending Plan July 27 12PM :40

GOVERNOR ROD BLAGOJEVICH WANTS STATE LAWMAKERS TO PASS ANOTHER ONE-MONTH BUDGET.. IN ORDER TO AVOID A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN. THE GOVERNOR ISSUED A PROCLAMATION THIS MORNING CALLING LEGISLATORS INTO SPECIAL SESSION THIS WEEKEND. THIS COMES AS SENATE DEMOCRATS WORK ON THEIR OWN VERSION OF A SPENDING PLAN.

Lawmakers Latest July 27 12PM :41

A BILLION DOLLAR ELECTRIC RATE RELIEF PLAN IS HEADING TO THE GOVERNOR FOR HIS SIGNATURE. BUT SOME LAWMAKERS SAY THE BILL DOESN'T GO FAR ENOUGH TO HELP CUSTOMERS. YESTERDAY THE

HOUSE AND SENATE APPROVED AMEREN AND COMMONWEALTH EDISON'S RELIEF PACKAGE FOR ITS CUSTOMERS.

Lawmaker Weekend July 27 5PM 1:22
AT THE STATE CAPITOL TONIGHT .. THE FOUR LEGISLATIVE LEADERS MOVE AHEAD ON THE BUDGET WITHOUT GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT EXPLAINS WHY THE LEADERS AND THE GOVERNOR DON'T SEE EYE TO EYE.

Project Safe Hood July 27 5PM :58
MEANWHILE... ATTORNEY GENERAL ALBERTO GONZALES VISITS CENTRAL ILLINOIS TODAY TO PROMOTE A CHILD SAFETY PROGRAM. THIS MORNING, GONZALES STOPPED BY SPRINGFIELD FOR A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT. THEY TALKED ABOUT "PROJECT SAFE CHILDHOOD."

Budget Latest July 27 5PM 1:22
FRUSTRATION GROWS AT THE STATE CAPITOL AS THE GOVERNOR ATTEMPTS TO PASS ANOTHER ONE MONTH BUDGET. STATE GOVERNMENT IS ONLY OPERATING NOW BECAUSE OF AN EMERGENCY BUDGET PASSED AT THE END OF LAST MONTH. AND AS NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT EXPLAINS LIVE FROM SPRINGFIELD .. MANY DON'T AGREE WITH THE GOVERNOR'S IDEA.

Budget July 28 5PM 1:20
THE CLOCK IS TICKING ON A BUDGET TO KEEP STATE SERVICES RUNNING GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH WANTED LAWMAKERS TO WORK THIS WEEKEND... IN HOPES OF PREVENTING A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEVE BUTERA WAS AT THE SPECIAL SESSION THIS MORNING... BUT AS HE EXPLAINS... MANY LAWMAKERS WERE NOT

Budget July 28 10PM :57
GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH WANTS LAWMAKERS TO ACT FAST... TO PREVENT A POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN. THE GOVERNOR CALLED A SPECIAL SESSION FOR THIS MORNING... TO HAVE LAWMAKERS CONSIDER ANOTHER ONE MONTH TEMPORARY BUDGET... TO REPLACE THE CURRENT ONE. THAT'S SET TO EXPIRE JULY 31ST. LAWMAKERS WERE NOT ABLE TO VOTE ON THE PLAN... BECAUSE NOT ENOUGH LAW MAKERS SHOWED UP TO HAVE A QUARUM... WHICH THEY NEED TO VOTE.

Gov. Monday July 29 5PM :25
STATE LAWMAKERS HEAD BACK TO THE CAPITOL TOMORROW AFTERNOON... FOR ANOTHER SPECIAL SESSION. THE GOVERNOR CALLED IT... SO THEY CAN CONSIDER HIS ONE MONTH BUDGET PLAN.

LAWMAKERS MET BRIEFLY YESTERDAY FOR A SPECIAL SESSION.... BUT NOT ENOUGH LEADERS SHOWED UP TO TAKE ACTION. THE CURRENT ONE MONTH BUDGET EXPIRES TUESDAY... WHICH MEANS STATE SERVICES COULD SHUT DOWN IF LAWMAKERS CAN'T AGREE ON A BUDGET.

Budget Monday July 29 10PM :35
WITH TIME RUNNING OUT ON A BUDGET, STATE LAWMAKERS WILL HEAD BACK TO THE CAPITOL TODAY... FOR ANOTHER SPECIAL SESSION. THE GOVERNOR CALLED THE SESSION... SO THEY CAN CONSIDER HIS ONE MONTH BUDGET PLAN. LAWMAKERS MET BRIEFLY SATURDAY FOR A SPECIAL SESSION.... BUT NOT ENOUGH LEADERS SHOWED UP TO TAKE ACTION.

Budget Monday July 30 5AM :26
WITH TIME RUNNING OUT ON A BUDGET, STATE LAWMAKERS WILL HEAD BACK TO THE CAPITOL TODAY... FOR ANOTHER SPECIAL SESSION. THE GOVERNOR CALLED THE SESSION... SO THEY CAN CONSIDER HIS ONE MONTH BUDGET PLAN. LAWMAKERS MET BRIEFLY SATURDAY FOR A SPECIAL SESSION.... BUT NOT ENOUGH LEADERS SHOWED UP TO TAKE ACTION.

Budget Monday July 30 12PM :32
MEANWHILE, THE DEADLINE IS LOOMING FOR STATE LAWMAKERS TO COME UP WITH A NEW BUDGET SOLUTION. SO TODAY, LAWMAKERS ARE BACK AT THE CAPITOL ... FOR ANOTHER SPECIAL SESSION. THE GOVERNOR WANTS THE LEGISLATURE TO CONSIDER HIS ONE-MONTH BUDGET PLAN.

Budget Monday July 30 12PM :26
STATE LAWMAKERS BACK AT THE CAPITOL TODAY... FOR ANOTHER SPECIAL SESSION. THE GOVERNOR CALLED THE SESSION... SO THAT THE LEGISLATURE CAN CONSIDER HIS ONE MONTH BUDGET PLAN. LAWMAKERS MET BRIEFLY SATURDAY.. BUT NOT ENOUGH LEADERS SHOWED UP TO TAKE ACTION.

Budget Latest July 30 5PM 1:23
THE STATE COMPTROLLER CALLS FOR LEADERS TO PUT ASIDE POLITICS AND PASS A SPENDING PLAN FOR THE STATE. IF THERE IS NO BUDGET IN PLACE BY THE END OF THIS MONTH.. WHICH IS TOMORROW... THE STATE FACES A POTENTIAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN.

Budget Latest July 30 6PM 1:30

THE CLOCK IS TICKING FOR LAWMAKERS TO PASS A BUDGET. IF NO SPENDING PLAN IS IN PLACE BY TOMORROW ... THE STATE FACES A POTENTIAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN.

GOP Tour July 30 6PM :21
MEANWHILE... THE ILLINOIS REPUBLICAN PARTY IS STOPPING IN CHAMPAIGN TONIGHT... AS PART OF WHAT IT CALLS THE "REFORM ILLINOIS" TOUR. CONGRESSMAN TIM JOHNSON, ILLINOIS REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIRMAN ANDY MCKENNA, REPRESENTATIVE CHAPIN ROSE, AND SENATOR DALE RIGHTER ARE JUST A FEW G-O-P MEMBERS TAKING PART.

Lawmaker Latest July 30 10PM 2:14
LEGISLATIVE LEADERS MEET AGAIN THIS EVENING... BUT THE STATE IS STILL WITHOUT A BUDGET. WHEN ILLINOIS' TEMPORARY BUDGET EXPIRES AFTER TOMORROW... MANY FEAR THERE WILL BE A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN... BUT THE STATE'S COMPTROLLER SAYS WE AREN'T OUT OF TIME JUST YET. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEVE BUTERA IS LIVE IN SPRINGFIELD... STEVE, WHAT CAN WE EXPECT IN THE COMING DAYS?

GOP Tour July 30 10PM :57
NEW TONIGHT... MEMBERS OF THE STATE'S REPUBLICAN PARTY MAKE A STOP IN CHAMPAIGN TONIGHT... AS PART OF THEIR "REFORM ILLINOIS TOUR." THE G-O-P IS HOLDING MEETINGS ACROSS THE STATE TO FIND OUT WHAT REPUBLICAN VOTERS WANT OUT OF THEIR STATE GOVERNMENT.

Futuregen Bill July 30 10PM :50
LAWMAKERS PUSH AHEAD WITH LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO BRING A BILLION DOLLAR PROJECT TO CENTRAL ILLINOIS. TODAY GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SIGNED A PACKAGE OF ECONOMIC INCENTIVES MEANT TO BRING FUTUREGEN TO THE LAND OF LINCOLN.

Budget Latest July 31 5AM :44
THE STATE'S TEMPORARY BUDGET EXPIRES TODAY BUT OFFICIALS SAY THERE'S STILL SOMETIME LEFT BEFORE A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN OCCURS. STATE COMPTROLLER DAN HYNES SAYS THE GOVERNMENT WILL KEEP WORKING.. AS LONG AS A BUDGET IS PASSED BY AUGUST EIGHTH.

Temp Spending July 31 5AM :46
THE STATE'S TEMPORARY BUDGET EXPIRES TODAY BUT OFFICIALS SAY THERE'S SOME STILL TIME LEFT BEFORE A SHUTDOWN OCCURS. STATE COMPTROLLER DAN HYNES SAYS THE GOVERNMENT WILL KEEP WORKING AS LONG AS A BUDGET IS PASSED BY AUGUST EIGHTH. HE

SAYS IF THERE IS NO BUDGET IN PLACE BY THAT DATE 49-HUNDRED STATE EMPLOYEES ... MOST WORKING IN CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES ... WILL NOT RECEIVE THEIR PAYCHECKS ON AUGUST 15TH.

GOP Tour July 31 5AM :46
NEW TONIGHT... MEMBERS OF THE STATE'S REPUBLICAN PARTY MAKE A STOP IN CHAMPAIGN TONIGHT... AS PART OF THEIR "REFORM ILLINOIS TOUR." THE G-O-P IS HOLDING MEETINGS ACROSS THE STATE TO FIND OUT WHAT REPUBLICAN VOTERS WANT OUT OF THEIR STATE GOVERNMENT.

Futuregen Bill July 31 5AM :33
LAWMAKERS PUSH AHEAD WITH LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO BRING A BILLION DOLLAR PROJECT TO CENTRAL ILLINOIS. TODAY GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SIGNED A PACKAGE OF ECONOMIC INCENTIVES MEANT TO BRING FUTUREGEN TO THE LAND OF LINCOLN.

Temp Spending July 31 12PM :30
TODAY, ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS RESUME THE BUDGET DEBATE .. AS THE STATE'S TEMPORARY BUDGET EXPIRES. STATE COMPTROLLER DAN HYNES SAYS, LEGISLATORS HAVE UNTIL AUGUST EIGHTH TO PASS SOME SORT OF BUDGET. HE SAYS, WITHOUT A NEW BUDGET IN PLACE.. THE STATE WILL FACE SEVERE MONEY PROBLEMS. HYNES SAYS, CLOSE TO FIVE-THOUSAND EMPLOYEES COULD GO **WITHOUT** GETTING PAID ON AUGUST 15TH. MEANWHILE... GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH CONTINUES TO PUSH FOR ANOTHER **ONE-MONTH** BUDGET.

GOP Tour July 31 12PM :25
MEANWHILE, MEMBERS OF THE STATE'S REPUBLICAN PARTY MADE A STOP IN CHAMPAIGN LAST NIGHT... AS PART OF THEIR "REFORM ILLINOIS TOUR." THE G-O-P IS HOLDING MEETINGS ACROSS THE STATE TO FIND OUT WHAT REPUBLICAN VOTERS WANT OUT OF THEIR STATE GOVERNMENT.

Crazy Eighth July 31 12PM :36
TODAY, THE STATE'S TEMPORARY BUDGET EXPIRES. BUT THERE'S SOME STILL TIME LEFT BEFORE A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN OCCURS. STATE COMPTROLLER DAN HYNES SAYS, THE GOVERNMENT WILL KEEP WORKING, AS LONG AS A BUDGET IS PASSED BY AUGUST EIGHTH.

Incentive Package July 31 12PM :47
LAWMAKERS HAVE MOVED AHEAD WITH A BILL DESIGNED TO BRING A BILLION DOLLAR PROJECT TO CENTRAL ILLINOIS. YESTERDAY, GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SIGNED A PACKAGE OF ECONOMIC INCENTIVES. THE PACKAGE OFFERS 82-MILLION DOLLARS IN

INCENTIVES TO FUTUREGEN DEVELOPERS... AND IT PROTECTS THE COAL-TO-ENERGY PROJECT FROM LIABILITY.

State Flights July 31 5PM :32
TOPPING STATE NEWS... ILLINOIS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ARE BEING FORCED TO PAY MORE FOR IN-STATE FLIGHTS. AN AUDIT SHOWS THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT LOST MONEY. OFFICIALS TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMISSION TODAY... A ONE-WAY FLIGHT BETWEEN SPRINGFIELD AND CHICAGO NOW COSTS ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS... AN INCREASE OF 40 DOLLARS.

Budget Effects July 31 5PM 1:16
THE ONE MONTH BUDGET THAT'S KEPT STATE GOVERNMENT OPERATING THIS MONTH... EXPIRES TONIGHT ...AND THERE IS STILL NO SPENDING PLAN IN PLACE FOR TOMORROW. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT IS LIVE IN SPRINGFIELD ... STEPHANIE .. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR SCHOOLS AND STATE EMPLOYEES?

Budget Effects July 31 6PM 2:10
WITH THE CURRENT BUDGET SET TO EXPIRE TONIGHT AND NO SPENDING PLAN IN PLACE FOR TOMORROWTHE FOUR LEGISLATIVE LEADERS SAY THEY'RE NOW TRYING TO BEAT AN AUGUST EIGHTH DEADLINE FOR THE BUDGET. BUT AS NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT EXPLAINS LIVE FROM SPRINGFIELD .. SOME SERVICES SUFFER IN THE MEANTIME.

Budget Effects July 31 10PM :54
THE CURRENT STATE BUDGET EXPIRES IN LESS THAN TWO HOURS ... AND LEADERS SAY NO NEW SPENDING PLAN WILL BE IN PLACE BY TOMORROW. TODAY .. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SENT A LETTER TO STATE EMPLOYEES ASKING THEM TO KEEP WORKING DESPITE THE POSSIBLE SHUTDOWN. LEADERS SAY THE STATE CAN OPERATE FOR ABOUT A WEEK BEFORE THE BUDGET SITUATION CAUSES PROBLEMS.

Federal Healthcare July 31 10PM :32
NEW TONIGHT... ILLINOIS' TWO U-S SENATORS ARE BACKING A BILL THAT WILL ALLOW THE STATE TO EXPAND HEALTH CARE COVERAGE TO MORE UINSURED CHILDREN. THE LEGISLATION WOULD EXPAND THE FEDERAL PROGRAM WHEN IT EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 30TH... AND WOULD INCREASE SPENDING OF A TOTAL OF 35 BILLION DOLLARS OVER FIVE YEARS.

Obama in Peoria July 31 10PM 1:41
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE BARACK OBAMA HAD SOME FAMILY SUPPORT ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL TODAY HERE IN HIS HOME STATE.

HIS WIFE MICHELLE OBAMA WAS STUMPING FOR HER HUSBAND IN PEORIA. DENISE JACKSON HAS MORE.

Budget Effects Aug 1 5AM :44

ILLINOIS IS NOW OPERATING WITHOUT A BUDGET AND LEADERS HAVE ONE WEEK BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT COULD BE FORCED TO SHUT DOWN. THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATIVE LEADERS FAILED TO AGREE ON A BUDGET BEFORE THE TEMPORARY BUDGET EXPIRED LAST NIGHT. OFFICIALS SAY IF AN AGREEMENT IS NOT REACHED BY THE EIGHTH, SOME STATE EMPLOYEES WILL NOT BE PAID AND SOME SCHOOLS WON'T RECEIVE STATE AID PAYMENTS

State Flights Aug 1 5AM :31

ILLINOIS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ARE BEING FORCED TO PAY MORE FOR IN-STATE FLIGHTS. AN AUDIT SHOWS THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT LOST MONEY. OFFICIALS TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMISSION YESTERDAY... A ONE-WAY FLIGHT BETWEEN SPRINGFIELD AND CHICAGO NOW COSTS ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

Watts Medicaid Aug 1 5AM :54

THE LACK OF A STATE BUDGET COULD SOON LEAVE PRIVATE BUSINESSES TAKING A LOSS. LEGISLATIVE LEADERS FAILED TO REACH A BUDGET AGREEMENT BEFORE THE TEMPORARY BUDGET EXPIRED LAST NIGHT. STATE COMPTROLLER DAN HYNES SAYS YOU CAN NOW EXPECT DELAYS IN FOSTER HOME PAYMENTS .. HEALTHCARE PAYMENTS .. AND MEDICAID PAYMENTS.

Federal Healthcare Aug 1 5AM :28

ILLINOIS' TWO U-S SENATORS ARE BACKING A BILL THAT WILL ALLOW THE STATE TO EXPAND HEALTH CARE COVERAGE TO MORE UINSURED CHILDREN. THE LEGISLATION WOULD EXPAND THE FEDERAL PROGRAM WHEN IT EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 30TH. IT WOULD ALSO INCREASE SPENDING BY 35-BILLION DOLLARS OVER FIVE YEARS.

Budget Effects Aug 1 12PM :23

TODAY, STATE EMPLOYEES ARE AT WORK, DESPITE NO BUDGET IN PLACE. THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATIVE LEADERS FAILED TO AGREE ON A BUDGET ... BEFORE THE TEMPORARY BUDGET EXPIRED LAST NIGHT. LEADERS HAVE ONE WEEK BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT COULD BE FORCED TO SHUTDOWN

Obama Terrorism Aug 1 12PM :26

TODAY, PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE BARACK OBAMA SAYS, HE WOULD SEND TROOPS INTO PAKISTAN TO HUNT DOWN TERRORISTS, EVEN **WITHOUT** LOCAL PERMISSION, IF WARRANTED. THE ILLINOIS DEMOCRAT'S COMMENTS ARE SEEN AS AN ATTEMPT TO SHOW

STRENGTH... WHEN HIS CHIEF RIVAL HAS DESCRIBED HIS FOREIGN POLICY SKILLS AS NAIVE.

Budget Latest Aug 1 5PM 1:22
THE BATTLE OF THE BUDGET CONTINUES AT THE CAPITOL... WHILE THE STATE OPERATES WITH NO SPENDING PLAN IN PLACE. TODAY GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SAID HE WOULD FIGHT AS LONG AS IT TAKES FOR A BALANCED BUDGET THAT INCLUDES HEALTHCARE.

UI Budget Aug 1 5PM :20
THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SAYS EVEN WITHOUT A STATE BUDGET... THE UNIVERSITY WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR BUSINESS AND ALL OPERATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE AS USUAL... AT LEAST FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

Macon Co Surplus Aug 1 5PM :16
THE FINANCIAL HORIZON IS MUCH BRIGHTER IN MACON COUNTY. WHILE IN DECATUR TODAY... ILLINOIS COMPTROLLER DAN HYNES CONGRATULATED **COUNTY** LEADERS FOR DIGGING THEMSELVES OUT OF A FINANCIAL CRISIS.

Budget Latest Aug 1 6PM 1:24
WITH LEADERS DEADLOCKED OVER THE STATE BUDGET .. THE IDEA OF RAISING THE STATE INCOME TAX RESURFACES. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH PROMISED NOT TO RAISE SALES OR INCOME TAX DURING HIS ADMINISTRATION.

Dan Hines Decatur Aug 1 6PM :49
THERE'S SOME **POSITIVE** FINANCIAL NEWS FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT, TONIGHT. MACON COUNTY AUDITOR AMY STOCKWELL SAYS THE COUNTY IS NOW MORE THAN 2 MILLION DOLLARS IN THE **BLACK**. THIS COMES FIVE YEARS AFTER THE COUNTY HAD MORE THAN THREE MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF INTERNAL DEBTS.

Budget Latest Aug 1 10PM 1:25
MEANWHILE... AS THE FIRST DAY WITH NO STATE BUDGET IN PLACE COMES TO AN END... THE GOVERNOR COMES UNDER FIRE FROM THE STATE'S CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER. AS NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT EXPLAINS....

Budget Latest Aug 2 5AM 1:25
ILLINOIS WILL BEGIN ITS SECOND DAY WITHOUT A STATE BUDGET. AND AS NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT EXPLAINS, THE STATE'S CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER SAYS IT'S THE GOVERNOR WHO'S HOLDING UP THE PROCESS.

Electric Rates Aug 2 5AM :24

AND THE GOVERNOR IS ASKING FOR YOUR PATIENCE WHEN IT COMES TO ELECTRIC RATE RELIEF... GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH ASKS YOU TO "SIT TIGHT" ON ELECTRIC RATE RELIEF..... WHILE HE REVIEWS THE BILLION DOLLAR RELIEF PACKAGE. ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS APPROVED THE DEAL LAST WEEK.

Bank Merger Aug 2 5AM :21

"FIRST BUSEY BANK" SAYS IT'S MERGER WITH MAIN STREET TRUST IS NOW COMPLETE. THE TRANSITION BEGAN LAST SEPTEMBER. THE PRESIDENT OF FIRST BUSEY BANK SAYS THE TWO PRIMARY BANKS WILL CONSOLIDATE INTO A SINGLE, NEWLY NAMED "BUSEY BANK" BY THIS FALL.

Blago Stalling Aug 2 12PM :55

THE STATE IS NOW IN ITS SECOND DAY WITHOUT A BUDGET... AND SOME LAWMAKERS SAY THEY MAY NEED TO LEAVE THE GOVERNOR OUT OF NEGOTIATIONS, IF THEY WANT TO REACH A DEAL. GOVERNOR ROD BLAGOJEVICH CONTINUES TO PUSH THE LEGISLATURE TO PASS ANOTHER TEMPORARY BUDGET, INSTEAD OF DEBATING A FULL SPENDING PLAN.

Electric Rates Aug 2 12PM :25

THE GOVERNOR IS ASKING FOR YOUR PATIENCE WHEN IT COMES TO ELECTRIC RATE RELIEF... GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH ASKS YOU TO "SIT TIGHT" WHILE HE REVIEWS THE BILLION DOLLAR RELIEF PACKAGE. ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS APPROVED THE DEAL LAST WEEK.

Dan Hines Decatur Aug 2 12PM :35

THERE'S SOME **POSITIVE** FINANCIAL NEWS FOR ONE LOCAL GOVERNMENT. MACON COUNTY AUDITOR AMY STOCKWELL SAYS THE COUNTY IS NOW MORE THAN 2 MILLION DOLLARS IN THE **BLACK**. THIS COMES FIVE YEARS AFTER THE COUNTY PILED UP MORE THAN THREE MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF INTERNAL DEBTS.

Durbin Opponent Aug 2 12PM :25

SENATOR DICK DURBIN NOW HAS A CHALLENGER FOR HIS SEAT IN THE U-S SENATE. CHICAGO REPUBLICAN STEVE SAUERBERG FORMALLY ANNOUNCED HIS PLANS TO RUN YESTERDAY. NO MAJOR OFFICE-HOLDER HAS STEPPED FORWARD TO TRY TO UNSEAT DURBIN.

IL Bridges Aug 2 5PM 2:00

GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH ORDERS IMMEDIATE ADDITIONAL INSPECTIONS OF ALL CRITICAL BRIDGES IN ILLINOIS. THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ILLINOIS TOLLWAY WILL

SPECIFICALLY LOOK AT BRIDGES THAT ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION...
OR CARRY A LOT OF TRAFFIC OVER WATERWAYS.

Budget Power Aug 2 5PM 1:33
LAST WEEK... ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS PASSED A ONE BILLION DOLLAR
ELECTRIC RATE RELIEF BILL. RIGHT NOW... THAT BILL JUST SITS ON
GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH'S DESK IN SPRINGFIELD. HE MUST SIGN IT
BEFORE YOU CAN START SEEING REFUNDS.

Budget Gas Aug 2 6PM 1:20
ILLINOIS STATE WORKERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS HAVE BEEN ASKED
TO KEEP WORKING... EVEN THOUGH THE STATE IS CURRENTLY
OPERATING WITHOUT A BUDGET. MOST HAVE COMPLIED... BUT AT
LEAST ONE HAS NOT.

Schools Budget Aug 2 10PM 1:19
AS WE'VE REPORTED... SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY BE THE FIRST TO FEEL
THE EFFECTS OF "NO STATE BUDGET" IF ONE IS NOT PASSED BY
AUGUST 8TH. COMPTROLLER DAN HYNES SAYS SCHOOLS WON'T
RECEIVE STATE AID PAYMENTS IF A BUDGET IS NOT IN PLACE BY
WEDNESDAY.

Budget Power Aug 2 10PM 1:55
LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PROVIDE RATE RELIEF TO AMEREN
CUSTOMERS SITS ON THE GOVERNOR'S DESK TONIGHT... AWAITING HIS
SIGNATURE. MEANWHILE... LAWMAKERS PUT THEIR JOHN HANCOCKS
ON A PIECE OF PAPER... IN HOPES OF GETTING THE GOVERNOR TO
PICK UP THE PEN.

Budget Power Aug 3 5AM 1:48
LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PROVIDE RATE RELIEF TO AMEREN
CUSTOMERS CONTINUES TO SIT ON THE GOVERNOR'S DESK...
AWAITING HIS SIGNATURE.
NEWSCENTER 17'S STEVE BUTERA SHOWS YOU WHY BLAGOJEVICH IS
IN NO HURRY TO GIVE THE BILL THE GREENLIGHT... AND WHY IT HAS
LAWMAKERS SEEING RED.

Budget Latest Aug 3 5PM :33
MEANWHILE.. THE BUDGET DEADLOCK MEANS HUNDREDS OF DISABLED
FORMER STATE WORKERS WON'T GET THEIR WORKERS'
COMPENSATION CHECKS THIS MONTH.
IT'S AN EARLY EXAMPLE OF THE IMPACT OF STATE GOVERNMENT
OPERATING WITHOUT A BUDGET. A MEMO OBTAINED BY THE
ASSOCIATED PRESS POINTS OUT THAT THE BLAGOJEVICH
ADMINISTRATION HAS NO SPENDING AUTHORITY TO MAKE THE AUGUST
PAYMENTS.

Budget Aug 3 6PM :25
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ADMINISTRATION HAS NO SPENDING AUTHORITY TO MAKE THE AUGUST
PAYMENTS.

Budget Aug 3 5PM :25
LAWMAKERS MET AGAIN TODAY.... BUT STILL NO AGREEMENT ON A NEW
STATE BUDGET... OR A ONE- MONTH VERSION. THE STATE HAS BEEN
WITHOUT A BUDGET SINCE THE TEMPORARY MEASURE EXPIRED
TUESDAY. THE GOVERNOR WANTS LEADERS TO PASS A ONE- MONTH
EXTENSION AGAIN... WHILE LAWMAKERS ARE PUSHING FOR A YEAR
DEAL.

Electric Rate Aug 3 5PM :20
MEANWHILE.... THE BILL PROMISING RATE RELIEF FOR ELECTRIC
CUSTOMERS IS STILL ON THE GOVERNOR'S DESK. MANY LAWMAKERS
SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT HE SIGN THE LEGISLATION
*YESTERDAY.... WHICH WAS THE EXPIRATION DATE FOR A CONTRACT IN
THE DEAL. ATTORNEY GENERAL LISA MADIGAN'S OFFICE SAYS LETTING
THAT CONTRACT EXPIRE MEANS AMEREN CUSTOMERS WILL HAVE TO
PAY MORE.

Budget Aug 4 5PM :25
LAWMAKERS MET AGAIN TODAY.... BUT STILL NO AGREEMENT ON A NEW
STATE BUDGET... OR A ONE- MONTH VERSION. THE STATE HAS BEEN
WITHOUT A BUDGET SINCE THE TEMPORARY MEASURE EXPIRED
TUESDAY. THE GOVERNOR WANTS LEADERS TO PASS A ONE- MONTH
EXTENSION AGAIN... WHILE LAWMAKERS ARE PUSHING FOR A YEAR
DEAL.

Budget Aug 5 5PM :25
LEADERS IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE ARE BOTH SCHEDULED TO BE
MEETING AROUND NOW. THEY WERE SCHEDULED TO BE IN SESSION AT
FIVE. AS YOU KNOW.. THE STATE STILL DOES NOT HAVE A BUDGET.
THE TEMPORARY VERSION EXPIRED TUESDAY.

Budget Aug 5 10PM :30
HOUSE AND SENATE LEADERS WILL MEET AGAIN TOMORROW... AS THE
BUDGET STILL HANGS IN THE BALANCE. THEY MET BRIEFLY TODAY AND
YESTERDAY. BOTH SENATOR LARRY BOMKE AND REPRESENTATIVE

BOB FLIDER... SAY THEY ARE HOPEFUL LEADERS CAN PASS A BUDGET EARLY THIS WEEK.

Law Enforcement Aug 5 10PM :25

THE GOVERNOR SIGNED NEW LAWS TODAY ADDRESSING LAW ENFORCEMENT. ONE PROTECTS THE RIGHTS OF PREGNANT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS. IT ALLOWS THEM TO TEMPORARILY MOVE TO A LESS STRENUOUS OR HAZARDOUS POSITION. THE OTHER EXPANDS ARREST POWERS FOR FEDERAL AGENTS IN ILLINOIS.

Obama Aug 5 10PM :30

SENATOR BARACK OBAMA GOT A PLEASANT SURPRISE DURING A VISIT TO PARK CITY UTAH TODAY. THE SENATOR FROM ILLINOIS WAS ONLY EXPECTING A COUPLE DOZEN SUPPORTERS IN THE SKI- RESORT TOWN... BUT HUNDREDS GATHERED TO GREET HIM BEFORE A PRIVATE FUNDRAISER.

Budget Aug 6 5AM :29

HOUSE AND SENATE LEADERS WILL MEET AGAIN TODAY... AS THE BUDGET STILL HANGS IN THE BALANCE. THEY MET BRIEFLY THIS WEEKEND. BOTH SENATOR LARRY BOMKE AND REPRESENTATIVE BOB FLIDER... SAY THEY ARE HOPEFUL LAWMAKERS CAN PASS A BUDGET EARLY THIS WEEK.

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Budget Aug 6 5PM 1:45

JUST TWO **DAYS** BEFORE THE STATE FACES A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN ... THE BATTLE OF THE BUDGET CONTINUES AT THE STATE CAPITOL. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT IS LIVE IN SPRINGFIELD WITH A CLOSER LOOK AT WHAT'S HOLDING UP NEGOTIATIONS NOW.

Water Rates Aug 6 6PM :30

THE DECATUR CITY COUNCIL IS MEETING RIGHT NOW.. BUT THEY WON'T BE TALKING ABOUT A PROPOSED WATER RATE HIKE. COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE SCHEDULED TO VOTE ON THAT RATE HIKE.. BUT IT WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA EARLIER TODAY.

Budget Aug 6 6PM 1:19

WHILE THE STATE'S CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER WARNS OF A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN IN JUST TWO DAYS GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH DOESN'T SEEM TO BE WORRIED. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT IS IN SPRINGFIELD TO EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED TODAY.

Budget Aug 7 5AM 1:32
JUST **DAYS** BEFORE THE STATE FACES A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN ... THE BATTLE OF THE BUDGET CONTINUES AT THE STATE CAPITOL. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT SHOWS YOU WHAT LAWMAKERS ARE GAMBLING ON NOW IN ORDER TO REACH A COMPROMISE.

Blago No Worries Aug 7 5AM :45
THE GOVERNOR SAYS HE'S NOT WORRIED ABOUT THE POTENTIAL OF A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN. WHILE IN CHICAGO YESTERDAY .. GOVERNOR ROD BLAGOJEVICH CALLED TOMORROW AN "ARBITRARY DEADLINE" FOR PASSING A BUDGET.

Blogo No Worries Aug 7 12PM :30
ILLINOIS LEGISLATORS WILL CONTINUE THE BUDGET DEBATE TODAY.. AS THE STATE HEADS TOWARD A POTENTIAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN. BUT THE GOVERNOR SAYS HE'S NOT WORRIED. GOVERNOR ROD BLAGOJEVICH CALLS TOMORROW AN "ARBITRARY DEADLINE" FOR PASSING A BUDGET

Schools/ Budget Aug 7 12PM :35
AND.. THE GOVERNOR HAS ALSO DIRECTED THE ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY TO MAKE 175 MILLON DOLLARS AVAILABLE TO SCHOOLS... IF THEY NEED IT. THE SCHOOLS CAN TAKE OUT THE LOANS INTEREST FREE... TO HELP WITH FUNDS... IN THE EVENT A BUDGET ISN'T PASSED.

AFSCME Budget Aug 7 6PM :31
THE STATE'S LARGEST EMPLOYEE UNION THREATENS LEGAL ACTION IF WORKERS DON'T GET PAID ON TIME. AFSCME COUNCIL 31 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HENRY BAYER SENT A LETTER TO GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH AND COMPTROLLER DAN HYNES THAT SAYS-QUOTE- "FROM AN ETHICAL STANDPOINT, THERE IS NO REASON TO CAUSE STATE WORKERS UNNECESSARY FINANCIAL HARDSHIP ... AND FROM A LEGAL STANDPOINT, IT IS OUR POSITION THAT THE STATE IS OBLIGATED TO PAY EMPLOYEES FOR WORK PERFORMED." -END QUOTE.

Recall Amendment Aug 7 6PM :59
AS BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE AT THE CAPITOL ... SOME LAWMAKERS PUSH TO UNSEAT THE GOVERNOR. NEWSCENTER 17 TALKED WITH REPUBLICAN SENATOR DAN CRONIN TODAY. HE HOPES

TO REMOVE THE GOVERNOR FROM OFFICE AS EARLY AS NEXT YEAR BY GETTING A RECALL PROVISION ADDED TO THE STATE'S CONSTITUTION.

Budget Deadline Aug 7 10PM 1:19

WE'RE ON THE EVE WHAT COMPTROLLER DAN HYNES CALLS THE **REAL** DEADLINE FOR GETTING A STATE BUDGET PASSED. TOMORROW IS THE DAY THE STATE IS SUPPOSED TO MAKE ITS FIRST STATE AID AND PAYROLL PAYMENTS... SINCE THE TEMPORARY BUDGET EXPIRED AT THE END OF LAST MONTH.

Recall Amendment Aug 7 10PM :55

MEANWHILE... IF YOU DON'T LIKE WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE STATE CAPITOL .. YOU MAY SOON HAVE THE POWER TO TAKE THE GOVERNOR **OUT** OF OFFICE. REPUBLICAN SENATOR DAN CRONIN TELLS NEWSCENTER 17 HE HOPES TO REMOVE THE GOVERNOR FROM OFFICE AS EARLY AS NEXT YEAR BY GETTING A RECALL PROVISION ADDED TO THE STATE'S CONSTITUTION.

Recall Amendment Aug 8 5AM 1:46

WHILE GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH AND THE FOUR LEGISLATIVE LEADERS TRY TO IRON OUT A MUCH OVERDUE BUDGET AGREEMENT.. ONE REPUBLICAN SENATOR IS PUSHING FOR A MEASURE TO ALLOW ILLINOIS VOTERS TO RECALL A GOVERNOR FROM OFFICE.

DEMS Debate Aug 8 5AM 1:50

DEMOCRATS RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT HAVE ANOTHER DEBATE UNDER THEIR BELTS. SEVEN OF THEM APPEARED TOGETHER LAST NIGHT AT CHICAGO'S SOLDIER FIELD, AND IT GOT ANIMATED AT TIMES. BROOKE HART HAS THE LATEST FROM WASHINGTON.

Budget Deadline Aug 8 5AM :55

WITH NO BUDGET IN PLACE...STATE EMPLOYEES WILL BE WONDERING TODAY WHETHER THEIR CHECKS WILL BE IN THE MAIL. THE GOVERNOR AND COMPTROLLER DAN HYNES SENT LETTERS YESTERDAY... EXPRESSING DIFFERING OPINIONS ON WHETHER THE STATE HAS THE AUTHORITY TO START CUTTING CHECKS

AFSCME Budget Aug 8 5AM :24

THE STATE'S LARGEST EMPLOYEE UNION IS THREATENING LEGAL ACTION IF WORKERS DON'T GET PAID ON TIME. AFSCME COUNCIL 31 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HENRY BAYER SENT A LETTER TO GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH AND COMPTROLLER DAN HYNES.

Budget Deadline Aug 8 12PM 1:00

LAWMAKERS FACE THE LATEST DEADLINE TODAY FOR PASSING A STATE BUDGET.

LEGISLATORS SAY THEY ARE CLOSE TO COMING UP WITH A SPENDING PLAN THAT BOTH DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS CAN AGREE ON. MEANWHILE.. THE GOVERNOR AND COMPTROLLER DAN HYNES EXCHANGED LETTERS YESTERDAY...EXPRESSING DIFFERING OPINIONS ON WHETHER THE STATE HAS THE AUTHORITY TO START CUTTING CHECKS

Wine Sales Aug 8 12PM :25

MEANWHILE.. LAWMAKERS HAVE APPROVED A MEASURE THAT LOOKS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT ON HOW MANY CASES OF WINE RESIDENTS CAN PURCHASE EACH YEAR FROM OTHER STATES. IF SIGNED INTO LAW.. THE BILL WOULD IMPROVE THE VARIETY OF SPECIALTY WINES CONSUMERS CAN FIND IN STORES AND RESTAURANTS

Operational Budget Aug 8 5PM :21

THOUSANDS OF STATE EMPLOYEES WILL MOST LIKELY MISS PAYCHECKS WHILE THE BUDGET CRISIS CONTINUES AT THE STATE CAPITOL. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH AND THE FOUR LEGISLATIVE LEADERS DID NOT REACH A BUDGET AGREEMENT TODAY.

Sound Off Aug 8 5PM :43

AS BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE AT THE CAPITOL ... SOME LAWMAKERS ARE PUSHING TO UNSEAT THE GOVERNOR. WE ASKED YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE POSSIBILTY OF RECALLING HIM.

Black Retires Aug 8 5PM :42

IN THE MIDST OF THE THE BUDGET BATTLE... DANVILLE STATE REPRESENTATIVE BILL BLACK ANNOUNCES HE WILL NOT SEEK AN OTHER TERM AND RETIRE IN 2009. AS WAND-TV-DOT COM FIRST REPORTED THIS AFTERNOON.. REPRESENTATIVE BLACK SAYS THE NEW LAW WHICH MOVED THE 2008 PRIMARY TO FEBRUARY... PROMPTED HIM TO ANNOUNCE HIS PLANS EARLY SO OTHERS HAVE A CHANCE TO CONSIDER THEIR OPTIONS.

Operational Budget Aug 8 6PM 1:24

GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH AND THE FOUR LEGISLATIVE LEADERS SAY MORE WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE ON THE BUDGET. DESPITE A WARNING FROM COMPTROLLER DAN HYNES OF TODAY BEING THE DAY THE STATE MISSES PAYMENTS TO EMPLOYEES AND SCHOOLS .. THERE IS STILL NO BUDGET AGREEMENT.

Fired State Workers Aug 8 6PM :27

TWO STATE EMPLOYEES FIRED FOR ALLEGED MISCONDUCT BY THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.. WILL GET THEIR JOBS BACK. DAWN DEFRATIES AND MICHAEL CASEY WERE ACCUSED OF MANIPULATING JOB APPLICATIONS TO HELP APPLICANTS WITH POLITICAL CONNECTIONS.

State Budget Aug 8 10PM 1:28
FIVE DIFFERENT COMMITTEE HEARINGS TOOK PLACE THIS EVENING TO GO OVER AN OPERATIONS BUDGET THAT WOULD INCREASE EDUCATION FUNDING BY 580 MILLION DOLLARS. HOWEVER... LAWMAKERS STILL HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO COME UP WITH A CAPITOL SPENDING PLAN... WHICH WOULD COVER THE CONTRUCTION PROJECTS FOR ROADS AND SCHOOLS.

Sound Off Aug 8 10PM :30
AND AS BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE AT THE CAPITOL ... SOME LAWMAKERS ARE PUSHING TO UNSEAT THE GOVERNOR. WE ASKED YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE POSSIBILTY OF RECALLING A GOVERNOR FROM OFFICE

Wine Sales bill Aug 8 10PM :36
NEW AT TEN... LAWMAKERS APPROVE A MEASURE TO CHANGE HOW WINERIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE SELL THEIR BOTTLES. THE BILL BROADENS THE NUMBER OF WINERIES ILLINOISANS CAN BUY FROM DIRECTLY... AND IMPROVES THE VARIETY OF SPECIALTY WINES YOU'LL FIND IN STORES AND RESTAURANTS.

State Budget Aug 9 5AM 1:32
STATE LAWMAKERS APPEAR TO BE READY TO VOTE ON PART OF A STATE BUDGET.
IT'S NOW TWO MONTHS PAST THE SCHEDULED END OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION... AND REPRESENTATIVES FINALLY GOT A LOOK AT A SPENDING PLAN THAT WOULD COVER EDUCATION AND ALLOW STATE WORKERS TO GET PAID.

Operational Aug 9 5AM :59
ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS SAY THEY'RE MOVING CLOSER TO A NEW STATE BUDGET BUT IT COULD COME TOO LATE FOR THOUSANDS OF STATE WORKERS. A SPOKESPERSON FROM COMPTROLLER DAN HYNES' OFFICE SAYS NEARLY 5-THOUSAND STATE EMPLOYEES WILL MOST LIKELY NOT RECEIVE THEIR AUGUST 15TH PAYCHECK.

Fired State Workers Aug 9 5AM :27
TWO STATE EMPLOYEES FIRED FOR ALLEGED MISCONDUCT BY THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.. WILL GET THEIR JOBS BACK. DAWN DEFRAITIES AND MICHAEL CASEY WERE ACCUSED OF MANIPULATING JOB APPLICATIONS TO HELP APPLICANTS WITH POLITICAL CONNECTIONS.

Black Retires Aug 9 5AM :38
IN THE MIDST OF THE THE BUDGET BATTLE... DANVILLE STATE REPRESENTATIVE BILL BLACK HAS ANNOUNCED HE WILL NOT SEEK

ANOTHER TERM. AS W-A-N-D-TV-DOT COM FIRST REPORTED YESTERDAY... REPRESENTATIVE BLACK SAYS THE NEW LAW THAT MOVED THE 2008 PRIMARY TO FEBRUARY... PROMPTED HIM TO ANNOUNCE HIS PLANS EARLY SO OTHERS HAVE A CHANCE TO CONSIDER THEIR OPTIONS.

Partial Spending Aug 9 12PM :35
RIGHT NOW, WHAT COULD BE KEY TO ENDING MONTHS OF GRIDLOCK OVER HOW TO SPEND STATE MONEY ... THE ILLINOIS **HOUSE** HAS BEGUN DEBATING A BUDGET PROPOSAL. IF APPROVED, THE BUDGET WOULD INCREASE GENERAL STATE SPENDING BY ABOUT TWO BILLION DOLLARS, OR EIGHT PERCENT.

Bush Newser Aug 9 12PM 1:54
THIS MORNING, PRESIDENT BUSH INSISTED THE ECONOMY IS STRONG - DESPITE A HOUSING SLUMP... AND RISING UNEMPLOYMENT. TRACIE POTTS HAS DETAILS ON THAT... AND OTHER TOPICS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S NEWS CONFERENCE THIS MORNING.

Budget latest Aug 9 5PM :23
NEWSCENTER 17 BROUGHT IT TO YOU FIRST..... THE ILLINOIS HOUSE PASSED A BUDGET PROPOSAL JUST BEFORE ONE THIS AFTERNOON WITH A 99 TO 9 VOTE. GOOD EVENING AND THANKS FOR JOINING US ... I'M DAWN STERLING.

AFSCME Lawsuit Aug 9 5PM :49
THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES SUES THE STATE OVER EMPLOYEE PAY. AFSCME FILED THE LAWSUIT TODAY. ASFSCME SPOKESPERSON ANDERS LINDALL SAYS THE LAWSUIT WAS FILED IN CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURT BECAUSE MANY PLAINTIFFS IN THE CASE LIVE AND WORK IN CHRISTIAN COUNTY AND THEY WANT A TIMELY HEARING... GIVEN THE URGENCY OF THE MATTER.

Budget Latest Aug 9 6PM 1:28
HOUSE MEMBERS MOVE AHEAD WITH A TWELVE MONTH SPENDING PLAN. AFTER HOURS OF DEBATE .. THE HOUSE APPROVED AN OPERATIONAL BUDGET TODAY .. BUT GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SAYS IT DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE BALANCED.

AFSCME Lawsuit Aug 9 6PM :37
THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES SUES THE STATE OVER EMPLOYEE PAY. AFSCME FILED THE LAWSUIT TODAY. ASFSCME SPOKESPERSON ANDERS LINDALL SAYS THE LAWSUIT WAS FILED IN CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURT BECAUSE MANY PLAINTIFFS IN THE CASE LIVE AND WORK IN CHRISTIAN COUNTY

AND THEY WANT A TIMELY HEARING... GIVEN THE URGENCY OF THE MATTER. AFSCME WANTS A JUDGE TO ORDER THAT PAYCHECKS BE ISSUED IN FULL AND ON TIME TO **ALL** STATE WORKERS.. DESPITE NO STATE BUDGET.

Budget Latest Aug 9 10PM 1:20
A TWELVE MONTH SPENDING PLAN MOVES THROUGH THE STATE CAPITOL TONIGHT.
HOUSE MEMBERS APPROVED AN OPERATIONAL BUDGET THIS AFTERNOON .. IT NOW GOES TO THE SENATE FLOOR FOR APPROVAL. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT IS LIVE IN SPRINGFIELD TONIGHT...

Sex Offenders Bill Aug 9 10PM :22
NEW TONIGHT... THE GOVERNOR SIGNS A BILL THAT BANS CONVICTED SEX OFFENDERS FROM WORKING AT CARNIVALS AND COUNTY FAIRS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. THE GOVERNOR SAYS THE BILL PROVIDES MORE PROTECTION FOR MILLIONS OF CHILDREN WHO VISIT CARNIVALS AND FAIRS IN THE STATE.

State Budget Aug 10 5AM :49
A STATE BUDGET WILL BE HEADING BACK TO THE HOUSE FOR APPROVAL AFTER THE SENATE MADE SOME LATE NIGHT CHANGES. THE SENATE VOTED IN FAVOR OF A BUDGET SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT. THE HOUSE APPROVED ITS VERSION YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

AFSCME Lawsuit Aug 10 5AM :44
THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES IS SUING THE STATE OVER EMPLOYEE PAY. AFSCME FILED THE LAWSUIT YESTERDAY IN A CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURT.. WHERE MANY OF THE PLAINTIFFS LIVE. IT ASKS THAT PAYCHECKS BE ISSUED IN FULL AND ON TIME TO **ALL** STATE WORKERS.. DESPITE THE LACK OF A STATE BUDGET.

State Budget Aug 10 12PM :27
A STATE BUDGET HEADS BACK TO THE HOUSE FOR APPROVAL AFTER THE SENATE MADE SOME LATE NIGHT CHANGES. BUT WITH NO BUDGET YET, THOUSANDS OF EMPLOYEES COULD STILL GET SHORTED. THE SENATE VOTED IN FAVOR OF A BUDGET SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT.

Gov Reax Aug 10 12PM :24
THE GOVERNOR SAYS THERE'S A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE A BUDGET IS IN PLACE.

GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH TOOK PART IN THIS MORNING'S RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY.. MARKING THE **OFFICIAL** START OF THE 155th ILLINOIS STATE FAIR.

AFSCME Lawsuit Aug 10 12PM :26
A LAWSUIT FILED BY "THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES" AGAINST THE STATE WILL BE HEARD IN COURT THIS AFTERNOON. IT ASKS THAT PAYCHECKS BE ISSUED IN FULL AND ON TIME TO **ALL** STATE WORKERS.. DESPITE THE LACK OF A STATE BUDGET.

Budget Latest Aug 10 10PM :58
LAWMAKERS GO HOME DESPITE THE GOVERNOR'S CALL FOR A SPECIAL SESSION.
GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH DOESN'T LIKE THE APPROVED SPENDING PLAN AND ORDERED LAWMAKERS INTO A SPECIAL SESSION THIS WEEKEND.

AFSCME/Hynes Aug 10 10PM :55
STATE EMPLOYEES WILL NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE LACK OF A BUDGET AFFECTING PAYCHECKS .. AT LEAST FOR NOW. A CHRISTIAN COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE ORDERED STATE COMPTROLLER DAN HYNES TO CONTINUE ISSUING PAYCHECKS TO WORKERS. THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MUNICIPAL, COUNTY AND STATE EMPLOYEES FILED THE CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT YESERDAY.

Budget Latest Aug 10 5PM 1:29
GOOD EVENING... THANKS FOR JOINING US... I'M DAWN STERLING... SEAN HAS THE NIGHT OFF. TENSIONS RISE AT THE STATE CAPITOL TONIGHT .. WHILE THE HOUSE GIVES THE FINAL OKAY ON A TWELVE MONTH SPENDING PLAN .. BUT GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH HAS A PLAN OF HIS OWN.

AFSCME Lawsuit Aug 10 10PM :26
MEANWHILE... STATE EMPLOYEES WILL CONTINUE GETTING THEIR PAYCHECKS THIS MONTH... EVEN THOUGH THE STATE STILL DOESN'T HAVE A BUDGET. AFSCME ANNOUNCED TODAY ITS REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH STATE COMPTROLLER DAN HYNES TO PAY EMPLOYEES THROUGH AUGUST.

AFSCME Lawsuit Aug 10 6PM :26
WORKERS SUE THE STATE GOVERNMENT... DEMANDING THEY GET PAID ON TIME. GOOD EVENING... THANKS FOR JOINING US... I'M DAWN STERLING... SEAN HAS THE NIGHT OFF. TODAY A DEAL STRUCK BETWEEN AFSCME AND THE STATE COMPTROLLER MEANS STATE WORKERS WILL CONTINUE TO GET PAID... AT LEAST FOR NOW.

Budget Latest Aug 10 6PM 1:15
THE HOUSE GIVES THE FINAL APPROVAL ON A TWELVE MONTH SPENDING PLAN THIS AFTERNOON .. BUT THE FATE OF THE BUDGET IS STILL IN QUESTION. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT IS LIVE AT THE STATE CAPITOL TONIGHT WITH THE DETAILS.

Budget Aug 11 5PM 1:38
THE GOVERNOR DOES NOT SEEM READY TO SIGN A STATE BUDGET PASSED BY BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE. THE GOVERNOR CALLED LAWMAKERS BACK INTO A SPECIAL SESSION THIS MORNING... TO CONSIDER A **ONE**-MONTH BUDGET... EVEN THOUGH THE BUDGET APPROVED YESTERDAY IS FOR THE FULL YEAR.

Budget Aug 11 10PM :46
TODAY, ONLY A HANDFUL OF LAWMAKERS ANSWERED THE GOVERNOR'S CALL FOR A SPECIAL WEEKEND SESSION... TO PASS **ANOTHER** ONE-MONTH BUDGET. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH HAS NOT SIGNED THE FULL-YEAR BUDGET THAT PASSED THROUGH BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE YESTERDAY. HE CALLS IT FLAWED AND LOADED WITH PORK.

Task Force Aug 11 10PM :30
TODAY, THE GOVERNOR SIGNED LEGISLATION TO CREATE THE FIRST STATEWIDE TASK FORCE ON THE "CONDITION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN MEN IN ILLINOIS." IT'S PART OF THE "DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES." THE TASK FORCE WILL ADDRESS ISSUES, LIKE INCARCERATION AND PAROLE RATES ... EDUCATION .. ECONOMIC EARNINGS .. CHILD WELFARE ... LIFE EXPECTANCY ... AND HEALTH DISPARITIES.

Worker Rights Aug 11 10PM :21
GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH ALSO SIGNED LEGISLATION TO HELP EMERGENCY WORKERS AND MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY. THE GOVERNOR AMENDED A LAW. IT EXPANDS JOB **PROTECTION** TO "VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY WORKERS" IF THEY MISS WORK WHEN THEY RESPOND TO EMERGENCIES.

Obama Chicago Aug 11 10PM :22
DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE BARACK OBAMA SERVED AS THE GRAND MARSHALL AT A PARADE IN CHICAGO TODAY. OBAMA AND HIS WIFE, MICHELLE, TOOK PART IN THE ANNUAL "BUD BILLIKEN PARADE." ORGANIZERS CLAIM IT'S THE LARGEST AFRICAN-AMERICAN PARADE IN THE COUNTRY.

Budget Aug 12 10PM :23

TODAY, GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH CALLED LAWMAKERS INTO **ANOTHER** ROUND OF SPECIAL SESSIONS ABOUT BUDGET ISSUES... BUT ONLY **ELEVEN** LAWMAKERS SHOWED UP. THAT'S SIX OF 118 REPRESENTATIVES ... AND FIVE OF FIFTY- NINE SENATORS. LAWMAKERS ARE WAITING TO SEE IF BLAGOJEVICH WILL SIGN OR REJECT A STATE BUDGET **THEY** APPROVED LAST WEEK. BOTH HOUSES ARE SCHEDULED TO BE IN SESSION TOMORROW.

Illegals Aug 12 10PM :34
TOMORROW MORNING, FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES WILL TAKE CUSTODY OF **FIFTEEN** ILLEGAL WORKERS ROUNDED UP IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS. THE "FAYETTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT" SAYS OFFICERS TOOK ABOUT **EIGHT HOURS** TO FIND ALL THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

Michelle Obama Aug 12 10PM :26
THE WIFE OF "DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFUL BARACK OBAMA" SAYS CRITICS SHOULD **STOP** QUESTIONING HER HUSBAND'S CREDENTIALS AS A BLACK MAN. MICHELLE OBAMA SAYS PEOPLE HAVE TO **STOP** ASKING IF THE ILLINOIS SENATOR IS QUOTE "BLACK ENOUGH."

Durbin Aug 12 10PM :25
ALSO CELEBRATING VETERANS' DAY ... U.S. SENATOR DICK DURBIN. HE WAS IN SPRINGFIELD TODAY... LESS THAN 48 HOURS AFTER RETURNING FROM A TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST. DURBIN SAID HE MET WITH PAKISTAN'S PRESIDENT... DURBIN SAYS PAKISTAN PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN DEFEATING THE TALIBAN.

Budget Aug 13 5AM :18
BOTH HOUSES ARE SCHEDULED TO BE IN SESSION TODAY, AFTER A WEEKEND OF FAILED BUDGET MEETINGS. YESTERDAY, GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH CALLED LAWMAKERS INTO **ANOTHER** ROUND OF SPECIAL SESSIONS ABOUT BUDGET ISSUES... BUT ONLY **ELEVEN** LAWMAKERS SHOWED UP.

Illegals Aug 13 5AM :30
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Durbin Aug 13 5AM :40

U.S. SENATOR DICK DURBIN WAS ALSO AT THE STATE FAIR CELEBRATING VETERANS' DAY... LESS THAN 48 HOURS AFTER RETURNING FROM A TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST. DURBIN SAID HE MET WITH PAKISTAN'S PRESIDENT... AND HE SAYS PAKISTAN PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN DEFEATING THE TALIBAN.

Illegals Aug 13 12PM :28
FIFTEEN ILLEGAL WORKERS PICKED UP IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS OVER THE WEEKEND ARE NOW IN FEDERAL CUSTODY. THE "FAYETTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT" SAYS OFFICERS SPENT **EIGHT HOURS** SEARCHING FOR THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. AUTHORITIES SAY, THEIR VAN BROKE DOWN ON INTERSTATE 70, WEST OF VANDALIA, FRIDAY MORNING.

Budget Aug 13 12PM :23
BOTH HOUSES ARE SCHEDULED TO BE IN SESSION TODAY, AFTER A WEEKEND OF FAILED BUDGET MEETINGS. YESTERDAY, GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH CALLED LAWMAKERS INTO **ANOTHER** ROUND OF TALKS ABOUT BUDGET ISSUES... BUT ONLY **ELEVEN** LAWMAKERS SHOWED UP.

Durbin Aug 13 12PM :37
U.S. SENATOR DICK DURBIN WAS AT THE STATE FAIR CELEBRATING VETERANS' DAY ON SUNDAY... HE JUST RETURNED FROM A TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST. DURBIN SAID HE MET WITH PAKISTAN'S PRESIDENT... AND HE SAYS PAKISTAN PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN DEFEATING THE TALIBAN.

Black Task Force Aug 13 12PM :28
THE MEDICAL PRACTICE OF STRETCHING AND LENGTHENING BONES IS NOT NEW. IT'S HELPED ADD INCHES TO SHORTER LEGS -- AND ARMS. NOW THAT KNOWLEDGE IS BEING USED TO HELP PEOPLE BORN WITHOUT FINGERS. MONICA ROBINS EXPLAINS.

Michelle Obama Aug 13 12PM :26
THE WIFE OF "DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFUL BARACK OBAMA" SAYS CRITICS SHOULD **STOP** QUESTIONING HER HUSBAND'S CREDENTIALS AS A BLACK MAN. MICHELLE OBAMA SAYS PEOPLE HAVE TO **STOP** ASKING IF THE ILLINOIS SENATOR IS QUOTE "BLACK ENOUGH."

Budget Aug 13 5PM :25
THE NEW STATE BUDGET PASSED BY STATE LAWMAKERS LATE LAST WEEK.. IS NOW ON THE GOVERNOR'S DESK. LAWMAKERS OFFICALLY SENT THE FOURTEEN-HUNDRED PAGE SPENDING PLAN TO THE GOVERNOR TODAY.

Durbin/Toys Aug 13 5PM 1:26

U-S SENATOR DICK DURBIN STOPS IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS TODAY WITH A WARNING FOR PARENTS. AS NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH EXPLAINS.. SENATOR DURBIN HAS CONCERNS ABOUT THE SAFETY OF MANY COMMON PRODUCTS YOU MAY HAVE AT HOME.

Budget Aug 13 6PM :29
THE NEW STATE BUDGET PASSED BY STATE LAWMAKERS LATE LAST WEEK..ARRIVES ON THE GOVERNOR'S DESK. LAWMAKERS OFFICALLY SENT THE FOURTEEN-HUNDRED PAGE SPENDING PLAN TO THE GOVERNOR TODAY.

Unclaimed Auction Aug 13 6PM :18
THE STATE OF ILLINOIS PLANS TO PUT SOME UNCLAIMED PROPERTY UP FOR AUCTION ON E-BAY. THE ITEMS GOING UP FOR BIDS NEXT MONDAY HAVE BEEN UNCLAIMED FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS. THOSE ITEMS INCLUDE JEWELRY.. WATCHES.. STAMPS.. AND EVEN BASEBALL CARDS.

Motorola Aug 13 6PM :25
SEVERAL LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE AGENCIES RECENTLY RECEIVED GRANT MONEY TO BUY NEW EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. TODAY.. ONE COMPANY PUT THEIR LATEST TECHNOLOGY ON DISPLAY.

Budget Latest Aug 13 10PM :26
THIRTEEN DAYS AFTER THE OLD STATE BUDGET EXPIRED... A NEW BUDGET OFFICIALLY LANDED ON GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH'S DESK TODAY. BUT HE ISN'T GIVING ANY HINTS AS TO HOW QUICKLY HE WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO ACCEPT OR REJECT IT. LAWMAKERS SAY ANY DELAY HURTS SCHOOLS THAT ARE WAITING FOR FINANCIAL AID AND PRIVATE COMPANIES WAITING TO BE PAID FOR DOING BUSINESS WITH THE STATE.

Budget Latest Aug 14 12PM :25
GOVERNOR ROD BLAGOJEVICH STILL ISN'T GIVING ANY CLUES AS TO WHETHER HE PLANS TO SIGN THE NEW STATE BUDGET.. BUT.. THE GOVERNOR DID OKAY A BUDGET MEASURE THAT WOULD PROVIDE RAISES FOR STATE OFFICIALS. THE GOVERNOR SIGNED THE BILL LATE LAST NIGHT.. TWO MONTHS AFTER IT WAS APPROVED BY THE LEGISLTATURE..

Budget Veto Aug 14 5PM 2:11
GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SAYS HE PLANS TO **VETO** PART OF THE BUDGET THAT'S SITTING ON HIS DESK. IT'S A STORY THAT WANDTV-DOT COM FIRST REPORTED THIS AFTERNOON.. THE GOVERNOR MADE

THE ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY ALONGSIDE SENATE PRESIDENT EMIL JONES.

Dems'Obama Aug 14 5PM :27
TOMORROW IS DEMOCRAT'S DAY AT THE STATE FAIR.. AND THAT'S WHEN THE ILLINOIS DEMOCRATIC PARTY WILL OFFICIALLY ENDORSE SENATOR BARACK OBAMA FOR THE PARTY'S PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION. THE PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE WILL VOTE TO ENDORSE OBAMA DURING IT'S MEETING IN SPRINGFIELD TOMORROW MORNING.

Budget Veto Aug 14 6PM 1:15
AS WAND T-V DOT COM REPORTED THIS AFTERNOON.. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH PLANS TO VETO 500-MILLION DOLLARS IN WHAT HE CALLS PORK PROJECTS AND SPECIAL INTEREST SPENDING IN THE BUDGET PROPOSAL NOW ON HIS DESK. BUT LAST NIGHT HE APPROVED A TEN PERCENT RAISE FOR HIMSELF AND OTHER LAWMAKERS.

Governor No Show Aug 14 10PM 1:39
SEAN TO BE PERFECTLY HONEST... MOST PEOPLE I SPOKE WITH WERE NOT EVEN AWARE THAT GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE... THEY WERE MORE CONCERNED WITH THE EVENT THAT HELPS YOUNG PEOPLE GAIN AN INTEREST IN AGRICULTURE... AND RAISES MONEY FOR THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA.

Pay Raises Aug 14 10PM :48
MEANWHILE TEN PERCENT PAY RAISES FOR LAWMAKERS ARE ON THE WAY. LATE LAST NIGHT GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH APPROVED THE PAY HIKE FOR HIMSELF .. CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS .. AND RANK AND FILE LAWMAKERS. THE MEASURE WAS TIED INTO A BILL THAT HELPED FAMILIES OF SOLDIERS KILLED IN IRAQ AND MONEY FOR HOSPITALS.

Sound Off Aug 14 10PM :43
WE ASKED WHAT ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE THE GOVERNOR ABOUT THE CURRENT BUDGET SITUATION: SHARRON FROM DECATUR WRITES: "I WOULD TELL HIM THAT HE NEEDS TO STAY IN SPRINGFIELD AND WORK OUT THE BUDGET UNTIL IT IS SETTLED, ALONG WITH ALL THE OTHER SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES. I THINK PAYING THEM TO KEEP EXTENDING THINGS IS CRAZY..."

Hastert Retire Aug 14 10PM :24
NEW AT TEN...REPUBLICAN PARTY OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON SAY ILLINOIS CONGRESSMAN DENNIS HASTERT INTENDS TO RETIRE AT THE END OF HIS TERM NEXT YEAR. HASTERT'S RETIREMENT WOULD END A POLITICAL CAREER THAT INCLUDED MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS AS SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Budget Veto Aug 15 5AM 1:58
GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SAYS HE PLANS TO **VETO** PART OF THE BUDGET THAT'S SITTING ON HIS DESK. THE GOVERNOR MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT YESTERDAY ALONGSIDE SENATE PRESIDENT EMIL JONES. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT HAS THE DETAILS ON THE CHANGES.

Blago Spending Aug 15 5AM :49
THE GOVERNOR SAYS HE PLANS TO VETO MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN THE STATE BUDGET APPROVED BY LAWMAKERS, SO HE CAN PUT THE MONEY TOWARD MORE HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS. THE GOVERNOR ANNOUNCED THE VETO PLANS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON ALONGSIDE SENATE PRESIDENT EMIL JONES.

DEMS Obama Aug 15 5AM :27
TODAY IS DEMOCRATS' DAY AT THE STATE FAIR.. AND THE ILLINOIS DEMOCRATIC PARTY PLANS TO OFFICIALLY ENDORSE SENATOR BARACK OBAMA FOR THE PARTY'S PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION. THE PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE WILL VOTE TO ENDORSE OBAMA DURING IT'S MEETING IN SPRINGFIELD THIS MORNING.

Governor's Day Aug 15 12PM :25
GOVERNOR ROD BLAGOJEVICH IS SLATED TO HOST THE GOVERNOR'S DAY RALLY AT THS STATE FAIR LATER TODAY.. THOUGH IT'S UNCERTAIN WHETHER HE'LL SHOW. THE EVENT GIVES FAIRGOERS A CHANCE TO MEET WITH DEMOCRATIC LEADERS. ALSO TODAY.. THE ILLINOIS DEMOCRATIC PARTY WILL OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCE ITS ENDORSEMENT OF SENATOR BARACK OBAMA FOR THE PARTY'S PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION.

Blago Spending Aug 15 12PM :30
GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SAYS HE PLANS TO **VETO** PART OF THE BUDGET THAT'S SITTING ON HIS DESK. THE GOVERNOR SAYS HE WANTS TO PUT 500 MILLION DOLLARS TOWARD EXPANDING EXISTING HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS. HE SAYS ILLINOIS WILL LEAD THE NATION IN PROVIDING HEALTHCARE TO THE UNINSURED.

Hastert Retire Aug 15 12PM :20
REPUBLICAN PARTY OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON SAY ILLINOIS CONGRESSMAN DENNIS HASTERT INTENDS TO RETIRE AT THE END OF HIS TERM NEXT YEAR. HASTERT'S RETIREMENT WOULD END A POLITICAL CAREER THAT INCLUDED MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS AS SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

Budget Battle Aug 15 5PM :38

THE BATTLE OVER A NEW STATE BUDGET.. IS APPARENTLY FAR FROM OVER. AS WANDTV DOT COM REPORTED EARLIER TODAY..

Democrat Day Aug 15 5PM 1:49
THE LATEST BUDGET BICKERING COMES ON DEMOCRAT'S DAY AT THE ILLINOIS STATE FAIR..THAT'S A DAY THAT'S **SUPPOSED** TO BE ALL ABOUT PARTY UNITY.. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT IS LIVE IN SPRINGFIELD TO SHOW YOU IF THEY WERE ABLE TO PUT THEIR DIFFERENCES OVER THE BUDGET ASIDE..

Baldwin Announce Aug 15 5PM :28
THE FIRST PERSON WHO HOPES TO REPLACE RETIRING REPUBLICAN STATE REPRESENTATIVE BILL BLACK.. THROWS HIS HAT INTO THE RING. DANVILLE FOURTH WARD ALDERMAN TERRY BALDWIN OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED HIS CANDIDACY FOR THE G-O-P NOMINATION THIS MORNING IN DANVILLE.

Obama Endorse Aug 15 6PM :36
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE BARACK OBAMA WILL HAVE THE BACKING OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY FROM HIS HOME STATE... HEADING INTO NEXT YEAR'S ELECTION. TODAY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF ILLINOIS MADE A FORMAL RESOLUTION... SAYING THEY WOULD SUPPORT THE JUNIOR SENATOR.

Democrat Day Aug 15 6PM 1:06
MEANWHILE DEMOCRATS FROM ACROSS THE STATE FOR WHAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A DAY OF UNITY. TODAY WAS GOVERNOR'S DAY AT THE STATE FAIRGROUNDS. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT WAS THERE AND JOINS US NOW LIVE FROM SPRINGFIELD.'

Budget Battle Aug 15 6PM :36
WHILE DEMOCRATS TRIED TO SHOW UNITY AT THE STATE FAIR.. TWO LEADERS WERE ANYTHING BUT UNITED OVER THE BUDGET. AS WANDTV DOT COM REPORTED EARLIER TODAY.. HOUSE SPEAKER MICHAEL MADIGAN TOOK A SHOT AT GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH'S PLAN TO USE HIS LINE ITEM VETO POWERS TO CUT MILLIONS FROM THE BUDGET TO FUND HIS HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS.

Baldwin Announce Aug 15 6PM :26
A DANVILLE ALDERMAN WANTS TO MAKE POLITICS A FULL TIME CAREER. FOURTH WARD ALDERMAN TERRY BALDWIN OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED HE'S A CANDIDATE FOR RETIRING STATE REPRESENTATIVE BILL BLACK'S 104TH DISTRICT SEAT.

State Fair Reax Aug 15 10PM 2:09

TODAY... DEMOCRAT'S DAY AT THE STATE FAIR... IS USUALLY DEVOTED TO PARTY UNITY. BUT WITHOUT A BUDGET FOR TWO WEEKS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SCOLDED GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH FOR NOT HELPING PEOPLE STRUGGLING TO PAY ELECTRICITY BILLS.

Obama Endorse Aug 15 10PM :24
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE BARACK OBAMA WILL HAVE THE BACKING OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY FROM HIS HOME STATE... HEADING INTO NEXT YEAR'S ELECTION. TODAY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF ILLINOIS MADE A FORMAL RESOLUTION... SAYING THEY WOULD SUPPORT THE JUNIOR SENATOR.

Budget Battle Aug 16 5AM :27
THE BATTLE TO PASS A NEW STATE BUDGET.. IS APPARENTLY FAR FROM OVER. HOUSE SPEAKER MICHAEL MADIGAN IS CALLING GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH'S PLANS TO VETO PARTS OF THE BUDGET.. CONTRARY TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Democrat Day Aug 16 5AM 1:40
THE LATEST BUDGET BICKERING CAME ON DEMOCRAT'S DAY AT THE ILLINOIS STATE FAIR.. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT SHOWS YOU WHETHER THEY WERE ABLE TO PUT THEIR DIFFERENCES OVER THE BUDGET ASIDE..

GOP State Fair Aug 16 12PM :20
THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO HAVE SOME FUN AT THE STATE FAIR TODAY. PARTY MEMBERS WILL HOLD A SERIES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND PARTICIPATE IN A STRAW POLL VOTE REGARDING THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES FOR 2008. WE'LL HAVE THE DETAILS FROM TODAY'S EVENTS AND THE RESULTS OF THAT STRAW POLL TONIGHT ON NEWSCENTER 17 AT FIVE.

Obama Endorse Aug 16 12PM :30
SENATOR BARACK OBAMA WILL HAVE THE BACKING OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY FROM HIS HOME STATE... HEADING INTO NEXT YEAR'S ELECTION. THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF ILLINOIS PASSED A RESOLUTION YESTERDAY.. TO SUPPORT THE SENATOR IN HIS BID FOR THE PRESIDENCY.

Budget Battle Aug 16 12PM :20
WHILE DEMOCRATS TRIED TO SHOW UNITY AT THE STATE FAIR.. TWO LEADERS WERE ANYTHING BUT UNITED OVER THE STATE BUDGET. HOUSE SPEAKER MICHAEL MADIGAN CRITICIZED GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH'S PLAN TO USE HIS LINE ITEM VETO POWERS TO CUT MILLIONS FROM THE BUDGET .

GOP Day Aug 16 5PM 1:49
YESTERDAY.. THE DEMOCRATS SPENT THE DAY IN THE SUN AT THE ILLINOIS STATE FAIR.. TODAY.. IT'S THE REPUBLICANS TURN IN THE SPOTLIGHT. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT IS LIVE IN SPRINGFIELD TO SHOW YOU WHAT MESSAGE REPUBLICANS WANT TO SEND TO VOTERS.

Straw Poll Aug 16 5PM :25
EVEN THOUGH THE REPUBLICAN PARTY DIDN'T ENDORSE ONE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE .. VOTERS STILL MADE THEIR VOICES HEARD. REPUBLICANS SET UP AN INFORMAL STRAW POLL AT THE STATE FAIR ALLOWING VOTERS TO PICK PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.

GOP Day Aug 16 6PM 1:10
WELL YESTERDAY DEMOCRATS TOOK OVER THE FAIR GROUNDS FOR GOVERNOR'S DAY .. AND TODAY THE REPUBLICANS TOOK THE STAGE. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT WAS THERE. SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE FROM SPRINGFIELD. STEPHANIE .. HOW DID IT GO?

Straw Poll Aug 16 6PM :22
VOTERS MADE THEIR VOICES HEARD TODAY. REPUBLICANS SET UP AN INFORMAL STRAW POLL AT THE STATE FAIR ALLOWING VOTERS TO PICK PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES. PARTY FIELD DIRECTOR CURT CONRAD TELLS NEWSCENTER 17 MITT ROMNEY TOOK MORE THAN FORTY PERCENT OF THE VOTE ..

GOP Day Aug 16 10PM :45
YESTERDAY MAY HAVE BEEN DEMOCRAT DAY .. BUT TODAY REPUBLICANS TOOK CENTER STAGE. SPEAKERS TOOK TURNS BACKING DIFFERENT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES ... BUT MOST OF THE TALK CENTERED AROUND THE BUDGET MESS AT THE CAPITOL.
REPUBLICANS SAY BITTER DISAGREEMENTS AMONG DEMOCRATS HAVE LEFT THE STATE WITHOUT A BUDGET .. AND THEY SAY IT'S A HUGE EMBARRASSMENT FOR ALL LAWMAKERS.

Straw Poll Aug 16 10PM :20
REPUBLICANS SET UP AN INFORMAL STRAW POLL AT THE STATE FAIR ALLOWING VOTERS TO PICK PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES. PARTY FIELD DIRECTOR CURT CONRAD TELLS NEWSCENTER 17 MITT ROMNEY TOOK MORE THAN FORTY PERCENT OF THE VOTE ..

GOP Day Aug 17 5AM 1:33
STATE REPUBLICANS SPENT THE DAY IN THE RAIN AT THE ILLINOIS STATE FAIR YESTERDAY..A DAY AFTER THE DEMOCRATS HAD THEIR TURN. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT SHOWS YOU WHAT MESSAGE REPUBLICANS WANT TO SEND TO VOTERS.

Straw Poll Aug 17 5AM :20
REPUBLICANS SET UP AN INFORMAL STRAW POLL AT THE STATE FAIR, ALLOWING VOTERS TO PICK PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES. PARTY FIELD DIRECTOR CURT CONRAD TELLS NEWSCENTER 17 MITT ROMNEY TOOK MORE THAN FORTY PERCENT OF THE VOTE .. FOLLOWED BY FRED THOMPSON WITH 19 PERCENT ... RON PAUL WITH 18 PERCENT ... RUDY GIULIANI WITH 11 PERCENT ... AND JOHN MCCAIN WITH FOUR PERCENT.

Son of Romney Aug 17 5AM :36
STATE REPUBLICANS SPENT THE DAY IN THE RAIN AT THE ILLINOIS STATE FAIR YESTERDAY. SPEAKERS TOOK TURNS BACKING PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES, THOUGH NONE OF THE CANDIDATES ATTENDED THE EVENTS. SOME DID SEND FAMILY MEMBERS.

Hastert's Future Aug 17 12PM :25
DENNIS HASTERT WILL NOT BE SEEKING ANOTHER TERM IN CONGRESS. THE ILLINOIS REPUBLICAN CONFIRMED THIS MORNING THAT HE PLANTS TO ANNOUNCE HIS RETIREMENT AT A NEWS CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON. HASTERT HAS NOT SPECIFIED WHAT HIS FUTURE PLANS ARE.. BUT HE SAYS HE HOPES TO CONTINUE WORKING AS AN ADVOCATE FOR THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Son of Romney Aug 17 12PM :36
STATE REPUBLICANS SPENT THE DAY IN THE RAIN AT THE ILLINOIS STATE FAIR YESTERDAY. SPEAKERS TOOK TURNS BACKING PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES, THOUGH NONE OF THE CANDIDATES ATTENDED THE EVENTS. SOME DID SEND FAMILY MEMBERS.

Budget Latest Aug 17 6PM :58
LAWMAKERS GO HOME DESPITE THE GOVERNOR'S CALL FOR A SPECIAL SESSION.
GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH DOESN'T LIKE THE APPROVED SPENDING PLAN AND ORDERED LAWMAKERS INTO A SPECIAL SESSION THIS WEEKEND. HE WANTS TO PASS ANOTHER ONE MONTH BUDGET.

AFSCME/Hynes Aug 17 6PM :55
STATE EMPLOYEES WILL NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE LACK OF A BUDGET AFFECTING PAYCHECKS .. AT LEAST FOR NOW. A CHRISTIAN COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE ORDERED STATE COMPTROLLER DAN HYNES TO CONTINUE ISSUING PAYCHECKS TO WORKERS.

Budget Veto Aug 17 5PM 1:50
THE GOVERNOR SAYS HE WANTS TO ELIMINATE WASTEFUL SPENDING FROM THE BUDGET ... BUT HE COULD END UP APPROVING ANOTHER

PAY RAISE FOR LAWMAKERS. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH APPROVED A TEN PERCENT SALARY INCREASE EARLIER THIS WEEK.

Hastert Aug 17 5PM :25
ALSO FROM THE POLITICAL ARENA.. FORMER HOUSE SPEAKER DENNIS HASTERT.. SAYS HE'S GOING TO RETIRE FROM CONGRESS. SURROUNDED BY HUNDREDS OF SUPPORTERS.. AND A FEW PROTESTERS.. HASTERT FORMALLY ANNOUNCED IN YORKVILLE... HE WILL NOT SEEK RE-ELECTION.

Lahood Aug 17 5PM :26
AND RETIRING CONGRESSMAN RAY LAHOOD'S SON IS CONSIDERING A RUN FOR HIS FATHER'S JOB. 39 YEAR OLD DARIN LAHOOD HAS FORMED AN EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE A RUN FOR THE 18TH DISTRICT SEAT. HE'S CURRENTLY A LAWYER IN PEORIA. LAHOOD SAID YESTERDAY DURING REPUBLICAN DAY AT THE STATE FAIR... HE'S TALKED TO HIS SON ABOUT THE STRAINS OF RUNNING FOR CONGRESS.. BUT WOULD SUPPORT HIM IF HE DECIDES TO RUN.

Immunization Aug 18 5PM 1:45
THE GOVERNOR SAYS HE WANTS TO ELIMINATE WASTEFUL SPENDING FROM THE BUDGET ... BUT HE COULD END UP APPROVING ANOTHER PAY RAISE FOR LAWMAKERS. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH APPROVED A TEN PERCENT SALARY INCREASE EARLIER THIS WEEK. AND AS NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT REPORTS LIVE FROM SPRINGFIELD.. LAWMAKERS MAY GET ANOTHER PAY HIKE.

Durbin Visit Aug 19 10PM :30
SENATOR DICK DURBIN WILL MAKE SEVERAL STOPS IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS TOMORROW. IN THE MORNING.. HE'LL MEET WITH A SOLDIER AND HIS WIFE PRIVATELY AT THEIR CHAMPAIGN HOME. SGT. GARRETT ANDERSON WAS HURT IN IRAQ.. IN AN I-E-D ATTACK. HE SUFFERED TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY... THE SAME CONDITION DURBIN ADDRESSES IN PENDING LEGISLATION. THEN, HE'LL MEET WITH AREA FARMERS IN RURAL DANVILLE TO GO OVER THE 2007 FARM BILL.

Durbin Visit Aug 20 5AM :32
SENATOR DICK DURBIN WILL MAKE SEVERAL STOPS IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS TODAY. THIS MORNING.. HE'LL MEET WITH A SOLDIER AND HIS WIFE PRIVATELY AT THEIR CHAMPAIGN HOME. SGT. GARRETT ANDERSON WAS HURT IN IRAQ.. IN AN I-E-D ATTACK. HE SUFFERED TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY... THE SAME CONDITION DURBIN ADDRESSES IN PENDING LEGISLATION.

New Bike Laws Aug 20 12PM :28

NEW LAWS ARE AIMED AT KEEPING BICYCLISTS AND DRIVERS SAFE. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SIGNED SENATE BILL 80 INTO LAW LAST WEEK. IT REQUIRES DRIVERS TO BE AT LEAST THREE FEET AWAY FROM A BIKE RIDER WHEN PASSING. AND NOW BICYCLISTS CAN SIGNAL A RIGHT TURN WITH THEIR RIGHT ARM EXTENDED INSTEAD OF USING THE LEFT ARM TO MAKE SIGNALS. THE NEW LAW ALSO SAYS BIKES CAN MOVE OUT FARTHUR INTO THE TRAFFIC LANE, WHERE CARS COULD TURN RIGHT.

Teen Driving Aug 20 12PM 1:10
ILLINOIS' NEW TEEN DRIVING LAWS ARE NOW AMONG THE TOUGHEST IN THE NATION.

SECRETARY OF STATE JESSE WHITE JOINED GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH AS HE SIGNED THE BILL INTO LAW THIS MORNING. LAST YEAR IN ILLINOIS... THERE WERE 151 FATAL CRASHES INVOLVING DRIVERS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16 AND 19. THE NEW LAW AIMS TO KEEP YOUNG DRIVERS SAFER. IT EXTENDS THE LEARNER'S PERMIT PERIOD FROM THREE TO NINE MONTHS. NIGHT-TIME CURFEWS WILL BE FOR DRIVER'S UP TO 17 YEAR'S OLD INSTEAD OF 16.

State Budget Aug 20 12PM :31
MEANWHILE... THE STATE'S COMPTROLLER SAYS THE STATE WILL NOT MAKE IT'S SECOND PAYMENT TO SCHOOLS THIS YEAR... BECAUSE OF THERE'S STILL NO BUDGET. TODAY COMPTROLLER DAN HYNES SAID THE STATE MISSED ITS SECOND SCHOOL AID PAYMENT THAT SHOULD HAVE GONE OUT TODAY... TOTALLING MORE THAN 170-MILLION DOLLARS.

State Budget Aug 20 10PM :25
MEANWHILE...THE STATE BUDGET BATTLE IS COSTING SCHOOL DISTRICTS PLENTY.
TODAY MARKS 20 DAYS WITHOUT A BUDGET FOR THE STATE... AND MORE THAN 170-MILLION DOLLARS IN AID PAYMENTS THAT SHOULD HAVE GONE TO ILLINOIS SCHOOLS
TODAY DIDN'T GO OUT BECAUSE OF THE STALLED BUDGET.

Teen Driving Aug 20 10PM :41
LAWMAKERS DID MANAGE TO GET A COUPLE NEW BILLS PASSED TO HELP KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFER. THIS MORNING GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SIGNED A BILL THAT MAKES ILLINIOS' TEEN DRIVING LAWS AMONG THE TOUGHEST IN THE NATION.

Council Wrap Aug 20 10PM :44
NEW AT TEN... THE DECATUR CITY COUNCIL MAKES DECISIONS ABOUT THE CITY'S POLICE DEPARTMENT AND LOOKING FOR LINCOLN

PROJECTS. THE DECATUR POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AFTER A VOTE TONIGHT.

New bike Laws Aug 21 5AM :27
THE STATE HAS SOME NEW LAWS THAT INTEND TO KEEP BICYCLISTS AND DRIVERS SAFE. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SIGNED SENATE BILL 80 INTO LAW LAST WEEK. IT REQUIRES DRIVERS TO BE AT LEAST THREE FEET AWAY FROM A BIKE RIDER WHEN PASSING. AND NOW BICYCLISTS CAN SIGNAL A RIGHT TURN WITH THEIR RIGHT ARM EXTENDED INSTEAD OF USING THE LEFT ARM TO MAKE SIGNALS.

Ebay Auction Aug 21 5AM :25
A SPECIAL AUCTION THAT USUALLY TAKES PLACE AT THE STATE FAIR.. IS GOING ON- LINE. ALL THIS WEEK.. UNCLAIMED PROPERTY LEFT IN SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES WILL BE AUCTIONED OF ON EBAY. ACCORDING TO STATE LAW, ANYTHING INSIDE A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX THAT HAS BEEN ABANDONED FOR MORE THAN FIVE YEARS.. BECOMES STATE PROPERTY.

Beer Keg bill Aug 21 12PM :25
A NEW STATE LAW COULD HELP LAW ENFORCEMENT GET A BETTER HANDLE ON SCRAP METAL THEFTS. THE LAW LOOKS TO REGULATE THE SALE OF SCRAP METAL. IT REQUIRES THAT SCRAP DEALERS GET A COPY OF THE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR I-D OF ANYONE SELLING METAL AND TAKE PICTURES OF THEY ITEMS THEY'RE BUYING.

School budget Aug 21 10PM 1:32
THE GOVERNOR SIGNS A SPENDING PLAN FOR ILLINOIS SCHOOLS... BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN DISTRICTS WILL BE GETTING MONEY ANYTIME SOON. THE GOVERNOR SIGNED A BUDGET FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION ONLY... BUT SCHOOLS AREN'T ABLE TO GET THE MONEY YET BECAUSE OF A LOOPHOLE.

School Budget Aug 22 5AM :30
SUPERINTENDENTS FROM SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS SAY THE GOVERNOR IS BLOCKING MONEY THAT WAS PROMISED TO THEM. A NEW LAW PROVIDES ABOUT 150 MILLION DOLLARS TO HELP FIX UP SCHOOLS ACROSS THE STATE, BUT THE GOVERNOR SAYS SINCE IT WAS APPROVED AFTER A PAPERWORK DEADLINE, HE CAN'T HAND OVER THE CASH.

Budget Next Step Aug 22 5PM :48
THE CLOCK IS TICKING FOR THE GOVERNOR TO MAKE SOME SORT OF ACTION ON THE BUDGET. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH PROMISED TO VETO 500 MILLION OUT OF THE APPROVED BUDGET ... TO EXPAND

EXISTING HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS. A SPOKESPERSON FOR HIS OFFICE COULDN'T CONFIRM EXACTLY WHEN IT WILL HAPPEN .. BUT IT HAS MANY WORRIED IN THE MEANTIME.

Budget Latest Aug 22 10PM :37

IT'S BEEN MORE THAN A WEEK SINCE GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH PROMISED TO SLASH 500-MILLION DOLLARS OUT OF THE STATE BUDGET... BUT HE STILL HASN'T TAKEN ANY ACTION. THAT LEAVES THE BUDGET IN LIMBO. LEGISLATORS HAVE APPROVED IT... BUT IT DOESN'T BECOME OFFICIAL WITHOUT THE GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE.

News extra Aug 22 10PM 1:58

WHEN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY SEASON ROLLS AROUND... CANDIDATES SPEND A LOT OF TIME IN IOWA AND NEW HAMPSHIRE... BECAUSE THEY'RE FIRST TO CHOOSE. BUT NOW... OTHER STATES... INCLUDING ILLINOIS... ARE RACING TO HOLD EARLIER PRIMARIES AND DEMAND ATTENTION FROM THE CANDIDATES AND THE NATION.

Budget Latest Aug 23 5AM :30

THE STATE REMAINS WITHOUT A BUDGET AND OPPONENTS OF THE GOVERNOR SAY IT'S BECAUSE HE CAN'T FIND ANYTHING TO CUT. THE GOVERNOR ANNOUNCED PLANS LAST WEEK TO CUT 500 MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE BUDGET APPROVED BY LAWMAKERS AND INVEST THE MONEY INTO HEALTHCARE.

Budget Latest Aug 23 12PM :30

THE STATE REMAINS WITHOUT A BUDGET AND OPPONENTS OF THE GOVERNOR SAY IT'S BECAUSE HE CAN'T FIND ANYTHING TO CUT. THE GOVERNOR ANNOUNCED PLANS LAST WEEK TO CUT 500 MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE BUDGET APPROVED BY LAWMAKERS AND INVEST THE MONEY INTO HEALTHCARE.

Budget Cuts Aug 23 5PM 1:28

OUR OTHER TOP STORY TONIGHT. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SLASHES NEARLY 500-MILLION DOLLARS IN SPENDING BEFORE HE FINALLY SIGNS THE BUDGET. THE GOVERNOR SAYS HIS CUTS TARGET PORK PROJECTS AND NON-ESSENTIAL SPENDING.. AND HE PLANS TO PUT ALL THAT MONEY TOWARD HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS.

Budget Cuts Aug 23 6PM 1:24

PAYMENTS TO STATE EMPLOYEES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE NOW BACK ON SCHEDULE. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SIGNED THE STATE BUDGET EARLIER TODAY ... BUT ALSO CUT NEARLY 500 MILLION OUT OF IT. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT IS LIVE IN SPRINGFIELD ... TO SHOW YOU WHAT'S IN.. AND WHAT'S OUT.

Budget Cuts Aug 23 10PM 1:19
SOME OF THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET CUTS ARE RAISING QUESTIONS TONIGHT. GOOD EVENING... THANKS FOR JOINING US... I'M SEAN STREAY... DAWN HAS THE NIGHT OFF.
TODAY THE GOVERNOR CUT NEARLY 5-MILLION DOLLARS OF WHAT HE CALLS PORK PROJECTS AND NON-ESSENTIAL SPENDING.

Flider Comments Aug 23 10PM :53
NEW TONIGHT... STATE REPRESENTATIVE NAOMI JAKOBSSON OF CHAMPAIGN SAYS ITS A SAD DAY FOR PEOPLE IN HER DISTRICT... BECAUSE SOME GOOD PROGRAMS WERE PART OF THE GOVERNOR'S CUTS. JAKOBSSON SAYS TWO OF THOSE PROGRAMS WERE FOR HEALTH CARE... BUT BOTH GOT CUT TODAY.

Budget Cuts Aug 24 5AM :46
DELAYED PAYMENTS CHECKS WILL BE ON THEIR WAY TODAY, NOW THAT THE GOVENOR HAS SIGNED A STATE BUDGET. THE GOVERNOR APPROVED THE BUDGET YESTERDAY, BUT NOT BEFORE CUTTING MORE THAN 450-MILLION DOLLARS IN PROGRAMS HE CALLED UNNECESSARY.

Champaign Body Aug 24 5AM :14
CHAMPAIGN POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A WOMAN'S DEATH.. POLICE WERE CALLED TO AN APARTMENT IN THE 17-HUNDRED BLOCK OF GENTRY SQUARE LANE JUST AFTER NOON YESTERDAY.. AND FOUND THE WOMAN'S BODY INSIDE. RIGHT NOW.. INVESTIGATORS SAY THEY'RE NOT SURE WHAT LED TO THE WOMAN'S DEATH.

Blago Veto Aug 24 5AM :50
GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH HAS SIGNED THE STATE BUDGET .. BUT NOT BEFORE MAKING SOME MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR ADJUSTMENTS. THE GOVERNOR APPROVED THE BUDGET YESTERDAY, BUT NOT BEFORE CUTTING MORE THAN 450-MILLION DOLLARS IN PROGRAMS HE CALLED UNNECESSARY.

Budget Folo Aug 24 10PM :48
ILLINOIS FINALLY HAS A BUDGET... BUT ONLY AFTER GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH CUT 436 MILLION DOLLARS IN WHAT HE CALLS... PORK SPENDING. HOWEVER... THOSE WHO WOULD HAVE RECEIVED THE FUNDING SAY THEY'RE VERY DISAPPOINTED. PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF EAST CENTRAL ILLINOIS WILL NOT RECEIVE 65-THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR ITS "TAG TEEN OUTREACH" PROGRAM.

Budget Folo Aug 24 10PM 1:47
THE STATE OF ILLINOIS FINALLY HAS A BUDGET... BUT ONLY AFTER GOVERNOR BLAGOVEJICH CUT 463 MILLION DOLLARS FROM WHAT LAWMAKERS ORIGINALLY SENT HIM. ONE OF THE ORGANIZATIONS

FEELING THE EFFECTS OF THE CUTS IS PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF EAST CENTRAL ILLINOIS. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY HAS THE DETAILS ON A PROGRAM SOME SAY IS VITAL TO THE COMMUNITY.

Flider Talk Aug 26 10PM :30
AS YOU KNOW ... THE GOVERNOR SIGNED A BUDGET... BUT ONLY AFTER CUTTING 4-HUNDRED- 36 MILLION DOLLARS OF WHAT HE CALLS... PORK SPENDING. THOSE CUTS COULD HURT LOCAL PROGRAMS. TOMORROW MORNING AT 9 AT THE GOOD SAMARITAN INN ... STATE REPRESENTATIVE BOB FLIDER WILL MEET WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS WHO LOST MONEY TO TALK ABOUT THE GOVERNOR'S VETO OF FUNDING HE SECURED DURING BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS.

Obama Aug 26 10PM :51
THE RECOVERY CONTINUES IN NEW ORLEANS... ALMOST TWO YEARS AFTER HURRICANE KATRINA TORE THROUGH THE CITY. THIS WEEK MARKS THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEADLY STORM. TODAY... PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE... AND SENATOR REPRESENTING ILLINOIS... BARACK OBAMA.... TOURED NEW ORLEANS.

Budget Folo Aug 24 5AM 1:47
THE STATE OF ILLINOIS FINALLY HAS A BUDGET... BUT ONLY AFTER GOVERNOR BLAGOVEJICH CUT 463 MILLION DOLLARS FROM WHAT LAWMAKERS ORIGINALLY SENT HIM. ONE OF THE ORGANIZATIONS FEELING THE EFFECTS OF THE CUTS IS PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF EAST CENTRAL ILLINOIS. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY HAS THE DETAILS ON A PROGRAM SOME SAY IS VITAL TO THE COMMUNITY.

Budget Cuts Aug 26 12PM :46
DELAYED PAYMENT CHECKS WILL BE ON THEIR WAY TODAY, NOW THAT THE GOVENOR HAS SIGNED A STATE BUDGET. THE GOVERNOR APPROVED THE BUDGET YESTERDAY, BUT NOT BEFORE CUTTING MORE THAN 450-MILLION DOLLARS IN PROGRAMS HE CALLED UNNECESSARY. REPUBLICAN SENATOR LARRY BOMKE SAYS THE GOVERNOR CUT MONEY FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND MAJOR PROJECTS.

Cash Critics Aug 26 12PM :34
LAWMAKERS FROM BOTH SIDES SAY THE CUTS ARE TARGETED AT THE GOVERNOR'S CRITICS. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SPARED HIS PROJECTS.. AND THOSE OF SECRETARY OF STATE JESSE WHITE AND TREASURER ALEXI GIANNOULIAS. BUT COMPTROLLER DAN HYNES AND ATTORNEY GENERAL LISA MADIGAN .. WHO HAVE BOTH BEEN CRITICAL OF THE GOVERNOR IN THE PAST .. SAW THEIR PROJECTS SLASHED FROM THE BUDGET.

Budget Folo Aug 24 10PM :48

ILLINOIS FINALLY HAS A BUDGET... BUT ONLY AFTER GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH CUT 436 MILLION DOLLARS IN WHAT HE CALLS... PORK SPENDING. HOWEVER... THOSE WHO WOULD HAVE RECEIVED THE FUNDING SAY THEY'RE VERY DISAPPOINTED. PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF EAST CENTRAL ILLINOIS WILL NOT RECEIVE 65-THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR ITS "TAG TEEN OUTREACH" PROGRAM.

Blago Sues Madigan Aug 27 5PM :26
GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SUES SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, MICHAEL MADIGAN.

BLAGOJEVICH IS ANGRY MADIGAN **DEFIED** HIS ORDERS REQUIRING HOUSE MEMEBERS TO MEET IN SPECIAL SESSION. IN SOME CASES... BLAGOJEVICH SAYS MADIGAN TOLD LAWMAKERS NOT TO BOTHER SHOWING UP. THE GOVERNOR FILED SUIT AGAINST MADIGAN LAST WEEK.

Flider budget Aug 27 5PM 1:23
DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATIVE BOB FLIDER OF MOUNT ZION BLASTS THE GOVERNOR'S VETO OF WHAT HE CALLS... VITAL COMMUNITY FUNDS.

TONIGHT WE'RE GOING TO DETAIL THOSE CUTS. THIS MORNING... REPRESENTATIVE FLIDER AND SEVERAL COMMUNITY LEADERS HELD A NEWS CONFERENCE AT DECATUR'S GOOD SAMARITAN INN.

Blago Sues Madigan Aug 27 6PM :23
GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SUES SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, MICHAEL MADIGAN.

GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH IS ANGRY MADIGAN **DEFIED** HIS ORDERS REQUIRING THE LEGISLATURE TO MEET IN SPECIAL SESSION. IN SOME CASES, HE SAYS MADIGAN TOLD LAWMAKERS NOT TO BOTHER SHOWING UP. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH FILED SUIT AGAINST MADIGAN LAST WEEK.

Ceasefire Money Aug 27 10PM 1:46
IT'S NOT JUST THE CEASE FIRE PROJECT IN DECATUR SUFFERING... GROUPS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE STATE LOSE OUT AS WELL... SINCE THE 250-THOUSAND DOLLARS IS NO LONGER IN THE BUDGET. THE LOCAL COORDINATOR SAYS THE EFFORT WILL CONTINUE IN DECATUR... JUST NOT LARGE SCALE.

Springfield Budget cuts Aug 27 10PM 1:24
THE CAPITOL CITY ALSO FELL VICTIM TO THE GOVERNOR'S CUTS... THE ILLINOIS MEDICAL DISTRICT IN SPRINGFIELD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE NEW HIRES... WITHOUT MONEY THEY WERE COUNTING ON FROM THE STATE. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEVE BUTERA IS LIVE IN SPRINGFIELD TONIGHT... STEVE WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITY?

Flider budget Aug 28 5AM 1:09
DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATIVE BOB FLIDER OF MOUNT ZION BLASTS THE GOVERNOR'S VETO OF WHAT HE CALLS... VITAL COMMUNITY FUNDS.
TONIGHT WE'RE GOING TO DETAIL THOSE CUTS. THIS MORNING... REPRESENTATIVE FLIDER AND SEVERAL COMMUNITY LEADERS HELD A NEWS CONFERENCE AT DECATUR'S GOOD SAMARITAN INN.

Funds Cut Aug 28 5AM :40
AS MANY AREA ORGANIZATIONS DEAL WITH FUNDING CUTS... AFTER THE GOVERNOR VETOED PART OF THE BUDGET... THE ANTI- VIOLENCE GROUP... CEASE FIRE ... VOWS TO GO ON. THE COORDINATOR FOR THE DECATUR GROUP.... SAYS THE GOVERNOR CUT 250-THOUSAND DOLLARS WHICH WOULD HAVE GONE TO CEASE FIRE PROJECTS STATE WIDE.

Blago Sues Madigan Aug 28 5AM :24
GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH HAS SUED SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, MICHAEL MADIGAN.
GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH IS ANGRY MADIGAN **DEFIED** HIS ORDERS REQUIRING HOUSE MEMBERS TO MEET IN SPECIAL SESSION. IN SOME CASES .. THE GOVERNOR SAYS MADIGAN TOLD LAWMAKERS NOT TO BOTHER SHOWING UP. THE GOVERNOR FILED SUIT AGAINST MADIGAN LAST WEEK.

Flider Budget Aug 28 12PM 1:07
DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATIVE BOB FLIDER OF MOUNT ZION SAYS HE PLANS TO KEEP FIGHTING THE GOVERNOR'S VETO OF SEVERAL PROGRAMS. YESTERDAY MORNING... REPRESENTATIVE FLIDER AND SEVERAL COMMUNITY LEADERS HELD A NEWS CONFERENCE AT DECATUR'S GOOD SAMARITAN INN.

Blago Sues Madigan Aug 28 12AM :23
GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH HAS SUED SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, MICHAEL MADIGAN.
GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH IS ANGRY MADIGAN **DEFIED** HIS ORDERS REQUIRING HOUSE MEMBERS TO MEET IN SPECIAL SESSION. IN SOME CASES .. THE GOVERNOR SAYS MADIGAN TOLD LAWMAKERS NOT TO BOTHER SHOWING UP. THE GOVERNOR FILED SUIT AGAINST MADIGAN LAST WEEK.

Gov. Rate Relief Aug 28 5PM 1:22
DAWN...NEARLY A MONTH AFTER RECIEVING THE BILL... THE GOVERNOR SIGNED THE RATE RELIEF LEGISLATION THAT WILL PUT ONE BILLION DOLLARS BACK IN THE POCKETS OF AMEREN AND COM-ED

CUSTOMERS. BLAGOJEVICH SIGNED THE BILL TODAY AT THE DU QUOIN STATE FAIR IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Stem Cell Aug 28 5PM :20

ALSO TODAY GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SIGNED A LAW THAT WILL ALLOW EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCHERS TO RECEIVE STATE FUNDS. THE LAW **DOES** PROHIBIT CLONING OR THE ATTEMPT TO CLONE A HUMAN BEING. THE LAW COMES AFTER THE GOVERNOR CREATED THE ILLINOIS REGENERATIVE MEDICINE INSTITUTE IN 2005.

Gov. Rate Relief Aug 28 6PM 1:33

AMEREN CUSTOMERS CAN EXPECT TO RECEIVE A CHECK IN THE MAIL... REFUNDING SOME OF THE MONEY THAT SKYROCKETING ELECTRIC RATES COST THEM THIS YEAR. BUT SOME SAY THE ONE BILLION DOLLARS IN RATE RELIEF... THAT WILL BE PAID OUT OVER THREE YEARS... IS NOT ENOUGH.

Brac Appeal Aug 28 6PM :38

GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH TAKES HIS FIGHT TO KEEP THE 183RD FIGHTER WING'S F-16 JETS IN SPRINGFIELD TO A FEDERAL APPEALS COURT. THE GOVERNOR FILED THE APPEAL IN THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS. IN A STATEMENT.. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SAYS HE'S CONTINUING THE FIGHT BECAUSE THE LOGIC BEHIND MOVING THE JETS... "FLIES IN THE FACE OF REASON."

Blago Signs Aug 28 10PM 1:07

INITIAL REFUND CHECKS WILL BE BETWEEN 40 AND 100 DOLLARS... AND THEN MONTHLY CREDITS WILL BE ISSUED... RANGING FROM FOUR TO FOURTEEN DOLLARS. THIS AFTER THE GOVERNOR SIGNED A RATE RELIEF PACKAGE AT THE DU QUOIN STATE FAIR TODAY. BLAGOJEVICH GREEN LIGHTED THE BILL AFTER TAKING NEARLY A MONTH TO EXAMINE IT.

Moment Silence Aug 28 10PM :30

NEW TONIGHT... THE GOVERNOR REJECTS A BILL THAT WOULD REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS TO BEGIN EACH DAY WITH A MOMENT OF SILENCE. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH TOLD LAWMAKERS STATE LAW ALREADY ALLOWS TEACHERS TO ASK STUDENTS TO BE QUIET FOR A MOMENT. HE SAYS THE LAW PROVIDES THE QUOTE "RIGHT BALANCE" BETWEEN THE CONSTITUTION'S BAN ON STATE-SPONSORED RELIGION AND THE DESIRE TO PRAY.

Gov. Rate Relief Aug 29 5AM :59

GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH HAS SIGNED AN ELECTRIC RATE RELIEF PACKAGE FOR CUSTOMERS SLAMMED WITH HIGH UTILITY BILLS. BLAGOJEVICH SIGNED THE BILL YESTERDAY. THE RELIEF PACKAGE

PUTS AN END TO THE REVERSE AUCTION PROCESS WHICH MANY SAY CAUSED THE RATES TO SKYROCKET AFTER A 10 YEAR RATE FREEZE WAS LIFTED AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR.

Stem Cell Aug 29 5AM :20
ALSO YESTERDAY GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SIGNED A LAW THAT WILL ALLOW EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCHERS TO RECEIVE STATE FUNDS. THE LAW **DOES** PROHIBIT CLONING OR THE ATTEMPT TO CLONE A HUMAN BEING. THE LAW COMES AFTER THE GOVERNOR CREATED THE ILLINOIS REGENERATIVE MEDICINE INSTITUTE IN 2005. HE ALLOCATED 15 MILLION DOLLARS FOR STEM CELL RESEARCH.

School Lockdown Aug 29 5AM :34
POLICE SAY THREE PEOPLE ARE ARRESTED AND SIX GUNS RECOVERED AFTER A LOCK DOWN AT A CENTRAL ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL. IT HAPPENED YESTERDAY MORNING AT PONTIAC HIGH SCHOOL. PONTIAC POLICE MAJOR .. JIM WOOLFORD SAYS HE'S CONFIDENT ALL THOSE CONNECTED TO THE INCIDENT HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

Gov. Rate Relief Aug 29 12PM :59
GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH HAS SIGNED AN ELECTRIC RATE RELIEF PACKAGE FOR CUSTOMERS SLAMMED WITH HIGH UTILITY BILLS. BLAGOJEVICH SIGNED THE BILL YESTERDAY. THE RELIEF PACKAGE PUTS AN END TO THE REVERSE AUCTION PROCESS WHICH MANY SAY CAUSED THE RATES TO SKYROCKET AFTER A 10 YEAR RATE FREEZE WAS LIFTED AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR.

Jackobsson on Gov. Aug 29 5PM :59
AGENCIES WHICH WILL NOT GET FUNDING THANKS TO THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET CUTS.... ARE STILL SPEAKING OUT. DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATIVE NAOMI JAKOBSSON SAYS SHE HAD ALL OF HER PROGRAMS CUT FROM THE BUDGET... INCLUDING A METHAMPHETAMINE TREATMENT PROGRAM. TODAY DAVID POLLOCK.. A FORMER METH ADDICT TOLD HIS STORY... ABOUT HOW THE PRAIRIE CENTER HELPED HIM GET HIS LIFE BACK TOGETHER.

Jakobsson On Gov Aug 30 5AM 1:00
AGENCIES WHICH LOST MONEY TO THE GOVERNOR'S VETO ARE CONCERNED PEOPLE WHO NEED TREATMENT WON'T GET HELP. DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATIVE NAOMI JAKOBSSON SAYS SHE HAD ALL OF HER PROGRAMS CUT FROM THE BUDGET .. INCLUDING A METHAMPHETAMINE TREATMENT PROGRAM. YESTERDAY DAVID POLLOCK .. A FORMER METH ADDICT TOLD HIS STORY .. ABOUT HOW THE PRAIRIE CENTER HELPED HIM GET HIS LIFE BACK TOGETHER.

All Kids Expands Aug 30 10PM :38
NEW SINCE SIX... THE GOVERNOR BLASTS LAWMAKERS FOR NOT BACKING HIS PLANS FOR A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR HEALTH CARE EXPANSION. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH ACCUSES LAWMAKERS OF CARING MORE ABOUT PLEASING LOBBYISTS... THAN SERVING THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE IN THEIR DISTRICTS. HE OUTLINED A HEALTH CARE PROJECT FOR SICK OR INJURED YOUNG ADULTS IN CHICAGO.... ESSENTIALLY EXPANDING THE *ALL KIDS* PROGRAM TO COVER PEOPLE AGES 19 TO 21.

UIS Press Sec Aug 31 10PM :47
A CENTRAL ILLINOIS GRADUATE WILL SOON BE WORKING SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH THE PRESIDENT. UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT SPRINGFIELD GRADUATE... DANA PERINO WILL TAKE OVER FOR WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY TONY SNOW... ONCE HE STEPS DOWN NEXT MONTH.

Teen Drinking Bill Aug 31 10PM :32
NEW TONIGHT... A NEW STATE LAW INCREASES THE PENALTIES FOR ADULTS WHO KNOWINGLY ALLOW UNDERAGE DRINKING IN THEIR HOMES. THE GOVERNOR SIGNED THE BILL TODAY... AND IT GOES INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY. UNDER THE NEW LAW.... THOSE CONVICTED COULD GET ONE TO THREE YEARS IN PRISON... AND UP TO 125-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN FINES.... IF THEY LET TEENS DRINK AND THAT DRINKING LEADS TO SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

Improve Waterways Aug 30 10PM :40
THE GOVERNOR ISN'T THE ONLY ONE TOUTING A NEW MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PROGRAM TODAY. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR PAT QUINN WAS ON THE BANKS OF THE DES PLAINES RIVER NEAR CHICAGO... CALLING ON LAWMAKERS TO PUT A BILLION DOLLARS TOWARD THE ILLINOIS WATERWAYS INITIATIVE.

Gun Laws Sept 1 5PM 1:20
THE GOVERNOR SIGNED LEGISLATION THIS WEEK... MAKING IT HARDER TO BUY GUNS IN ILLINOIS.... BECAUSE OF TIGHTER BACKGROUND CHECKS. WHILE SOME APPLAUD THE NEW LAW... OTHERS SAY IT INFRINGES ON 2ND AMENDMENT RIGHTS.

Gun Laws Sept 1 10PM 1:43
THIS WEEK... GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SIGNED A BILL THAT WILL TIGHTEN BACKGROUND CHECKS... ON ANYONE WHO WANTS TO BUY A GUN. F-B-I SCREENERERS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH RECORDS OF *ALL GUN APPLICANTS ... NOT JUST THOSE WHO'VE BEEN ADMITTED FOR INPATIENT CARE.

Durbin Sept 2 5PM 1:02
LEADERS RETURN TO WASHINGTON D-C THIS WEEK... WHERE SENATOR DICK DURBIN SAYS IRAQ WILL BE A FOCUS... WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN WITH THE MILITARY. TODAY IN SPRINGFIELD ... SENATOR DURBIN SAID HE VISITED SOLDIERS IN IRAQ RECENTLY AND THAT THEY'RE BEING DEPLOYED FOR TOO LONG.

Durbin Sept 2 10PM :50
LEADERS RETURN TO WASHINGTON D-C THIS WEEK... WHERE SENATOR DICK DURBIN SAYS IRAQ WILL BE A FOCUS. TODAY IN SPRINGFIELD ... SENATOR DURBIN SAID HE VISITED SOLDIERS IN IRAQ RECENTLY AND THAT THEY'RE BEING DEPLOYED FOR TOO LONG. HE SAYS SOME SOLDIERS ARE SPENDING 15 MONTHS ON ACTIVE DUTY... THEN ONLY 12 MONTHS AT HOME BEFORE BEING DEPLOYED AGAIN.

Other Issues Sept 2 10PM :25
DURBIN SAYS LAWMAKERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER SEVERAL APPROPRIATION BILLS WHEN THEY GET BACK. HE SAYS THE PRESIDENT HAS THREATENED TO VETO TWO THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO ILLINOIS. ONE IS THE "WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT"... WHICH INCLUDES MONEY FOR DAMS, LEVIES AND LOCKS ACROSS ILLINOIS. THE OTHER IS THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.

Gun Laws Sept 3 12PM 1:43
GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH HAS SIGNED A BILL THAT WILL TIGHTEN BACKGROUND CHECKS .. ON ANYONE WHO WANTS TO BUY A GUN. F-B-I SCREENERs WILL HAVE ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH RECORDS OF *ALL GUN APPLICANTS .. NOT JUST THOSE WHO'VE BEEN ADMITTED FOR INPATIENT CARE. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEVE BUTERA HAS REACTION TO THE CHANGE.

Jeff's Law Sept 3 10PM :37
NEW TONIGHT... THE GOVERNOR WAS AT WORK THIS LABOR DAY... SIGNING A LAW THAT CRACKS DOWN ON RECKLESS AND DRUNK DRIVERS. THE NEW LAW MAKES IT EASIER TO CONVICT SPEEDING OR IMPAIRED DRIVERS WHO KILL PEOPLE IN WORK OR SCHOOL ZONES.

Jeff's Law Sept 4 5AM :37
THE GOVERNOR WAS AT WORK THIS LABOR DAY... SIGNING A LAW THAT CRACKS DOWN ON RECKLESS AND DRUNK DRIVERS. THE NEW LAW MAKES IT EASIER TO CONVICT SPEEDING OR IMPAIRED DRIVERS WHO KILL PEOPLE IN WORK OR SCHOOL ZONES.

Jeff's Law Sept 4 12PM :35

MEANWHILE, THE GOVERNOR WAS AT WORK THIS LABOR DAY... SIGNING A LAW THAT CRACKS DOWN ON RECKLESS AND DRUNK DRIVERS. THE NEW LAW MAKES IT EASIER TO CONVICT SPEEDING OR IMPAIRED DRIVERS WHO KILL PEOPLE IN WORK OR SCHOOL ZONES.

House Meets Sept 4 5PM 1:03
THE ILLINOIS HOUSE RETURNS TO SPRINGFIELD.. BUT THEY DO NOT TAKE ACTION ON THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET CUTS. HOUSE SPEAKER MICHAEL MADIGAN SAID HE PLANNED TO OVERRIDE THE CUTS .. BUT TODAY A DIFFERENT ISSUE WAS ON THE TABLE.

House Meets Sept 4 6PM :58
LAWMAKERS AND SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS UNITE TO CALL FOR PASSAGE OF A SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BILL. AS NEWSCENTER 17 PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.. 23 SCHOOL DISTRICTS WOULD NOT GET MONEY THIS YEAR BECAUSE THE PAPERWORK WAS NOT IN ON TIME.

Spfld City Council Sept 4 10PM :21
NEW AT TEN... THE SPRINGFIELD CITY COUNCIL O-K'S NEARLY NINE MILLION DOLLARS TO FINISH BUILDING A NEW POWER GENERATOR. THE GENERATOR... WILL COST A MORE THAN 463 MILLION DOLLARS... INCLUDING THE MONEY APPROVED AT TONIGHT'S MEETING. K-B-V SPRINGFIELD POWER PARTNERS... AND BLACK AND VEACH CONSTRUCTION ARE HANDLING THE PROJECT.

House Meets Sept 4 10PM :51
HOUSE MEMBERS RETURNED TO SPRINGFIELD TODAY .. BUT DIDN'T TAKE MUCH ACTION. A BILL THAT WOULD PUT MONEY INTO THE CHICAGO TRANSIT SYSTEM FAILED TO GET ENOUGH VOTES. MAHOMET REPUBLICAN CHAPIN ROSE SAYS NEARLY 400-MILLION WOULD GO TOWARD CHICAGO AND 27-MILLION TO DOWNSTATE.

State Bridges Sept 4 10PM :30
AND NEW TONIGHT... LAWMAKERS SAY IT'S OBVIOUS MORE THAN 24-HUNDRED ILLINOIS BRIDGES WITH STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS... NEED MORE MONEY FOR REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENT. BUT THEY SAY IT'S FAR FROM CLEAR **WHEN** THEY'LL BE ABLE TO AGREE ON A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE THAT CASH. LAWMAKERS HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO AGREE FOR SEVERAL YEARS ON A PLAN TO BORROW BILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR ROAD AND SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

House Meets Sept 5 5AM 1:36
THE ILLINOIS HOUSE RETURNED TO SPRINGFIELD.. BUT THEY DID NOT TAKE ACTION ON THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET CUTS. HOUSE SPEAKER MICHAEL MADIGAN SAID HE PLANNED TO OVERRIDE THE CUTS .. BUT

YESTERDAY... A DIFFERENT ISSUE WAS ON THE TABLE...
TRANSPORTATION .. PARTICULARLY IN CHICAGO.

House Meets Sept 5 12PM :16
LAWMAKERS AND SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS UNITE TO CALL FOR
PASSAGE OF A SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BILL. AS NEWSCENTER 17
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.. 23 SCHOOL DISTRICTS WOULD NOT GET
MONEY THIS YEAR BECAUSE THE PAPERWORK WAS NOT IN ON TIME.

House Budget Sept 6 6PM :29
THE ILLINOIS HOUSE HAS SCHEDULED A SERIES OF HEARINGS AROUND
THE STATE.... IN AN EFFORT TO BUILD SUPPORT FOR REVERSING MANY
OF THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET CUTS. HOUSE SPEAKER MICHAEL
MADIGAN CALLS THE CUTS -- QUOTE -- "SAVAGE." HE SAYS GOVERNOR
BLAGOJEVICH VETOED PARTS OF THE BUDGET AS POLITICAL
VENGEANCE AGAINST HIS LEGISLATIVE OPPONENTS.

Medical Mary Jane Sept 6 10PM :23
MEANWHILE... SENATOR DICK DURBIN SAYS HE SUPPORTS ALLOWING
THE USE OF MARIJUANA... WHEN IT'S PRESCRIBED FOR MEDICAL
PURPOSES BY A PHYSICIAN. THE SENATE'S SECOND HIGHEST RANKING
DEMOCRAT SAYS HE HAS NO PLAN TO INTRODUCE A BILL TO HAVE
FEDERAL LAW REFLECT HIS POSITION.

Medical Mary Jane Sept 7 5AM :24
SENATOR DICK DURBIN SAYS HE SUPPORTS ALLOWING THE USE OF
MARIJUANA .. WHEN IT'S PRESCRIBED FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES BY A
PHYSICIAN. THE SENATE'S SECOND HIGHEST RANKING DEMOCRAT
SAYS HE HAS NO PLAN TO INTRODUCE A BILL TO HAVE FEDERAL LAW
REFLECT HIS POSITION.

House Budget Sept 7 5AM :26
THE ILLINOIS HOUSE HAS SCHEDULED A SERIES OF HEARINGS AROUND
THE STATE.... IN AN EFFORT TO BUILD SUPPORT FOR REVERSING MANY
OF THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET CUTS. HOUSE SPEAKER MICHAEL
MADIGAN CALLS THE CUTS -- QUOTE -- "SAVAGE." HE SAYS GOVERNOR
BLAGOJEVICH VETOED PARTS OF THE BUDGET AS POLITICAL
VENGEANCE AGAINST HIS LEGISLATIVE OPPONENTS.

Rate Relief Sept 7 5PM :42
WE TOLD YOU GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SIGNED A ONE BILLION
DOLLAR ELECTRIC RATE RELIEF PACKAGE ON AUGUST 28TH. NOW
AMEREN REPRESENTATIVES ARE TOURING CENTRAL ILLINOIS TO
ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE. AMEREN OFFICIALS SAY
LESS THAN HALF OF THE ONE BILLION DOLLARS IN RELIEF WILL BE
GIVEN OUT TO CUSTOMERS OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

Obama/Oprah Sept 8 10PM :25
ILLINOIS SENATOR AND PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE BARACK OBAMA GETS SOME BIG NAME SUPPORT TONIGHT. OPRAH WINFREY IS HOSTING A BIG BASH FOR THE DEMOCRAT IN CALIFORNIA... WHERE HE CAMPAIGNED EARLIER TODAY AS YOU SEE HERE. THE PARTY AT WINFREY'S ESTATE IS EXPECTED TO BRING IN 3-MILLION DOLLARS FOR OBAMA'S CAMPAIGN.... WITH BIG STARS ON HAND... LIKE WILL SMITH AND HALLE BERRY.

Freedom Salute Sept 10 12PM 1:49
ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARDSMEN ARE BEING HONORED AS PART OF THE FREEDOM SALUTE CAMPAIGN. YESTERDAY, THE GUARDSMEN RECEIVED SPECIAL MEDALS AT CAMP LINCOLN IN SPRINGFIELD... NEWSCENTER 17'S STEVE BUTERA WAS AT THE CEREMONY... WHERE HE SPOKE WITH SOME OF THE HONOREES.

Rape Victims Sept 10 5PM :22
RAPE VICTIMS AND VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT WILL NOW HAVE MORE TIME TO FILE CIVIL LAWSUITS AGAINST THEIR ATTACKER... IF THE VICTIM WAS THREATENED OR INTIMIDATED. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SIGNED A BILL THAT SUSPENDS THE CURRENT TWO YEAR STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS. THE GOVERNOR SAYS QUOTE "RAPE VICTIMS SHOULD HAVE ALL THE TIME THEY NEED UNDER LAW TO BRING CIVIL CHARGES AGAINST THEIR ATTACKERS.. AND TO SEEK JUSTICE AND COMPENSATION."

Budget Hearings Sept 10 5PM :53
CENTRAL ILLINOIS REPUBLICAN LAWMAKERS WILL MEET THIS WEEK TO TALK ABOUT THE LOCAL EFFECTS OF THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET CUTS... AND YOU'RE INVITED.
REPUBLICAN SENATOR DALE RISINGER OF PEORIA SAYS THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET CUTS ARE POLITICALLY MOTIVATED.

Budget Hearings Sept 10 6PM :29
SOME REPUBLICAN STATE LAWMAKERS PLAN TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET CUTS THIS WEEK.
BLOOMINGTON SENATOR BILL BRADY SAYS THE GOVERNOR IS TRYING TO IMPLEMENT HIS HEALTHCARE PROGRAM BY EXPANDING AND CHANGING CURRENT PROGRAMS. BRADY SAYS THAT REQUIRES THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES APPROVAL.

Budget Hearings Sept 11 5AM :29
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Budget Hearings Sept 11 10PM :32
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Budget Hearings Sept 12 5AM :29
SOME REPUBLICAN STATE LAWMAKERS PLAN TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET CUTS THIS WEEK. BLOOMINGTON SENATOR BILL BRADY SAYS THE GOVERNOR IS TRYING TO IMPLEMENT HIS HEALTHCARE PROGRAM BY EXPANDING AND CHANGING CURRENT PROGRAMS. BRADY SAYS THAT REQUIRES APPROVAL FROM THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES.

Change Decatur Sept 12 12PM :30
A GROUP IN DECATUR IS MAKING ANOTHER PUSH TO CHANGE THE FORM OF CITY GOVERNMENT. MEMBERS OF "CHANGE DECATUR" MET THIS MORNING TO TALK ABOUT THEIR PETITION DRIVE. THE GROUP WANTS TO CHANGE THE CURRENT FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF A CITY MANAGER, MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS... TO A STRONG MAYOR STRUCTURE.

Flider Hearing Sept 12 12PM :28
PEOPLE CONCERNED ABOUT THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET CUTS HAVE A CHANCE TO SPEAK THEIR MIND. STATE REPRESENTATIVE BOB FLIDER WILL HOST A PUBLIC HEARING TONIGHT WITH ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED BY THE CUTS TO EXPLAIN HOW THE GOVERNOR'S ACTIONS WILL AFFECT THEIR OPERATIONS.

Change Decatur Sept 12 5PM 1:46
A GROUP PUSHING FOR A DIFFERENT FORM OF GOVERNMENT IN DECATUR... IS MAKING ANOTHER EFFORT FOR CHANGE. THE GROUP OF CITIZENS CALLED "CHANGE DECATUR"... WANTS TO GET RID OF THE

CITY MANAGER POSITION, AND DIVIDE THE CITY INTO ALDERMANIC WARDS.

Change Decatur Sept 12 6PM :51

YOU MAY HAVE **YOUR** SAY ON HOW DECATUR'S CITY GOVERNMENT WORKS. A DECATUR GROUP IS TRYING FOR A SECOND TIME TO GET A REFERENDUM ON THE BALLOT, TO CHANGE THE CITY'S GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE. CURRENTLY THERE ARE SIX COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED AT LARGE, AN ELECTED MAYOR, AND CITY MANAGER

Budget Hearings Sept 12 10PM :23

LOCAL GROUPS TRY TO CONVINCe LAWMAKERS TO OVERRIDE THE GOVERNOR'S VETOES IN THE STATE BUDGET. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH CUT **500 MILLION DOLLARS** FOR LOCAL PROJECTS... BUT HEARINGS ACROSS THE STATE AIM TO PUT MONEY BACK IN THE GROUPS' POCKETS.

Sign Language Sept 12 10PM :16

ALSO NEW TONIGHT... A NEW STATE LAW AIMS TO PROTECT PEOPLE WITH HEARING PROBLEMS FROM UNQUALIFIED SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS. TODAY THE GOVERNOR SIGNED THE BILL... THAT ALLOWS PEOPLE TO FILE A COMPLAINT IF THEY GET POOR SERVICE FROM AN UNQUALIFIED INTERPRETER.

Change Decatur Sept 12 10PM :51

TO CHANGE OR KEEP THINGS THE SAME?... THAT IS THE QUESTION. OR AT LEAST THE QUESTION A DECATUR CITIZEN GROUP WOULD LIKE VOTERS TO SEE NEXT YEAR. THE GROUP "CHANGE DECATUR" IS MAKING A SECOND EFFORT TO GET A CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL ON A BALLOT.

Budget Hearings Sept 13 5AM 1:38

LOCAL GROUPS ARE TRYING TO CONVINCe LAWMAKERS TO OVERRIDE THE GOVERNOR'S VETOES IN THE STATE BUDGET. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH CUT **500 MILLION DOLLARS** FOR LOCAL PROJECTS... BUT HEARINGS ACROSS THE STATE AIM TO PUT MONEY BACK IN THE GROUPS' POCKETS. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEVE BUTERA WAS AT ONE OF THOSE HEARINGS LAST NIGHT... AND HAS THE STORY.

Mayor Power Sept 13 12PM :52

YOU COULD SOON HAVE **YOUR** SAY ON HOW DECATUR'S CITY GOVERNMENT WORKS.

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Sex Offend Bill Sept 13 5PM :27
A NEW LAW PUTS MONEY IN THE HANDS OF POLICE FIGHTING SEX
CRIMES. THE LAW CREATES THE "SEX OFFENDER INVESTIGATION
FUND." CONVICTED SEX OFFENDERS WILL HAVE TO PAY A 500-DOLLAR
FINE... AND THAT MONEY WILL BE PUT IN THE FUND TO HELP STATE
INVESTIGATORS FIGHT SEX CRIMES. NEARLY 100 DOLLARS OF EVERY
FINE WILL GO DIRECTLY TO THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE THAT
PROSECUTED EACH CASE

Budget Cuts Sept 13 6PM 1:08
LAST NIGHT.... WE SHOWED YOU OPEN BUDGET HEARINGS... HELD AT
THE DECATUR CIVIC CENTER. IF YOU MISSED IT.. TONIGHT WE'LL TELL
YOU WHAT'S GETTING CUT THAT MAY AFFECT YOU.... 100-THOUSAND
DOLLARS IS CUT FROM LOVINGTON TO BUY A NEW AMBULANCE. 25-
THOUSAND CUT FROM THE SULLIVAN POLICE DEPARTMENT TO BUY A
NEW SQUAD CAR AND EQUIPMENT.

Durbin Reaction Sept 13 10PM :53
U-S SENATOR DICK DURBIN SAYS THE PRESIDENT IS ASKING TOO MUCH
FROM A MILITARY THAT IS ALREADY STRETCHED TO THE LIMIT. DURBIN
SAYS THE RATES OF DIVORCE AND SUICIDE ARE STRONG INDICATORS
THAT THE WAR IN IRAQ IS TAKING A TOLL ON SOLDIERS AND THEIR
FAMILIES. DURBIN SAYS THE OFFERS OF GENEROUS CASH INCENTIVES
FOR YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN TO SIGN ON FOR A TOUR OF DUTY ARE A
CLEAR INDICATION THAT CURRENT SOLDIERS ARE BEING PUSHED TO
THE LIMIT AND NEED RELIEF.

Durbin on Bush Sept 14 5AM :34
U-S SENATOR DICK DURBIN SAYS THE PRESIDENT IS ASKING TOO MUCH
FROM A MILITARY THAT IS ALREADY STRETCHED TO THE LIMIT.
PRESIDENT BUSH ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT THAT ABOUT 30-THOUSAND
SOLDIERS WILL BE COMING HOME. BUT DURBIN SAYS THE WAR IN IRAQ
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Jakobsson/Budget Sept 16 5PM :25
STATE REPRESENTATIVE NAOMI JAKOBSSON SPONSORED THE FUNDING FOR A WOMAN'S FUND. SHE'S HOSTING A PUBLIC HEARING TOMORROW TO TALK ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET CUTS ON VARIOUS LOCAL SERVICES. IT'S A CHANCE FOR GROUPS AFFECTED TO EXPLAIN WHAT THE CUTS MEAN FOR THEM. THE HEARING IS TOMORROW NIGHT AT SIX... AT THE "ANITA PURVES NATURE CENTER" IN URBANA.

Jakobsson/Budget Sept 16 10PM :25
STATE REPRESENTATIVE NAOMI JAKOBSSON SPONSORED THE FUNDING FOR THAT GROUP. SHE'S HOSTING A PUBLIC HEARING TOMORROW TO TALK ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET CUTS ON VARIOUS LOCAL SERVICES. IT'S A CHANCE FOR GROUPS AFFECTED TO EXPLAIN WHAT THE CUTS MEAN FOR THEM.

Jakobsson/Budget Sept 17 12PM :22
STATE REPRESENTATIVE NAOMI JAKOBSSON SPONSORED THE FUNDING FOR THAT GROUP. SHE'S HOSTING A PUBLIC HEARING TOMORROW TO TALK ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET CUTS ON VARIOUS LOCAL SERVICES. IT'S A CHANCE FOR GROUPS AFFECTED TO EXPLAIN WHAT THE CUTS MEAN FOR THEM.

Budget Spending Sept 17 5PM :34
THE BLAGOJEVICH ADMINISTRATION ADDRESSES THE BUDGET CUTS AFFECTING CENTRAL ILLINOIS COMMUNITIES. LAST WEEK WE DETAILED HOW MUCH MONEY AND SERVICES WERE CUT FROM THE AREA.. INCLUDING A NEW AMBULANCE FOR LOVINGTON AND NEW EQUIPMENT FOR THE MOULTRIE COUNTY DIVE AND RESCUE TEAM...

Budget Spending Sept 17 6PM :35
MEANWHILE.. THE BLAGOJEVICH ADMINISTRATION ADDRESSES THE BUDGET CUTS AFFECTING CENTRAL ILLINOIS COMMUNITIES. LAST WEEK WE DETAILED HOW MUCH MONEY AND SERVICES WERE CUT FROM THE AREA.. INCLUDING A NEW AMBULANCE FOR LOVINGTON AND NEW EQUIPMENT FOR THE MOULTRIE COUNTY DIVE AND RESCUE TEAM...

Jakobsson Hearing Sept 17 6PM :19
RIGHT NOW... STATE REPRESENTATIVE NAOMI JAKOBSSON IS HOSTING A PUBLIC HEARING. THE FOCUS IS THE IMPACT OF THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET CUTS ON VARIOUS LOCAL SERVICES. IT'S A CHANCE FOR GROUPS AFFECTED TO EXPLAIN WHAT THE CUTS MEAN FOR THEM. THE HEARING IS AT THE "ANITA PURVES NATURE CENTER" IN URBANA.

Budget Spending Sept 18 5AM :25
THE BLAGOJEVICH ADMINISTRATION IS FINALLY ADDRESSING THE BUDGET CUTS AFFECTING CENTRAL ILLINOIS COMMUNITIES. A TOP MEMBER OF BLAGOJEVICH'S ADMINISTRATION SAYS STATE SPENDING MUST BE PRIORITIZED... WHICH MEANS EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE COME FIRST. STATE INSURANCE DIRECTOR MICHAEL MCRAITH WAS IN CHAMPAIGN YESTERDAY.

Budget Spending Sept 18 12PM :25
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Flider Meeting Sept 18 12PM :17
LOCAL RESIDENTS HAVE THE CHANCE TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS AT A TOWN HALL MEETING IN (OR-REE-ANA) OREANA TONIGHT. STATE REPRESENTATIVE BOB FLIDER IS HOSTING THE MEETING TO UPDATE RESIDENTS ON NEW LEGISLATION PASSED. HE WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET CUTS.

Sex Predators Law Sept 18 5PM :23
A NEW ILLINOIS LAW AIMS TO BETTER PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL PREDATORS. THE NEW LAW SIGNED TODAY BY GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH MAKES IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR SOMEONE TO INTENTIONALLY LURE A CHILD OVER THE PHONE, INTERNET OR THROUGH TEXTING. AND AN INDIVIDUAL WILL BE CLASSIFIED AS A SEXUAL PREDATOR IF THEY HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF TWO OR MORE OFFENSES OF LURING A MINOR.

Senate Folo Sept 18 5PM :55
A SENATE COMMITTEE IS MEETING AT THIS HOUR TO DISCUSS A GAMBLING PLAN. IT WOULD FUND TRANSPORTATION AND CAPITOL CONSTRUCTIONS PROJECTS ACROSS THE STATE.

Durbin Iraq Sept 18 5PM :38
SENATOR DICK DURBIN MEETS WITH DEMOCRATIC COLLEAGUES AND WAR VETERANS THIS MORNING... AT A HEARING ON TROOP

DEPLOYMENTS IN IRAQ. 40 IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN VETERANS JOINED DURBIN IN WASHINGTON D-C.

Senate Folo Sept 18 10PM :54
NEW AT TEN... A BILL THAT COULD CREATE A MASSIVE GAMBLING EXPANSION HEADS TO THE HOUSE... AFTER GETTING THE GREEN LIGHT IN THE SENATE. THE BILL STIRRED UP QUITE A DEBATE IN THE SENATE CHAMBER THIS EVENING... BUT IN THE END... PASSED BY A 37 TO 15 VOTE. THE PLAN WOULD ALLOW FOR THREE NEW CASINO'S IN ILLINOIS...ONE IN CHICAGO AND TWO AT UNDETERMINED LOCATIONS.

Sex Predators Law Sept 19 5AM :23
A NEW ILLINOIS LAW AIMS TO BETTER PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL PREDATORS. THE NEW LAW SIGNED TODAY BY GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH MAKES IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR SOMEONE TO INTENTIONALLY LURE A CHILD OVER THE PHONE, INTERNET OR THROUGH TEXTING. AND AN INDIVIDUAL WILL BE CLASSIFIED AS A SEXUAL PREDATOR IF THEY HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF TWO OR MORE OFFENSES OF LURING A MINOR.

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Durbin Iraq Sept 19 5AM :33
SENATOR DURBIN MET WITH DEMOCRATIC COLLEAGUES AND WAR VETERANS YESTERDAY... AT A HEARING ON TROOP DEPLOYMENTS TO IRAQ. 40 IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN VETERANS JOINED DURBIN IN WASHINGTON D-C. SENATOR DURBIN SAYS THEY DISCUSSED ONGOING EFFORTS TOWARD A STRATEGY THAT PROTECTS TROOPS AND SUPPORTS VETERANS WHEN THEY RETURN HOME.

Douglas County Board Sept 19 12PM :15
A CENTRAL ILLINOIS SHERIFF SAYS THE COUNTY NEEDS MORE MONEY FOR THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC. THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD MET THIS MORNING TO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO DO THAT. NEWSCENTER 17'S JULIE QUALLS JOINS US NOW LIVE FROM TUSCOLA, WITH WHAT HAPPENED TODAY.

Safety Tax Sept 19 5PM 1:20
VOTERS IN ONE CENTRAL ILLINOIS COUNTY MAY BE ASKED TO APPROVE A TAX HIKE FOR SAFETY. THE DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF

TODAY ASKED THE COUNTY BOARD FOR A PUBLIC SAFETY TAX ON THE FEBRUARY BALLOT. NEWSCENTER 17'S JULIE QUALLS EXPLAINS WHY THE SHERIFF THINKS THE COUNTY NEEDS THE NEW TAX...

Safety Tax Sept 19 6PM :28
DOUGLAS COUNTY VOTERS MAY SEE A PUBLIC SAFETY TAX REFERENDUM ON THE FEBRUARY BALLOT. THIS MORNING.. SHERIFF CHARLIE MCGREW PRESENTED HIS PROPOSAL TO THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD. MCGREW SAYS MONEY RAISED BY THE HALF-CENT SALES TAX WOULD BE USED FOR CRIME PREVENTION, FIREFIGHTING, AMBULANCE AND ANY OTHER EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICE.

Budget Hearings Sept 19 10PM :29
MACON COUNTY OFFICE HOLDERS ARE WRAPPING UP THEIR BUDGET PROPOSALS... AS THE COUNTY PREPARES TO ADOPT A NEW SPENDING PLAN. NEW TONIGHT...THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HEARD FROM THE SHERIFF, TREASURER, AND STATES ATTORNEY IN BUDGET HEARINGS.

Budget Lawsuit Sept 20 10PM :28
NEW SINCE SIX... A SANGAMON COUNTY JUDGE SAYS HOUSE LAWMAKER'S HAVE UNTIL OCTOBER SECOND... TO ACT ON GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH'S BUDGET VETOES.
THE JUDGE DISMISSED BLAGOJEVICH'S SUIT TO FORCE THE HOUSE CLERK TO **OFFICIALLY** RECORD THE VETOES HE MADE TO THE STATE BUDGET. THAT WOULD START THE 15-DAY CLOCK FOR LAWMAKERS TO ACCEPT OR REJECT MORE THAN \$460 MILLION IN CUTS.

Budget Lawsuit Sept 21 5AM :28
A SANGAMON COUNTY JUDGE SAYS HOUSE LAWMAKER'S HAVE UNTIL OCTOBER SECOND... TO ACT ON GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH'S BUDGET VETOES. THE JUDGE DISMISSED BLAGOJEVICH'S SUIT TO FORCE THE HOUSE CLERK TO **OFFICIALLY** RECORD THE VETOES HE MADE TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Romney Illinois Sept 21 12PM 1:21
ONE OF THE FRONTRUNNERS FOR THE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION.. MAKES A VISIT TO CENTRAL ILLINOIS. FORMER MASSACHUSETTS GOVERNOR MITT ROMNEY MADE A CAMPAIGN STOP IN CHAMPAIGN THIS MORNING. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY IS LIVE AT WILLARD AIRPORT IN SAVOY WITH MORE..

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HOUSE CLERK TO **OFFICIALLY** RECORD THE VETOES HE MADE TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Romney Visit Sept 21 5PM :52
ONE OF THE FRONTRUNNERS FOR THE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION.. MAKES A VISIT TO CENTRAL ILLINOIS. FORMER MASSACHUSETTS GOVERNOR MITT ROMNEY MADE A STOP IN CHAMPAIGN THIS MORNING. ROMNEY SPOKE FOR ABOUT 10 MINUTES... GREETED SUPPORTERS AND TOOK PICTURES.

Police Safety Sept 21 10PM :35
NEW TONIGHT... THE GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES NEARLY 800-THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR NEW SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR CENTRAL ILLINOIS POLICE DEPARTMENTS. 14 COUNTIES IN OUR AREA WILL GET MONEY... TO BUY OR UPGRADE IN-CAR COMPUTER EQUIPMENT... SO POLICE CAN HAVE BETTER ACCESS TO CRIMINAL RECORDS AND IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY.

Madigan/Blago Sept 25 5PM :27
HOUSE SPEAKER MICHAEL MADIGAN RESPONDS TO GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH'S SPECIAL SESSION LAWSUIT. YESTERDAY AFTERNOON... MADIGAN'S CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL FILED A MOTION TO DISMISS THE LAWSUIT. THE GOVERNOR HAS ASKED THE COURT TO FIND THAT HE HAS THE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO CALL THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INTO SPECIAL SESSION.

Capital Plan Sept 26 12PM :26
HOUSE SPEAKER MICHAEL MADIGAN WANTS THE PEOPLE OF ILLINOIS TO UNDERSTAND THE CAPITAL BILL PENDING IN THE HOUSE. MADIGAN MET WITH GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH AND OTHER LEADERS TODAY TO DISCUSS THE PLAN. HE'S PLANNING ON HOLDING PUBLIC HEARINGS IN CHICAGO AND SPRINGFIELD...TO INFORM RESIDENTS ABOUT THE GAMBLING EXPANSION INCLUDED IN THE BILL....WHICH THE SENATE HAS APPROVED.

Capital Plan Sept 26 6PM :43
GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH, SENATE PRESIDENT EMIL JONES, HOUSE SPEAKER MICHAEL MADIGAN, HOUSE MINORITY LEADER TOM CROSS AND SENATOR CHRISTINE RADOGNO.. ALL MET IN CHICAGO THIS MORNING.TO TALK ABOUT FUNDING FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. THEY DID NOT TAKE ACTION... JUST TALKED.

Capital Plan Sept 27 5AM :28
STATE LEADERS ARE TAKING THEIR TIME WITH A CONSTRUCTION PACKAGE FOR ROADS AND SCHOOLS. THE SENATE APPROVED THE BILL EARLIER THIS MONTH. IT WOULD CREATE THREE NEW CASINOS

AND ALLOW EXISTING CASINOS TO EXPAND. THE BILL WOULD PAY FOR A ROUGHLY 13 BILLION DOLLAR STATE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM.

Mitchell Cease Fire Sept 27 12PM :42
DECATUR'S CEASEFIRE LOST IT'S FUNDING AFTER THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET CUTS....NOW STATE REPRESENTATIVE BILL MITCHELL IS PROPOSING A **NEW** PROGRAM. MITCHELL MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT THIS MORNING. THE PROPOSED "OPERATION SAFE STREETS" PROGRAM WOULD REPLACE CEASEFIRE...BUT ASSIST COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE IN VIOLENCE PREVENTION.

Replace Ceasefire Sept 27 5PM :44
AS WE'VE REPORTED... DECATUR'S OPERATION CEASEFIRE LOST IT'S FUNDING AFTER THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET CUTS... NOW STATE REPRESENTATIVE BILL MITCHELL WANTS TO REPLACE IT. REPRESENTATIVE MITCHELL MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT THIS MORNING.

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Budget Deadline Sept 27 10PM :21
MEMBERS OF THE ILLINOIS HOUSE WILL MEET NEXT WEEK.. AND ON LAWMAKERS LIST... WHAT TO DO WITH THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET VETOES. THERE'S AN OCTOBER SECOND DEADLINE FOR HOUSE MEMBERS TO O-K... OR OVERRIDE GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH'S 430 MILLION DOLLARS IN BUDGET CUTS.

Replace Ceasefire Sept 27 10PM :55
A PROGRAM THAT WORKS TO PREVENT VIOLENCE LOST ITS FUNDING AFTER THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET CUTS... BUT NOW A LOCAL STATE REPRESENTATIVE WANTS TO REPLACE THE OPERATION CEASE FIRE PROGRAM. REPRESENTATIVE BILL MITCHELL ANNOUNCED THIS MORNING THAT HE'D LIKE TO REPLACE IT... WITH WHAT HE CALLS "OPERATION SAFE STREETS".

Violence Legislation Sept 27 10PM :53
CONCERNED CITIZENS SPEAK OUT TO GET MORE MONEY FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION. LAWMAKERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT .. AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS ANNOUNCED "OPERATION SAFE STREETS" IN SPRINGFIELD TODAY. LAWMAKERS WOULD HAVE TO PASS THE MEASURE .. THEN STATE POLICE WOULD DISTRIBUTE THE MONEY.

Replace Ceasefire Sept 28 5AM :24
STATE REPRESENTATIVE BILL MITCHELL IS LOOKING TO REPLACE FUNDING FOR AN IMPORTANT VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM... DECATUR'S "OPERATION CEASFIRE" LOST ITS FUNDING DURING BUDGET CUTS THIS YEAR.. NOW REPRESENTATIVE MITCHELL IS PROPOSING A NEW PROGRAM.. CALLED "OPERATION SAFE STREETS."

Violence Legislation Sept 28 5AM :36
MEANWHILE... LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVOCATES ARE ALSO SHOWING THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE NEW VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM. LAWMAKERS WOULD HAVE TO PASS THE MEASURE .. THEN STATE POLICE WOULD DISTRIBUTE THE MONEY. CAPTAIN JACK CAMPBELL WITH THE SANGAMON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.. SAYS THE PROGRAM WOULD HELP HIS DEPARTMENT DEAL WITH THE AREA'S DRUG PROBLEM..

Budget Deadline Sept 28 5AM :20
MEMBERS OF THE ILLINOIS HOUSE WILL MEET NEXT WEEK TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET VETOES. THERE'S AN OCTOBER SECOND DEADLINE FOR HOUSE MEMBERS TO O-K... OR OVERRIDE GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH'S 430 MILLION DOLLARS IN BUDGET CUTS. BUT... IF THEY DON'T DO ANYTHING... HIS CUTS WILL STAND.

Illinois Works Sept 28 5PM :52
COMMUNITY LEADERS MEET AT THE DECATUR CIVIC CENTER THIS AFTERNOON.... TO LEARN ABOUT THE GOVERNOR'S ILLINOIS WORKS PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM WOULD FUND ROADS, BRIDGES, TRANSIT, SCHOOLS AND ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY PROJECTS THROUGHOUT ILLINOIS.

Ceasefire Sept 30 5PM :20
ALSO AT TOMORROW'S MEETING.... PEOPLE WITH THE ANTI- VIOLENCE GROUP CEASE FIRE... PLAN TO SPEAK DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION. THEY WANT TO ASK CITY LEADERS TO CONSIDER FUNDING CEASE FIRE IN DECATUR.

Lawmakers Sept 30 10PM :20
LAWMAKERS MEET BACK IN SPRINGFIELD THIS WEEK FOR THE FALL VETO SESSION.... THE HOUSE TOMORROW.. THE SENATE TUESDAY. THE HOUSE HAS UNTIL TUESDAY TO O-K... OR OVERRIDE THE GOVERNOR'S 430 MILLION DOLLARS IN BUDGET CUTS. ALSO... A FOCUS COULD BE ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

Ceasefire Sept 30 10PM :20

ALSO AT TOMORROW'S MEETING.... PEOPLE WITH THE ANTI- VIOLENCE GROUP CEASE FIRE... PLAN TO SPEAK DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION. THEY WANT TO ASK CITY LEADERS TO CONSIDER FUNDING CEASE FIRE IN DECATUR.... AFTER THE GOVERNOR CUT THE PROGRAM FROM THE BUDGET.

Health & Safety

Food Safety July 1 5PM 1:18

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CWLP/Wind July 1 5PM :25
SPRINGFIELD'S NEW WIND POWER CONTRACT STARTS TODAY. THE SIERRA CLUB/ CITY WATER LIGHT AND POWER AGREEMENT REQUIRES THE CITY TO BUY 120 MEGAWATTS OF WIND- GENERATED POWER. STATE FACILITIES WILL USE HALF OF THAT... INCLUDING THE CAPITOL. THE SIERRA CLUB SAYS THAT MAKES THE CAPITOL BUILDING THE FIRST ONE TO BE WIND- POWERED. THE AGREEMENT ALSO CALLS FOR 400-THOUSAND DOLLARS OF NEW SPENDING ON ENERGY CONSERVATION AND EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS.

CWLP/Wind July 1 10 PM :30
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Check up July 2 5PM 1:46
HAVE YOU NOTICED HOW YOU GAIN MORE WEIGHT THAN YOU SHOULD WHEN YOU'RE STRESSED? RESEARCHERS SAY IT'S NOT THE FOOD YOU EAT.. BUT YOUR BODY MAY BE WORKING AGAINST YOU. IN TONIGHT'S CHECKUP.. TRACIE POTTS EXPLAINS HOW NEW RESEARCH MAY SOMEDAY OFFER A NEW WAY TO SHED THOSE EXTRA POUNDS.

News Extra July 2 10PM 1:51
CAR CRASHES ARE THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR 16 TO 21-YEAR-OLDS.... AND 6-THOUSAND DEATHS A YEAR ARE CAUSED BY TEEN DRIVERS. THE DRIVECAMs RECORD TEENS CONTINUOUSLY....CATCHING THEM WITHOUT SEAT BELTS, TEXTING AND TAKING THEIR EYES OFF THE ROAD.

Overspraying July 3 5AM 1:26
SOME DECATUR RESIDENTS EXPRESSED OUTRAGE TO THEIR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS LAST NIGHT ABOUT THE RECENT OVERSPRAYING OF HERBICIDE. IT HAPPENED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE CITY... KILLING GRASS AND GARDENS.

No Smoke Employer July 3 5PM :28
IN TONIGHT'S CHECKUP ON YOUR HEALTH.. ONE EMPLOYER SAYS SMOKERS NEED NOT APPLY FOR EMPLOYMENT. THE CLEVELAND CLINIC IN WESTON FLORIDA SAYS ALL JOB APPLICANTS NOW HAVE TO TAKE A URINE TEST FOR NICOTINE STARTING SEPTEMBER FIRST.. ANYONE TESTING POSITIVE WILL NOT BE HIRED. CLEVELAND CLINIC SAYS IT'S PROMOTING WELLNESS AND GOOD HEALTH. IT BANNED SMOKING ON THE GROUNDS TWO YEARS AGO.. AND OFFERED EMPLOYEES HELP TO QUIT.

Chocolate benefit July 3 5PM :50
IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE.. YOU MIGHT WANT TO EAT MORE DARK CHOCOLATE. A NEW STUDY BY GERMAN RESEARCHERS FINDS EATING ABOUT A QUARTER-OUNCE OF DARK CHOCOLATE PER DAY CAN HELP LOWER SOME PEOPLE'S BLOOD PRESSURE. RESEARCHERS STUDIED 44 PEOPLE WITH HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE FOR EIGHTEEN WEEKS. HALF GOT DARK CHOCOLATE.. THE OTHER HALF GOT WHITE CHOCOLATE.

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Shelby Patrols July 3 10PM 2:02
ON HOLIDAYS LIKE THIS... BOTH CONSERVATION POLICE AND THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAY NOT MANY OFFICERS GET THE DAY OFF... SO THEY'LL BE WATCHING. IF YOU ARE DRINKING.. REMEMBER THIS... THE BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVEL LIMIT FOR OPERATING WATERCRAFT IS THE SAME AS FOR A VEHICLE..... POINT-OH- 8.

Overspraying July 3 10PM :40
STATE INVESTIGATORS ARE TRACKING DOWN WHICH COMPANY CAUSED WIDESPREAD CHEMICAL CONTAMINATION IN THE CITY OF DECATUR .
IT'S A STORY WE'RE CONTINUING TO FOLLOW FOR YOU. THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IS INTENSLY INVESTIGATING THE SITUATION... THAT RUINED DOZENS OF VEGETABLE GARDENS IN THE

CITY. THE U OF I EXTENSION BELIEVES A COMMERCIAL GRADE HERBICIDE MIXTURE KILLED WEEDS ON EMPTY LOTS.

Summer Safety July 3 10PM :35
LOTS OF FAMILIES WILL CELEBRATE IN THE SUN TOMORROW ON INDEPENDENCE DAY.
BUT THAT CAN SOMETIMES LEAD TO TROUBLE IF YOUR PICNIC IS OUTDOORS. THE STATE'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WANT TO REMIND YOU OF SOME STEPS TO KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE AND HEALTHY THIS FOURTH OF JULY. IT'S PART OF THE "KEEP COOL ILLINOIS" CAMPAIGN.

Shelby Patrols July 4 5AM 2:06
INDEPENDENCE DAY IS POPULAR FOR PARTIES... BUT THE MESSAGE TODAY IS SAFETY. WHETHER YOU'RE BOATING OR DRIVING... OFFICERS WILL BE WATCHING TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE NOT DRUNK. NEWSCENTER 17'S ELIZABETH MOORS SHOWS YOU HOW LAW ENFORCEMENT IS TRYING TO KEEP YOU SAFE.

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Mercury Lightbulbs July 4 5AM 1:33
THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO SAVE YOU MONEY AND ARE ALL THE RAGE IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY. BUT IS THERE A HIDDEN HEALTH RISK TO THOSE SPIRAL MONEY SAVING LIGHTBULBS?

Epilepsy Suicide July 4 5AM :30
A NEW STUDY REVEALS AN ALARMING STATISTIC ABOUT PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM EPILEPSY. RESEARCHERS IN DENMARK HAVE FOUND THOSE WITH THE NEUROLOGICAL DISORDER ARE THREE TIMES MORE LIKELY TO COMMIT SUICIDE THAN THE GENERAL POPULATION.

Smoking Deaths July 4 5AM :27
EXPERTS FROM THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION SAY ONE -BILLION- PEOPLE WILL DIE OF SMOKING-RELATED ILLNESSES BY THE END OF THE CENTURY --UNLESS-- GOVERNMENTS AROUND THE WORLD GET SERIOUS ABOUT PREVENTION.

Fireworks Safety July 4 5AM :24
MILLIONS OF AMERICANS WILL BE TREATED TO AMAZING FIREWORKS
DISPLAYS LATER TODAY... BUT SOME EXPERTS ARE ADVISING FOLKS
TO LEAVE THE PYROTECHNICS TO THE PROFESSIONALS.

Heat Illness July 4 5AM 1:23
HOT SUMMER DAYS CAN TAKE A TOLL ON PEOPLE WHO HAVE TO WORK
OUTSIDE. JUDY FORTIN REPORTS ON SOME OF THE MOST COMMON
PROBLEMS

Event Security July 4 5PM 1:34
COMMUNITIES ACROSS CENTRAL ILLINOIS CELEBRATE OUR NATION'S
BIRTHDAY. ONE OF THE LARGEST IS SPRINGFIELD'S CAPITAL CITY
CELEBRATION. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT IS LIVE AT THE
CELEBRATION TO SHOW YOU WHAT'S GOING ON BEHIND THE SCENES.

Back Pain July 4 5PM 1:34
MILLIONS OF AMERICANS SUFFER FROM BACK PAIN. AND FOR MANY..
SURGERY IS THE ONLY WAY TO GET RID OF IT. NOW DOCTORS HAVE
COME UP WITH A NEW PROCEDURE THAT CUTS THE SURGERY TIME..
PAIN AND RECOVERY.. IN HALF.

Asthma Gene July 4 5PM :28
AN ESTIMATED FOUR MILLION CHILDREN SUFFERED AN ASTHMA
ATTACK LAST YEAR..
AND THE NUMBER OF KIDS DIAGNOSED WITH ASTHMA CONTINUES TO
GROW. NOW RESEARCHERS HAVE DISCOVERED ONE VERSION OF A
GENE THAT APPEARS TO INCREASE THE ASTHMA RISK BY 60 TO 70
PERCENT.

Head Injuries July 4 5PM :36
AND HERE'S SOMETHING ELSE FOR PARENTS TO WORRY ABOUT WHEN
THEIR CHILD TAKES THE FOOTBALL FIELD. A NEW STUDY FINDS THE
NUMBER OF SEVERE HEAD INJURIES IS THREE TIMES HIGHER IN HIGH
SCHOOL FOOTBALL THAN ON THE COLLEGIATE LEVEL. RESEARCHERS
REVIEWED 94 SUCH INCIDENTS THAT WERE REPORTED FROM 1989
THROUGH 2002.

Event Security July 4 6PM :51
THE CAPITOL CITY WILL PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS FOR TONIGHT'S
CELEBRATION. EVENT ORGANIZERS EXPECT ANYWHERE FROM FIVE TO
TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE DOWNTOWN. BUT AS NEWSCENTER 17'S
STEPHANIE WRIGHT EXPLAINS LIVE FROM THE CELEBRATION ... THERE
ARE SOME THINGS POLICE WANT YOU TO BE AWARE OF TONIGHT.

Event Security July 4 10PM :34

DESPITE SOME CLOUDY AFTERNOON WEATHER ... THE CAPITOL CITY CELEBRATED THE NATION'S BIRTHDAY. ORGANIZERS FOR THE SPRINGFIELD CELEBRATION SAY THE WEATHER MADE SOME DIFFERENCE IN THIS YEAR'S TURNOUT .. BUT OVERALL THEY'RE VERY PLEASED.

News Extra July 4 10PM 1:28
IF YOU SLAPPED ON THE SUNSCREEN AND STILL GOT BURNED... YOU MAY WANT TO CHECK YOUR BEACH BAG BEFORE BUMPING UP THE S-P-F. WHY DRINKING LIME IN THE SUN... COULD LEAVE YOU BURNED... IN TONIGHT'S NEWS EXTRA.

Event Security July 5 5AM :34
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Veggie Recall July 5 6PM :42
THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAS A WARNING FOR YOU TONIGHT.
A LINE OF SNACKS HAS BEEN RECALLED BECAUSE OF SALMONELLA. ROBERT'S AMERICAN GOURMET FOOD INCORPORATED VOLUNTARILY RECALLED *VEGGIE BOOTY* AND *SUPER VEGGIE TINGS CRUNCHY CORN STICKS*.

West Nile July 5 6PM :17
WEST NILE STRIKES AGAIN. STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS CONFIRM THE SUMMER'S SECOND HUMAN CASE. THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS A COOK COUNTY WOMAN IN HER 50'S CONTRACTED THE VIRUS. SO FAR THIS YEAR ONLY THREE ILLINOIS COUNTIES HAVE REPORTED WEST NILE POSITIVE MOSQUITOES.

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China Recall July 5 10PM 1:26
ROBERT'S AMERICAN GOURMET FOODS SAYS THE SEASONING IS FROM CHINA.. THE SOURCE OF SEVERAL OTHER RECENT RECALLS INCLUDING CONTAMINATED TOOTHPASTE, DEADLY PET FOOD, AND DEFECTIVE TIRES. THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT SAYS ITS CRACKING DOWN... BUT THIS COULD JUST BE THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG WHEN IT COMES TO CHINESE IMPORTS.

Caregivers July 5 10PM 1:15
PEOPLE WHO TAKE CARE OF THE ELDERLY GET SICK MORE THAN NORMAL... HAVE TROUBLE KEEPING A JOB... SPEND MORE MONEY THAN EXPECTED... BUT SURPRISINGLY SAVE TAXPAYERS BILLIONS OF DOLLARS. A NEW REPORT FROM A-A-R-P PUTS THE VALUE OF THEIR WORK AT 350 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR -- MORE THAN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SPENDS ON MEDICARE.

News Extra July 5 10PM 2:00
THE SAYING GOES... "EVERYTHING IN MODERATION". AND THAT'S ESPECIALLY TRUE FOR ALCOHOL. TOO MUCH DRINKING CAN CAUSE HEALTH PROBLEMS THAT GET WORSE OVER TIME. HOW DRINKING AFFECTS YOU IN YOUR 30S, 40S AND 50S... IN TONIGHT'S NEWS EXTRA.

West Nile July 6 5AM :22
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Veggie Recall July 6 5AM :43
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Horse Consumption July 6 5AM :30
ILLINOIS HAS BEEN THE ONLY PLACE IN THE STATE WHERE HORSES CAN BE PROCESSED TO BE EATEN BY PEOPLE..BUT THAT IS ENDING. A FEDERAL JUDGE IN ROCKFORD DISMISSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGES AGAINST A NEW STATE LAW PROHIBITING THE SLAUGHTER OF HORSES FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

Recall July 6 5PM :1:17
CHILDREN'S ITEMS TOP THIS WEEK'S RECALL LIST. "ESSENTIALS FOR KIDS" JEWELRY SETS CONTAIN HIGH LEVELS OF LEAD AND ARE BEING RECALLED BY FUTURE INDUSTRIES OUT OF NEW JERSEY. THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS OF CHILDREN SICKENED BY THE CONTAMINATION....

Power Outage July 7 5PM :20
THE POWER IS BACK TO NORMAL TODAY... AFTER A BRIEF OUTAGE LATE LAST NIGHT IN SPRINGFIELD. C-W-L-P SAYS ABOUT 11- HUNDRED PEOPLE WERE AFFECTED ... INCLUDING ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL.... WHEN A TRANSFORMER PROBLEM ON 11TH STREET CUT POWER FOR ABOUT AN HOUR.

Heat July 9 12PM 1:35
CENTRAL ILLINOIS ISN'T THE ONLY PART OF THE NATION SUFFERING FROM THE EXTREME HEAT. AS JENNIFER LONDON REPORTS.. THE HEAT WAVE HAS EXTENDED TO THE NORTHEAST.. WHERE THE MERCURY MAY FLIRT WITH THE TRIPLE-DIGITS THIS AFTERNOON.

Hearing Impaired July 9 5PM :37
THE LATEST CELL PHONE TECHNOLOGY WILL HELP THE HEARING IMPAIRED ACROSS CENTRAL ILLINOIS. THE S-I-U SCHOOL OF MEDICINE IN SPRINGFIELD NOW OFFERS A NEW HEARING INSTRUMENT THAT ENABLES PATIENTS TO CONNECT TO THEIR CELL PHONES... HANDS FREE.

Check Up July 9 5PM 1:53
OMEGA 3 FATTY ACID IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF A DAILY DIET. WE FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE COMPOUND... IN TONIGHT'S CHECK UP ON YOUR HEALTH.

Diabetes July 9 5PM :27
MORE HEALTH NEWS FOR YOU: NOT ALL SUPPLEMENTS ARE GOOD FOR YOU... ACCORDING TO THE LATEST RESEARCH ON SELENIUM AND DIABETES. RECENT STUDIES SUGGEST SELENIUM SUPPLEMENTS MAY IMPROVE SUGAR METABOLISM.

Parkinson's Smoking July 9 5PM :25
SMOKING IS NORMALLY ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASED RISK FOR SEVERAL DISEASES.
BUT NOW NEW RESEARCH SHOWS CIGARETTES MAY **ACTUALLY PROTECT** SOME FROM PARKINSON'S DISEASE.

Antidepressants July 9 5PM :29

CAN YOU GUESS WHAT THE MOST COMMONLY PRESCRIBED DRUG IN THE UNITED STATES IS? TONIGHT, RESEARCH SHOWS IT'S ANTIDEPRESSANTS. THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION SURVEY IN 2005 EXAMINED 352 HOSPITALS AND ABOUT 12 HUNDRED DOCTORS.

News Extra July 9 10PM 2:10
WEATHER FORECASTERS SAY THERE IS LITTLE RELIEF IN SIGHT FROM THE DANGEROUS HEAT WAVE ROASTING MUCH OF THE U-S. TODAY MANY STATES RECORDED TRIPLE DIGIT TEMPERATURES.... AND FOR MANY AREAS... IT'S THE WORST DROUGHT IN 500 YEARS. CASEY (WHY-AN) WIAN HAS MORE... IN TONIGHT'S NEWS EXTRA.

Roadside Safety July 9 5AM :24
POLICE WERE OUT AGAIN THIS PAST FRIDAY.. LOOKING FOR DRUNKEN DRIVERS.
NEWSCENTER 17 HAS BEEN TRACKING DOWN NUMBERS OF D-U-I OFFENSES ACROSS CENTRAL ILLINOIS... BEFORE AND AFTER THE FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY.

Smoking Pill July 10 12PM :30
A PILL TO HELP PEOPLE STOP SMOKING COULD HELP ALCOHOLICS OVERCOME THEIR ADDICTION, TOO. THE MEDICATION IS CALLED VARENICLINE, AND SOLD UNDER THE BRAND NAME "CHANTIX" BY PFIZER. THE DRUG TARGETS THE "PLEASURE" AREA OF THE BRAIN THAT'S AFFECTED BY NICOTINE. IT WORKS BY STIMULATING THE BRAIN TO RELEASE DOPAMINE TO EASE CRAVINGS .. THEN BLOCKS THE EFFECTS OF NICOTINE IF THE SMOKER LIGHTS UP AGAIN.

Broken Heart July 10 12PM :25
A CASE STUDY PUBLISHED THIS MONTH INDICATES IT REALLY IS POSSIBLE TO DIE OF A BROKEN HEART WHEN HIT WITH SUDDEN, DEVASTATING NEWS. THE CASE STUDY INVOLVES A 50-YEAR OLD WOMAN WHOSE IMPLANTED DEFIBRILLATOR STOPPED HER FROM GOING INTO CARDIAC ARREST AT HER SISTER-IN-LAW'S FUNERAL. THE INCIDENT HAPPENED EXACTLY A WEEK AFTER HER FATHER'S UNEXPECTED DEATH. HER SISTER-IN-LAW HAD COLLAPSED AND DIED THE SAME DAY.

Extreme Heat July 10 5PM 1:28
IT COOLED OFF A LITTLE TODAY... AFTER HEAT INDEXES REACHED TRIPLE DIGITS IN SOME PARTS OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS YESTERDAY. IT'S THE KIND OF WEATHER YOU DON'T WANT TO MESS WITH ON YOUR OWN TIME. BUT SOME WORKERS GET PAID TO SWEAT IT OUT. ONE FIREFIGHTER REALLY FELT THE HEAT THIS WEEKEND.

Tomatoes Cancer July 10 5PM :29
TONIGHT WE RUN DOWN THE LATEST, MOST IMPORTANT NEWS THAT AFFECTS YOUR HEALTH. YOU CAN EAT A TOMATO TO ENJOY ITS TASTE BUT DON'T EXPECT IT TO HELP PREVENT CANCER.

Blood Test Fat July 10 5PM :33
RESEARCHERS HAVE IDENTIFIED A CHEMICAL IN THE BLOOD THAT INDICATES THE AMOUNT OF DANGEROUS BELLY FAT A PATIENT HAS. VISCERAL FAT SURROUNDS ORGANS IN THE BELLY... AND WHEN PRESENT IN HIGH AMOUNTS IS ASSOCIATED WITH HEART DISEASE AND DIABETES.

Police Academy July 10 10PM 1:41
POLICE SAY IT'S A CHANCE FOR THE GROWING SPANISH- SPEAKING COMMUNITY AND OFFICERS TO CONNECT. THEY CAN DEVELOP A RELATIONSHIP... ASK QUESTIONS... AND SOLVE PROBLEMS. TONIGHT KICKED OFF THE 7 WEEK PROGRAM

Extreme Heat July 10 10PM :45
CREWS ON THE SCENE OF THAT ACCIDENT ALSO HAD TO BATTLE EXTREMELY HOT TEMPERATURES. FIREFIGHTERS CAN BE CALLED OUT TO SAVE LIVES AND FIGHT FIRES NO MATTER THE WEATHER. TESTING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SHOW THEIR CORE TEMPERATURES CAN REACH ONE HUNDRED AND FOUR DEGREES WHEN WORKING IN THEIR FULL GEAR.

Construction Crash July 11 5AM :42
A HIGHWAY IS BACK OPEN... AFTER A THREE-VEHICLE CRASH SENT A FIREBALL UP IN THE SKY. THE CRASH HAPPENED NEAR ROUTES 121 AND 128 IN MACON COUNTY. A SEMI-TRUCK, A PICK-UP TRUCK, AND A MID-SIZED SEDAN WERE ALL INVOLVED IN THE CRASH.

Extreme Heat July 11 5AM 1:24
WHEN THE TEMPERATURE NEARS TRIPLE DIGITS...MOST OF US WANT TO STAY OUT OF THE SUN. BUT FOR EMERGENCY WORKERS, STAYING INSIDE IS NOT AN OPTION. AND AS NEWSCENTER 17'S MIKAELA HUNT SHOWS YOU...ONE FIREFIGHTER REALLY FELT THE HEAT THIS WEEKEND.

Disaster Prep July 11 5AM :29
AS ONE CENTRAL ILLINOIS HOSPITAL PREPARES FOR THE WORST, AT THE SAME TIME IT'S GETTING MORE MONEY TO SUPPORT AN IMPORTANT GOAL. CARLE FOUNDATION HOSPITAL OFFICIALS SAY THEY RECEIVED A 285-THOUSAND DOLLAR FEDERAL BIOTERRORISM GRANT.

US Smoking Ban July 11 5AM :28

A BAN ON SMOKING IN LONDON'S PUBS AND RESTAURANTS HAS FORCED OWNERS TO FIND CREATIVE WAYS TO ALLOW PATRONS TO GET THEIR NICOTINE FIX. SINCE THE BAN WENT INTO EFFECT EARLIER THIS MONTH, ONE PUB HAS OFFERED SMOKERS SNUFF INSTEAD OF CIGARETTES

Cooling temps July 11 12PM :50
SOME RESIDENTS IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY ARE HAVING A HARD TIME GETTING HELP WITH THE HEAT. THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION IS OFFERING FEDERAL COOLING GRANTS... AVAILABLE TO SENIOR CITIZENS... THE DISABLED... AND FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN UNDER 3 YEARS OF AGE.

Electric Assist July 11 12PM :25
MEANWHILE.. MACON COUNTY RESIDENTS LOOKING FOR HELP WITH THEIR POWER BILLS MAY BE ABLE TO GET IT THROUGH THE DECATUR-MACON COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES CORPORATION. D-M-C-O-C BEGAN TAKING APPOINTMENTS MONDAY.. AND WALK-INS WILL BE TAKEN EACH MORNING AND AFTERNOON.

Parkinson's July 11 12PM :30
A NEW REPORT HIGHLIGHTS SOME OF THE PROBLEMS THAT CAN ACCOMPANY EARLY PARKINSON'S DISEASE. HALLUCINATIONS, SLEEPINESS AND SWELLING ARE ALL ASSOCIATED WITH THE EARLY STAGES OF THE DISEASE, ACCORDING TO THE STUDY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.

Insomnia July 11 12PM :25
SOME PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM CHRONIC INSOMNIA COULD BE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS, SUCH AS DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY.
THAT'S BASED ON AN ANALYSIS OF TWO GENERAL HEALTH SURVEYS OF MORE THAN 25-THOUSAND ADULTS IN NORWAY. THE FIRST SURVEY WAS DONE IN 1984 .. THE SECOND ABOUT A DECADE LATER.

Cancer Climb July 11 12PM 2:45
AN OHIO MAN RECENTLY SUMMITED MOUNT EVEREST -- TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR A CHARITY. HE TOOK ALONG HIS VIDEO CAMERA AND MEMORIES OF HIS MOTHER

Baby Meningitis July 11 12PM :56
A SUSPECTED CASE OF BACTERIAL MENINGITIS MAY HAVE KILLED A CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHILD. NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH IS LIVE IN THE NEWSROOM TO EXPLAIN IF ANYONE ELSE IS AT RISK AND WHAT CAN BE DONE TO PROTECT OTHERS.

Cancer Genes July 11 5PM :50
WE HAVE REASSURING NEWS FOR WOMEN WHO HAVE THE CANCER GENES KNOWN AS BRCA (brah-ka) ONE AND TWO. TYPICALLY, THE GENES RAISE THE RISK OF DEVELOPING BREAST AND OVARIAN CANCER. DOCTORS AT THE *DANA FARBER CANCER INSTITUTE* SAY THE BRCA GENE MUTATION IS A KNOWN RISK FACTOR... BUT WHETHER OR NOT THE GENETIC VARIATION AFFECTS SURVIVAL HAS NOT BEEN CLEAR.

Summer Eating July 11 5PM :36
ALSO IN A CHECK UP ON YOUR HEALTH... SUMMER IS NOT THE TIME WHEN MOST PEOPLE CRAVE HOT, HEAVY FOOD. OUR APPETITES CHANGE WITH WARMER SEASONS. ON A HOT SUMMER DAY, HEATING UP THE HOUSE WHILE MAKING A MEAL IS OFTEN THE LAST THING YOU WANT TO DO.

Rail Car Training July 11 6PM 1:31
IN THE SPRING AND FALL... EXPERTS SAY NEARLY EVERY TRAIN THAT GOES THROUGH CENTRAL ILLINOIS HAS AN ANHYDROUS AMMONIA TANK ON IT. THIS WEEK CREWS FROM CHAMPAIGN TO CHARLESTON ARE LEARNING HOW TO DEAL WITH THOSE TANK CARS IF THEY DERAIL.

Baby Meningitis July 12 5AM :40
PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS SUSPECT BACTERIAL MENINGITIS MAY HAVE KILLED A CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHILD. THE VERMILION COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAYS A CHILD BROUGHT INTO "PROVENA UNITED SAMARITANS MEDICAL CENTER" ON SATURDAY... DIED THE NEXT DAY.

Provena Death July 12 12PM :35
PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE INVESTIGATING WHETHER A CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHILD DIED FROM A SUSPECTED CASE OF BACTERIAL MENINGITIS. THE VERMILION COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAYS THE WAS CHILD BROUGHT INTO "PROVENA UNITED SAMARITANS MEDICAL CENTER" ON SATURDAY... AND DIED THE NEXT DAY.

MED Records July 12 12PM :25
SWITCHING TO ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS COULD PROVE TO BE COST-EFFECTIVE FOR HOSPITALS AND OTHER HEALTHCARE FACILITIES. THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER MEDICAL CENTER IMPLEMENTED AN ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD SYSTEM IN 2003

Meditation July 12 12PM :20
A LOT OF PEOPLE MEDITATE BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE IT WILL HELP A MULTITUDE OF HEALTH PROBLEMS .. BUT DOES SCIENCE BACK THE PRACTICE? AN EXTENSIVE NEW REVIEW OF RESEARCH FINDS THERE'S

NOT MUCH EVIDENCE THAT DEFINITELY PROVES WHETHER MEDITATION IS BENEFICIAL FOR HEALTH.

Stress Smile July 12 12PM 1:55
A LONG-TERM CASUALTY OF EVERYDAY STRESS THAT YOU MAY NOT HAVE KNOWN ABOUT. NESITA KWAN REPORTS ON WHAT STRESS, DOES TO YOUR TEETH.

Watercraft Safety July 12 5PM :40
SUMMER MEANS SWIMMING AND BOATING SEASON. TONIGHT WE TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE DANGERS AND HOW YOU CAN PROTECT YOURSELF. THERE ARE SEVERAL REASONS FOR DANGEROUS CRASHES ON THE WATER.

Headaches July 13 12PM :30
KIDS AND ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES. IT CAN BE DIFFICULT FOR KIDS WHO SUFFER FROM CHRONIC HEADACHES TO CONCENTRATE IN SCHOOL... BUT NEW RESEARCH FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA SUGGESTS EVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KIDS CAN USE SELF-HYPNOSIS TO TREAT THEIR HEAD PAIN.

Spouse July 13 12PM :30
IF YOU HAVE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE, CHANCES ARE, YOUR GOOD HABITS WILL RUB OFF ON YOUR SPOUSE, TOO. AFTER ANALYZING SURVEYS ON MORE THAN 6-THOUSAND HUSBANDS AND WIVES OVER FOUR YEARS .. RESEARCHERS SAY THAT SPOUSES TEND TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF THEIR SIGNIFICANT OTHERS.

Cancer Genes July 13 12PM 1:33
REASSURING NEWS FOR WOMEN WHO HAVE THE CANCER GENES KNOWN AS BRCA (BRAH-KA) ONE AND TWO. THE GENES RAISE THE RISK OF DEVELOPING BREAST AND OVARIAN CANCER. NOW NEW RESEARCH SHEDS LIGHT ON HOW THE GENETIC CONNECTION MAY AFFECT A WOMAN'S CHANCE OF SURVIVING ONE OF THOSE CANCERS.

Recall July 13 5PM 1:02
COOKING TORCHES BY MEYER ARE BEING RECALLED TONIGHT. BON JOUR PROFESSIONAL CULINARY TORCHES ARE RECALLED BECAUSE BUTANE FUEL CAN LEAK AND CAUSE A FIRE. BON JOUR IS PRINTED ON THE SIDE OF THE TORCH. THEY WERE SOLD AT VARIOUS RETAILERS FROM OCTOBER 2006 THROUGH MAY OF THIS YEAR FOR ABOUT 40 DOLLARS.

Baby Food Recall July 15 10PM :30
PARENTS.... A BABY FOOD IS BEING RECALLED... BECAUSE SOME BABIES HAVE CHOKED ON IT. A FLORIDA FATHER SAYS HE POINTED

OUT THE PROBLEM TO GERBER CORPORATION SIX WEEKS AGO.
LUMPS IN AN ORGANIC RICE CEREAL ... THAT DIDN'T DISSOLVE.

Decatur Council July 16 12PM :40
THE DECATUR CITY COUNCIL COULD VOTE TONIGHT ON AN ORDINANCE
TO PROTECT RESIDENTS.. FROM OVERSPRAYING OF PESTICIDES OR
HERBICIDES.. THIS COMES AFTER A NUMBER OF EMPTY LOTS WERE
SPRAYED... DAMAGING PROPERTY AND CREATING HEALTH PROBLEMS
FOR PEOPLE LIVING NEARBY.

Diabetes July 16 12PM :25
SCIENTISTS SAY THEY'VE DISCOVERED ANOTHER GENE THAT RAISES
THE RISK FOR TYPE ONE DIABETES. THIS LATEST RESEARCH ADDS TO
FOUR GENES ALREADY IDENTIFIED FOR THE DISEASE.. IN WHICH THE
IMMUNE SYSTEM ATTACKS CELLS THAT PRODUCE INSULIN, MAKING
PATIENTS DEPENDENT ON INSULIN INJECTIONS.

Work Drugs July 16 12PM :20
IT'S -ILLEGAL- DRUGS, THOUGH... THAT ARE THE SUBJECT OF A NEW
SURVEY FROM THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH
ADMINISTRATION. THE SURVEY SHOWS THAT ABOUT 1 OUT OF EVERY
12 FULL-TIME U-S WORKERS SAY THEY'VE USED ILLEGAL DRUGS WITHIN
THE PAST MONTH.

Kid Yoga July 16 12PM 1:25
A MUCH YOUNGER GENERATION HAS FOUND A NEW WAY TO EXERCISE
-- YOGA CLASSES. PARENTS SAY IT'S HELPED THEIR CHILDREN IN
THEIR COMMITMENT TO BE FIT. AND FOR ONE BOY, IT'S SERVED AS AN
ALTERNATIVE TO MEDICATION. BRENDAN HIGGINS REPORTS.

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FOR PEOPLE LIVING NEARBY.

Check up July 16 5PM :41
IS IT POSSIBLE TO MAKE CIGARETTES SAFER? THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT A
GROUP OF SENATORS SAYS IT WANTS TO DO ... WITH A BILL THAT
WOULD HAND THE U-S FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AUTHORITY IT
SAYS IT DOESN'T WANT. BRIAN MOOAR TAKES A CLOSER LOOK IN
TONIGHT'S CHECK UP ON YOUR HEALTH.

Sleepy Cold July 16 5PM :25

NEW RESEARCH SHOWS WHEN YOU'RE SICK... YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM MAY FORCE YOU TO SLEEP! A STUDY IN MICE SHOWS AN IMMUNE SYSTEM MOLECULE SUPPRESSES CIRCADIAN RHYTHM FUNCTION DURING INFECTIONS.

Decatur Overspraying July 16 10PM 1:29
DAWN AND SEAN... THIS ORDINANCE TARGETS *DANGEROUS USE OF PESTICIDES, HERBICIDES AND OTHER CHEMICALS. IT SAYS YOU CAN'T USE THEM IN A WAY THAT WILL HURT PEOPLE, WILDLIFE, VEGETATION OR CROPS OWNED BY ANYONE ELSE. BUT IT DOES *NOT* AFFECT PEOPLE WHO SPRAY SAFELY. ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED FOR THIS ACTION.

Scott's Law July 16 10PM :27
POLICE WANT TO GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT A LAW TO HELP MAKE OUR ROADS SAFER. SCOTT'S LAW AIMS TO HELP PROTECT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS, EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND HIGHWAY WORKERS. THE LAW SAYS, DRIVERS NEED TO YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY WHEN THEY SEE AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE, WITH FLASHING WARNING LIGHTS.

News Extra July 16 10PM 1:15
A CANCER DIAGNOSIS CAN BE DEVASTATING FOR ANY PATIENT. IN TONIGHT'S NEWS EXTRA... HOW TO DEAL WITH THE INITIAL SHOCK... AND FORM A STRATEGY FOR TREATMENT.

Decatur Overspraying July 17 5AM 1:21
THE DECATUR CITY COUNCIL HAS PASSED AN ORDINANCE IN RESPONSE TO A DAMAGING HERBICIDE OVER- SPRAYING INCIDENT. NEWSCENTER 17'S ELIZABETH MOORS SHOWS YOU WHAT THIS NEW ORDINANCE MEANS.

Traffic July 17 12PM :25
LIVING NEAR HEAVY TRAFFIC CAN TAKE A TOLL ON YOUR HEART HEALTH. A GERMAN STUDY SHOWS REGULARLY BREATHING EXHAUST FUMES CAN LEAD TO HARDENING OF THE ARTERIES. THAT, IN TURN, RAISES THE RISK FOR HEART ATTACKS.

Training July 17 12PM :20
EVERYONE KNOWS EXERCISE IS KEY TO A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE .. BUT NOW EVEN PEOPLE WITH CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE CAN BENEFIT FROM RESISTANCE WEIGHT TRAINING. THAT'S ACCORDING TO A NEW STATEMENT FROM THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION.

Depression July 17 12PM 1:45

IF YOU GET BOUTS OF DEPRESSION, DOCTORS SAY SEEK TREATMENT. NOW THERE IS NEW EVIDENCE THAT LINKS UNTREATED DEPRESSION TO DEMENTIA. PEGGY PICO EXPLAINS.

Rainfall July 17 5PM 1:17
THANKS LEE... AND AS WE JUST SAW FROM THOSE TOTALS... SEVERAL AREAS RECEIVED A LOT OF RAIN IN A SHORT TIME TODAY. PARTS OF MOULTRIE, COLES, CUMBERLAND, AND SHELBY COUNTIES WERE ALL UNDER A FLASH FLOOD WARNING UP UNTIL JUST MORE THAN AN HOUR AGO.

Electric Rates July 17 5PM 1:11
SEAN .. THERE ARE STILL A FEW DETAILS TO BE WORKED OUT ... BUT AMEREN AND COMMONWEALTH EDISON HAVE AGREED TO PAY ABOUT A BILLION DOLLARS TO CUSTOMERS OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS. EAST SAINT LOUIS STATE SENATOR JAMES CLAYBORNE HEADED UP THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UTILITIES ...

Buddy Check 17 July 17 5PM 1:42

YOUR BLADDER AND YOUR KIDNEYS...YOU MAY NOT THINK MUCH ABOUT THEM...BUT THEY ARE VITAL TO YOUR HEALTH. BLADDER CANCER IS NOW THE SIXTH MOST COMMON CANCER IN THE U-S. AND SYMPTOMS ARE COMMON TO KIDNEY CANCER. TWO DISEASES WE FOCUS ON TONIGHT IN OUR BUDDY CHECK 17 PROGRAM.

Food Safety July 17 5PM :52
IN TONIGHT'S CHECKUP ON YOUR HEALTH.. EXPERTS TESTIFYING ON CAPITOL HILL TODAY SAY... YOU SHOULD BE VERY WORRIED ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THE FOOD SUPPLY. CONSUMER GROUPS SAY TEN PERCENT OF THE AMERICAN DIET COMES FROM OVERSEAS.. BUT LESS THAN ONE PERCENT OF IMPORTED FOOD GETS INSPECTED BY THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION.

Curry Chicken July 17 5PM :35
ALSO IN A CHECK UP ON YOUR HEALTH... THAT SPICY CURRY SAUCE MAY DO MORE THAN FLAVOR YOUR FOOD.. IT MAY ALSO FIGHT ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE! EXPERTS STUDIED THE EFFECT OF A COMPOUND IN TUMERIC, THE SPICE THAT GIVES CURRY ITS YELLOW COLOR, ON BLOOD SAMPLES FROM ALZHEIMER'S PATIENTS.

Cancer Diet July 17 5PM :24
NEW RESEARCH PROVES TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING MAY **NOT** BE WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED. PREVIOUS STUDIES HAVE SHOWN A STEADY INTAKE OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES CAN STAVE OFF BREAST CANCER RECURRENCE. BUT RESEARCHERS WANTED TO KNOW

WHETHER A DIET *HIGH* IN FRUITS AND VEGGIES WOULD HAVE AN EVEN BIGGER EFFECT.

Labor Coach July 18 12PM :30

TWO WAYS THAT COULD MAKE GIVING BIRTH A MORE ENJOYABLE AND SATISFYING EXPERIENCE FOR WOMEN. A REVIEW OF RESEARCH FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SHOWS WOMEN WHO HAVE SOME KIND OF LABOR COACH .. LIKE A HUSBAND, OTHER FAMILY MEMBER, OR MIDWIFE .. ARE MORE LIKELY THAN OTHERS TO HAVE A SHORTER LABOR.

Kangaroo July 18 12PM :30

ANOTHER EXTENSIVE REVIEW OF AVAILABLE RESEARCH FINDS WOMEN WHO HAVE EARLY SKIN TO SKIN CONTACT WITH THEIR NEWBORN BABIES TEND TO HAVE AN EASIER TIME BREASTFEEDING. THIS TYPE OF "KANGAROO CARE" OCCURS WHEN THE BABY RESTS ON THE MOTHER'S BARE CHEST IMMEDIATELY AFTER BIRTH.

Menopause July 18 12PM 1:32

MANY WOMEN LIVE IN FEAR OF MENOPAUSE AND ALL THAT COMES WITH IT. BUT AS DR. DEANNA LITES REPORTS, THERE ARE MANY TREATMENTS OUT THERE TO COMBAT THOSE MENOPAUSE SYMPTOMS.

Kids/Junk Food July 18 5PM :47

IN TONIGHT'S CHECKUP ON YOUR HEALTH.. SEVERAL MAJOR FOOD AND BEVERAGE COMPANIES SAY THEY'LL QUIT PAIRING CARTOON CHARACTERS WITH SUGARY SNACKS. ELEVEN MAJOR COMPANIES.. INCLUDING KRAFT AND GENERAL MILLS AGREED TO NEW OR IMPROVED ADVERTISING CAMPAIGNS AIMED AT INCREASING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND HEALTHIER EATING HABITS FOR CHILDREN AGES SIX TO TWELVE

Adult ADD July 18 5PM 1:20

ALSO IN YOUR CHECKUP TONIGHT.. CHILDREN ARE USUALLY THE ONES MOST ASSOCIATED WITH ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER. BUT AS JUDY FORTIN EXPLAINS.. AN ESTIMATED FOUR PERCENT OF ADULTS HAVE IT TOO.

News Extra July 18 10PM 1:52

PREVENTING HEART INFECTIONS AT THE DENTIST. THAT'S WHY MANY PATIENTS HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO TAKE ANTIBIOTICS BEFORE A SIMPLE TEETH CLEANING. IN TONIGHT'S NEWS EXTRA... NEW REGULATIONS ARE CHANGING WHO NEEDS TO BE MEDICATED BEFORE A TRIP TO THE DENTIST.

Antique Warning July 19 5AM 2:42

TREASURES FROM THE PAST MAY BE HARMFUL TO YOUR HEALTH. WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT ANTIQUES COULD HURT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. VIC SALAZAR REPORTS ON THE HIDDEN DANGER AND OUTLINES THE STEPS YOU SHOULD TAKE FOR SAFETY.

Smoking July 19 12PM :30
NEW RESEARCH INDICATES A DIET DRUG COULD ALSO HELP PEOPLE QUIT SMOKING.
THE STUDY SHOWS RIMONABANT HELPED BLOCK A NICOTINE RECEPTOR IN THE BRAIN. RESEARCHERS SAY PEOPLE WHO TOOK THE DRUG IN THE STUDY INCREASED THEIR ODDS OF SUCCESSFULLY QUITTING SMOKING BY 50-PERCENT.

Hospital July 19 12PM :30
ANOTHER STUDY SHOWS GOING INTO THE HOSPITAL COULD ACTUALLY BE A GOOD PLACE TO STOP SMOKING. RESEARCHERS SAY THE CHANCES OF A PERSON'S QUITTING SUCCESS CAN BE STRENGTHENED IF PATIENTS ARE COUNSELED DURING THEIR HOSPITAL STAY.

Laser Hair July 19 12PM 2:35
THE AVERAGE ADULT SHEDS ABOUT 100 HAIRS A DAY. THE PROBLEM FOR MANY IS -- THOSE HAIRS NEVER COME BACK. 35-MILLION MEN IN THE UNITED STATES HAVE MALE PATTERN BALDNESS .. AND A LOT OF THEM ARE LOOKING FOR SOLUTIONS. MARK KOEBRICH REPORTS ON A NEW LASER PROCEDURE THAT MAY FIT THE BILL.

Secondhand Smoke July 19 5PM :25
RESTAURANT AND BAR SMOKING BANS HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON NON-SMOKERS' HEALTH. A RANDOM STUDY OF NEW YORK RESIDENTS FOUND LEVELS OF A BYPRODUCT OF NICOTINE WENT DOWN NEARLY 50 PER CENT AFTER STATEWIDE RESTAURANT AND BAR SMOKING BANS WERE IMPLEMENTED.

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Consumerwatch July 19 5PM :54
AND THERE'S MORE NEWS ABOUT SMOKING.. THIS TIME A HOLD UP IN LEGISLATION.
NEWSCENTER 17'S DAWN STERLING JOINS US NOW WITH THAT STORY AND MORE IN YOUR CONSUMER WATCH.

Bacterial Meningitis July 19 6PM 1:30
VERMILION COUNTY HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY THEY'VE CONFIRMED **ANOTHER CHILD UNDER** THE AGE OF FOUR.. HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH BACTERIAL MENINGITIS.. NEWSCENTER 17'S JULIE QUALLS IS LIVE IN THE NEWSROOM WITH THE STORY.

Bacterial Meningitis July 19 10PM :51
A SECOND CASE OF BACTERIAL MENINGITIS IS CONFIRMED TONIGHT IN VERMILION COUNTY. THIS CASE COMES JUST TEN DAYS AFTER THE DEATH OF A 3-YEAR-OLD INFECTED WITH THE VIRUS. THE NEW CASE INVOLVES ANOTHER CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF FOUR... THE BOY IS IN STABLE CONDITION AT CARLE FOUNDATION HOSPITAL.

Bacterial Meningitis July 20 5AM 1:23
VERMILION COUNTY HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY THEY'VE CONFIRMED **ANOTHER CHILD UNDER** THE AGE OF FOUR HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH BACTERIAL MENINGITIS. HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY THIS IS VERMILION COUNTY'S SECOND CASE OF BACTERIAL MENINGITIS THIS MONTH. THE FIRST CAUSED THE DEATH OF A THREE-YEAR-OLD GIRL AT URBANA'S CARLE HOSPITAL ON JULY 8TH.

Vermilion Case July 20 12PM :55
CENTRAL ILLINOIS HEALTH OFFICIALS MAY KNOW TODAY IF TWO CONFIRMED CASES OF BACTERIAL MENINGITIS IN VERMILLION COUNTY.. ARE CONNECTED. THIS CASE COMES LESS THAN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE DEATH OF A 3-YEAR-OLD INFECTED WITH THE VIRUS. THE NEW CASE INVOLVES ANOTHER CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF FOUR... THE BOY IS IN STABLE CONDITION AT CARLE FOUNDATION HOSPITAL.

Infection July 20 12PM :30
CUTTING BACK ON THE NUMBER OF NURSES ON DUTY IN INTENSIVE CARE UNITS COULD LEAD TO AN INCREASED NUMBER OF PATIENT INFECTIONS. OVER A FOUR-YEAR PERIOD, RESEARCHERS IN SWITZERLAND LOOKED AT THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS IN THE I-C-U WHO DEVELOPED VENTILATOR-ASSOCIATED PNEUMONIA, AND THEN COMPARED THAT TO THE NUMBER OF NURSES ON DUTY.

Diet July 20 12PM :30
EXERCISING AND EATING A WELL-BALANCED DIET COULD HELP YOU LIVE A LONGER LIFE - EVEN DESPITE HAVING OTHER DISEASES OR CONDITIONS.. A NEW STUDY FROM CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BOSTON AND HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL INDICATES THE KEY MAY BE MORE ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR BRAIN.. THAN WHAT YOUR BODY LOOKS LIKE.

Heart Burn July 20 12PM 1:10
FOOL PROOF WAYS TO FEND OFF HEARTBURN. THE THREE WAYS TO FIGHT IT AND WHEN IT'S SERIOUS ENOUGH TO SEE THE DOCTOR. MEREDITH LAND SHOWS US HOW.

Recall Roundup July 20 5PM 1:21
DON'T GET TOO COMFORTABLE IN YOUR LAWN CHAIR OVER THE WEEKEND. SOME OF THEM ARE BEING RECALLED TONIGHT. NEWSCENTER 17'S DAWN STERLING HAS THE RUNDOWN ON THAT AND ALL THE LATEST PRODUCTS THAT POSE A HAZARD TO YOUR FAMILY IN OUR RECALL ROUND UP.

Diabetes Camp July 20 10PM :20
THIS WEEK.... SOME CAMPERS EXPERIENCED TRADITIONAL SUMMER FUN... WITH AN EDUCATIONAL TWIST. CAMP GRENADA HAPPENED ALL WEEK AT ALLERTON PARK IN MONTICELLO THE 31ST YEAR. IT ENDED YESTERDAY. KIDS GET TO SWIM, HIKE, BOAT AND MORE.

Castleberry Recall July 22 5PM :41
A MEAT PRODUCTS PROCESSOR EXPANDS IT RECALL. WE TOLD YOU FRIDAY.... CASTLEBERRY'S RECALLED SOME PRODUCTS ... LINKED WITH BOTULISM. NOW.. THE COMPANY HAS EXPANDED THE LIST... TO MORE THAN EIGHTY TYPES OF CANNED MEAT PRODUCTS INCLUDING CORNED BEEF HASH, CHILI, BEEF STEW, AND FOUR VARIETIES OF DOG FOOD.

Fingerprinting July 22 5PM :25
IT'S NOT SOMETHING PARENTS WANT TO THINK ABOUT BUT IF ANYTHING TRAGIC EVER HAPPENED TO YOUR CHILD.... ONE GROUP IS TRYING TO MAKE IT EASIER TO IDENTIFY YOUR LITTLE ONE. IN CONJUNCTION WITH ITS ANNUAL PICNIC.... MACON COUNTY MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES HELD ITS FIRST FINGERPRINTING EVENT FOR KIDS... ALSO GETTING D-N-A SAMPLES.

Smoking Ban July 23 5Am :20
GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH WON'T BE PART OF THAT FLYAROUND. HIS OFFICE SAYS HE'LL BE IN CHICAGO... SIGNING THE STATEWIDE SMOKING BAN INTO LAW. IT APPLIES TO ALL PUBLIC PLACES ... INCLUDING BARS AND RESTAURANTS. HIS OFFICE SAYS CANCER SURVIVORS, HEALTH CARE AND CLEAN AIR ADVOCATES AND LAWMAKERS WILL BE THERE AS THE GOVERNOR SIGNS THE BILL.

Infant Car Seat Death July 23 12PM :32
A WARNING FOR PARENTS... TOPS TODAY'S MEDICAL NEWS...
BABIES YOUNGER THAN ONE MONTH OLD MAY BE AT RISK IN

News Extra July 23 10PM 1:52
IF YOU HAVE A CELL PHONE.. YOU PROBABLY CHECK YOUR VOICEMAIL AT LEAST ONCE A DAY. BUT YOU MAY NOT REALIZE YOU CAN BE CHARGED FOR CALLING YOUR VOICEMAIL FROM YOUR CELL PHONE. SOUND STRANGE? THE DETAILS... IN TONIGHT'S NEWS EXTRA.

Meat Inspection July 24 5AM 2:08
WHEN IT COMES TO MEAT..THE U-S-D-A SEAL IS REQUIRED TO PROVE THAT IT HAS BEEN INSPECTED BY A FEDERAL AGENCY. BUT WHAT MANY CONSUMERS MAY NOT KNOW IS THAT SOME MEAT HAS BEEN TREATED WITH CARBON MONOXIDE GAS TO KEEP IT LOOKING FRESH FOR WEEKS. AND SOME IN CONGRESS WANT THAT STOPPED.

Breast Cancer Drug July 24 12PM :37
TOPPING TODAY'S MEDICAL NEWS... A FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION ADVISORY PANEL IS CONSIDERING WHETHER TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL FOR A DRUG TO BE USED FOR BREAST CANCER PREVENTION. EVISTA IS ALREADY ON THE MARKET AS AN OSTEOPOROSIS DRUG.

Smoking Menopause July 24 12PM :22
SMOKING CAN PUT WOMEN AT RISK FOR EARLY MENOPAUSE, ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY. RESEARCHERS IN NORWAY LOOKED AT MORE THAN TWO-THOUSAND WOMEN AROUND AGE 60... AND FOUND SMOKERS WERE 59-PERCENT MORE LIKELY TO HAVE GONE THROUGH MENOPAUSE BEFORE AGE 45. THE RATE OF EARLY MENOPAUSE NEARLY DOUBLED IN WOMEN WHO WERE THE HEAVIEST SMOKERS.

Jaw Transplant July 24 12PM 2:04
WE ARE ABOUT TO INTRODUCE YOU TO ALAN DOHERTY... A 17 YEAR OLD BOY FROM IRELAND WHO SAYS HE WAS TEASED AND STARED AT FOR HIS ENTIRE LIFE. BUT NOW A UNIQUE SURGERY MAY CHANGE HIS LIFE.

Botulism Recall July 24 5PM :30
WE HAVE A WARNING FOR YOU TONIGHT. SOME MACON COUNTY STORES REMOVE RECALLED FOOD FROM THEIR SHELVES. AND AT THE SAME TIME, THE RECALL OF SOME OF THAT CANNED FOOD IS **EXPANDING**. *CASTLEBERRY'S FOOD COMPANY* VOLUNTARILY EXPANDED ITS RECALL FROM LAST WEEK... DUE TO POSSIBLE BOTULISM CONTAMINATION. THE RECALL NOW INCLUDES ALMOST 100 VARIETIES OF CHILI, BEEF STEW, CORNED BEEF HASH, BAR-BE-QUE PORK, HOT DOG CHILI SAUCES, SAUSAGE GRAVY, AND DOG FOOD.

Infrastructure July 24 5PM :50

YOU MAY HAVE SEEN THE SPECIAL REPORT ON NBC NIGHTLY NEWS ABOUT THE NATION'S CRUMBLING INFRASTRUCTURE. MANY CITIES ARE SHOWING THEIR AGE... AND NOT IN A PARTICULARLY GRACEFUL WAY. THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS GIVES A NEAR FAILING GRADE TO ALMOST EVERY ASPECT OF THE NATION'S INFRASTRUCTURE: BRIDGES, ROADS, RAILS, AND WATER... JUST TO NAME A FEW. SOME EXAMPLES: NEW YORK'S BROOKLYN BRIDGE OPENED IN 1883.. WHEN TRAFFIC CONSISTED OF HORSES AND TROLLEYS. GROVER CLEVELAND WAS IN THE WHITE HOUSE WHEN CHICAGO'S "L" SYSTEM BEGAN. AND ELVIS WAS TOPPING THE CHARTS WHEN MOST OF THE NATION'S ELECTRICIANS WERE WIRING HOMES FOR TV.

Crumbling Overpass July 24 5AM :57
CENTRAL ILLINOIS IS NO DIFFERENT. RIGHT NOW CITY LEADERS IN CHAMPAIGN ARE VERY WORRIED ABOUT CRUMBLING RAILROAD OVERPASSES. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY JOINS US NOW LIVE WITH THE DETAILS.

Breast Cancer July 24 5PM 1:16
A FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE PUTS ITS STAMP OF APPROVAL ON A POPULAR OSTEOPOROSIS DRUG. BUT INSTEAD OF JUST TREATING BONES... IT'S THE LATEST BREAST CANCER PREVENTION STRATEGY. \ DETAILS ARE IN TONIGHT'S CHECK UP ON YOUR HEALTH.

Sudden Death July 24 5PM 1:08
YOU MAY HAVE HEARD ABOUT YOUNG, ACTIVE PEOPLE WHOSE HEARTS SUDDENLY STOP BEATING WHILE PLAYING SPORTS, FOR EXAMPLE. NOW A NEW STUDY SAYS IMPLANTABLE DEFIBRILLATORS MAY SAVE THEIR LIVES. HYPERTROPHIC (hi-per-TRO-fic) CARDIOMYOPATHY (car-dee-oh-my-AH-path-ee) IS A GENETIC DISEASE CAUSING THICKENING OF THE HEART WALL.

Springfield Smoking July 24 10PM 1:53
SPRINGFIELD HAS BEEN A SMOKE FREE CITY SINCE SEPTEMBER OF LAST YEAR. BUT... SMOKING IS STILL ALLOWED IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS AROUND SPRINGFIELD... SUCH AS JEROME AND SOUTHERN VIEW. SOME SPRINGFIELD BARS SAY THEY SAW A DROP OFF WHEN THE CITY ORDINANCE TOOK EFFECT LAST YEAR. AND TONIGHT... WE ASKED IF THEY THINK THE CUSTOMERS WILL COME BACK... WHEN THEY CAN NO LONGER LEAVE THE CITY LIMITS TO LIGHT UP.

Smoking Ban July 24 10PM :49
WHILE THAT NEW SMOKING BAN WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT AFFECT ON PATRONS...

THE BIGGEST IMPACT MAY BE FELT BY BAR AND RESTAURANT OWNERS. AND AT MANY LOCAL BARS... THERE WON'T BE MANY PROVISIONS FOR SMOKERS... IF ANY AT ALL.

Crumbling Overpasses July 24 10PM :53
MEANWHILE... ANOTHER CENTRAL ILLINOIS CITY IS TRYING TO STOP ITS CRUMBLING INFRASTRUCTURE. TONIGHT CHAMPAIGN CITY ENGINEERS UPDATED THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE PROGRESS OF EFFORTS TO FIX SEVERAL DOWNTOWN OVERPASSES. CITY LEADERS SAY THIS SPRING... THERE WERE SEVERAL INCIDENTS OF CONCRETE CHUNKS FALLING FROM RAILROAD OVERPASSES. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN ANY OF THE INCIDENTS... BUT THEY ARE WORRIED WHAT **COULD** HAPPEN.

Springfield Smoking July 25 5AM 1:51
A STATEWIDE LAW SET TO TAKE EFFECT NEXT YEAR... COULD LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD FOR ONE CENTRAL ILLINOIS CITY. EARLIER THIS YEAR... ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS PASSED A BILL THAT WOULD BAN SMOKING IN ALL BARS AND RESTAURANTS IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. THIS WEEK... GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SIGNED IT INTO LAW... EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1ST

Crumbling Overpass July 25 5AM :52
CITY LEADERS IN CHAMPAIGN ARE WORRIED ABOUT CRUMBLING RAILROAD OVERPASSES. LAST NIGHT.. CHAMPAIGN CITY ENGINEERS UPDATED THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE PROGRESS OF EFFORTS TO FIX SEVERAL DOWNTOWN OVERPASSES. CITY LEADERS SAY THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL INCIDENTS OF CONCRETE CHUNKS FALLING FROM RAILROAD OVERPASSES.

Botulism Recall July 25 5AM :33
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Airport Terror July 25 5AM 1:50
NOW TO WASHINGTON, AND TO NEWS ABOUT POST-9-11 AIRPORT SECURITY. N-B-C NEWS HAS OBTAINED A GOVERNMENT ADVISORY ISSUED A FEW DAYS AGO, WARNING AIRPORT OFFICIALS NATIONWIDE THAT TERRORISTS MAY BE REHEARSING A NEW WAVE OF ATTACKS.

Champ. Infrastructure July 25 5AM :55
A CENTRAL ILLINOIS CITY IS TAKING STEPS TO TRY AND STOP ITS INFRASTRUCTURE FROM CRUMBLING. LAST NIGHT CHAMPAIGN CITY

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Smoking Ban July 25 5AM :45
DECATUR BUSINESSES ARE ALSO PREPARING FOR THE MOVE TO SMOKE-FREE. WHILE THE SMOKING BAN WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON CUSTOMERS...THE BIGGEST IMPACT MAY BE FELT BY BAR AND RESTAURANT OWNERS.

Alcohol July 25 5AM :35
A NEW STUDY ADDS TO THE MOUNTAIN OF EVIDENCE THAT HEAVY PRENATAL EXPOSURE TO ALCOHOL CAN SET BABIES UP FOR MAJOR BEHAVIORAL AND COGNITIVE DIFFICULTIES. THE LATEST RESEARCH IS FROM SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, WHERE RESEARCHERS COMPARED M-R-I BRAIN SCANS OF 22 KIDS AND TEENS.

HIV July 25 5AM :30
BABIES WHO ARE BORN INFECTED WITH H-I-V MIGHT BE ABLE TO LIVE LONGER IF THEY'RE TREATED WITHIN THE FIRST FEW WEEKS OF THEIR LIVES. THAT'S ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY RESULTS FROM A NEW STUDY FROM THE N-I-H. TINY INFANTS GIVEN ANTI-RETROVIRAL DRUGS WERE FOUR TIMES MORE LIKELY TO SURVIVE THAN THOSE WHO DID NOT RECEIVE TREATMENT AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE.

Dream Diet July 25 5AM 2:25
MELT AWAY POUNDS WHILE YOU SLEEP-- IT SOUNDS LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE.
BUT IT MAY BE MORE REAL THAN YOU THINK. PEGGY PICO EXPLAINS THE NEW SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE THAT SAYS YOU CAN DIET WHILE YOU DREAM.

Food Pantry Recall July 25 5PM 1:37
FOOD PANTRIES IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS SEND OUT A WARNING TONIGHT. CASTLEBERRY CANNED PRODUCTS, POSSIBLY CONTAMINATED WITH BOTULISM, COULD BE SITTING ON YOUR SHELVES. NEWSCENTER 17'S TARA BARRETT JOINS US WITH WHY THERE'S RENEWED CONCERN LOCALLY, ABOUT THIS RECALL.

West Nile July 25 5PM :19
THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS A BATCH OF MOSQUITOES IN SPRINGFIELD HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR WEST NILE. THIS IS THE **FIRST** POSITIVE WEST NILE RESULT IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS SO FAR THIS YEAR. THIS SUMMER.. MOSQUITOES CARRYING THE DISEASE HAVE BEEN FOUND IN SEVEN ILLINOIS COUNTIES.. COMPARED TO 32 COUNTIES AT THIS SAME TIME LAST YEAR.

Lyme Disease July 25 5PM 1:18
AND THERE'S MORE TO WORRY ABOUT THAN JUST THE WEST NILE VIRUS, WHEN YOU STEP OUTSIDE THIS SUMMER. IN TONIGHT'S CHECK UP ON YOUR HEALTH... EXPERTS SAY THE NUMBER OF CASES OF LYME DISEASE IN THE U-S IS ON THE RISE.

Food Pantry Recall July 25 6PM :46
SOME FOOD PANTRIES WORRY THEY SENT FAMILIES HOME WITH FOOD NOW ON A RECALL LIST. THE BLUE MOUND INTERCHURCH FOOD PANTRY SAYS IT GAVE OUT CASTLEBERRY'S PRODCUTS IN THE SPRING. MORE THAN 25 BRAND NAMES MADE IN CASTLEBERRY'S GEORGIA PLANT ARE BEING RECALLED FOR POSSIBLE BOTULISM CONTAMINATION.

A to Z July 25 6PM 1:47
IF YOU HAVE EVER DREAMED OF BEING A FIREFIGHTER...YOUR DREAMS COULD EASILY COME TRUE... IF YOU LIVE IN SHELBY COUNTY. NEWSCENTER 17'S SCOT ENGLAND SHOWS YOU WHY THE FINDLAY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN... AS HE TRAVELS CENTRAL ILLINOIS FROM A-TO-Z.

Food Pantry Recall July 25 10PM :59
AREA FOOD PANTRIES ARE WARNING FAMILIES TO CHECK WHAT THEY'VE BEEN TAKING HOME. CASTLEBERRY'S RECALLED MORE THAN 50 DIFFERENT TYPES OF CANNED GOODS... SOME OF WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN GIVEN OUT BY CHARITIES, BEFORE THE RECALL.

News Extra July 25 10PM 1:37
SOMETIMES LOVE TAKES TIME TO DEVELOP.. AND SOMETIMES IT TAKES JUST ONE LOOK. IT'S AN UNUSUAL CASE OF LONG DISTANCE PUPPY LOVE... IN TONIGHT'S NEWS EXTRA.

Health Care July 25 5AM :48
A SENATE COMMITTEE PASSED A CIGARETTE TAX HIKE YESTERDAY... WHICH COULD HELP BRIDGE THE ESTIMATED 874- MILLION DOLLAR SPENDING GAP. SMOKERS COULD SEE CIGARETTES JUMP 75 CENTS A PACK... IF THE BILL PASSES. THE BILL'S SPONSOR SAYS THE INCREASE

WOULD BRING IN 328 MILLION DOLLARS TO BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

Food Pantry Recall July 26 5AM 1:39
FOOD PANTRIES ARE WARNING FAMILIES TO CHECK WHAT THEY'VE BEEN TAKING HOME. CASTLEBERRY CANNED PRODUCTS, POSSIBLY CONTAMINATED WITH BOTULISM, COULD BE SITTING ON YOUR SHELVES. NEWSCENTER 17'S TARA BARRETT SHOWS YOU WHY THERE'S RENEWED CONCERN ABOUT THIS RECALL.

Food Pantry Recall July 26 12PM 1:39
FOOD PANTRIES ARE WARNING FAMILIES TO CHECK WHAT THEY'VE BEEN TAKING HOME. CASTLEBERRY CANNED PRODUCTS, POSSIBLY CONTAMINATED WITH BOTULISM, COULD BE SITTING ON YOUR SHELVES. NEWSCENTER 17'S TARA BARRETT SHOWS YOU WHY THERE'S RENEWED CONCERN ABOUT THIS RECALL.

SIDS July 26 12PM :35
THE NUMBER OF SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME CASES CONTINUES TO DECLINE WORLDWIDE. RESEARCHERS SAY THEY CAN LARGELY ATTRIBUTE THE DECREASING DEATH RATE ON THIS: MOMS PUTTING THEIR BABIES TO SLEEP ON THEIR BACKS.

Ultrasound July 26 12PM :35
HOW MANY PARENTS-TO-BE REALLY WANT TO KNOW AHEAD OF TIME WHETHER THEY'RE HAVING A BOY OR A GIRL? A NEW GALLUP POLL FINDS AMERICANS ARE SPLIT ON THE DECISION .. 51-PERCENT SAID THEY'D WAIT UNTIL THE BABY WAS BORN, WHILE 47-PERCENT WANTED TO KNOW BEFORE THE BIRTH.

Diabetes July 26 12PM 1:44
A MONTH AFTER A STUDY REVEALED A POSSIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN HEART RISKS AND A POPULAR DIABETES DRUG .. THE NUMBER OF REPORTED PROBLEMS TRIPLED. DIANA GONZALEZ TAKES A LOOK AT WHETHER THIS IS AN ADDITIONAL CAUSE FOR CONCERN OR AN EXPECTED REACTION TO THE REPORT.

A to Z July 26 12PM 1:47
IF YOU HAVE EVER DREAMED OF BEING A FIREFIGHTER...YOUR DREAMS COULD EASILY COME TRUE... IF YOU LIVE IN SHELBY COUNTY. NEWSCENTER 17'S SCOT ENGLAND SHOWS YOU WHY THE FINDLAY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN... AS HE TRAVELS CENTRAL ILLINOIS FROM A-TO-Z.

Child Healthcare July 26 5PM 1:29

AND NOW TO A FEDERAL CONCERN... THAT COULD IMPACT YOUR FAMILY. MANY ILLINOIS CHILDREN COULD SOON **LOSE** HEALTH INSURANCE. A FEDERAL PROGRAM CALLED THE STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM, OR S-CHIP, WILL EXPIRE THIS FALL.

Medical Volunteers July 26 5PM :51
WE HAVE A NEWSCENTER 17 FOLLOW UP FOR YOU. IF A LARGE- SCALE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY WOULD EVER HIT CENTRAL ILLINOIS.... YOU COULD MAKE BIG A DIFFERENCE. THE MACON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONTINUES LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE "MACON COUNTY MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS" PROGRAM. YOU CAN BE A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL... OR HAVE NO MEDICAL BACKGROUND AT ALL.

Illiana Meth July 26 5PM :30
THE FINAL TWO PEOPLE CHARGED WITH STEALING ANHYDROUS AMMONIA RECEIVE THEIR SENTENCES. VERMILION COUNTY PROSECUTORS SAY 37-YEAR-OLD SARAH NORMAN OF TENNESSEE RECEIVED TWO YEARS PROBATION FOR PLEADING GUILTY TO ATTEMPTED POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE.

Youth and Elderly July 26 6PM 1:46
AT-RISK KIDS IN DECATUR GET ANOTHER CHANCE THIS SUMMER TO MAKE SOME MONEY AND LEARN ABOUT LIFE... ON THE STATE'S DIME. HOMEWORK HANGOUT SPONSORS THE SUMMER YOUTH WORK PROGRAM. LAST YEAR THE TEENS WENT DOOR-TO-DOOR TAKING SURVEYS

Child Healthcare July 26 10PM :52
SOME LOCAL CHILDREN COULD SOON BE LOSING HEALTH INSURANCE. A FEDERAL PROGRAM CALLED S-CHIP WHICH WORKS WITH STATES TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE TO POOR... UNINSURED CHILDREN... IS SET TO EXPIRE LATER THIS YEAR.

Health Volunteers July 27 5AM :48
IF A LARGE- SCALE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY WERE TO HIT CENTRAL ILLINOIS.... YOU COULD MAKE BIG A DIFFERENCE. THE MACON COUNY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE "MACON COUNTY MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS" PROGRAM.

Illiana Meth July 27 5AM :29
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Youth and Elderly July 27 12PM 1:40
AT-RISK KIDS IN DECATUR ARE GETTING ANOTHER CHANCE THIS SUMMER TO MAKE SOME MONEY AND LEARN ABOUT LIFE... ON THE STATE'S DIME. HOMEWORK HANGOUT SPONSORS THE SUMMER YOUTH WORK PROGRAM. LAST YEAR THE TEENS WENT DOOR-TO-DOOR TAKING SURVEYS. THIS TIME... THEY'RE TOUCHING LIVES ONE BY ONE.

Genes July 27 12PM :25
THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION HAS SHUT DOWN A GENE THERAPY TRIAL AFTER A PATIENT DIED THIS WEEK. OFFICIALS SAY IT'S UNCLEAR WHAT OFFICIALLY CAUSED THE DEATH, BUT THAT IT COULD HAVE BEEN A REACTION TO AN EXPERIMENTAL TREATMENT FOR ARTHRITIS.

Pools July 27 12PM :40
NOT TO DAMPEN YOUR WEEKEND PLANS .. BUT THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION ARE WARNING ABOUT PARASITES THAT CAN THRIVE IN SWIMMING POOLS. CRYPTO - SPORI - DIOSIS IS A GASTROINTESTINAL ILLNESS WHICH CAN LEAVE PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM DIARRHEA FOR WEEKS. THE C-D-C SAYS THE PARASITES THAT CAUSE THE ILLNESS CAN SPREAD EVEN IN CHLORINATED WATER.

Tanning July 27 12PM 1:02
THERE'S MORE THAN A MILLION SKIN CANCER CASES IN THE UNITED STATES STATES EACH YEAR .. SO IT'S NO WONDER RESEARCHERS ARE LOOKING FOR A "SAFE TAN" .. A WAY TO GIVE PEOPLE THE PROTECTIVE BENEFITS OF A TAN, WITHOUT THE HAZARDS OF GETTING ONE.

I-74 Bridge Update July 27 5PM :37
NEWSCENTER 17 TOLD YOU EARLIER THIS MONTH THAT A SECTION OF INTERSTATE 74 IN MCLEAN COUNTY CLOSED AFTER A HORRIBLE CRASH. BUT STARTING TODAY.. YOU NO LONGER HAVE TO TAKE THE DETOUR THAT BEGAN NEAR DOWNS. ONE OF THE EASTBOUND LANES IS NOW OPEN FOR WESTBOUND TRAFFIC.

Recall July 27 5PM 1:05
RECALLED CANNED FOODS FROM CASTLEBERRY FOODS HAS BEEN A MAJOR STORY THIS WEEK. TONIGHT A LOOK AT OTHER RECALLS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT..IN OUR FRIDAY RECALL ROUND UP. CALL IT BABY BLING...AND IT'S BEING RECALLED FOR A CHOKING HAZARD. THESE PACIFIERS DECORATED WITH CRYSTALS SOLD AT BLING TOES IN CHERRY VALLEY ILLINOIS AND OTHER SHOPS IN OTHER STATES.

Malaria July 28 10PM :42

AREA CHURCHES ARE TRYING TO PROTECT THIRD- WORLD CHILDREN FROM MALARIA... A DISEASE MOSQUITOS SPREAD. THEY'RE DOING IT THROUGH MUSIC. "FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH" AND "NEW MISSION CHURCH OF GOD" CAME TOGETHER IN SPRINGFIELD TONIGHT FOR A SPECIAL SERVICE.... A U-2 EUCHARIST... WHICH FEATURED U-2 MUSIC.

C-U Health Dist July 29 10PM :25
THE CHAMPAIGN URBANA PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT STARTS OPERATING OUT OF ITS NEW HOME TOMORROW. YOU CAN NOW FIND THE HEALTH DISTRICT AT 2-0-1 WEST KENYON ROAD IN CHAMPAIGN. IT BOUGHT THE 99-THOUSAND SQUARE FOOT BUILDING LAST SUMMER... AND RENOVATED 41-THOUSAND SQUARE FEET.

C-U Health Dist July 30 5AM :24
THE CHAMPAIGN URBANA PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT STARTS OPERATING OUT OF ITS NEW HOME TOMORROW. YOU CAN NOW FIND THE HEALTH DISTRICT AT 2-0-1 WEST KENYON ROAD IN CHAMPAIGN. IT BOUGHT THE 99-THOUSAND SQUARE FOOT BUILDING LAST SUMMER... AND RENOVATED 41-THOUSAND SQUARE FEET.

Diabetes Drug July 30 12PM :35
TODAY, TWO "FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION" ADVISORY COMMITTEES.. ARE MEETING TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL **HEART RISKS**, ASSOCIATED WITH THE DIABETES DRUG, AVANDIA. THE F-D-A HAS POINTED TO STUDIES THAT CLAIM TO SHOW.. AN **INCREASED** RISK FOR HEART ATTACK IN PATIENTS WHO TAKE THE DRUG.

Teen Alcohol July 30 12PM :20
A NEW STUDY SHOWS, TEENS PREFER TO GET DRUNK OFF OF LIQUOR. THE STUDY FROM THE "U-S CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION".. INCLUDED MORE THAN 13-THOUSAND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM FOUR STATES.

Pole Walking July 30 12PM 2:16
WALKING IS THE MOST RECOMMENDED AND POPULAR FORM OF EXERCISE. YOU MAY NOW SEE A WEIRD SIGHT-- A MORE INTENSIVE WALKING WORKOUT DEVELOPED BY OLYMPIC SKIERS.... IT WORKS MORE MUSCLES AND BURNS MORE CALORIES.

C-U Health Dept July 30 5PM :52
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 12 YEARS... THE CHAMPAIGN URBANA PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT IS ALL IN ONE BUILDING. TODAY THE DISTRICT OPENED ITS DOORS FOR THE FIRST TIME AT ITS NEW LOCATION. BEFORE THE OFFICES WERE SPREAD OUT IN BOTH CHAMPAIGN AND URBANA... BUT NOW PEOPLE CAN GET ALL THEIR SERVICES UNDER ONE ROOF.

Check up July 30 5PM 1:56
PATIENTS WHO ARE PRESCRIBED A POPULAR DIABETES DRUG ARE AWAITING NEWS FROM THE F-D-A ON WHETHER THE DRUG, AVANDIA, WILL BE YANKED FROM THE MARKET, OR COME WITH STRONG WARNINGS. THE MAKERS OF THE DRUG ARE BATTLING A FIRESTORM AFTER A NEW STUDY SHOWS THE DRUG GREATLY INCREASES THE RISK OF HEART ATTACK.

Prenatal Smoking July 30 5PM :25
ALSO IN TONIGHT'S CHECK UP... MORE EVIDENCE RELEASED TODAY PROVES SMOKING DURING PREGNANCY CAN HAVE A DIRECT IMPACT ON AN INFANT'S HEALTH.
RESEARCHERS IN THE NETHERLANDS SURVEYED MORE THAN 450 WOMEN WHO HAD RECENTLY GIVEN BIRTH AND THEN MEASURED THEIR INFANTS' BLOOD PRESSURE LEVELS.

Liquor vs. Beer July 30 5PM :32
THE U-S CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL SURVEYED TEENS TO FIND OUT WHAT KIND OF ALCOHOL THEY PREFER.. AND HOW OFTEN THEY DRINK IT. AND DRINKING FROM A BEER KEG... LIKE THIS ONE... DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE THE MOST POPULAR WAY FOR TEENS TO GET DRUNK... INSTEAD, THE STUDY SHOWS THEY PREFER LIQUOR.

Cham.Co. Health Dept July 31 5AM :52
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 12 YEARS... THE CHAMPAIGN URBANA PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT IS ALL IN ONE BUILDING. YESTERDAY THE DISTRICT OPENED ITS DOORS FOR THE FIRST TIME AT ITS NEW LOCATION. THE OFFICES USED TO BE SPREAD OUT IN BOTH CHAMPAIGN AND URBANA... BUT NOW PEOPLE CAN GET ALL THEIR SERVICES UNDER ONE ROOF.

Panhandling July 31 5AM :29
SPRINGFIELD CITY OFFICIALS WILL CONSIDER CHANGING THE LAW FOR THOSE ASKING FOR CHANGE. THE CITY'S FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL MEET TONIGHT TO DECIDE WHETHER TO BAN PANHANDLING IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA. OFFICIALS SAY THE REQUEST COMES FROM DOWNTOWN SPRINGFIELD INCORPORATED.

Cham.Co. Health Dept July 31 12PM :52
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 12 YEARS... THE CHAMPAIGN URBANA PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT IS ALL IN ONE BUILDING. YESTERDAY THE DISTRICT OPENED ITS DOORS FOR THE FIRST TIME AT ITS NEW LOCATION. THE OFFICES USED TO BE SPREAD OUT IN BOTH CHAMPAIGN AND URBANA... BUT NOW PEOPLE CAN GET ALL THEIR SERVICES UNDER ONE ROOF.

Transplant Dr July 31 12PM :30

21-PERCENT OF AMERICANS SMOKE, ACCORDING TO A NEW GALLUP POLL. THE PERCENTAGE HAS REMAINED AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL SINCE 1999... BUT IS SIGNIFICANTLY **LOWER** THAN A POLL DONE IN 1944... WHEN **41**-PERCENT OF PEOPLE SMOKED.

Germany Ban Aug 1 12PM :30
A PARTIAL SMOKING BAN IS NOW IN EFFECT IN SOME PARTS OF GERMANY BUT THERE ARE STILL WIDE-SPREAD EXCEPTIONS FOR MANY BUSINESSES. AS OF TODAY, SMOKING IS BANNED IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS, BARS AND RESTAURANTS IN LOWER SAXONY AND BADEN WURTTENBERG.

Tattoo Ink Aug 1 12PM 1:58
MANY PEOPLE SHY AWAY FROM A TATTOO BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT SURE THEY'LL STILL WANT IT WHEN THEY'RE OLD AND GRAY. BUT NOW, TATTOOS MAY NOT BE THAT PERMANENT.

Brain Stimulation Aug 1 5PM 1:58
THERE'S AN EXCITING DEVELOPMENT THAT COULD SOMEDAY CHANGE THE FATE OF THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY. HELEN CHICKERING HAS THE STORY.

Blood Shortage Aug 1 6PM 1:03
CENTRAL ILLINOIS IS RUNNING SHORT ON CERTAIN TYPES OF BLOOD, AND AREA COMMUNITIES ARE RESPONDING TO THIS NEED. NEWSCENTER 17'S JULIE QUALLS HAS MORE...

Bridge Collapse Aug 1 10PM 1:21
IN NATIONAL NEWS TONIGHT... A FREEWAY BRIDGE OVER THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER IN MINNEAPOLIS COLLAPSES... SENDING CARS INTO THE WATER. TONIGHT SURVIVORS ARE BEING CARRIED UP THE RIVERBANK. LEANNE GREGG HAS THE STORY FROM MINNEAPOLIS.

Bears Smoking Aug 1 10PM :28
NEW TONIGHT... CHICAGO'S SOLDIER FIELD GOES SMOKE FREE. TODAY THE HOME OF THE CHICAGO BEARS SAID ALL HOME GAMES WILL BE SMOKE FREE... TO COMPLY WITH THE STATE'S NEWLY PASSED SMOKE-FREE ILLINOIS ACT.

Bridge Collapse Aug 2 5AM 1:24
OFFICIALS SAY AT LEAST SEVEN PEOPLE DIED IN THE COLLAPSE OF AN EIGHT LANE BRIDGE IN MINNEAPOLIS YESTERDAY EVENING. AT LEAST SIXTY WERE INJURED, AND WHEN RECOVERY OPERATIONS RESUME AT DAWN THOSE NUMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE

Toy Recall Aug 2 5AM 1:47

THERE IS A MAJOR TOY RECALL TO ANNOUNCE THIS MORNING AFFECTING NEARLY A MILLION TOYS WORLDWIDE. AND MANY PARENTS AND CHILDREN ALIKE WILL BE FAMILIAR WITH THE PRODUCTS AND CHARACTERS INVOLVED. BROOKE HART HAS THE LATEST FROM WASHINGTON.

Bears Smoking Aug 2 12PM :25

CHICAGO'S SOLDIER FIELD WILL NOW BE SMOKE FREE. THE HOME OF THE CHICAGO BEARS SAYS ALL HOME GAMES WILL BE SMOKE FREE... TO COMPLY WITH THE STATE'S NEWLY PASSED "SMOKE-FREE ILLINOIS ACT." BUT NOT ONLY IS THE STADIUM SMOKE FREE... THERE WON'T BE ANY DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS INSIDE OR OUTSIDE SOLDIER FIELD... AND ONCE YOU LEAVE THE STADIUM... YOU CAN'T COME BACK IN.

Bridge Collapse Aug 2 12PM 1:58

AUTHORITIES CAN'T SAY YET **HOW** MANY PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN THE MINNEAPOLIS BRIDGE COLLAPSE... BECAUSE UP TO THIRTY PEOPLE REMAIN MISSING. AT LEAST SIXTY OTHERS ARE INJURED. PHIL ROGERS HAS THE LATEST.

Shift Workers Aug 2 12PM :30

SOME MEDICAL NEWS YOU CAN SHARE WITH YOUR BOSS ... WORKING ROTATING SHIFTS CAN BE HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH! ARGENTINIAN RESEARCHERS FOUND PEOPLE WHO WORK ROTATING SHIFTS HAVE MUCH LOWER LEVELS OF SEROTONIN THAN THOSE WORKING DURING DAYTIME HOURS.

Farm Health Aug 2 12PM :22

FARMING IS ANOTHER ROUND-THE-CLOCK JOB... AND NEW RESEARCH SHOWS FARMERS MAY NEED EXTRA EMOTIONAL AND SOCIAL SUPPORT. IN A FINNISH SURVEY OF SELF-EMPLOYED WORKERS... FARMERS SCORED LOWEST ON EVERY ASPECT OF PRODUCTIVITY, HEALTH AND QUALITY OF LIFE.

Prosthetic Ankle Aug 2 12PM 2:20

MODERN TECHNOLOGY CONTINUES TO HELP IRAQ WAR VETERANS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR ARMS OR LEGS. BARBARA MORSE SILVA SHOWS US A NEW AND INNOVATIVE ANKLE-FOOT PROSTHESIS.

Medical Response Aug 2 5PM :35

ONE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS PREPARING FOR AN EMERGENCY... BUT IT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS LIKE YOU... TO HELP RESPONDERS PRACTICE. AUGUST 18TH.. THE VERMILION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS ASKING RESIDENTS TO COME OUT TO THE FAIRGROUNDS WEST OF DANVILLE.

Bridge update Aug 2 5PM :52
AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SHOW WE UPDATED YOU ON THE BRIDGE COLLAPSE IN MINNEAPOLIS.... AND NOW WE HAVE MORE INFORMATION FOR YOU... EMERGENCY CREWS CONTINUE RECOVERY EFFORTS... AS INVESTIGATORS TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT MADE A CROWDED INTERSTATE HIGHWAY BRIDGE PLUNGE INTO THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER IN THE MIDDLE OF THE EVENING COMMUTE YESTERDAY.

Consumer Watch Aug 2 5PM 1:10
TOPPING OUR CONSUMER WATCH TONIGHT... TOY-MAKER FISHER-PRICE IS RECALLING 83 TYPES OF TOYS. THE BRANDS INCLUDE.... BIG BIRD, ELMO, DORA AND DIEGO CHARACTERS. THE RECALL IS DUE TO EXCESSIVE AMOUNTS OF LEAD PAINT. THE WORLDWIDE RECALL INVOLVES ALMOST ONE MILLION PLASTIC PRESCHOOL TOYS, SOLD IN THE UNITED STATES BETWEEN MAY AND AUGUST. THE TOYS WERE MADE IN CHINA. A BILL TO GIVE GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT OVER TOBACCO GOES TO THE FULL U-S SENATE FOR A VOTE.

IL Bridges Aug 2 6PM 1:08
BUT FIRST TONIGHT... A MASSIVE BRIDGE COLLAPSE IN MINNESOTA... BRINGS ILLINOIS BRIDGES INTO QUESTION. TONIGHT THE GOVERNOR HAS ORDER ALL CRITICAL BRIDGES IN ILLINOIS TO BE RE-INSPECTED. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY JOINS US NOW WITH WHAT'S BEING DONE TO PREVENT A SIMILAR CATASTROPHE IN ILLINOS. KATE... IS SOMETHING LIKE THE BRIDGE COLLAPSE IN MINNEAPOLIS POSSIBLE HERE? WELL ENGINEERS I SPOKE WITH TODAY SAY THERE'S NO BRIDGES IN ILLINOIS THAT ARE COMPARABLE IN SIZE OR STRUCTURE TO THE ONE IN MINNEAPOLIS..

Collapse Latest Aug 2 10PM 1:41
CREWS IN MINNEAPOLIS WILL START AGAIN TOMORROW IN THEIR GRIM SEARCH FOR VICTIMS OF YESTERDAY'S FREEWAY BRIDGE COLLAPSE. THE 'OFFICIAL' DEATH TOLL STILL STANDS AT FOUR... BUT OFFICIALS SAY THERE COULD BE AS MANY AS 30 MORE BODIES TRAPPED IN THE RUBBLE.

Illinois Bridges Aug 2 10PM 1:15
HERE IN ILLINOIS... GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH WANTS A THOROUGH REVIEW OF THE STATE'S BRIDGES. FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION REPORTS SHOW NEARLY 10 PERCENT OF ILLINOIS BRIDGES HAVE STRUCTURAL OR SAFETY ISSUES. THE GOVERNOR HAS ORDERED IMMEDIATE INSPECTIONS OF HIGH-TRAFFIC BRIDGES... AND THOSE SIMILAR TO THE ONE THAT COLLAPSED IN MINNEAPOLIS.

Poll Results Aug 2 10PM :18
TONIGHT AT SIX... WE ASKED YOU TO TELL US IF YOU'RE CONCERNED WITH ILLINOIS' BRIDGE SAFETY AFTER THE MASSIVE BRIDGE COLLAPSE IN MINNESOTA. 82 PERCENT OF YOU SAID YES YOU ARE CONCERNED... BUT 18 PERCENT STILL FEEL SAFE ON ILLINOIS' BRIDGES.

Dam Safety Aug 2 10PM :55
NEW AT TEN... THE GOVERNOR SIGNS FIRST OF ITS KIND LEGISLATION... DESIGNED TO IMPROVE SAFETY ON ILLINOIS RIVERS. ITS AN UPDATE TO A STORY WE BROUGHT YOU BACK IN MARCH. THE BILL CREATES NEW WARNING AND ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS NEAR DAMS... AND ALLOWS THE STATE'S DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO PUT SIGNS AND BUOYS AROUND PUBLICLY-OWNED DAMS.

Plan B Ruling Aug 2 10PM :36
NEW TONIGHT... A FEDERAL JUDGE'S RULING THIS WEEK UPHOLDS A PHARMACISTS' RIGHT TO REFUSE TO GIVE OUT EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION. IN 2005... THE GOVERNOR ISSUED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER REQUIRING PHARMACIES TO COMPLY AND DISPENSE "PLAN B" PILLS.

News extra Aug 2 10PM 1:33
IT'S FESTIVAL TIME IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS... NOT THE BEST TIME OF YEAR TO BEGIN COUNTING CALORIES. WITH NEARLY 80 DIFFERENT KINDS OF FOOD ON A STICK AT JUST THE DECATUR CELEBRATION ALONE... IT'LL TAKE PLENTY OF EXERCISE TO BURN OFF ALL THOSE CALORIES. THERE'S A LOOK AT JUST HOW MUCH EXERCISE YOU NEED AFTER INDULGING IN A LITTLE FAIR FOOD... IN TONIGHT'S NEWS EXTRA\

Bridge Inspection Aug 3 5AM 1:05
SEAN DAWN... OBVIOUSLY WITH THE RECENT TRAGEDY FRESH ON PEOPLES MINDS... THEY'RE UNDERSTANDABLY A LITTLE NERVOUS ABOUT CROSSING BRIDGES... BUT IN GENERAL... WE GET THE IMPRESSION THEY FEEL PRETTY SAFE. THE GOVERNOR WAS IN QUINCY TODAY... WHERE HE URGED LEGISLATORS TO PUT ASIDE PARTISAN DIFFERENCES... AND APPROVE A 10 BILLION DOLLAR CAPITOL PLAN THAT WOULD HELP MAINTAIN ROADS AND BRIDGES. TODAY... I SPOKE WITH SEVERAL LONG HAUL TRUCKERS AND TRAVELS THAT CROSS ILLINOIS BRIDGES ON A WEEKLY OR SOMETIMES DAILY BASIS...

Recall Aug 3 5PM :59
THIS FRIDAY IN OUR RECALL ROUNDUP A RECAP OF A MAJOR TOY RECALL... AND OTHER PRODUCTS THAT POSE A DANGER TO YOUR FAMILY. MATTEL'S FISHER-PRICE BRAND ANNOUNCED IT IS RECALLING 83 TYPES OF TOYS INCLUDING THE POPULAR BIG BIRD, ELMO. DORA, AND DIEGO

CHARACTERS BECAUSE THEIR PAINT CONTAINS EXCESSIVE AMOUNTS OF LEAD. THE RECALL INVOLVES 967-THOUSAND PLASTIC PRE-SCHOOL TOYS MADE BY A CHINSE VENDOR AND SOLD IN THE U-S. CONTACT FISHER PRICE FOR INFORMATION AND REFUND DETAILS AT 800-916-4498.

Bridge Inspection Aug 3 6PM :28

I-DOT HAS CREWS OUT ALL OVER THE STATE INSPECTING BRIDGES IN THE WAKE OF THE RECENT TRAGEDY... MEANWHILE THE GOVERNOR IS ASKING LAWMAKERS TO APPROVE A CAPITOL PLAN THAT WOULD HELP FUND BRIDGE MAINTENANCE.

THE GOVERNOR WAS IN QUINCY TODAY... WHRE HE WAS PUSHING A 10 BILLION DOLLAR PLAN TO IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS THE STATE.

OP Cool Down Aug 3 5PM :25

WITH A HOT WEEK AHEAD.... ONE COUNTY IS TRYING TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE STAY COOL... AND SAFE. MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, 9-1-1 SERVICE AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ARE STARTING THE "OPERATION COOL DOWN" HOTLINE... AS A WAY TO GET PEOPLE TO AIR CONDITIONING WHO NEED IT.

Football Heat Aug 4 5AM :35

TOPPING TODAY'S MEDICAL NEWS... FOOTBALL PRACTICES ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE ABOUT TO GET INTO FULL SWING... AND A NEW REPORT HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING KIDS SAFE WHILE THEY PLAY. THE ANNUAL SURVEY OF FOOTBALL INJURIES SHOWS 5 TEEN ATHLETES DIED OF HEAT STROKE IN 2006... AND SEVEN OTHERS DIED OF HEART-RELATED DEATHS THAT MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE BEEN RELATED TO HEAT OR EXERTION.

Zinc Lozenges Aug 4 5AM :30

WE ALL COME DOWN WITH THE COMMON COLD FROM TIME TO TIME... AND THOUGH THERE'S NO CURE, PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO GET RID OF THEIR SNEEZING AND DISCOMFORT... SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. MANY PEOPLE TURN TO ZINC LOZENGES TO ALLEVIATE SORE THROATS... BUT A NEW REVIEW OF RESEARCH FINDS CREDIBLE EVIDENCE SHOWING THAT ZINC'S EFFECTIVENESS... IS LACKING.

Fit Flops Aug 4 5AM 1:25

IS IT POSSIBLE TO GET A WORKOUT WHILE YOU WALK? THE MAKERS OF AN ENHANCED STYLE OF FLIP-FLOP CLAIMS IT WILL STRENGTHEN AND TONE MUSCLES IN YOUR LEGS, BUTTOCKS, STOMACH AND BACK. THE SHOE IS A HIT IN BRITAIN AND SELLING OUT IN STORES HERE. KRISTI NELSON SHOWS US HOW IT WORKS.

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OP Cool Down Aug 5 10PM :30
THIS WEEK TEMPERATURES WILL SOAR... WITH IT FEELING LIKE IT'S
HOTTER THAN 1-HUNDRED DEGREES OUT. THOSE TEMPERATURES
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Hot Heat Aug 6 12PM :25
TEMPERATURES ARE EXPECTED TO SOAR THIS WEEK. CENTRAL AND
SOUTHEASTERN PARTS OF ILLINOIS WILL BE PARTICULARLY HARD-HIT,
WITH ACTUAL TEMPERATURES REACHING 100 DEGREES BY
WEDNESDAY. THE WEATHER SERVICE IS CAUTIONING RESIDENTS TO
BE CAREFUL.

OP Cool Down Aug 6 12PM :20
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Implant Suicide Aug 6 12PM :30
TOPPING TODAY'S MEDICAL NEWS... WOMEN WHO HAVE BREAST
IMPLANTS COULD BE MORE LIKELY TO COMMIT SUICIDE. A LONG-TERM
STUDY OF MORE THAN 35-HUNDRED SWEDISH WOMEN WHO HAD
IMPLANTS, FINDS THEIR RISK FOR SUICIDE WAS THREE TIMES HIGHER
THAN THE GENERAL POPULATION.

Chinese Game Aug 6 12PM :25
HONG KONG RESEARCHERS HAVE DOCUMENTED NEARLY TWO DOZEN CASES OF SOMETHING CALLED "MAH-JONG EPILEPSY" ... WHERE PEOPLE WHO PLAY THE POPULAR CHINESE GAME ARE MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO SEIZURES. MOST OF THE PATIENTS ONLY SUFFERED SEIZURES WHILE PLAYING THE GAME..

Rolfing Aug 6 12PM 1:30
IF YOU SUFFER FROM ACHES AND PAINS, YOU'RE NOT ALONE. BUT THERE'S A TECHNIQUE WITH AN UNUSUAL NAME THAT'S BRINGING MANY PEOPLE RELIEF.

Heat Aug 6 5PM 1:10
THE KEY IS SIMPLE... PLENTY OF FLUIDS AND BREAKS. PRACTICE STARTED EARLIER THIS AFTERNOON... WHEN THE HEAT AND HUMIDITY WAS AT ITS WORST. I WAS GETTING HOT JUST STANDING ON THE SIDELINE... AND WATCHING THESE GUYS... SO I CAN ONLY IMAGINE HOW HOT THEY MUST BE.

Heat Tips Aug 6 5PM :25
EVEN WITH THE HEAT.. FIGHTING DEHYDRATION IS PRETTY EASY.. EXPERTS AT CARLE HOSPITAL IN URBANA SAY YOU SHOULD DRINK EIGHT TO SIXTEEN OUNCES OF WATER WHEN YOU WAKE UP EACH DAY.

Disc Implant Aug 6 5PM :52
A FIRST OF ITS KIND SURGERY IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS TODAY... AND NEWSCENTER 17 CAMERAS WERE RIGHT THERE IN THE OPERATING ROOM. A NEUROSURGEON AT DECATUR'S SAINT MARY'S HOSPITAL DID THE FIRST SPINAL SURGERY USING AN ARTIFICIAL DISC TODAY.

Coffee Brain Aug 6 5PM 1:33
IF YOU BELIEVE YOUR MEMORY MAY BE SLIPPING.. YOU MIGHT WANT TO REMEMBER YOUR MORNING COFFEE. AS HELEN CHICKERING EXPLAINS IN TONIGHT'S CHECKUP ON YOUR HEALTH.. RESEARCHERS BELIEVE THAT MORNING JOLT CAN HELP PROTECT THE AGING BRAIN.

Heat Aug 6 6PM :48
THE HEAT HAS MANY TAKING EXTRA PRECAUTIONS.. AND THE FIGHTING ILLINI FOOTBALL TEAM IS NO EXCEPTION. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY IS LIVE AT CAMP RANTOUL.. WHERE THE FOOTBALL TEAM HAS TO TAKE ON THE HEAT.

Heat Aug 6 10PM :27
THIS EXTREME HEAT HAS MANY PEOPLE TAKING PRECAUTIONS... INCLUDING LOCAL ATHLETES. THE ILLINI FOOTBALL TEAM IS AT

SUMMER PRACTICE RIGHT NOW IN RANTOUL... AND TRAINERS SAY THEIR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY IS MAKING SURE THESE GUYS GET PLENTY OF FLUIDS.

Cooling Centers Aug 6 10PM :26
NEW TONIGHT... COOLING CENTERS ARE OPENING AROUND CENTRAL ILLINOIS... TO HELP PEOPLE WITHOUT AIR CONDITIONING FIND A COOL PLACE OUT OF THE SCORCHING HEAT. TODAY THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD ANNOUNCED THAT THE LOBBY OF THE MUNICIPAL CENTER EAST BUILDING AT MONROE AND CAPITOL STREETS IS NOW OPEN AS A COOLING CENTER.

News Extra Aug 6 10PM 1:44
YOU'VE PROBABLY NEVER HEARD OF IT -- BUT IT'S LIKELY ALL OVER YOUR HOUSE... IN PLASTICS LIKE SPORTS BOTTLES, BABY BOTTLES... AND MICROWAVE DISHES. NOW SOME SCIENTISTS CLAIM THE CHEMICAL "B-P-A" MAY BE BEHIND SOME CANCERS AND DEVELOPMENTAL PROBLEMS.

Heat Aug 7 5AM 1:02
FIREFIGHTERS AREN'T THE ONLY PEOPLE WORKING OUT IN THE HEAT. THE ILLINI FOOTBALL TEAM BEGAN PRACTICE THIS WEEK.... AND NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY SHOWS YOU HOW THE GUYS ARE TRYING TO STAY COOL IN THIS WEATHER

Heat Tips Aug 7 5AM :23
EVEN WITH THE HEAT.. FIGHTING DEHYDRATION IS PRETTY EASY.. EXPERTS AT CARLE HOSPITAL IN URBANA SAY YOU SHOULD DRINK EIGHT TO SIXTEEN OUNCES OF WATER WHEN YOU WAKE UP EACH DAY.

Foot and Mouth Aug 7 5AM :36
BRITISH OFFICIALS EXPECT TO FIND OUT TODAY IF FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE HAS BEEN DISCOVERED IN A SECOND HERD OF CATTLE. MONDAY NIGHT, AUTHORITIES BEGAN TO CULL ABOUT 50 COWS FROM A SECOND HERD SUSPECTED OF HAVING FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

Heat Tips Aug 7 12PM :25
EVEN WITH THE HEAT.. FIGHTING DEHYDRATION IS PRETTY EASY.. EXPERTS AT CARLE HOSPITAL IN URBANA SAY YOU SHOULD DRINK EIGHT TO SIXTEEN OUNCES OF WATER WHEN YOU WAKE UP EACH DAY.

Cooling Centers Aug 7 12PM :25
COOLING CENTERS ARE OPENING AROUND CENTRAL ILLINOIS... TO HELP PEOPLE WITHOUT AIR CONDITIONING FIND A COOL PLACE TO GO. THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE LOBBY OF

THE MUNICIPAL CENTER EAST BUILDING AT MONROE AND CAPITOL STREETS IS NOW OPEN AS A COOLING CENTER.

Beer Binging Aug 7 12PM :35
TOPPING TODAY'S MEDICAL NEWS... ADULT BINGE DRINKERS ARE MORE LIKELY TO REACH FOR A BEER MUG THAN A SHOT GLASS. BINGE DRINKING IS DEFINED AS HAVING FIVE OR MORE ALCOHOL BEVERAGES IN A SITTING. THE NEW SURVEY OF BINGE DRINKERS FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION FINDS BEER IS THE OVERWHELMING CHOICE.

Green Tea Aug 7 12PM :20
GREEN TEA IS BEING STUDIED AS A POSSIBLE TREATMENT FOR INFLAMMATORY SKIN DISEASES, SUCH AS SORIASIS AND EVEN DANDRUFF.. THOSE CONDITIONS ARE OFTEN CHARACTERIZED BY OVER-PRODUCTION OF SKIN CELLS. BUT A NEW STUDY FROM THE MEDICAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA FINDS GREEN TEA SLOWED THE GROWTH OF SKIN CELLS IN AFFECTED MICE.

CYBER-CHONDRIA Aug 7 12PM 2:21
CYBER-CHONDRIA.... YOU'VE MOST LIKELY DONE IT. YOUR CHILD WAKES UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT WITH SOME RANDOM SYMPTOMS.. OR YOU'VE DEVELOPED AN ACHE OR A PAIN THAT DIDN'T USED TO BE THERE. BUT YOU DON'T CALL YOUR DOCTOR.. YOU TURN ON YOUR COMPUTER INSTEAD.

Red X Cooling Aug 7 5PM :41
IT IS HOT.. VERY HOT. SPRINGFIELD MAYOR TIM DAVLIN HAS ORDERED CITY, WATER LIGHT AND POWER **NOT TO** SHUT OFF UTILITIES TEMPORARILY.. DURING THE HEAT WAVE... TO THOSE WHO ARE LATE ON PAYMENTS. THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL SAYS SUMMER HEAT KILLS 400 PEOPLE EACH YEAR.

Arthur Buggy Lanes Aug 7 5PM :13
A ROAD IN ONE CENTRAL ILLINOIS COUNTY IS IN FOR A MAKEOVER. THE IDEA IS TO IMPROVE SAFETY FOR THE DIVERSE TRAFFIC FLOW. NEWSCTNER 17S ELIZABETH MOORS IS LIVE IN ARTHUR WHERE RESIDENTS ARE LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE PROJECT.

Baby Talk Aug 7 5PM 1:45
USING EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS AND D-V-D'S TO MAKE YOUR BABY SMART.... MAY ACTUALLY DO THE OPPOSITE... ACCORDING TO A STUDY RELEASED TODAY.. RESEARCHERS FOUND THE MORE BABIES WATCHED THOSE PROGRAMS... THE LESS THEY ACTUALLY KNEW.

Driving Messaging Aug 7 5PM :26

TOPPING CONSUMER NEWS... MOST AMERICANS THINK IT SHOULD BE ILLEGAL TO TEXT AND DRIVE, EVEN THOUGH A MAJORITY OF AMERICANS ADMIT TO DOING IT. ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY BY HARRIS INTERACTIVE, 89-PERCENT OF RESPONDENTS THINK TEXTING WHILE DRIVING SHOULD BE ILLEGAL EVEN THOUGH 57-PERCENT ADMITTED TO DOING IT THEMSELVES.

Springfield Cooling Aug 7 6PM :17
CENTRAL ILLINOIS BROILS UNDER EXTREME HEAT.. TEMPERATURES NEARING TRIPLE-DIGITS AREN'T GOING AWAY ANYTIME SOON.. AND NEITHER IS THE DANGER. THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD OPENED A COOLING CENTER IN THE MUNICIPAL CENTER EAST LOBBY.

Macon Co Cooling Aug 7 6PM :20
THE HEAT IS NOT JUST UNCOMFORTABLE... IT CAN BE DEADLY. NEWSCENTER 17'S JULIE QUALLS SHOWS US HOW PEOPLE ARE KEEPING SAFE DURING THIS SCORCHING HEAT.

Macon Co Cooling Aug 7 10PM :24
WITH TEMPERATURES SOARING INTO THE TRIPLE DIGITS... YOU NEED TO TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS TO STAY SAFE IN THE SCORCHING HEAT. AND IF YOU DON'T HAVE AIR CONDITIONING IN YOUR HOUSE... THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS YOU CAN BEAT THE HEAT.

Springfield Cooling Aug 7 10PM :24
IN SPRINGFIELD... YOU CAN GO TO THE MUNICIPAL CENTER EAST LOBBY TO COOL DOWN. ALSO TODAY... SPRINGFIELD MAYOR TIM DAVLIN ASKED C-W-L-P TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND SERVICE SHUTOFFS FOR NON-PAYMENT DURING THIS HEAT WAVE... TO HELP PREVENT PEOPLE FROM LOSING AIR CONDITIONING THAT'S SO ESSENTIAL RIGHT NOW.

Arthur Buggy Lanes Aug 7 10PM :58
IMPROVING SAFETY IS KEY TO CHANGES COMING TO ONE COUNTY ROAD THAT SEES DIVERSE TRAFFIC. TODAY... DOUGLAS COUNTY HOSTED AN OPEN HOUSE- STYLE MEETING TO SHOW PEOPLE ABOUT THE PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS TO SPRINGFIELD ROAD BETWEEN THE DOUGLAS MOULTRIE COUNTY LINE AND CHESTERVILLE ROAD NEAR ROCKOME GARDENS.

Macon Co Cooling Aug 8 5AM 1:11
THE HEAT IS NOT JUST UNCOMFORTABLE... IT CAN BE DEADLY. NEWSCENTER 17'S JULIE QUALLS SHOWS US HOW PEOPLE ARE KEEPING SAFE DURING THIS SCORCHING HEAT.

Springfield Cooling Aug 8 5AM :12

IN SPRINGFIELD... YOU CAN GO TO THE MUNICIPAL CENTER EAST LOBBY TO COOL DOWN. ALSO TODAY... SPRINGFIELD MAYOR TIM DAVLIN ASKED C-W-L-P TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND SERVICE SHUTOFFS FOR NON-PAYMENT DURING THIS HEAT WAVE... TO HELP PREVENT PEOPLE FROM LOSING AIR CONDITIONING THAT'S SO ESSENTIAL RIGHT NOW.

Parents Drugs Aug 8 5AM :25
THE PARTNERSHIP FOR A DRUG-FREE AMERICA SAYS PARENTS NEED TO TALK TO THEIR KIDS MORE ABOUT DRUG USE. IN ITS ANNUAL SURVEY, THE GROUP FOUND JUST 49 PERCENT OF PARENTS WITH KIDS IN GRADES SEVEN THROUGH TWELVE REPORTED HAVING FREQUENT CONVERSATIONS WITH THEIR CHILDREN ABOUT THE DANGERS OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE LAST YEAR.

Bats Aug 8 12PM :30
STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE WARNING PEOPLE TO STAY AWAY FROM BATS.
THE STATE'S PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR SAYS BATS ARE MOST ACTIVE DURING THIS TIME OF YEAR. DR. ERIC E WHITAKER SAYS BATS ARE THE PRIMARY CARRIER OF RABIES IN THE STATE.

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Springfield Cooling Aug 8 12PM :20
IF YOU NEED A PLACE TO COOL DOWN IN SPRINGFIELD.. YOU CAN GO TO THE MUNICIPAL CENTER EAST LOBBY. ALSO SPRINGFIELD MAYOR TIM DAVLIN HAS ASKED C-W-L-P TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND SERVICE SHUTOFFS FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVEN'T PAID THEIR BILLS.. DURING THIS HEAT WAVE.

Findlay Cooling Aug 8 12PM :10
AND THE FINDLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL OPEN ITS DOORS AS A COOLING SHELTER THIS WEEK. ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF LEONARD LOGAN SAYS THE SHELTER WILL OPEN AT ONE P-M ON ANY DAY WHEN THE HEAT INDEX REACHES 95 DEGREES.

Incarcerated Girls Aug 8 12PM :30
TEEN GIRLS SERVING TIME IN JUVENILE DETENTION CENTERS SHOW MORE ANGER AND DEPRESSION THAN INCARCERATED BOYS ... ACCORDING TO NEW RESEARCH.
A CALIFORNIA RESEARCHER EVALUATED JAILED TEENAGERS AND COMPARED THEM TO AVERAGE TEENS OF SIMILAR BACKGROUNDS.

ADHD Blues Aug 8 12PM :30

TWO NEW STUDIES SHED LIGHT ON HOW A CERTAIN BRAIN CHEMICAL COULD AFFECT ATTENTION-DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER. ONE RESEARCH PAPER FOCUSES ON A VARIATION OF A GENE THAT MAKES A DOPAMINE RECEPTOR IN THE BRAIN. THROUGH M-R-I SCANS, RESEARCHERS FOUND KIDS WITH A-D-H-D WERE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE THE GENETIC VARIATION.

Douglas Improvement Aug 8 12PM :55

IMPROVING SAFETY IS KEY TO CHANGES COMING TO ONE COUNTY ROAD THAT SEES DIVERSE TRAFFIC. DOUGLAS COUNTY IS LOOKING TO IMPROVE A PORTION OF SPRINGFIELD ROAD BETWEEN THE DOUGLAS-MOULTRIE COUNTY LINE AND CHESTERVILLE ROAD.

HIV Testing Aug 8 5PM :41

30 CENTRAL ILLINOIS TEENAGERS VOLUNTEER TO GET AN H-I-V TEST... TO MAKE A POINT. THE TEENAGERS ARE WITH THE YOUTH PROGRAM CALLED HOMEWORK HANGOUT. THE GROUP WANTED TO MAKE A BIG, POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY... SO THEY TOOK AN H-I-V TEST.

Alzheimers Glaucoma Aug 8 5PM :30

RESEARCHERS BELIEVE THEY'VE FOUND A LINK BETWEEN GLAUCOMA.. AND ALZHEIMERS DISEASE.. THIS STORY TOPS TONIGHT'S CHECKUP ON YOUR HEALTH. RESEARCHERS FOUND A PROTEIN WHICH CAUSES PLAQUE TO BUILD UP IN THE BRAINS OF ALZHEIMER'S PATIENTS.. ALSO DAMAGES NERVES IN THE RETINA.

Good Cholesterol Aug 8 5PM :33

WHEN IT COMES TO CHOLESTEROL.. RESEARCHERS HAVE FOUND WAYS TO LOWER "BAD CHOLESTEROL".. BUT FINDING WAYS TO BOOST "GOOD CHOLESTEROL" HAS BEEN DIFFICULT. HOWEVER.. RESEARCHERS FOUND BY ALTERING AN ENZYME.. THEY CAN MODIFY LEVELS OF GOOD CHOLESTEROL IN THE BLOOD OF MICE.

Rabies Aug 8 6PM 1:10

THIS TIME OF THE YEAR BRINGS MORE THAN JUST HIGH TEMPERATURES... IT'S ALSO THE TIME BATS ARE MOST ACTIVE. AND THE STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS WARNING PEOPLE TO AVOID CONTACT WITH THEM. VARIOUS REPORTS OF BATS INFECTED WITH RABIES IN CHAMPAIGN... MOULTRIE... LOGAN... AND SANGAMON COUNTIES.

Cooling Centers Aug 8 6PM :34

AS THE TEMPERATURE RISES.. MORE PLACES ARE OPENING UP THEIR DOORS FOR YOU STOP IN AND COOL DOWN. THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY SENIOR CENTER IN TAYLORVILLE IS A DESIGNATED "COOLING CENTER".

Rabies Season Aug 8 10PM :55

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR... WHEN BATS ARE MORE ACTIVE. AND TONIGHT.. THE STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS WARNING YOU TO AVOID CONTACT WITH THEM. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL REPORTS OF BATS INFECTED WITH RABIES IN CHAMPAIGN... MOULTRIE... LOGAN... AND SANGAMON COUNTIES.

HIV Testing Aug 8 10PM :44

SEVERAL TEENAGERS IN A SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM MAKE A STATEMENT BY TAKING H-I-V TESTS. 30 TEENS WITH HOMEWORK HANGOUT IN DECATUR WANTED TO DO SOMETHING THEY FELT WOULD MAKE A BIG IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY. SO THEY VOLUNTEERED TO TAKE AN H-I-V TEST ADMINISTERED THROUGH CHIC.

News Extra Aug 8 10PM 1:52

WE TOLD YOU MONDAY ABOUT A GROUP OF SCIENTISTS STUDYING THE SAFETY OF A CHEMICAL FOUND IN THINGS WE USE EVERYDAY. IT'S FOUND IN BABY BOTTLES, CANNED FOOD CONTAINERS AND MANY OTHER PLASTICS. ENVIRONMENTALISTS AND SOME SCIENTISTS CLAIM IT CAUSES PROSTATE CANCER AND DEVELOPMENTAL PROBLEMS.

Ride Inspection Aug 9 5AM :59

THE ILLINOIS STATE FAIR WILL BEGIN TOMORROW AND INSPECTORS ARE MAKING SURE EVERYTHING IS SAFE AND IN WORKING ORDER. ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF LABOR INSPECTORS HEADED OUT YESTERDAY TO THE FAIRGROUNDS IN SPRINGFIELD.

Heat Wave Aug 9 5AM 1:50

THE NEWS THIS MORNING IS THAT MUCH OF THE COUNTRY IS MELTING. TODAY LOOKS LIKE MORE OF THE SAME KIND OF HEAT THAT'S GRIPPING THE EASTERN HALF OF THE COUNTRY. BROOKE HART HAS THE LATEST FROM WASHINGTON.

Rabies Season Aug 9 5AM :29

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Cooling Centers Aug 9 12PM :29

THE HEAT IS ON AND MORE PLACES ARE OPEN FOR YOU TO COOL OFF. THE "CHRISTIAN COUNTY SENIOR CENTER IN TAYLORVILLE" IS A DESIGNATED "COOLING CENTER". IT'S OPEN FROM 8 A-M TO 6 P-M FOR ADULTS. TRANSPORTATION CAN BE ARRANGED. CALL 824-4263 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Ride Inspections Aug 9 12PM :19

THE ILLINOIS STATE FAIR STARTS TOMORROW AND INSPECTORS ARE MAKING SURE RIDES ARE SAFE. ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF LABOR INSPECTORS VISITED THE FAIRGROUNDS IN SPRINGFIELD YESTERDAY.

Stress Aug 9 12PM :32

MEDICAL RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT STRESS CAN BE HARMFUL TO YOUR HEALTH. NOW -- **NEW** STUDIES SHOW STRESS CAN ALSO LEAVE YOUR MOUTH A MESS.

ANALYSTS IN BRAZIL FOUND A LINK BETWEEN STRESS AND PERIODONTAL DISEASE.

Tobacco Cancer Aug 9 12PM 2:00

RESEARCHERS IN KENTUCKY ARE CONTINUING GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH USING **TOBACCO** PLANTS TO **PREVENT** CERVICAL CANCER. AND WHAT'S BEING DONE **COULD** HAVE AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT HALFWAY AROUND THE WORLD.

IL Bridge Update Aug 9 5PM 1:05

WE HAVE AN UPDATE NOW ON THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S STEPPED-UP BRIDGE INSPECTIONS. IN RESPONSE TO THE BRIDGE COLLAPSE IN MINNESOTA... I-DOT WILL TEMPORARILY CLOSE SOME BRIDGES TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS SAFE BEFORE ANY REHABILITATION PROJECTS BEGIN.

Extreme Heat Aug 9 5PM :24

DANGEROUS HOT WEATHER IS ALREADY BEING BLAMED FOR AT LEAST THREE DEATHS IN THE SOUTH. AND THE FORECAST SHOWS LITTLE RELIEF IN SIGHT. A DEADLY HEAT WAVE HOVERS OVER PORTIONS OF THE MIDWEST, SOUTH AND MID-ATLANTIC STATES, SCORCHING LAWNS AND LEAVING MANY FEELING PARCHED.

Consumerwatch Aug 9 5PM 1:10

TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT THE TIRES ON YOUR CAR... THEY MAY BE PART OF A HUGE RECALL. THAT STORY TOPS OUR CONSUMER WATCH THIS EVENING. A NEW JERSEY-BASED TIRE IMPORTER IS RECALLING 255-THOUSAND TIRES MADE IN CHINA.

West Nile Death Aug 9 10PM :30

NEW TONIGHT... STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY A NORTHERN ILLINOIS MAN IS THE FIRST REPORTED DEATH LINKED TO WEST NILE VIRUS THIS YEAR. THE 77 YEAR OLD IS FROM OGLE COUNTY. HE DIED YESTERDAY AFTER BECOMING ILL FROM THE VIRUS EARLIER THIS MONTH.

News Extra Aug 9 10PM 1:26
IT SEEMS LIKE NO ONE IS EVER HAPPY WITH THEIR BODY... BUT SOME PEOPLE ARE MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO WEIGHT PROBLEMS AND THE HEALTH ISSUES THAT GO ALONG WITH THOSE PROBLEMS. IN TONIGHT'S NEWS EXTRA... A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO HELP AFRICAN AMERICANS AT RISK.

IL Bridge Update Aug 10 5AM :41
IN RESPONSE TO THE BRIDGE COLLAPSE IN MINNESOTA... I-DOT WILL TEMPORARILY CLOSE SOME BRIDGES SCHEDULED FOR REPAIR. I-DOT IS INCREASING THE LEVEL OF INSPECTIONS FOR THOSE BRIDGES. INSPECTORS WILL LOOK FOR DETERIORATION SINCE THE LAST INSPECTION.. AND WILL RECOMMEND WHETHER MORE SUPPORT IS NEEDED.

IL Bridge Update Aug 10 12PM :21
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Migraines Aug 10 12PM :24
NEW RESEARCH SHOWS WHY WOMEN ARE THREE TIMES MORE LIKELY THAN MEN TO SUFFER FROM MIGRAINES. IT MAY BE BECAUSE THEIR BRAINS ARE MORE EXCITABLE. U-C-L-A RESEARCHERS SAY MIGRAINES APPEAR TO BE TRIGGERED BY WAVES OF BRAIN ACTIVITY, KNOWN AS "CORTICAL SPREADING DEPRESSION."

Laughter Medicine Aug 10 12PM 1:37
THEY SAY LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE AND THEY MAY BE RIGHT!
THE CLEVELAND CLINIC NOW HAS A LAUGHTER LEADER WHO IS TEACHING PEOPLE THE BENEFITS OF LAUGHTER. MONICA ROBINS OBSERVED THE CLASS AND FOUND IT'S NO JOKE.

West Nile Death Aug 10 12PM :27
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Heat Deaths Aug 10 10PM :32
OFFICIALS IN MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS... SAY TWO MEN HAVE DIED FROM ILLNESS RELATED TO THE HEAT. THE MEN WERE FOUND DEAD YESTERDAY IN THEIR HOMES THAT WERE NOT AIR-CONDITIONED. A 57 YEAR-OLD MAN FROM PRAIRIETOWN... WAS FOUND DEAD IN THE SECOND FLOOR OF HIS HOME YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Recall Aug 10 5PM 1:07
MORE THAN 24-THOUSAND BISTRO CHAIRS SOLD AT COST PLUS WORLD MARKET STORES ARE BEING RECALLED. THE METAL PAINTED, FOLDING CHAIRS HAVE FAULTY RIVETS THAT POSE A FALLING HAZARD. COST PLUS IS AWARE OF SEVEN INCIDENTS IN WHICH THE CHAIRS COLLAPSED, INCLUDING ONE REPORT OF AN INJURY.

Car Seat Safety Aug 11 5PM :30
THE STATE FAIR IS ALSO PROMOTING CHILD CAR SEAT SAFETY, CHECKING THE CARS OF FAIRGOERS. AND OUTSIDE THE CAPITOL CITY, A SIMILAR EFFORT TOOK PLACE IN DECATUR THIS AFTERNOON. THE "MACON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT" AND "DECATUR FIRE DEPARTMENT" CHECKED CAR SEAT INSTALLATIONS.

Car Seat Safety Aug 11 5PM :30
AT THE STATE FAIR TODAY, PARENTS ALSO GOT THEIR CARS CHECKED OUT TO MAKE SURE THEIR CHILD SEATS ARE INSTALLED SAFELY. A SIMILAR PUSH ALSO TOOK PLACE IN DECATUR. THE "MACON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT" AND "DECATUR FIRE DEPARTMENT" CHECKED CAR SEAT INSTALLATIONS.

Blood Donations Aug 12 5PM :36
THE RED CROSS SAYS RIGHT NOW THE STATE'S BLOOD SUPPLY IS **DOWN**, WHILE DEMAND IS UP. THAT'S BECAUSE DURING THE SUMMER, **MORE** PEOPLE HAVE ELECTIVE SURGERIES AND THE ACCIDENT RATE IS UP. BUT SUMMERTIME IS ALSO WHEN THE BLOOD SUPPLY IS AT ITS **LOWEST**. AUTHORITIES SAY MUCH OF THE BLOOD SUPPLY COMES FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS WHO DON'T GIVE BLOOD WHEN CLASSES AREN'T IN SESSION.

Veterans Day Aug 12 10PM :44
TODAY, THE HIGHLIGHT OF "VETERANS DAY" AT THE ILLINOIS STATE FAIR ... A BLUE STAR MEMORIAL DEDICATION. ILLINOIS FIRST LADY PATTY BLAGOJEVICH WAS THE GUEST OF HONOR. THE BLUE STAR MEMORIAL SERVES AS A **TRIBUTE** TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO'VE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY.

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A to Z Aug 12 10PM 1:42
PUTTING CORN OR SOYBEANS ON YOUR HEAD? THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THE CLIENTS OF ONE CENTRAL ILLINOIS HAIRSTYLIST ARE DOING. NEWSCENTER 17'S SCOT ENGLAND SHOWS YOU WHY...AS HE TRAVELS CENTRAL ILLINOIS FROM A TO Z.

Blood Donations Aug 13 12PM :36
THE RED CROSS SAYS RIGHT NOW THE STATE'S BLOOD SUPPLY IS **DOWN**, WHILE DEMAND IS UP. THAT'S BECAUSE DURING THE SUMMER, MORE PEOPLE HAVE ELECTIVE SURGERIES, AND THE ACCIDENT RATE IS UP. BUT SUMMERTIME IS ALSO WHEN THE BLOOD SUPPLY IS AT ITS **LOWEST**.

Obese Kids Aug 13 12PM :35
SCHOOL STARTS SOON FOR MOST KIDS... AND A NEW STUDY SHOWS OBESE CHILDREN WILL LIKELY MISS MORE CLASSES THAN THEIR PEERS... THE TEMPLE UNIVERSITY STUDY FOCUSED ON MORE THAN A-THOUSAND 4TH, 5TH, AND 6TH GRADERS.

Botox Aug 13 12PM :24
A NEW STUDY QUESTIONS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF BOTOX TREATING MIGRAINE SUFFERERS. THE STUDY SHOWS BOTOX ISN'T ANY MORE EFFECTIVE THAN A PLACEBO. THE CROATION STUDY INCLUDED NEARLY 500 MIGRAINE PATIENTS. THEY HAD INJECTIONS OF EITHER BOTOX OR A SALINE SOLUTION INTO HEAD AND NECK MUSCLES.

Growing Fingers Aug 13 12PM 2:46
THE MEDICAL PRACTICE OF STRETCHING AND LENGTHENING BONES IS NOT NEW. IT'S HELPED ADD INCHES TO SHORTER LEGS -- AND ARMS. NOW THAT KNOWLEDGE IS BEING USED TO HELP PEOPLE BORN WITHOUT FINGERS. MONICA ROBINS EXPLAINS.

Skin Disorder Aug 13 5PM 1:59
IT'S AN ITCHY RED RASH THAT DOESN'T GO AWAY EASILY.. AND AS PEGGY PICO EXPLAINS IN TONIGHT'S CHECKUP ON YOUR HEALTH.. MORE BABIES AND CHILDREN ARE COMING DOWN WITH ECZEMA.. A POTENTIALLY SERIOUS SKIN CONDITION.

MS Vaccine Aug 13 5PM :29

ADULTS CAN GET EXZEMA TOO.. ALTHOUGH IT'S USUALLY A MILDER CASE AND TENDS TO BE LINKED TO STRESS. ALSO IN YOUR CHECKUP TONIGHT.. RESEARCHERS SAY THEY'VE DEVELOPED A NEW VACCINE TO TREAT MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS.

Durbin/Toys Aug 13 6PM :47
U-S SENATOR DICK DURBIN VISITED A CENTRAL ILLINOIS DAYCARE TODAY TO MAKE A POINT ABOUT HIDDEN DANGERS YOU MAY FIND IN YOUR HOME. DURBIN VISITED DECATUR DAY CARE CENTER THIS MORNING. DURING HIS STOP, HE MENTIONED SEVERAL TAINTED IMPORTS THAT HAVE COME INTO THIS COUNTRY RECENTLY.

Milk Money Aug 14 5AM 1:50
THIS MORNING YOU'RE POURING MORE MONEY INTO THAT CEREAL OF YOURS FOR BREAKFAST. THE PRICE OF MILK IS GOING UP AND UP, AND MANY ARE WONDERING -- WHY? BROOKE HART HAS THE LATEST FROM WASHINGTON.

Toy Recall Aug 14 12PM 1:56
TOY GIANT MATTEL TODAY ANNOUNCED A VOLUNTARY RECALL OF MILLIONS OF ITS PRODUCTS. THE CONSUMER PRODUCT COMMISSION SAYS NINE MILLION OF MATTEL'S TOYS ARE AFFECTED -- AND COULD POSE HEALTH RISKS FROM SMALL MAGNETS -- OR LEAD PAINT. BRIAN MOOAR HAS THE LATEST FROM WASHINGTON.

Diabetes Aug 14 12PM :40
ENCOURAGING NEWS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DIABETES .. A NEW STUDY SHOWS THE NUMBER OF MEN WITH UNDIAGNOSED CASES HAS DROPPED DRAMATICALLY IN THE PAST THIRTY YEARS. IN THE PERIOD BETWEEN 1976 TO 1980 .. NEARLY HALF OF AMERICAN MALE DIABETICS WERE NOT AWARE THEY HAD THE DISEASE.

Cancer Aug 14 12PM :30
AND DUTCH RESEARCHERS SAY THEY EXPECT NEW CASES OF STOMACH CANCER TO DROP BY 25-PERCENT IN THE NEXT TEN YEARS. THEY FOUND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH SYMPTOMS THAT ARE OFTEN PRECURSORS TO THE DISEASE HAS FALLEN BY A QUARTER OVER THE PAST FIFTEEN YEARS.

School Lunch Aug 14 12PM 1:50
REPORT CARDS ARE COMING OUT - AND SCHOOL HASN'T EVEN STARTED! BUT IT'S NOT STUDENTS THAT ARE GETTING GRADED - IT'S THEIR FOOD. A HANDFUL OF NUTRITION GROUPS - INCLUDING THE CONTROVERSIAL PHYSICIANS COMMITTEE FOR RESPONSIBLE MEDICINE - KNOWN FOR THEIR PRO-VEGGIE STANCE - ARE RATING SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMS

Toy Recall Aug 14 10PM :20
IS THAT MASSIVE TOY RECALL REALLY SOMETHING TO BE SO WORRIED ABOUT? MAYBE NOT. TOY- MAKER MATTEL DOES SAY MORE PRODUCTS COULD BE ADDED TO THE MORE THAN 9-MILLION RECALLED TODAY. THE RECALLED TOYS WERE MADE IN CHINA WITH SMALL MAGNETS AND LEAD PAINT.

Mattel Toys Aug 15 5AM :26
MATTEL IS PULLING MILLIONS OF POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS TOYS OFF THE SHELVES OF STORES NATIONWIDE ... AND THERE MAY BE MORE TO COME. MORE THAN NINE-MILLION TOYS MADE IN CHINA ARE BEING RECALL BECAUSE OF LEAD PAINT AND TINY MAGNETS THAT CHILDREN CAN EASILY SWALLOW.

Toy Recall Aug 15 12PM 1:30
MATTEL HAS ANNOUNCED ANOTHER MASSIVE RECALL OF TOYS BECAUSE THEY WERE MADE WITH SMALL MAGNETS AND LEAD PAINT. BUT NEWSCENTER 17'S ELIZABETH MOORS TALKED WITH A PEDIATRICIAN WHO SAYS.. PARENTS SHOULD NOT BE OVERLY CONCERNED.

Heart Aug 15 12PM :25
THRILL SEEKERS WHO HAVE HEART CONDITIONS MAY WANT TO STEER CLEAR OF ROLLERCOASTERS... A GERMAN STUDY FINDS SOME OF THE FASTEST AND MOST THRILLING RIDES CAN MAKE THE HEART SPEED UP TO 155 BEATS A MINUTE AND LEAD TO HEART RHYTHM CHANGES THAT COULD BE DANGEROUS IN SOME PEOPLE.

Meth Aug 15 12PM :35
YOUNG PEOPLE WHO USE METHAMPHETAMINE COULD EXPERIENCE SIDE EFFECTS EVEN DECADES AFTER USING THE DRUG. THAT'S ACCORDING TO NEW RESEARCH FROM THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA .. WHERE SCIENTISTS EXAMINED THE EFFECTS OF METH ON LAB MICE.

Baby Stimulate Aug 15 12PM 2:30
A BABY'S LIFE IS PRETTY SIMPLE .. AS LONG AS BABY IS FED AND HER DIAPER IS CLEAN, SHE'S HAPPY JUST TO SLEEP. IN FACT, EXPERTS SAY PARENTS SHOULDN'T EXPECT A LOT OF INTERACTION FROM A NEWBORN. BUT .. PLAYING WITH YOUR BABY IS STILL IMPORTANT. HER BRAIN STARTS DEVELOPING FROM THE MOMENT SHE'S BORN.

Homegrown Terror Aug 15 5PM :38
A NEW REPORT SUGGESTS HOMEGROWN TERRORISTS.. AND NOT AL-QAEDA.. MAY BE A BIGGER THREAT TO OUR NATIONS SECURITY. THE

NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT WARNS PEACEFUL MUSLIMS..
BORN HERE IN THE U-S AND LEGAL IMMIGRANTS.. ARE BEING
RADICALIZED AND BECOMING POTENTIAL TERRORISTS.

Kids/Stress Aug 15 5PM 1:56
NOW THAT THE SCHOOL YEAR IS ABOUT TO BEGIN.. YOUR CHILD'S
STRESS LEVEL MAY GO UP THANKS TO HOMEWORK.. SPORTS AND
CLUBS.. AND SOCIAL PRESSURES. IN TONIGHT'S CHECKUP.. DOCTOR
BRUCE HENSEL SHOWS YOU HOW PARENTS CAN HELP..

Baby Names Aug 15 5PM :38
PICKING A NAME FOR A BABY USED TO BE NO BIG DEAL. BUT NOW
SOME BELIEVE THE "RIGHT" NAME CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE IN
EVERYTHING FROM POPULARITY.. TO SUCCESS IN LIFE. AS A RESULT..
THERE ARE NOW PEOPLE WHO HELP EXPECTING PARENTS PICK A
NAME FOR THEIR CHILD.

Pediatric Care Aug 15 10PM :16
THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH RECOGNIZES A
SPRINGFIELD HOSPITAL AS A LEADER IN CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE. ST.
JOHN'S HOSPITAL WAS NAMED A PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE CENTER.
IT'S THE HIGHEST DESIGNATION GIVEN BY THE I-D-P-H.

Pediatric Aug 16 5AM :45
THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAS RECOGNIZED A
LOCAL HOSPITAL AS A LEADER IN CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE.
SPRINGFIELD'S ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL IS NOW A PEDIATRIC CRITICAL
CARE CENTER. STATE HEALTH LEADERS SAY THE DISTINCTION
REFLECTS THE HOSPITAL'S COMMITMENT TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF
SPECIALIZED PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE AND EMERGENCY CARE
SERVICES.

Cancer Study Aug 16 5AM 1:50
TODAY IN WASHINGTON PRESIDENT BUSH'S BLUE-RIBBON PANEL ON
CANCER IS COMING OUT WITH NEW INFORMATION ABOUT THE DISEASE
AND HOW TO PREVENT IT. UP TO A MILLION AND A HALF AMERICANS
WILL BE DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER THIS YEAR. BROOKE HART HAS THE
LATEST FROM WASHINGTON.

Cough Meds Aug 16 12PM :30
THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION IS WARNING PARENTS NOT TO
GIVE THEIR SMALL CHILDREN OVER-THE-COUNTER COLD AND COUGH
MEDICINE. THE ADVISORY COMES AS PART OF A BROADER REVIEW OF
THE SAFETY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF SUCH DRUGS IN CHILDREN
UNDER AGE 2. THE F-D-A HAS REPORTED SERIOUS PROBLEMS CAN

OCCUR IF TOO MUCH OF THE MEDICATION IS GIVEN, OR GIVEN TOO OFTEN.

Gym Results Aug 16 12PM :30

YOU DON'T HAVE TO HIT THE GYM 7 DAYS A WEEK TO GET HEALTHIER. A NEW STUDY OF OVER 100 SEDENTARY PEOPLE AGES 40 TO 60 COMPARED THE EFFECTS OF 30 MINUTES OF BRISK WALKING THREE DAYS A WEEK VERSUS MAINTAINING THEIR MORE COUCH POTATO LIFESTYLE.

Asthma Action Aug 16 5PM 1:10

ASTHMA ATTACKS CAN BE FRIGHTENING, ESPECIALLY FOR A CHILD. AS JUDY FORTIN REPORTS, SOME PARENTS AND SCHOOLS ARE BETTER PREPARED TO HANDLE THE SITUATION.

Consumer Watch Aug 16 5PM 1:17

THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION ISSUES A NEW WARNING TO PARENTS ABOUT GIVING SMALL CHILDREN OVER THE COUNTER COUGH AND COLD MEDICINES.. THAT TOPS THIS WEEK'S CONSUMER WATCH REPORT. THE NEW ADVISORY IS PART OF A BROADER REVIEW OF THE SAFETY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THOSE DRUGS IN CHILDREN UNDER AGE TWO.

Magnet Toy Girl Aug 16 10PM :20

WE'VE TOLD YOU ABOUT THE MASSIVE TOY RECALL DUE TO TINY MAGNETS AND LEAD PAINT. WELL A LITTLE GIRL CAME CLOSE TO DYING BECAUSE OF IT. IN INDIANAPOLIS... THE GIRL UNDERWENT LIFE SAVING SURGERY AFTER ACCIDENTALLY SWALLOWING TINY MAGNETS FROM A POLLY POCKET TOY.

Heat Deaths Aug 16 10PM :22

IT HAS BEEN ANOTHER BRUTAL DAY ACROSS THE SOUTH AND MIDWEST TODAY.. AN OPPRESSIVE HEAT WAVE HAS MADE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES DANGEROUS AND IN SOME CASES DEADLY. 8 PEOPLE HAVE DIED IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. AND THE HEATWAVE HIT AT PERHAPS THE WORST POSSIBLE TIME.

Bone Marrow Aug 17 12PM :35

A BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT COULD BE THE KEY TO RESTORING FERTILITY IN WOMEN WHO HAVE UNDERGONE RADICAL CHEMOTHERAPY. RESEARCHERS AT MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL USED FEMALE MICE TO TEST THE EFFECTS OF BONE MARROW ON REPRODUCTIVITY.

Empty Nesters Aug 17 12PM :35

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN -- WHEN COLLEGE STUDENTS MAKE THEIR WAY BACK TO CAMPUS. BUT IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST YEAR AS AN EMPTY-NEST PARENT -- YOU MAY BE HAVING SOME TROUBLE ADJUSTING. ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRISTS SUGGEST SEEKING THE SUPPORT OF OTHER FRIENDS WHO HAVE ALREADY SAID GOODBYE TO THEIR COLLEGE STUDENT -- DON'T BE AFRAID TO TALK ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS.

Fat Summer Aug 17 12PM 1:40
AS YOUNGSTERS HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL THIS MONTH, SOME MAY BE A BIT PUDGIER.
RESEARCH SHOWS CHILDREN PUT ON A LOT OF WEIGHT OVER THE SUMMER MONTHS.
DEBORAH FERGUSON LOOKS AT SOME OF THE REASONS WHY.

Car Seat Check Aug 17 6PM :32
FOUR OUT OF FIVE CHILD SAFETY SEATS ARE INSTALLED INCORRECTLY. TOMORROW YOU CAN GET YOUR CHILD SAFETY SEATS CHECKED. THE MACON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND DECATUR FIRE DEPARTMENT ARE HOSTING THE CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK.

Heat Deaths Aug 17 6PM :32
OFFICIALS IN MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS... SAY TWO MEN HAVE DIED FROM ILLNESS RELATED TO THE HEAT. THE MEN WERE FOUND DEAD YESTERDAY IN THEIR HOMES THAT WERE NOT AIR-CONDITIONED. A 57 YEAR-OLD MAN FROM PRAIRIETOWN... WAS FOUND DEAD IN THE SECOND FLOOR OF HIS HOME YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Buddy Check 17 Aug 17 5PM 1:53
AN ESTIMATED 13-THOUSAND PEOPLE WILL DIE FROM IT THIS YEAR IN THE U-S...AND MORE THAN 55-THOUSAND WILL BE DIAGNOSED WITH IT. HEAD AND NECK CANCER LIKE MOST OTHER CANCERS IS PREVENTABLE AND CAN BE SURVIVED IF CAUGHT EARLY AND TREATED. IN OUR BUDDY CHECK 17 TONIGHT...ONE WOMAN WHO SAYS DON'T WAIT TO GET TO THE DOCTOR.

Recall Roundup Aug 17 5PM 1:13
IN YOUR WEEKLY RECALL ROUND UP, TONIGHT... WHILE IT STILL IS TOO WARM OUTSIDE TO BE THINKING ABOUT AN ELECTRIC BLANKET... THOUSANDS OF THEM ARE BEING RECALLED. CLASSIC BEAUTY REST ELECTRIC WARMING THROWS ARE BEING RECALLED. BUNCHING, TUCKING OR FOLDING THE THROWS CAN CAUSE THEM TO OVER HEAT AND CAUSE A FIRE.

Immunization Aug 18 10PM :43

A MASS IMMUNIZATION TO FIGHT A KILLER DISEASE. THAT WAS THE SCENARIO TODAY AS THE "VERMILION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT" HELD AN IMMUNIZATION EXERCISE. DURING THE DRILL.... RESIDENTS WERE ASKED TO DRIVE TO THE VERMILION COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS NEAR DANVILLE.

Plant Banned Aug 20 12PM 1:36
SOME CALL IT A 'LEGAL HIGH' .. BUT IT WILL SOON BE BANNED IN ILLINOIS. GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH APPROVED THE BAN ON SALVIA DIVINORUM LAST WEEK.
NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT JOINS US LIVE FROM SPRINGFIELD WITH MORE ON THE PSYCHOACTIVE PLANT.

Blood Donors Aug 20 12PM :20
THE ILLINOIS COALITION OF COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTERS... URGES YOU TO DONATE BLOOD AHEAD OF THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND. BLOOD CENTERS SAY BLOOD DONATIONS TYPICALLY DECLINE DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS BECAUSE OF VACATIONS, WEEKEND ACTIVITIES AND BUSY LIFESTYLES.

Obesity Virus Aug 20 12PM :23
ALSO IN YOUR CHECK UP... A VIRUS THAT CAUSES THE COMMON COLD MAY ALSO CAUSE SOME PATIENTS TO BECOME OBESE. STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THE VIRUS "A-D 36"... WHICH CAUSES RESPIRATORY AND EYE INFECTIONS IN HUMANS.... CAN LEAD TO OBESITY IN ANIMALS. RESEARCHERS WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY A GENE THEY THINK IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FAT-PROMOTING EFFECT.

School Anxiety Aug 20 12PM 1:23
THE START OF A NEW SCHOOL YEAR CAN BE FILLED WITH ANXIETY FOR SOME YOUNG CHILDREN. IN TONIGHT'S CHECK UP ON YOUR HEALTH.. JUDY FORTIN TELLS US ABOUT SOME WAYS TO COPE WITH THE TRANSITION.

Brain Trauma Aug 20 6PM :21
A CENTRAL ILLINOIS SOLDIER INJURED IN IRAQ NOW FACES A NEW BATTLE BACK AT HOME. SERGEANT GARRETT ANDERSON IS JOINING FORCES WITH U-S SENATOR DICK DURBIN TO GET BETTER MEDICAL TREATMENT TO WAR VETERANS.

Plant Banned Aug 20 6PM :17
IT'S A PSYCHOACTIVE PLANT THAT CAN BE BOUGHT ONLINE OR AT A GAS STATION BUT IT WILL SOON BE ILLEGAL IN ILLINOIS. THE GOVERNOR APPROVED THE BAN ON (SAL-VE-AH DIE-VEH-NORUM) SALVIA DIVINORUM LAST WEEK. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT

IS LIVE IN SPRINGFIELD TO SHOW YOU WHY SOME THINK THE PLANT IS DANGEROUS.

Mad Cow Death Aug 20 10PM :52
TONIGHT NEWSCENTER 17 LEARNS THAT A LOGAN COUNTY WOMAN DIED AFTER CONTRACTING THE HUMAN FORM OF MAD COW DISEASE. LOGAN COUNTY CORONER ROBERT THOMAS SAYS HIS SISTER... CONNIE ALBERT... DIED SATURDAY NIGHT.

Plant banned Aug 20 10PM :50
THE GOVERNOR ALSO SIGNED A BILL LAST WEEK BANNING A PYSCO-ACTIVE PLANT IN ILLINOIS. THE BILL'S SPONSOR SAYS (SAL-vee-ah----dee-vin-OR-um) SALVIA DIVINORUM IS A MIX BETWEEN SAGE AND MINT. HE SAYS REPORTS SHOW THE PLANT CAUSES HALLUCINOGENIC EFFECTS .. ALLOWING THE PERSON TO FEEL AN 'OUT OF BODY EXPERIENCE.'

Mine Simulation Aug 20 10PM :23
NEW AT TEN... TOMORROW THE STATE'S MINE RESCUE TEAMS WILL TAKE PART IN A RESCUE SIMULATION IN SPRINGFIELD. NINE MINE RESCUE TEAMS FROM ILLINOIS WILL JOIN 9 OTHER TEAMS FROM ALABAMA, INDIANA, AND KENTUCKY... TO TEST THIER RESPONSE IN THE EVENT OF A MINE EMERGENCY.

Mad Cow Death Aug 21 5AM :34
A LOGAN COUNTY WOMAN HAS DIED AFTER CONTRACTING THE HUMAN FORM OF MAD COW DISEASE. LOGAN COUNTY CORONER ROBERT THOMAS SAYS HIS SISTER... CONNIE ALBERT... DIED SATURDAY NIGHT.

Magic Mint Aug 21 5AM :57
SOME CALL IT A LEGAL HIGH BUT IT WILL SOON BE ILLEGAL IN ILLINOIS. THE GOVERNOR SIGNED A BILL LAST WEEK BANNING A PYSCO-ACTIVE PLANT IN ILLINOIS. THE BILL'S SPONSOR SAYS SALVIA DIVINORUM IS A MIX BETWEEN SAGE AND MINT.

Mad Cow Aug 21 12PM 1:05
NEW DEVELOPMENTS AT THIS HOUR IN THE INVESTIGATION INTO A LOGAN COUNTY WOMAN'S DEATH ON SATURDAY. STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS TELL NEWSCENTER 17 THAT AFTER THEIR INVESTIGATION.. THEY ARE CONFIRMING THAT CONNIE ALBERT OF LINCOLN DID NOT DIE FROM THE **VARIANT FORM OF CREUTZFELDT-JAKOB DISEASE.**

Mine Simulation Aug 21 12PM :25
THE STATE'S MINE RESCUE TEAMS ARE PARTICIPATING IN A RESCUE SIMULATION IN SPRINGFIELD TODAY. NINE MINE RESCUE TEAMS FROM ILLINOIS JOINED 9 OTHER TEAMS FROM ALABAMA, INDIANA, AND

KENTUCKY THIS MORNING.. TO TEST THEIR RESPONSE IN THE EVENT OF A MINE EMERGENCY.

Antioxidants Aug 21 12PM :40

WHY TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING COULD BE A BAD THING. A FRENCH STUDY OF ABOUT 13-THOUSAND PEOPLE FINDS TAKING A DAILY ANTIOXIDANT SUPPLEMENT MIGHT RAISE A WOMAN'S RISK FOR THE DEADLIEST TYPE OF SKIN CANCER.

Eat Greens Aug 21 12PM :20

AND.. A NEW REASON TO EAT YOUR GREENS.. A COMPOUND IN BROCCOLI COULD HELP KEEP YOU HEALTHY BY BOOSTING YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM. THE LATEST RESEARCH WAS DONE WITH LAB MICE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY.

Writing Wellness Aug 21 12PM 2:20

SOME CANCER SURVIVORS ARE UNLEASHING THE POWER OF THE PEN AS A NEW WEAPON IN THEIR BATTLE AGAINST THE DEVASTATING DISEASE. CARY BERGLUND HAS THE STORY.

Sporadic CJD Aug 21 5PM 1:45

WE WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR ABOUT A STORY NEWSCENTER 17 FIRST REPORTED AT TEN LAST NIGHT. AFTER INVESTIGATING THE ORIGINAL STATEMENT FROM THE LOGAN COUNTY CORONER... THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SAYS A LINCOLN WOMAN **DID NOT** DIE FROM THE HUMAN FORM OF MAD COW DISEASE.

Red Cross Flooding Aug 21 5PM 1:43

CENTRAL ILLINOIS VOLUNTEERS ANSWER THE CALL FOR HELP FROM OUR MIDWESTERN NEIGHBORS. MEMBERS OF THE RED CROSS FLEW OUT EARLY THIS MORNING TO FLOOD-RAVAGED MINNESOTA. NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH MET UP WITH THEM BEFORE THEIR JOURNEY.

Mine Rescue Drill Aug 21 5PM 1:41

MINE RESCUE TEAMS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY GATHER IN THE CAPITOL CITY TO TEST THEIR RESPONSE IN THE EVENT OF A MINE EMERGENCY. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT SHOWS YOU WHY MANY SAY THESE PRACTICE DRILLS ARE MORE IMPORTANT NOW.. THAN EVER BEFORE.

Sporadic CJD Aug 21 6PM 1:13

SEAN... MAD COW DISEASE IS REALLY CALLED **VARIANT** CREUTZFELDT-JAKOB (**CRATES-FELT YACOBS**) DISEASE, OR C-J-D. ANOTHER FORM OF C-J-D IS CALLED **SPORATIC** C-J-D... AND IS **NOT** RELATED TO CONTAMINATED BEEF PRODUCTS. THE STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

SAYS THIS IS THE FORM OF THE DISEASE THAT CONNIE ALBERT DIED FROM. 57 YEAR OLD ALBERT DIED ON SATURDAY... HER FAMILY SAYS DOCTORS DIAGNOSED **SPORATIC** C-J-D, A COUPLE WEEKS BEFORE THAT, ALTHOUGH SHE HAD SYMPTOMS FOR A COUPLE MONTHS.

Decatur Clean up Aug 21 10PM 1:39
WITH THE FARM PROGRESS SHOW JUST ONE WEEK AWAY... THE DECATUR AREA IS COMING TOGETHER TO CLEAN UP THE COMMUNITY. SATURDAY THROUGH TUESDAY... GROUPS AND RESIDENTS WILL TAKE PART IN "PITCH IN. KEEP MACON COUNTY BEAUTIFUL." NEWSCENTER 17'S ELIZABETH MOORS INTRODUCES YOU TO A BUSINESS OWNER WHO WORKS TO KEEP HER PROPERTY BEAUTIFUL ALL YEAR LONG.

Sporadic CJD Aug 22 5AM :45
MEANWHILE, THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WANTS TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT IN **NO WAY** IS THIS FORM OF THE DISEASE RELATED TO EATING CONTAMINATED BEEF. THE **VARIANT** STRAIN OF C-J-D, COMMONLY KNOWN AS HUMAN MAD COW DISEASE... IS OFTEN CONFUSED WITH THE **SPORATIC** FORM. ALL STRAINS ARE EXTREMELY RARE AND FATAL. THE KIND ALBERT DIED FROM IS NOT SPREAD THROUGH THE AIR OR BY HUMAN CONTACT, SO THERE IS NOT RISK TO OTHERS.

Capital Coal Aug 22 12PM :40
MINE RESCUE TEAMS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY GATHERED IN THE CAPITOL CITY TO TEST THEIR RESPONSE IN THE EVENT OF A MINE EMERGENCY. EARLY MORNING RAIN WASN'T ENOUGH TO KEEP MORE THAN ONE-HUNDRED MINE RESCUERS FROM SIMULATING DIFFERENT DISASTERS.

Sewer Drugs Aug 22 12PM :35
SCIENTISTS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GIVE ENTIRE CITIES DRUG TESTS BY EXAMINING WHAT PEOPLE FLUSH DOWN THEIR TOILETS. JUST A LITTLE WATER FROM SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS WAS ABLE TO GIVE OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY SCIENTISTS A GOOD IDEA OF COMMUNITY DRUG USE IN 10 UNIDENTIFIED U-S CITIES.

Stroke Belt Aug 22 12PM :35
MEN WHO LIVE IN THE SOUTHEASTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES ARE AT HIGHER RISK FOR SUFFERING AND DYING FROM A STROKE THAN THEIR MALE FRIENDS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY. THE SOUTHEAST IS CONSIDERED AMERICA'S "STROKE BELT" -- AND INCLUDES ALABAMA, ARKANSAS, GEORGIA, INDIANA, KENTUCKY, LOUISIANA, MISSISSIPPI, TENNESSEE, VIRGINIA, AND NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA.

Dog Flu Aug 22 12PM 1:35
A HEALTH WARNING ABOUT A STRAIN OF INFLUENZA .. NOT FOR PEOPLE, BUT FOR DOGS .. THAT HEALTH OFFICIALS WANT BOTH YOU AND YOUR VETERINARIAN TO KNOW ABOUT. DONNA TETREALT REPORTS FROM LOS ANGELES WHERE THE DOG FLU HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED.

West Nile Aug 22 10PM :31
NEW TONIGHT... THE STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAYS THREE MORE COUNTIES FOUND MOSQUITOS THAT TESTED POSITIVE FOR WEST NILE VIRUS... INCLUDING ONE HERE IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS. HEALTH DEPARTMENTS IN MACON, FRANKLIN, AND GALLATIN COUNTIES ALL FOUND MOSQUITOS CARRYING THE DISEASE.

Senior Sex Study Aug 23 5AM 1:50
OKAY, SET MOM AND DAD ASIDE FOR A MINUTE. THERE IS MEDICAL NEWS THIS MORNING ABOUT SENIORS AND SEX. A STUDY PUBLISHED TODAY IN THE NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE SHOWS WHAT TO SOME ARE SURPRISING RESULTS. BROOKE HART HAS THE LATEST FROM.

Sodas Aug 23 12PM :40
WHEN IT COMES TO WHAT YOUR CHILDREN DRINK -- NEW RESEARCH SUGGESTS PARENTS MIGHT CONSIDER SKIPPING THE SODA. THAT'S BECAUSE A NEW STUDY SUPPORTS A LINK BETWEEN THE HIGH FRUCTOSE CORN SYRUP USED TO SWEETEN SOFT DRINKS ... AND DIABETES, PARTICULARLY AMONG CHILDREN.

Lonely Aug 23 12PM :30
FEELING LONELY AS YOU GO THROUGH LIFE IS NOT ONLY TAXING ON YOUR MIND .. BUT ON YOUR HEALTH AS WELL. RESEARCHERS COMPARED THE STRESS LEVELS OF A GROUP OF ADULTS AVERAGING 57 YEARS OLD. THOSE WHO SAID THEY WERE LONELY HAD HIGHER BLOOD PRESSURE AND SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER LEVELS OF A STRESS HORMONE IN THEIR URINE.

HPV Drug Aug 23 12PM 1:55
BACK TO SCHOOL IS "GET YOUR SHOTS" TIME FOR A LOT OF STUDENTS. ND NOW YOU'LL HAVE TO DECIDE IF YOUR DAUGHTER SHOULD GET THE H-P-V VACCINE.

Colored Contacts Aug 23 5PM :29
IT'S CALLED OPERATION EYE SORE. THE STATE IS CRACKING DOWN ON BEAUTY SUPPLY STORES AND FLEA MARKETS THAT SELL COLORED CONTACT LENSES **WITHOUT** A PRESCRIPTION. MANY PEOPLE CHOOSE TO CHANGE THEIR LOOK USING NON PRESCRIPTION COLORED

CONTACT LENSES. HOWEVER.. THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGUALTION IS SERVING CEASE AND DESIST NOTICES TO ALL STORES AND VENDORS THAT SELL **COSMETIC** CONTACT LENSES WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION.

Easter Seals Autism Aug 23 5PM :55
THE ADULT AMBASSADOR FOR EASTER SEALS IS IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS... SHARING HIS EXPERIENCES WITH AUTISM. MAURICE SNELL WAS DIAGNOSED WITH THE NEUROLOGICAL DISORDER AS A CHILD... BEFORE HE WAS ENROLLED AT THE EASTER SEALS THERAPEUTIC SCHOOL IN CHICAGO.

Consumerwatch Aug 23 5PM 1:01
THERE'S ANOTHER RECALL OF IMPORTED TOYS FROM CHINA ... THAT TOPS OUR CONSUMER WATCH TONIGHT. 66 THOUSAND CURIOUS GEORGE AND THOMAS AND FRIENDS SPINNING TOPS ARE BEING RECALLED. THE IMPORTED TOYS HAVE PAINT ON THEM THAT CONTAIN LEAD THAT'S OVER FEDERAL STANDARDS.

HPV Vaccine Aug 23 10PM 1:58
AS STUDENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL... MANY ARE DECIDING TO ADD THE H-P-V VACCINE TO THE LIST OF SCHOOL VACCINATIONS. BUT AS CHERIE BANK REPORTS... IT CAN BE A TOUGH CHOICE FOR PARENTS.

News Extra Aug 23 10PM 1:54
MEDICAL NEWS TONIGHT... ABOUT SENIORS AND SEX. A STUDY PUBLISHED TODAY IN THE NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE SHOWS SOME SURPRISING RESULTS ABOUT INTIMACY AMONG THE ELDERLY. HERE'S THE LATEST... IN TONIGHT'S NEWS EXTRA.

Easter Seals Autism Aug 24 5AM :39
THE ADULT AMBASSADOR FOR EASTER SEALS WAS IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS YESTERDAY TO SHARE HIS EXPERIENCES WITH AUTISM. MAURICE SNELL WAS DIAGNOSED WITH THE NEUROLOGICAL DISORDER AS A CHILD .. BEFORE HE WAS ENROLLED AT THE EASTER SEALS THERAPEUTIC SCHOOL IN CHICAGO.

Colored Contacts Aug 24 5AM :29
IT'S CALLED OPERATION EYE SORE. THE STATE IS CRACKING DOWN ON BEAUTY SUPPLY STORES AND FLEA MARKETS THAT SELL COLORED CONTACT LENSES **WITHOUT** A PRESCRIPTION. MANY PEOPLE CHOOSE TO CHANGE THEIR LOOK USING NON PRESCRIPTION COLORED CONTACT LENSES. HOWEVER.. THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGUALTION IS SERVING CEASE AND

DESIST NOTICES TO ALL STORES AND VENDORS THAT SELL **COSMETIC** CONTACT LENSES WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION.

Lighting Detectors Aug 24 5PM 1:16
THE BIGGEST DANGER ASSOCIATED WITH THESE STORMS.. IS CLOUD TO GROUND LIGHTNING.. WHICH CAN BE DEADLY. AND WITH HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAMES SCHEDULED TO KICK OFF IN JUST A COUPLE OF HOURS.. THOUSANDS IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS COULD BE IN JEOPARDY.

Water Restrictions Aug 24 5PM :25
THE CITY OF CLINTON IS ASKING ALL RESIDENTS TO CONSERVE WATER. THAT MEANS CUTTING BACK ON NON ESSENTIAL USE OF WATER... LIKE CAR WASHING, WATERING LAWNS, AND LETTING THE WATER RUN WHEN YOU BRUSH YOUR TEETH. EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS. LIGHTNING STRUCK THE WATER PLANT ON SUNDAY AND TOOK OUT THE COMPUTER. SO THE WATER PLANT IS BEING RUN MANUALLY...

Recall Aug 24 5PM :55
CHAIRS AND AN INFANT TOY ARE AMONG RECALLS MAKING NEWS IN THIS FRIDAY'S RECALL ROUND UP. FIRST UP...J-C PENNEY IS RECALLING ABOUT 4-THOUSAND WINDSOR SPINDLE-BACK SIDE CHAIRS. THE WOOD STRETCHERS CAN SPLIT WHILE THE CHAIR IS IN USE AND POSE A FALL HAZARD.

Lighting Detectors Aug 24 10PM :39
THE BIGGEST DANGER ASSOCIATED WITH THESE STORMS.. IS CLOUD TO GROUND LIGHTNING.. WHICH CAN BE DEADLY. AND WITH HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAMES SCHEDULED TO KICK OFF IN JUST A COUPLE OF HOURS.. THOUSANDS IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS COULD BE IN JEOPARDY.

Pitch IN Aug 25 5PM 1:10
WITH THE FARM PROGRESS SHOW JUST DAYS AWAY.... PEOPLE IN THE DECATUR AREA ARE DOING THEIR PART TO CLEAN UP THE CITY. AND THE IMPROVEMENTS HAVE ONLY JUST STARTED. NEWSCENTER 17'S SCOT ENGLAND JOINS US NOW WITH DETAILS ON OPERATION "PITCH IN".

Pitch In Aug 25 10PM :41
THREE DAYS LEFT FOR YOU TO HELP CLEAN UP THE DECATUR AREA COMMUNITY.
"PITCH IN. KEEP MACON COUNTY BEAUTIFUL" KICKED OFF TODAY..
FOCUSING ON AREAS PEOPLE WILL USE TO GET TO THE FARM

PROGRESS SHOW. TODAY VOLUNTEERS PITCHED IN PLANTING FLOWERS AND PICKING UP TRASH.

Pitch IN Aug 26 5PM 1:35
TODAY IS "CHURCHES CHOICE" DAY... FOR THE "PITCH IN: KEEP MACON COUNTY BEAUTIFUL PROJECT." LOCAL CHURCHES TRIED TO DO THEIR PART TO CLEAN UP MACON COUNTY... BEFORE GUESTS ARRIVE FOR THE UPCOMING FARM PROGRESS SHOW.

Pitch IN Aug 26 10PM :42
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Colored Contacts Aug 26 12PM :28
MEANWHILE... THE STATE IS CRACKING DOWN ON BEAUTY SUPPLY STORES AND FLEA MARKETS THAT SELL COLORED CONTACT LENSES **WITHOUT** A PRESCRIPTION. MANY PEOPLE CHOOSE TO CHANGE THEIR LOOK USING NON PRESCRIPTION COLORED CONTACT LENSES. HOWEVER .. THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION IS SERVING CEASE AND DESIST NOTICES TO ALL STORES AND VENDORS THAT SELL **COSMETIC** CONTACT LENSES WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION.

Nova-Vision Aug 26 12PM 1:37
A NEW CUTTING EDGE THERAPY COULD HELP THOSE WHO LOST THEIR EYESIGHT DUE TO STROKE OR BRAIN INJURY. IT'S CALLED NOVA-VISION.. AND AS DOCTOR DEANNA LITES EXPLAINS.. IT CAN RE-TRAIN THE BRAIN AND IMPROVE THE VISION OF THESE PATIENTS..

Drug Coverage Aug 27 12PM :30
AS THE DEBATE AMONG POLITICIANS RAGES, REGARDING THIS COUNTRY'S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, NEW RESEARCH SHOWS MOST SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE. RESEARCHERS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN FOUND ONLY 10-PERCENT OF AMERICANS OVER THE AGE OF 65 ARE NOT COVERED BY HEALTH INSURANCE ... THAT'S DOWN FROM 25-PERCENT IN 2004.

Obesity Psoriasis Aug 27 12PM :30
DATA ON NEARLY 79-THOUSAND WOMEN FINDS THOSE WHO ARE OVERWEIGHT OR OBESE COULD BE AT A GREATER RISK FOR DEVELOPING PSORIASIS. PSORIASIS IS AN ITCHY SKIN CONDITION IN WHICH PEOPLE DEVELOP SCALY PATCHES ON DIFFERENT PARTS OF THEIR BODY.

Diabetes Heart Aug 27 12PM 1:19
DIABETES AFFECTS ABOUT 20-MILLION AMERICANS. A NEW STUDY HAS SOME ALARMING NEWS FOR DIABETICS WHO HAVE A HEART ATTACK.

School Emergency Aug 27 5PM 1:58
OUR OTHER TOP STORY TONIGHT ... IT'S BEEN MORE THAN FOUR MONTHS SINCE THE VIRGINIA TECH MASSACRE. AS YOU MAY REMEMBER .. STUDENTS WERE NOT NOTIFIED OF THE PROBLEM UNTIL TWO HOURS AFTER THE **FIRST** SHOOTING. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT SHOWS YOU HOW ONE LOCAL UNIVERSITY... HOPES TO PREVENT IT FROM HAPPENING HERE.

Petussis Aug 27 5PM :30
THE MACON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAYS IT'S CONFIRMED 3 POSITIVE CASES FOR PERTUSSIS... ALSO KNOWN AS WHOOPING COUGH... IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS. THESE CASES ARE THE FIRST IN MACON COUNTY... THIS YEAR. BY THIS TIME LAST YEAR... THERE WERE SEVEN LABORATORY CONFIRMED CASES. PERTUSSIS BEGINS WITH COLD SYMPTOMS AND A COUGH WHICH BECOMES MUCH WORSE OVER 1 TO 2 WEEKS.

Boomeritis Aug 27 5PM :51
IN TONIGHT'S CHECK UP ON YOUR HEALTH... **BOOMERITIS** IS A REAL MEDICAL CONDITION DEFINED AS... ORTHOPEDIC AILMENTS AFFECTING THE BOOMER GENERATION. ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORTHOPEDIC SURGEONS... THE NUMBER OF SPORTS RELATED INJURIES SENDING BOOMERS TO EMERGENCY ROOMS CONTINUES TO RISE.

Obesity Report Aug 27 5PM :27
AMERICA'S WAISTLINE IS GROWING... AND THERE DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE AN END IN SIGHT! A NEW REPORT FROM *TRUST FOR AMERICA'S HEALTH* FINDS... OBESITY RATES HAVE GONE UP IN 31 STATES... AND NOT A SINGLE STATE SAW A DECLINE. COLORADO IS THE SLIMMEST STATE. ILLINOIS RANKS 25TH IN THE NATION.. RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE. AND MISSISSIPPI IS THE FATTEST STATE... WITH 30 PERCENT OF ADULTS CONSIDERED OBESE.

DUI Breath Test Aug 27 6PM 1:19
NEW LEGISLATION THAT WAS SIGNED INTO LAW AUGUST 24TH WILL IMPOSE STRICTER PENALTIES ON ILLINOIS DRUNK DRIVERS. CURRENTLY, D-U-I OFFENDERS RECEIVE A STATUTORY SUSPENSION ON THEIR DRIVER'S LICENSE, AT LEAST FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME. THE NEW LAW PROVIDES AN OPTION FOR MOST FIRST-TIME OFFENDERS WHO DON'T WANT TO GIVE UP THEIR DRIVING PRIVILEGES.

School emergency Aug 27 6PM :48

A LOCAL UNIVERSITY PLANS TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNICATION LINES IN LIGHT OF THE VIRGINIA TECH TRAGEDY. THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT SPRINGFIELD WILL SET UP A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM DESIGNED TO INFORM STUDENTS OF AN EMERGENCY. U-I-S' CHERYL PECK SAYS STUDENTS AND STAFF WILL RECEIVE NOTICE ON CELL PHONES .. LANDLINES .. ELECTRONIC PLANNERS AND E-MAIL.

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Drug Court Aug 27 10PM :28

NEW AT TEN... CLIENTS WITH MACON COUNTY'S DRUG COURT ARE BEING TRANSFERRED TO OTHER DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT PROGRAMS... AFTER BUDGET CUTS. PROBATION OFFICE DEPUTY DIRECTOR LORI LONG SAYS THEY DECIDED EARLIER THIS MONTH TO CUT THE PROGRAM... IN ORDER TO STICK TO THEIR BUDGET AFTER A ROUTINE FUNDING REVIEW.

DUI Breath Test Aug 27 10PM :56

AND BEGINNING 2009... A NEW LAW WILL IMPOSE STRICTER PENALTIES ON DRUNK DRIVERS. CURRENTLY... ILLINOIS' FIRST-TIME D-U-I OFFENDERS GET THEIR LICENSE SUSPENDED FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS. THE NEW LAW WILL IMPOSE A SUSPENSION OF UP TO A YEAR... BUT IT ALSO PROVIDES AN OPTION FOR MOST FIRST-TIME OFFENDERS WHO WANT TO KEEP THEIR DRIVING PRIVILEGES.

School emergency Aug 28 5AM :48

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Heavy Drinking Aug 28 12PM :35
WHILE A LOT OF RESEARCH HAS SHOWN MODERATE DRINKING APPEARS TO BE A HEART-HEALTHY LIFESTYLE FOR THE AVERAGE ADULT... A NEW STUDY SHOWS TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING.. CAN BE BAD. THE STUDY INCLUDED MORE THAN 20-THOUSAND JAPANESE MEN, WHO WERE SPLIT INTO TWO AGE GROUPS -- THOSE IN THEIR 20'S AND THOSE IN THEIR 50'S.

Grain's Diabetes Aug 28 12PM :30
WHEN YOU'RE CHOOSING YOUR MORNING BREAKFAST CEREAL ... A NEW STUDY SUGGESTS YOU GO FOR THE WHOLE GRAIN.. ESPECIALLY BRAN. THE NEW RESEARCH FROM THE HARVARD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH FINDS THE MORE WHOLE GRAINS YOU CONSUME... THE LOWER YOUR RISK FOR TYPE 2 DIABETES.

CPR Procedures Aug 28 12PM 2:01
SOME 600 THOUSAND AMERICANS DIE EACH YEAR WHEN THIER HEART STOPS SUDDENLY. NBC'S ROBERT BA-ZELL REPORTS ON A RECOMMENDED CHANGE TO THE C-P-R TECHNIQUE.

Pie Recalls Aug 28 5PM :34
WE HAVE A FOOD RECALL TO WARN YOU ABOUT TONIGHT. "MARIE CALLENDER TURTLE PIES" ARE NOW PULLED OFF OF KROGER SHELVES BECAUSE OF ELEVATED AMOUNTS OF BACTERIA. THE PIES WERE SOLD IN KROGER STORES IN ILLINOIS... AND IN OTHER STATES AS WELL.
THE COMPANY SAYS IT KNEW THE BACTERIA COUNT WAS HIGH... BUT THEY WERE ACCIDENTALLY SHIPPED FROM A WAREHOUSE.

I-74 Aug 28 6PM 1:42
STATE TROOPERS WARN DRIVERS TO SLOW DOWN ON ONE CENTRAL ILLINOIS INTERSTATE. AS NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY EXPLAINS.. TROOPERS SAY THEY PLAN TO KEEP A CLOSER EYE ON I-74 DUE TO A RECENT INCREASE IN DEADLY CRASHES.

School Lockdown Aug 28 10PM 1:01

NEW TONIGHT... PONTIAC POLICE SAY THE STUDENT WHO BLEW THE WHISTLE ON STUDENTS BRINING GUNS TO SCHOOL IS THE REAL HERO TONIGHT. POLICE SAY THEY STILL AREN'T SURE WHAT WAS PLANNED FOR SIX HANDGUNS FOUND TODAY AT PONTIAC HIGH SCHOOL. THE GUNS WEREN'T LOADED AND STUDENTS DIDN'T HAVE AMMUNITION. STILL, THE WEAPONS LEFT AUTHORITIES, PARENTS AND ADMINISTRATORS SPECULATING ABOUT WORST-CASE SCENARIOS.

I-74 Aug 28 10PM :43
TONIGHT STATE POLICE ARE URGING DRIVERS IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY TO SLOW DOWN. STATE TROOPERS ARE INCREASING THEIR PRESENCE ON I-74 AFTER A RECENT INCREASE IN DEADLY ACCIDENTS. 2 PEOPLE DIED LAST WEEK AFTER TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS ON THAT INTERSTATE. STATE POLICE SAY BOTH DRIVERS WERE SPEEDING... AND NOT WEARING SEAT BELTS.

News Extra Aug 28 10PM 1:22
IT'S A SUBJECT THAT MAKES MOST PARENTS' SKIN CRAWL... BUT AS YOUR KIDS HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL... THEY MIGHT COME HOME WITH SOMETHING EXTRA... HEAD LICE.
HOW TO DEAL WITH THE UNWELCOME CRITTERS... IN TONIGHT'S NEWS EXTRA.

Pie Recalls Aug 29 5AM :31
"MARIE CALLENDER TURTLE PIES" ARE NOW PULLED OFF OF KROGER SHELVES BECAUSE OF ELEVATED AMOUNTS OF BACTERIA. THE PIES WERE SOLD IN KROGER STORES IN ILLINOIS .. AND IN OTHER STATES AS WELL. THE COMPANY SAYS IT KNEW THE BACTERIA COUNT WAS HIGH .. BUT THEY WERE ACCIDENTALLY SHIPPED FROM A WAREHOUSE. EATING THE PIES COULD LEAD TO GASTROINTESTINAL ILLNESS, NAUSEA, OR VOMITING.

Stem Cell Aug 29 12PM :20
ALSO YESTERDAY GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH SIGNED A LAW THAT WILL ALLOW EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCHERS TO RECEIVE STATE FUNDS. THE LAW **DOES** PROHIBIT CLONING OR THE ATTEMPT TO CLONE A HUMAN BEING. THE LAW COMES AFTER THE GOVERNOR CREATED THE ILLINOIS REGENERATIVE MEDICINE INSTITUTE IN 2005. HE ALLOCATED 15 MILLION DOLLARS FOR STEM CELL RESEARCH.

Down Syndrome Aug 29 12PM 1:47
MEDICAL RESEARCHERS CALL IT PROMISING. THEY MAY HAVE FOUND A WAY TO REVERSE THE LEARNING DEFICIT ASSOCIATED WITH DOWN SYNDROME. FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH DOWN SYNDROME ARE HOPEFUL THE BREAKTHROUGH COULD LEAD TO NEW THERAPY.

Ceasefire Aug 29 10PM :40

ALSO NEW TONIGHT... A STATE AUDIT CRITICIZES AN ANTI-VIOLENCE PROGRAM THAT OPERATES THROUGHOUT THE STATE... INCLUDING HERE IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS.

THE STATE'S AUDITOR GENERAL SAYS THE STATE DID NOT MONITOR MONEY IT GAVE TO OPERATION CEASEFIRE. WILLIAM HOLLAND SAYS IN SOME CASES... THAT MONEY STILL HASN'T BEEN SPENT... BUT NOW THE STATE CAN'T GET IT BACK BECAUSE OF THE WAY LAWMAKERS GAVE IT OUT.

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Spinach Recall Aug 30 5AM :28

A CALIFORNIA COMPANY IS RECALLING BAGGED SPINACH BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE SALMONELLA CONTAMINATION. METZ FRESH SAYS THEY ARE RECALLING OVER EIGHT THOUSAND CASES OF BAGGED SPINACH AFTER ONE OF THE BAGS TESTED POSITIVE FOR SALMONELLA. THE RECALL COVERS 10 AND 16 OUNCE BAGS ALONG WITH FOUR POUND CARTONS AND CARTONS WITH TWO AND A HALF POUND BAGS.

ISP Crackdown Aug 30 5PM :48

IT'S CALLED "STAY ALIVE ON THE I'S". ILLINOIS STATE POLICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO INCREASE PATROLS THIS LABOR DAY WEEKEND. STATE TROOPERS WILL BE STATIONED EVERY TEN MILES ON EVERY INTERSTATE IN ILLINOIS. THE CRACKDOWN STARTS TOMORROW AFTERNOON AT TWO.. AND CONTINUES UNTIL MONDAY NIGHT AT EIGHT.

New Helicopter Aug 30 6PM :47

AN AREA HOSPITAL SAYS EMERGENCY PATIENT CARE WILL IMPROVE... AFTER A NEW ADDITION TO THE STAFF. TODAY CARLE FOUNDATION HOSPITAL UNVEILED ITS BRAND-NEW B-K ONE-17 HELICOPTER. CARLE SAYS THE HELICOPTER HAS A LARGER HORSEPOWER ENGINE. THAT MEANS THE HELICOPTER CAN TAKE MORE CREW MEMBERS ON... WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS.

9/11 PTSD Aug 30 12PM :30

THE PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF 9/11 ARE STILL APPARENT IN MANY RESCUE AND RECOVERY WORKERS WHO WERE AT THE WORLD TRADE

CENTER SITE IN NEW YORK CITY. A SURVEY BY THE CITY'S HEALTH DEPARTMENT FINDS ABOUT ONE OUT OF EVERY EIGHT WORKERS DEVELOPED POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER.

Bad Memories Aug 30 12PM :25
BRAIN SCANS ARE SHOWING SCIENTISTS WHY IT IS... THAT WE REMEMBER EXACTLY WHERE WE WERE AND WHAT WE WERE DOING WHEN HORRIFIC THINGS, LIKE 9/11, HAPPENED. USING FUNCTIONAL M-R-I SCANS... BOSTON COLLEGE RESEARCHERS FOUND NEGATIVE EMOTIONS LIKE SADNESS AND FEAR LED TO AN INCREASE IN CELL ACTIVITY IN PARTS OF THE BRAIN LINKED TO MEMORIES.

Neck Surgery Aug 30 12PM 1:48
A SAN DIEGO MAN IS ONE OF JUST A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE NATIONWIDE TO GET A PAINFUL NECK BONE REPLACED WITH A METAL IMPLANT. PEGGY PICO TAKES US INSIDE THE O-R FOR A CLOSE UP LOOK AT THIS STATE OF THE ART TREATMENT.

HIV Stigma Aug 31 12PM :20
A QUARTER OF H-I-V POSITIVE PATIENTS SAY THEY FEEL STIGMATIZED BY THEIR OWN DOCTORS. THAT'S ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY FROM U-C-L-A... WHERE RESEARCHERS SURVEYED ABOUT 200 H-I-V POSITIVE PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES. RESEARCHERS SAY PATIENTS WHO FEEL THEY'RE BEING JUDGED COULD BE LESS LIKELY TO CONTINUE TREATMENT... INSTEAD ONLY SEEKING CARE WHEN THEIR DISEASE HAS REACHED A VERY ADVANCED STAGE.

Stair Shopping Aug 31 12PM :22
WHEN YOU HIT THE MALLS THIS WEEKEND FOR LABOR DAY SALES... WILL YOU BE MORE INCLINED TO TAKE THE ESCALATORS... OR STAIRS? A U-K RESEARCH TEAM POSTED SIGNS NEAR STAIRS AT MALLS ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO GO FOR THE HEART-HEALTHY BENEFITS OF EXTRA EXERCISE. THEY FOUND THE SIGNS INCREASED CLIMBING ON THE STAIRCASE BY 190-PERCENT!

Designer Hospital Aug 31 12PM 2:31
IT'S NOT A PLEASANT EXPERIENCE WHEN YOU HAVE TO CHECK INTO A HOSPITAL ROOM. BUT NOW ONE MIAMI, FLORIDA HOSPITAL IS SURROUNDING PATIENTS WITH ALL THE COMFORTS YOU MIGHT FIND IN A HIGH-CLASS HOTEL.

Ceasefire Aug 31 5PM 1:30
AFTER TODAY, A LOCAL ANTI-VIOLENCE GROUP IS OFFICIALLY OUT OF BUSINESS.

NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH JOINS US NOW TO EXPLAIN WHAT'S NEXT FOR "OPERATION CEASEFIRE" AND THE EFFECT ON THE PEOPLE IT TRIES TO HELP.

St. John's Incenerator Aug 31 5PM :31
SAINT JOHN'S HOSPITAL IN SPRINGFIELD IS SHUTTING DOWN IT'S WASTE-BURNING OPERATION... YEARS BEFORE IT'S REQUIRED TO BY THE STATE E-P-A. TODAY THE HOSPITAL SAYS IT SHUT DOWN THE MEDICAL WASTE INCINERATOR... AND INSTEAD WILL SEND MEDICAL WASTE TO AN INCINERATOR IN CLINTON. THE HOSPITAL SAYS IT'S UPGRADING BOILER AND GENERATOR OPERATIONS... AND WILL NEED TO REMOVE THE INCINERATOR TO MAKE THOSE CHANGES.

Ceasefire Aug 31 10PM :39
OPERATION CEASEFIRE NO LONGER EXISTS... BUT THE GROUP WANTS TO CONTINUE ITS ANTI- VIOLENCE EFFORTS. CEASEFIRE IS OUT OF BUSINESS DUE TO STATE BUDGET CUTS. BUT THE GROUP'S MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE TRYING TO THINK OF WAYS TO STAY INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY.

Ceasefire Aug 31 6PM :39
IT'S THE LAST DAY OF OPERATION CEASEFIRE'S **OFFICIAL** EXISTENCE IN DECATUR.
THE ANTI-VIOLENCE GROUP HAD ITS STATE FUNDING CUT. BUT THE GROUP'S MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE TRYING TO THINK OF WAYS TO STAY INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY. CEASEFIRE'S GOAL IS TO RESPOND TO VIOLENCE QUICKLY AND PREVENT ESCALATION.

Water Sept 1 5PM 1:35
IF YOU LIVE IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY ... YOU COULD HAVE TO PAY MORE FOR WATER.
"ILLINOIS AMERICAN WATER" WANTS THE "ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION" TO APPROVE A 60 PERCENT INCREASE... TO PAY FOR WHAT IT CALLS NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS.

Troubled Bridges Sept 3 12PM :35
ILLINOISANS WHO WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE SAFETY OF LOCAL BRIDGES CAN'T GET THE INFORMATION EASILY. THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WON'T RELEASE INSPECTION REPORTS THAT PROVIDE DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT BRIDGE CONDITIONS. CITING FEARS OF TERRORISM... AGENCY OFFICIALS CLAIM THOSE REPORTS ARE NOT PUBLIC DOCUMENTS. BUT SOME LOCAL OFFICIALS WILL RELEASE INSPECTION REPORTS...

Grapes Prostate Sept 3 12PM :21

TOPPING TODAY'S MEDICAL NEWS... MUSCADINE GRAPES ARE SHOWING PROMISE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST PROSTATE CANCER. NOW LAB STUDIES FROM THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE FIND AN EXTRACT OF THE MUSCADINE'S SKIN CAN INHIBIT THE GROWTH OF PROSTATE CANCER CELLS AT VARIOUS STAGES OF THE DISEASE. RESEARCHERS SAY THE EXTRACT PROMPTED THE CANCER CELLS TO SELF-DESTRUCT... WHILE LEAVING HEALTHY CELLS ALONE.

Computer Eye Strain Sept 3 12PM :22
THE AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION IS WARNING OF A NEW RISK FOR STUDENTS: EYE STRAIN ASSOCIATED WITH COMPUTER USE. EXPERTS WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION CALL IT "COMPUTER VISION SYNDROME" AND SAY IT OCCURS WHEN KIDS ARE IN FRONT OF COMPUTER SCREENS FOR PROLONGED PERIODS OF TIME. THE SYNDROME INVOLVES EYE DISCOMFORT, FATIGUE, BLURRED VISION AND EVEN HEADACHES.

Good Grilling Sept 3 12PM 2:42
THERE ARE JUST A FEW MORE WEEKS OF SUMMER COOKOUTS AND BARBECUES TO EAT YOUR WAY THROUGH. BUT EXPERTS SAY IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A CALORIE BUSTING EXPERIENCE.

Labor Day Travel Sept 3 5PM 1:57
DRIVERS HIT THE ROADS TODAY AS THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND WRAPS UP. GOOD EVENING AND HAPPY LABOR DAY. ILLINOIS STATE TROOPERS WERE OUT IN FULL FORCE AGAIN TODAY... TRYING TO KEEP DRIVERS SAFE.

Bipolar Kids Sept 3 5PM 1:52
IN YOUR CHECKUP TONIGHT.. NEW RESEARCH BRINGS ALARMING NEWS ABOUT THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO ARE DIAGNOSED BI-POLAR OR MANIC DEPRESSIVE. AS HELEN CHICKERING EXPLAINS.. THAT NUMBER HAS SKYROCKETED IN THE LAST DECADE..

Smoking Dementia Sept 3 5PM :27
ALSO IN YOUR CHECKUP TONIGHT.. NEW RESEARCH FINDS SMOKING INCREASES YOUR RISK OF DEMENTIA. AFTER TRACKING NEARLY SEVEN THOUSAND ADULTS WHO DID NOT HAVE DEMENTIA WHEN THE SEVEN YEAR STUDY BEGAN.. RESEARCHERS FOUND SMOKERS HAD A 50 PERCENT INCREASED RISK OF DEMENTIA.

Hay Fever Season Sept 3 6PM :31
THIS TIME OF YEAR CAN BE REALLY TOUGH FOR ALLERGY SUFFERERS. HAY FEVER SEASON USUALLY STARTS IN MID-AUGUST AND RUNS THROUGH THE FIRST FROST. EXPERTS SAY THE DAMP WEATHER IN

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Hay Fever Season Sept 3 10PM :29

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Weekend Travel Sept 4 12PM :55

AS LABOR DAY WEEKEND WRAPPED UP... STATE POLICE SAY THEIR *STAY ALIVE ON THE I'S* CAMPAIGN SEEMED TO BE A SUCCESS. IN DISTRICT 10 .. STATE TROOPERS SAY THERE WERE ABOUT A DOZEN CRASHES .. BUT NO FATALITIES. IN THIS ACCIDENT ON I-74 .. STATE POLICE SAY SPEEDING CAUSED THE CAR TO ROLL ACROSS 2 LANES OF TRAFFIC.

Movie Smoking Sept 4 12PM :30

WATCHING MOVIE CHARACTERS LIGHT UP COULD HAVE THE SAME EFFECT ON TEENAGERS... RAISING THEIR RISK OF BECOMING REGULAR SMOKERS. PREVIOUS STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT TEENS WHO WATCH MOVIES WITH SMOKING, ARE MORE LIKELY TO TRY IT THEMSELVES ... BUT NOT ALL OF THEM GO ON TO BECOME ESTABLISHED SMOKERS.

Pets Smoking Sept 4 12PM :30

EVEN THESE FURRY GUYS ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO THE DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS OF SECONDHAND SMOKE. A REVIEW OF RESEARCH AT OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY SHOWS PETS ARE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO DEVELOP SEVERAL TYPES OF CANCER WHEN LIVING IN A HOME WITH SMOKERS.

Eczema Cream Sept 4 12PM 1:37

SOMETIMES IF YOU WANT SOMETHING DONE YOU HAVE TO DO IT YOURSELF. ALL MIKE ARSENAULT WANTED TO DO WAS TO CLEAR UP THE ECZEMA ON HIS NEWBORN DAUGHTER, EMILY. THE GOOD NEWS IS, THE RASH IS LONG GONE AND HER DAD IS LEFT WITH A BUSINESS THAT'S BOOMING.

Cell Phone Controls Sept 4 5PM 1:52

TOPPING CONSUMER NEWS TONIGHT... BAD NEWS FOR KIDS ADDICTED TO WIRELESS CALLING AND TEXTING: ONE CELL PHONE COMPANY NOW OFFERS A NEW SERVICE THAT ALLOWS PARENTS TO KEEP AN EYE -- AND A LIMIT -- ON HOW MUCH KIDS USE THEIR PHONES. IT COMES AT A PRICE -- BUT FOR FIVE DOLLARS A MONTH, SOME PARENTS MAY CONSIDER IT A GOOD INVESTMENT.

West Nile Sept 4 5PM :26
THE LATEST RESEARCH SHOWS NIGHT TIME SEEMS TO BE THE "RIGHT TIME" TO CATCH MOSQUITOES CARRYING WEST NILE VIRUS. ALTHOUGH WEST NILE CAN BE TRANSMITTED ANY TIME OF DAY.... SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY RESEARCHERS ARE FINDING... THE TYPE OF MOSQUITO MOST LIKELY TO SPREAD WEST NILE IS MOST ACTIVE FROM 10 AT NIGHT TO 2 IN THE MORNING.

Skinny Gene Sept 4 5PM 1:50
CAN'T FIT INTO YOUR JEANS? NEW RESEARCH SUGGESTS PART OF THE BLAME GOES TO YOUR GENES.... THOSE D-N-A BITS YOU INHERITED FROM YOUR PARENTS! SCIENTISTS HAVE UNCOVERED WHAT MAY BE THE GENE THAT SERVES AS THE BODY'S VOLUME CONTROL FOR WEIGHT GAIN.

Blood Need Sept 4 6PM 1:21
GOOD EVENING AND THANKS FOR JOINING US TONIGHT. AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS OVER LABOR DAY HAS LEFT AREA BLOOD BANKS WITH A SHORTAGE... NEWSCENTER 17'S JULIE QUALLS JOINS US WITH THE DETAILS... JULIE?
THAT'S RIGHT DAWN. WHEN MORE PEOPLE ARE OUT AND ABOUT, NATURALLY, MORE ACCIDENTS ARE GOING TO HAPPEN.

DMH New Equip Sept 4 6PM :50
DECATUR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BECOMES THE FIRST HOSPITAL IN THE STATE TO INSTALL THE NEWEST LEVEL OF DIAGNOSTIC TECHNOLOGY. THE NEW "SPECT-C-T" SYSTEM PROVIDES THREE DIMENSIONAL COMPUTERIZED IMAGES THAT SHOW ACTUAL METABOLIC BODY FUNCTION... DEEP WITHIN THE BODY.

Women's Health Sept 4 6PM :50
HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS ILLINOIS WILL RECEIVE **MORE** MONEY TO EDUCATE YOUNG WOMEN ABOUT THEIR HEALTH. STATE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR DOCTOR ERIC WHITAKER MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT THIS MORNING AT SHERMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Blood need Sept 5 5AM 1:19
AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS OVER LABOR DAY HAS LEFT AREA BLOOD BANKS WITH A SHORTAGE... NEWSCENTER 17'S JULIE QUALLS HAS THE DETAILS...

DHM Equipment Sept 5 5AM :48
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SHELBY COUNTY IS EXPERIENCING A BLOOD SHORTAGE DUE TO
SEVERAL ACCIDENT VICTIMS REQUIRING BLOOD THIS PAST WEEKEND...
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Drug Use Sept 6 12PM :40
A GOVERNMENT SURVEY SHOWS DRUG USE AMONG YOUNG
AMERICANS HAS REMAINED RELATIVELY STABLE OVER THE PAST YEAR.
OVERALL, OFFICIALS FROM THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL
HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION SAY TRENDS ARE
ENCOURAGING....

Adolescent Smoking Sept 6 12PM :25

CHURCH AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES COULD PLAY A BIG ROLE IN KEEPING TEENS AWAY FROM CIGARETTES. AFTER INTERVIEWING MORE THAN 800 NINTH GRADE STUDENTS IN FLINT, MICHIGAN... UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN RESEARCHERS SAY CAUCASIAN TEENS WERE MORE LIKELY TO SMOKE THAN THEIR AFRICAN-AMERICAN PEERS.

Popcorn Health Sept 6 12PM 2:03
THAT BUTTERY FLAVOR IN MICROWAVE POPCORN... COULD BE PUTTING YOUR HEALTH AT RISK.

Suicide Increase Sept 6 5PM 1:03
THERE IS A HEARTBREAKING REPORT OUT TODAY ABOUT YOUNG AMERICANS COMMITTING SUICIDE. A NEW STUDY... BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL FINDS THE SUICIDE RATE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 10 TO 24 ROSE SHARPLY IN 2004, AFTER A LONG DECLINE.

Bee Virus Sept 6 5PM 1:54
IT'S A MYSTERY THAT'S BAFFLED SCIENTISTS. BUT NOW.. THEY MAY BE CLOSE TO FINDING OUT WHAT'S KILLING HONEYBEES ACROSSSS THE COUNTRY. THOSE BEES POLLENATE MOST OF THE PRODUCE WE EAT.. AND EVEN THE GRAIN FED TO CATTLE. THAT MEANS DYING BEES COULD HAVE A BIG IMPACT AT THE SUPERMARKET. KRISTEN DAHLGREN SHOWS YOU WHAT SCIENTISTS HAVE FOUND.

News Extra Sept 6 10PM 1:36
DOCTORS ARE CALLING IT THE NEW CRACK COCAINE. NOW DRUG ABUSERS ARE GETTING HIGH... BY **SMOKING** THE POWERFUL PAINKILLER OXYCONTIN. DETAILS ON THIS DANGEROUS DRUG... IN TONIGHT'S NEWS EXTRA.

Intersection Sept 7 6PM 1:57
GOOD EVENING AND THANKS FOR JOINING US TONIGHT. TRYING TO STOP ANOTHER TRAGEDY... THAT'S WHAT RESIDENTS OF HARRISTOWN ARE TRYING TO DO.
THIS WEEK... TWO LOCAL TEENS DIED IN AN ACCIDENT NEAR HARRISTOWN.
AS NEWSCENTER 17'S SCOT ENGLAND SHOWS YOU... LOCAL RESIDENTS SAY THEY **KNOW** WHAT CAUSED THE ACCIDENT...AND NOW SOMETHING **SHOULD** BE DONE.

Lower Folate Sept 10 12PM :33
AMERICANS' FOLIC ACID LEVELS ARE DROPPING. LOW FOLIC ACID INTAKE AMONG PREGNANT WOMEN IS LINKED WITH NEURAL TUBE BIRTH DEFECTS, SUCH AS SPINA BIFIDA. IN 1998, THE GOVERNMENT

REQUIRED CEREAL GRAIN PRODUCTS TO BE FORTIFIED WITH FOLIC ACID, ALSO KNOWN AS FOLATE.

Alcohol Cancer Sept 10 12PM :23
PRELIMINARY RESEARCH SUGGESTS THAT POSTMENOPAUSAL WOMEN WHO HAVE TWO OR MORE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES A DAY COULD DOUBLE THEIR RISK FOR ENDOMETRIAL CANCER. THE STUDY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOLLOWED WOMEN OF VARIOUS ETHNICITIES AND RACES FOR 8 YEARS.

Lung Cancer Arthritis Sept 10 12PM 1:30
COULD ARTHRITIS IN THE KNEES ACTUALLY BE A PRE-CURSOR TO A CERTAIN KIND OF CANCER? A NEW STUDY SAYS WHAT'S HAPPENING BELOW THE WAIST COULD AFFECT YOUR LUNGS. DR. DEANNA LITES REPORTS.

Emergency Town Meet Sept 11 12PM :34
AN INTERSECTION NEAR HARRISTOWN IS CAUSING CONCERNS...AND AN EMERGENCY TOWN MEETING IS BEING HELD TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE. LAST WEEK...TWO TEENAGERS LOST THEIR LIVES IN A CRASH AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 36 AND HARRISTOWN BOULEVARD. THIS INTERSECTION HAS BEEN THE SITE OF NUMEROUS OTHER CRASHES AND LOCAL RESIDENTS SAY SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE.

Alzheimer's Diet Sept 11 12PM :25
A HEALTHY DIET COULD HELP ALZHEIMER'S PATIENTS LIVE LONGER.. A COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY RESEARCH TEAM FOLLOWED ALZHEIMER'S PATIENTS FOR ABOUT FOUR AND A HALF YEARS. PATIENTS WHO FOLLOWED THE SO-CALLED "MEDITERRANEAN DIET" WERE 76-PERCENT LESS LIKELY TO DIE DURING THE STUDY THAN THOSE WHO ATE A TYPICAL WESTERN DIET, WHICH IS HIGHER IN SATURATED FAT AND MEAT.

Grill Cancer Risks Sept 11 12PM 1:24
FOOTBALL SEASON MEANS LOTS OF GOOD BARBECUE WILL BE SERVED -- BUT EXPERTS WARN TOO MUCH OF THE GOOD STUFF CAN BE A CANCER RISK. MARTY LEVIN HAS SOME TIPS TO KEEP YOUR GRILLING HEALTHY.

Motorcycle Helmets Sept 11 12PM :50
THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD VOTES UNANIMOUSLY.... TO RECOMMEND **EVERY** STATE PASS MOTORCYCLE HELMET LAWS. THE N-T-S-B SAYS THE DEATH RATE FOR MOTORCYCLISTS HAS DOUBLED IN THE LAST TEN YEARS.. AND NOW ACCOUNT FOR ELEVEN PERCENT OF ALL HIGHWAY DEATHS. ONLY 20 STATES REQUIRE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS TO WEAR HELMETS.

High Rises Sept 11 6PM 1:54
ON THE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NINE-ELEVEN ATTACKS..
FIREFIGHTERS IN ONE CENTRAL ILLINOIS CITY HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT
HIGH-RISES CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION. ONE OF THE
REASONS WHY THOUSANDS DIED IN THE TWIN TOWERS.. WAS BECAUSE
THEY COULDN'T ESCAPE FROM THE UPPER FLOORS.

Fatal Town Meeting Sept 11 10PM :26
A COMMUNITY **DEMANDS** CHANGE AFTER AN ACCIDENT KILLS TWO
TEENS AT AN INTERSECTION KNOWN FOR CRASHES. TONIGHT...
LEADERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS MET IN HARRISTOWN TO TALK
ABOUT HOW TO IMPROVE SAFETY AT THE INTERSECTION.

Motorcycle Helmet Sept 11 10PM 1:13
RIGHT NOW... ILLINOIS MOTORCYCLISTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO WEAR
HELMETS WHILE RIDING... BUT IF THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION
SAFETY BOARD HAS IT'S WAY... THAT WILL ALL CHANGE. THE BOARD
VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO **RECOMMEND**... ALL STATES PASS HELMET
LAWS.

Toy Safety Sept 12 5AM 1:50
TODAY IN WASHINGTON SENATORS WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THOSE
HAZARDOUS TOYS MADE IN CHINA. THE BIG CONCERN IS LEAD PAINT.
AND AHEAD OF TODAY'S HEARING, U-S AND CHINESE OFFICIALS
ANNOUNCED A NEW AGREEMENT TO PUT AN END TO IT.

High Rises Sept 12 5AM 1:47
ONE CENTRAL ILLINOIS CITY HAS CONCERNS ABOUT HIGH-RISES
CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION. ONE OF THE REASONS WHY
THOUSANDS DIED IN THE TWIN TOWERS ON SEPTEMBER ELEVENTH..
WAS BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T ESCAPE FROM THE UPPER FLOORS.
NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY SHOWS US WHAT'S BEING DONE IN
CENTRAL ILLINOIS... TO PREVENT THAT PROBLEM FROM HAPPENING
HERE.

Tall Buildings Sept 12 12PM :51
CHAMPAIGN FIREFIGHTERS SAY THEY'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THE
CONSTRUCTION OF SEVERAL HIGH-RISES IN THE CITY. THE BUILDINGS
WILL ALL BE MORE THAN 200 FEET TALL, BUT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S
LADDERS ONLY REACH 70 FEET.

Birth Control Cancer Sept 12 12PM :25
A LONG-TERM STUDY LINKS ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES WITH A SLIGHT
DECREASE IN OVERALL CANCER RISK. THE STUDY FROM THE U-K
INCLUDED ABOUT 46-THOUSAND WOMEN WHO WERE FOLLOWED FROM

THE LATE 1960S THROUGH 2004. OVERALL -- RESEARCHERS FOUND A 12-PERCENT DECREASED RISK FOR CANCER AMONG WOMEN ON THE PILL VERSUS WOMEN WHO'D NEVER TAKEN BIRTH CONTROL PILLS.

Life Expectancy Sept 12 12PM :19
AMERICANS ARE LIVING LONGER THAN EVER... PRELIMINARY DATA FROM THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS FINDS THE AVERAGE LIFE EXPECTANCY IS 78. THAT'S THE LONGEST IN U-S HISTORY. AND WOMEN ARE LIVING THE LONGEST -- AN AVERAGE 5 YEARS LONGER THAN MEN.

Flip Flop Pain Sept 12 12PM 1:24
A WARNING ABOUT FLIP FLOPS. A TEXAS DOCTOR SAYS YOUR FAVORITE SHOE MAY NOT BE A HEALTHY OPTION. MEREDITH LAND REPORTS.

Toy Safety Hearing Sept 12 5PM :38
MATTEL'S C-E-O GOES TO CAPITOL HILL TO EXPLAIN THE RECENT STRING OF MASSIVE TOY RECALLS. ROBERT ECKERT SAYS THE TOYMAKER IS GETTING TOUGH WITH THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS... MATTEL USES. ECKERT PROMISED A SENATE COMMITTEE THAT LEAD PAINT AND OTHER SAFETY PROBLEMS WON'T BE REPEATED.

Decatur Corridors Sept 12 6PM :29
IMPROVEMENT PLANS TO MANY OF DECATUR'S MAJOR HIGHWAY CORRIDORS ARE NOW UNDERWAY. THE ECONOMIC AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WILL LAUNCH THE IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM FOR DECATUR'S URBAN CORRIDORS NEXT WEDNESDAY AT A PUBLIC MEETING.

Water Usage Sept 13 12PM :13
A VOLUNTARY WATER REDUCTION IS NOW IN EFFECT FOR DECATUR. THE CITY IS ASKING ALL WATER CUSTOMERS TO REDUCE THEIR WATER USAGE UNTIL THE AMOUNT OF WATER IN LAKE DECATUR RETURNS TO NORMAL. IT IS CURRENTLY 1.5 FEET BELOW NORMAL.

IEMA Campus Safety Sept 13 12PM :22
INCREASING CAMPUS SAFETY... THAT'S THE GOAL OF MORE THAN TWENTY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ACROSS THE STATE RECEIVING INTER-OPERABLE RADIOS.
THIS MORNING IN SPRINGFIELD... THE ILLINOIS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY DISTRIBUTED THE STARCOM-21 RADIOS AS PART OF GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH'S CAMPUS SECURITY INITIATIVES.

Police Swearing In Sept 13 12PM :30

DECATUR NOW HAS EIGHT MORE POLICE OFFICERS. THIS MORNING...A SWEARING IN CEREMONY WAS HELD FOR THE NEW OFFICERS IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER. THESE OFFICERS START TWELVE WEEKS OF TRAINING ON SUNDAY. AND IF **YOU** ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE DEPARTMENT...APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BEGINNING OCTOBER FIRST.

Fatal Crossing Sept 13 12PM :51
IDOT HAS STARTED IMPROVEMENT WORK ON AN INTERSECTION THAT RECENTLY CLAIMED THE LIVES OF TWO TEENS AT A MEETING IN HARRISTOWN TUESDAY NIGHT, PARENTS OF THE TWO TEENAGERS WHO DIED IN THE CAR CRASH MADE A PLEA FOR IMPROVEMENT TO THE INTERSECTION. IT'S LOCATED AT ROUTE 36 AND HARRISTOWN BULEVARD. I-DOT SAYS IT WILL INSTALL NEW SIGNS AND BETTER MARK THE AREA.

Autism Testosterone Sept 13 12PM :32
TESTOSTERONE COULD PLAY A ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF AUTISM. BRITISH RESEARCHERS FOUND CHILDREN WHO HAD BEEN EXPOSED TO HIGHER LEVELS OF THE HORMONE IN THE WOMB.. SHOWED MORE AUTISM-LIKE TRAITS LATER ON. SCIENTISTS TESTED FETAL TESTOSTERONE LEVELS TAKEN FROM AMNIOTIC FLUID, THEN SURVEYED THE CHILDREN AT AGE 8.

Child Mortality Rates Sept 13 12PM :23
MORE AND MORE CHILDREN ARE LIVING LONGER, ACCORDING TO NEW DATA FROM UNICEF. THE REPORT SHOWS MORTALITY RATES FOR CHILDREN UNDER FIVE DROPPED TO A RECORD LOW LAST YEAR -- TO 9.7 MILLION. THE INFORMATION IS BASED ON SURVEYS FROM MORE THAN 50 COUNTRIES. EXPERTS CREDIT CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS, MALARIA AND MEASLES PREVENTION AND EVEN BREASTFEEDING FOR THE DROP IN CHILDHOOD DEATHS.

Lead Testing 1 Sept 13 12PM 2:34
CHILDREN EXPOSED TO EVEN LOW LEVELS OF LEAD HAVE SHOWN EVIDENCE OF LEARNING OR BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS. RESEARCHERS BELIEVE HIGHER LEVELS OF EXPOSURE CAN BE ASSOCIATED WITH ANEMIA, CHANGES IN KIDNEY FUNCTION AND MORE SEVERE PROBLEMS. IN THE WAKE OF THE RECENT TOY RECALLS DUE TO LEAD PAINT, ASA AARONS HAS SOME ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN.

Emergency Radios Sept 13 5PM :20
MEAWHILE.. NEARLY 70 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ACROSS THE STATE RECEIVE EMERGENCY RADIOS. THIS MORNING IN SPRINGFIELD... THE ILLINOIS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Bridge Safety Sept 13 5PM :31
THE CITY OF CHAMPAIGN WANTS YOU TO KNOW IT CONTINUES TO FOCUS ON BRIDGE SAFETY. THERE ARE 87 BRIDGES IN CHAMPAIGN USED BY DRIVERS AND PEDESTRIANS. THE CITY HAS STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS PERFORM BI-ANNUAL INSPECTIONS.. AND THE CITY SAYS MOST BRIDGES ARE IN **GOOD TO EXCELLENT** CONDITION.

Flu Vaccine Sept 13 5PM :30
TURNING TO HEALTH NEWS TONIGHT.. THERE SHOULD BE NO SHORTAGE OF FLU VACCINE THIS YEAR. THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL SAYS THEY EXPECT MANUFACTURERS TO PROVIDE 132 MILLION DOSES OF FLU VACCINE THIS YEAR. SHIPMENTS BEGAN LAST MONTH.. MEANING YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE SHOTS IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER.

Diabetes Test Sept 13 5PM 1:52
SEVEN HAS LONG BEEN CONSIDERED A LUCKY NUMBER.. AND FOR DIABETICS.. IT COULD BE A LIFE-SAVING NUMBER. AS TRACY POTTS EXPLAINS IN TONIGHT'S CHECKUP ON YOUR HEALTH.. THERE'S A NEW PUSH TO MAKE DIABETICS AWARE OF A TEST THAT CAN PREDICT THE RISK FOR HEART ATTACK AND STROKE.

Emergency Radios Sept 13 6PM :45
INCREASING CAMPUS SAFETY... THAT'S THE GOAL OF NEARLY 70 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ACROSS THE STATE... RECEIVING EMERGENCY RADIOS. THIS MORNING IN SPRINGFIELD... THE ILLINOIS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY DISTRIBUTED... STARCOM-21 RADIOS AS PART OF GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH'S CAMPUS SECURITY PROGRAM. REPRESENTATIVES FROM MORE THAN 20 COLLEGES RECEIVED THIER RADIOS TODAY.. AND UNDERWENT TRAINING ON HOW TO USE THEM.

Cancer Screenings Sept 13 6PM :30
A LOCAL HOSPITAL OFFERS FREE SCREENINGS TO PREVENT 2 TYPES OF CANCERS.
DECATUR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL SAYS EARLY DETECTION IS THE KEY TO TREATING AND PREVENTING PROSTATE AND BREAST CANCER. THAT'S WHY THEY'RE OFFERING THE FREE SCREENINGS.... AT THE MACON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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News Extra Sept 13 10PM 1:49
SAFETY ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES IS A TOP PRIORITY... AS STUDENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY SETTLE IN FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF CLASSES. BUT NOW **FIRE** SAFETY IS GETTING MORE ATTENTION... AS COLLEGES BUILD TALLER DORMS. CAROLE SULLIVAN TAKES A LOOK... IN TONIGHT'S NEWS EXTRA.

Police Swear In Sept 14 5AM :47
DECATUR NOW HAS EIGHT MORE POLICE OFFICERS ON THE FORCE. THE NEW OFFICERS WERE SWORN IN YESTERDAY IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS. THE OFFICERS WILL START TWELVE WEEKS OF TRAINING SUNDAY. DECATUR POLICE CHIEF JAMES ANDERSON SAYS THE NEW OFFICERS LOOK LIKE A PROMISING GROUP.

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NEARLY 70 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ACROSS THE STATE NOW HAVE EMERGENCY RADIOS ON CAMPUS. YESTERDAY IN SPRINGFIELD... THE ILLINOIS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY DISTRIBUTED STARCOM-21 RADIOS. THE RADIOS WILL ALLOW CAMPUS SECURITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH OTHER EMERGENCY RESPONDERS IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.

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Fatigue Virus Sept 14 12PM :37

CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME MOSTLY AFFECTS WOMEN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 40 AND 60 ... AND HAS DEBILITATING SYMPTOMS -- LIKE FATIGUE, MEMORY LOSS AND PAIN. BUT THE CAUSE AND TREATMENT HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A MYSTERY IN THE MEDICAL FIELD.

Clean Hands Report Sept 14 12PM :25

COLD AND FLU SEASON IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER... AND DOCTORS SAY ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY -- IS WITH GOOD HANDWASHING. HOWEVER -- A NEW REPORT FROM THE SOAP AND DETERGENT ASSOCIATION FINDS THAT OVERALL - - PEOPLE HAVE PRETTY AVERAGE HAND HYGIENE. MOST PEOPLE SAID THEY ALWAYS WASHED THEIR HANDS AFTER USING THE BATHROOM.

Lead Testing 2 Sept 14 12PM 2:16

WHEN IT COMES TO LEAD CONTAMINATION, THERE'S MORE TO WORRY ABOUT THAN JUST RECENTLY IMPORTED TOYS.

Alcopops Sept 14 5PM :29

ILLINOIS HAS A NEW LAW THAT PROHIBITS ADVERTISING OF FLAVORED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO MINORS. YOU MAY HAVE HEARD OF THEM BEFORE.. THEY'RE KNOWN AS "ALCOPOPS" AND INCLUDE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LIKE "HARD LEMONADE" AND "TWISTED TEA." THE NEW LAW AIMS TO REDUCE MARKETING OF THESE PRODUCTS.... INCLUDING CARTOONS, SPONSORSHIP OF ATHLETIC EVENTS, AND BILLBOARDS CAN NOT BE WITHIN 500 FEET OF SCHOOLS, PARKS OR PLACES OF WORSHIP.

Recall Sept 14 5PM 1:17

IN TONIGHT'S RECALL ROUND UP... ICED TEA MAKERS ARE GETTING RECALLED.. AND SO ARE CONVECTION OVENS. FIRST UP... BACK TO BASICS IS RECALLING THE ICED TEA MAKERS BECAUSE THEY POSE A FIRE HAZARD. THE RECALLED ICED TEA MAKERS HAVE THE MODEL

NUMBER--- I-T-400. THEY WERE SOLD AT VARIOUS RETAILERS FROM APRIL OF THIS YEAR THROUGH JULY OF THIS YEAR.

Farm Safety Sept 16 5PM 1:41
LOCAL FARMERS WANT DRIVERS TO SLOW DOWN. GOOD EVENING, THANKS FOR JOINING US. I'M ELIZABETH MOORS. TODAY KICKS OFF NATIONAL FARM SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK. IT COMES AT A TIME WHEN FARMERS ARE BEGINNING TO HARVEST THEIR CROPS... AND TEND TO SPEND LONG HOURS IN THE FIELDS. BUT AS NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY SHOWS US... ONE FARMER SAYS THE MOST DANGEROUS PART OF HIS JOB... IS *OUT* OF THE FIELDS.

Farm Safety Sept 16 10PM :47
TODAY KICKS OFF NATIONAL FARM SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK.... THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL SAYS FARMING IS THE MOST DANGEROUS JOB IN THE COUNTRY. LOCAL FARMERS SAY ONE REASON IS THE HIGH NUMBER OF MOVING PARTS ON THE EQUIPMENT.

Smoking Ban Sept 16 10PM :40
ILLINOIS CASINOS PLAN TO FIGHT THE STATE WIDE SMOKING BAN THIS WEEK.
IT STARTS JANUARY 1ST... AND CASINOS SAY IT'S GOING TO HURT THEIR BOTTOM LINE. THEY SAY IT'LL COST THEM ABOUT 1-HUNDRED 44 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR .. THAT'S ABOUT 20 PERCENT OF THEIR ANNUAL INCOME.

Smoking Ban Sept 17 5AM :39
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Gene Therapy Sept 17 12PM :21
FEDERAL HEALTH OFFICIALS WILL MEET TODAY TO INVESTIGATE THE DEATH OF A TAYLORVILLE WOMAN. 36-YEAR-OLD "JOLEE MOHR" DIED THIS SUMMER...THREE WEEKS AFTER SHE WAS INJECTED WITH TRILLIONS OF "GENETICALLY ENGINEERED VIRUSES," AS PART OF AN ARTHRITIS STUDY. THE COMPANY SPONSORING THE STUDY SAYS IT'S CONFIDENT THE INVESTIGATION WILL CLEAR ITS INVOLVEMENT IN MOHR'S DEATH.

Smoking Ban Sept 17 12PM :32
THIS WEEK, ILLINOIS CASINOS PLAN TO FIGHT THE STATEWIDE SMOKING BAN. THE BAN STARTS NEXT YEAR. CASINOS SAY IT'LL COST

THEM ABOUT 1-HUNDRED 44 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR .. THAT'S ABOUT **20 PERCENT** OF THEIR ANNUAL INCOME. THIS WEEK... THE SENATE MAY CONSIDER A CASINO EXPANSION PLAN. CASINOS WANT LEADERS TO ADD AN **EXEMPTION** FROM THE SMOKING BAN TO IT.

Harristown Sept 17 12PM :25
TRYING TO IMPROVE SAFETY ON THE ROADS. IN THE COMING DAYS... THE "ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION" WILL ANALYZE TRAFFIC COUNTS DONE AT A DANGEROUS INTERSECTION. SANGAMON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS "RONALD LOWE JUNIOR" AND "BREANNA HILBERT" DIED IN A LABOR DAY CRASH AT ROUTE 36 AND HARRISTOWN BOULEVARD.

College Sleep Sept 17 12PM :20
MOST PEOPLE KNOW STAYING AWAKE ALL NIGHT WILL LEAVE YOU GROGGY THE NEXT DAY... STILL... MANY COLLEGE STUDENTS DO IT ANYWAY. A RECENT STUDY FOUND STUDENTS WHO PULLED ALL-NIGHTERS GENERALLY HAD **LOWER** GRADE POINT AVERAGES THAN THOSE WHO MADE MORE TIME FOR SLEEP. RESEARCHERS INTERVIEWED ABOUT ONE- HUNDRED COLLEGE STUDENTS.

Surgical Residnet Hou Sept 17 12PM :14
DOCTORS KNOW ALL TOO WELL THE EFFECTS OF SLEEP DEPRIVATION... A NEW NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY STUDY FINDS .. **LIMITING** WORK HOURS FOR SURGICAL RESIDENTS COULD ENHANCE THEIR TRAINING. RESEARCHERS SAY THIS IMPROVED JOB SATISFACTION FOR RESIDENTS.

No Cut Surgery Sept 17 12PM 1:57
IT'S THE LATEST INNOVATION IN SURGERY. DOCTORS REMOVE OR REPAIR AN ORGAN FROM THE **INSIDE, INSTEAD** OF MAKING AN INCISION FROM THE **OUTSIDE**.

Decatur Water Sept 17 5PM :33
WE TOLD YOU LAST WEEK THAT LAKE DECATUR WAS A FOOT AND HALF BELOW NORMAL LEVELS. THE CITY OF DECATUR CONTINUES TO URGE YOU TO CUT BACK ON WATER USE. AND TODAY THE CITY REPORTS THE LAKE LEVEL IS FALLING AT A RATE OF ABOUT A HALF INCH PER DAY. TOMORROW THE CITY WILL BE FORCED TO UTILIZE THE DEWITT COUNTY WELL FIELD.

Handwashing Study Sept 17 5PM :41
DO YOU ALWAYS WASH YOUR HANDS AFTER USING THE BATHROOM? REALLY...? IN TELEPHONE INTERVIEWS... RESEARCHERS KNOWN AS THE HANDWASHING POLICE... FOUND 92-PERCENT OF ADULTS SAID THEY LATHER UP AFTER A TRIP TO THE BATHROOM.

School Soda Sept 17 5PM 1:31
THE EFFORT TO RID SCHOOLS OF HIGH-CALORIE, SUGARY DRINKS... IS WORKING, THE BEVERAGE INDUSTRY SAYS. TODAY MANUFACTURERS RELEASED THEIR ONE-YEAR PROGRESS REPORT ... AFTER PROMISING TO CUT DOWN ON SOFT DRINKS SERVED IN SCHOOLS. TRACIE POTTS HAS MORE ON WHAT'S BEEN DONE.. IN TONIGHT'S CHECK UP ON YOUR HEALTH.

Decatur Water Sept 17 10PM :41
WE TOLD YOU LAST WEEK THAT THE CITY OF DECATUR IS ASKING RESIDENTS TO CUT BACK ON WATER USE... BECAUSE LAKE DECATUR WAS A FOOT AND A HALF BELOW NORMAL LEVELS. NOW THE CITY OF DECATUR SAYS ITS TAKING THE NEXT STEP IN A DROUGHT PLAN... AS CONDITIONS CONTINUE TO GET WORSE.

Lettuce Recall Sept 17 10PM :26
NEW TONIGHT... DOLE FOODS IS RECALLING BAGGED SALAD.... AFTER A BAG IN CANADA TESTS POSITIVE FOR E-COLI. THE BAGGED LETTUCE IS ALSO SOLD IN ILLINOIS. THE RECALL IS FOR DOLE'S HEARTS DELIGHT SALAD MIX... WITH A "BEST IF USED BY" DATE OF SEPTEMBER 19TH. AND THE PRODUCTION CODES ARE LISTED THERE ON YOUR SCREEN.

Check up Sept 17 10PM 1:36
IN TONIGHT'S CHECK UP ON YOUR HEALTH... MOST PARENTS WOULD NEVER THINK THE "MEDICALLY RECOMMENDED" WAY TO KEEP BABIES SAFE IN THEIR CRIBS.... CONTRIBUTES TO ANOTHER MEDICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL PROBLEM. IT'S CALLED DEFORMATIONAL PLAGIOCEPHALY...**PLAY-GIO--SEPH-ALLY** ... BUT IS COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS "FLAT HEAD".

Decatur Water Sept 18 12PM :35
THE CITY OF DECATUR SAYS IT'S TAKING THE NEXT STEP IN A DROUGHT PLAN... AS CONDITIONS CONTINUE TO GET WORSE. THE CITY REPORTS THE WATER LEVEL AT LAKE DECATUR IS FALLING AT A RATE OF ABOUT A HALF INCH PER DAY. THE CITY IS NOW BEING FORCED TO UTILIZE THE DEWITT COUNTY WELL FIELD. THAT WILL PROVIDE WATER FOR AN ESTIMATED 60 TO 90 DAYS.

Surgery Without Scar Sept 18 12PM :29
FRENCH DOCTORS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REMOVE A WOMAN'S GALLBLADDER... THROUGH HER BIRTH CANAL. IT'S STILL RARE .. BUT SURGEONS EVEN HERE IN THE U-S ARE STARTING TO PERFORM SURGERY BY ENTERING THE BODY'S NATURAL OPENINGS .. RATHER THAN CUTTING THROUGH THE SKIN.

Head and Neck Cancer Sept 18 12PM :19
A PRELIMINARY STUDY SUGGESTS SOME PATIENTS WITH HEAD AND NECK CANCER COULD HAVE IMPAIRED DRIVING ABILITIES. RESEARCHERS FROM THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SAY TREATING THIS TYPE OF CANCER COULD REDUCE MOBILITY IN THE HEAD AND NECK REGION.

Terror Brain Sept 18 12PM 1:23
AFTER SEPTEMBER 11, THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA RECEIVED GRANT MONEY TO FUND SEVERAL RESEARCH PROJECTS TO MAKE THE NATION SAFER. THE 80-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN GRANTS, GIVEN TO THE UNIVERSITY BY HOMELAND SECURITY LAUNCHED EIGHT PROJECTS. EACH ONE EXPLORED WAYS TO IMPROVE NATIONAL SECURITY. ONE OF THE PROJECTS WOULD ANALYZE THE BRAIN WAVES OF TERRORISTS.

Food Safety Sept 18 5PM 1:44
CONCERNS ABOUT E-COLI HAVE PROMPTED DOLE TO RECALL SOME OF ITS BAGGED SALAD. THIS... AS GROCERY MANUFACTURERS CALL FOR MORE SAFETY REGULATIONS ON IMPORTED FOODS... AND AN INVESTIGATION FINDS -- A YEAR AFTER THE SPINACH SCARE -- THE F-D-A HAS DONE **LITTLE** TO PREVENT MORE OUTBREAKS.

Smoke Scream Sept 19 5AM :23
CIGARETTE MAKER PHILIP MORRIS U-S-A IS SUING TWO INTERNET-BASED CIGARETTE VENDORS. PHILIP MORRIS ALLEGES PAYLESS-SMOKE-DOT-COM AND CIG-MALL-DOT-NET, ALONG WITH OTHER RELATED WEB SITES, ARE SELLING A VARIETY OF MARLBOROS, PARLIAMENT AND VIRGINIA SLIMS CIGARETTES THAT HAVE BEEN IMPORTED IN VIOLATION OF FEDERAL LAW.

Dove Ribbon cutting Sept 19 12PM :32
A NEW CHAPTER FOR DOVE PROGRAMS...AS THEY ARE COMPLETELY MOVED INTO THEIR NEW PLACE AT THE ANNA B. MILLIKIN HOME. THIS MORNING...DOVE'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY TO CELEBRATE. AN OPEN HOUSE STARTED AT 11 AND WILL RUN UNTIL ONE O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON...WITH TOURS OF THE BUILDING BEING GIVEN.

Meth Teens Sept 19 12PM :35
ONE IN THREE TEENAGERS SEE LITTLE OR NO RISK IN TRYING METHAMPHETAMINE. THAT'S ACCORDING TO A NATIONWIDE SURVEY FROM "THE METH PROJECT," A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION BASED IN CALIFORNIA. THE SURVEY INCLUDED MORE THAN 25-HUNDRED STUDENTS. NEARLY A

QUARTER SAID THEY COULD EASILY GET THEIR HANDS ON METH... AND ABOUT ONE IN TEN HAVE BEEN OFFERED THE DRUG.

Crib Bumpers Sept 19 12PM :25
A NEW STUDY SUGGESTS CRIB BUMPERS MANY PARENTS PUT IN THEIR NEWBORNS' CRIBS ARE A HAZARD. RESEARCHERS REVIEWED DATA FROM THE U-S CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION FOR THIS STUDY. BETWEEN 1985 AND 2005... THEY FOUND 27 ACCIDENTAL DEATHS AMONG BABIES AND TODDLERS THAT WERE ATTRIBUTED TO CRIB BUMPER PADS.

High Tech Workout Sept 19 12PM 1:47
IMAGINE BURNING 500 CALORIES AN HOUR SPENDING ALL THE TIME FLAT ON YOUR BACK. ONE TEXAS HEALTH SPA CLAIMS IT HAS THE EQUIPMENT TO DO JUST THAT.

Food Safety Sept 19 12PM 1:31
HEALTH LEADERS FROM ACROSS THE STATE GATHER IN CHAMPAIGN IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP YOUR FOOD FROM MAKING YOU SICK. THE 8TH ANNUAL ILLINOIS FOOD SAFETY SYMPOSIUM STARTED TODAY... AND ENDS TOMORROW. NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH EXPLAINS **WHY** THE MEETING IS SO IMPORTANT FOR YOUR HEALTH.

Toy Safety Sept 19 5PM :51
IN CONSUMER NEWS TONIGHT.. CONGRESS HOLDS ANOTHER HEARING INTO THE RECENT RECALLS INVOLVING TOYS CONTAINING LEAD PAINT. MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE WANT TO KNOW HOW THESE PRODUCTS MADE IN CHINA GOT INTO THE UNITED STATES. THE SUPPLIERS FOR MANY OF THE COMPANIES SUCH AS MATTEL HAVE SIGNED AGREEMENTS TO MEET U-S LEAD STANDARDS.

Flu Season Sept 19 5PM 1:30
IN MEDICAL NEWS.. THE C-D-C SAYS THE FLU VACCINE IS ON ITS WAY TO DOCTORS OFFICES AND CLINICS. AND THERE SHOULD BE PLENTY FOR EVERYONE. BUT AS TRACIE POTTS EXPLAINS IN TONIGHT'S CHECKUP ON YOUR HEALTH.. THERE'S CONCERN THAT NOT EVERYONE WHO NEEDS A FLU SHOT.. WILL GET ONE.

Food Safety Sept 19 6PM :41
HEALTH LEADERS FROM ACROSS THE STATE GATHER IN CHAMPAIGN IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP YOUR FOOD FROM MAKING YOU SICK. THE 8TH ANNUAL ILLINOIS FOOD SAFETY SYMPOSIUM STARTED TODAY... AND ENDS TOMORROW. NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH EXPLAINS **WHY** THE MEETING IS SO IMPORTANT FOR YOUR HEALTH.

Dove Ribbon Cut Sept 19 6PM :28
MEANWHILE... A LOCAL GROUP THAT HELPS ABUSED WOMEN AND CHILDREN CELEBRATES A MILESTONE TODAY. DOVE HELD A RIBBON CUTTING THIS MORNING... AS THE GROUP MOVED INTO THE NEW ANNA B. MILLIKIN HOME. THE HOUSE WAS A GIFT FROM THE MILLIKIN FOUNDATION MORE THAN 18 MONTHS AGO... AND DOVE HAS BEEN WORKING SINCE THEN TO RENOVATE THE HOUSE TO FIT ITS NEEDS.

Food Safety Sept 19 10PM :41
TOMORROW THE "8TH ANNUAL FOOD SAFETY SYMPOSIUM" WRAPS UP IN CHAMPAIGN.
THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S SYMPOSIUM IS "FOOD SAFETY -- WHAT'S YOUR RECIPE FOR SUCESS." ABOUT 300 PUBLIC HEALTH, AGRICULUTRE, DAIRY, EDUCATION, FOOD SERVICE, AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS ARE TAKING PART.

Careful Eating Sept 20 12PM :40
HEALTH LEADERS FROM ACROSS THE STATE ARE IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS TO MAKE SURE THE FOOD YOU EAT.. IS SAFE. THE 8TH ANNUAL ILLINOIS FOOD SAFETY SYMPOSIUM WRAPS UP TODAY. ABOUT THREE-HUNDRED PUBLIC HEALTH, AG, DAIRY, EDUCATION, FOOD SERVICE, AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS ARE MEETING IN CHAMPAIGN.

Second Hand Smoke Sept 20 12PM :25
BEING EXPOSED TO SECONDHAND SMOKE COULD HURT YOUR TEENS' TEST SCORES IN SCHOOL. RESEARCHERS FROM TEMPLE UNIVERSITY EXAMINED THE EFFECTS OF CIGARETTE SMOKE ON CHILDREN BY LOOKING AT A STUDY THAT BEGAN IN 1958. THEY FOUND SECONDHAND SMOKE AFFECTED PERFORMANCE ON STANDARDIZED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS.

Pomegranate Prostate Sept 20 12PM :20
AND NEW RESEARCH INDICATES SOME PROPERTIES FOUND IN POMEGRANATES MAY HAVE A BENEFICIAL EFFECT FOR MEN. LAB STUDIES FROM U-C-L-A SHOW ANTIOXIDANTS IN THE FRUIT CONCENTRATED IN PROSTATE TISSUE... INHIBITING THE GROWTH OF CANCER CELLS.

Baby Products Sept 20 12PM 1:46
THE PUSH IS ON TO GET TOXIC TOYS OUT OF THE HANDS OF CHILDREN. THE CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE PASSED A BILL BANNING A CERTAIN CHEMICAL IN TOYS AND CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS.

Rabid Bats Sept 20 10PM :50
STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS AND WILDLIFE EXPERTS HAVE NO ANSWER FOR A WORRISOME STATISTIC. NEW AT TEN... THE NUMBER OF RABID

BATS FOUND IN ILLINOIS THIS YEAR IS THE HIGHEST... **EVER**. 99 RABID BATS HAVE BEEN COLLECTED THIS YEAR ALONE... THAT'S NEARLY TWICE THE NUMBER OF WILDLIFE RABIES CASES EVER REPORTED IN ILLINOIS FOR A SINGLE YEAR.

Taylorville Tobacco Sept 20 10PM :31
THERE'S A STATE EFFORT TO CRACK DOWN ON UNDERAGE SMOKING AND TOBACCO USE... AND NOW... ONE CENTRAL ILLINOIS POLICE DEPARTMENT IS GETTING IN ON THE ACT. NEW SINCE SIX... THE TAYLORVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS TEAMING UP WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE... FOR ITS TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM.

Underage drinking Sept 20 10PM :48
WITH MANY SCHOOL HOMECOMING EVENTS UNDERWAY .. JACKSONVILLE LEADERS WANT TO MAKE PARENTS AWARE OF A NEW LAW. PARENTS WHO SUPPLY ALCOHOL TO MINORS... WHO ARE LATER INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTS .. CAN NOW BE CHARGED WITH A CLASS FOUR FELONY.

Rabid Bats Sept 21 5AM :31
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Tville Tobacco Sept 21 5AM :25
THERE'S A STATE EFFORT TO CRACK DOWN ON UNDERAGE SMOKING AND TOBACCO USE... AND NOW... ONE CENTRAL ILLINOIS POLICE DEPARTMENT IS GETTING IN ON THE ACT. THE TAYLORVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS JOINING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE'S "TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM." TAYLORVILLE POLICE GOT A GRANT TO HELP PREVENT THE ILLEGAL SALE OF TOBACCO TO MINORS.

Underage Drinking Sept 21 5AM :42
WITH MANY SCHOOL HOMECOMING EVENTS UNDERWAY .. JACKSONVILLE LEADERS WANT TO MAKE PARENTS AWARE OF A NEW LAW. PARENTS WHO SUPPLY ALCOHOL TO MINORS... WHO ARE LATER INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTS .. CAN NOW BE CHARGED WITH A CLASS FOUR FELONY. THAT MEANS UP TO THREE YEARS IN PRISON AND A 125-THOUSAND DOLLAR FINE.

Vitamin D Hips Sept 21 12PM :27

TAKING A DAILY DOSE OF VITAMIN D COULD HELP PROTECT YOU FROM BROKEN HIP A NEW STUDY LOOKS AT THE VITAMIN D LEVELS OF 400 WOMEN WITH HIP FRACTURES OVER A SEVEN-YEAR PERIOD. RESEARCHERS FOUND AS THE LEVEL OF VITAMIN D **DECREASED**, THE RISK OF HIP FRACTURES WENT **UP**.

Harristown Study Sept 21 5PM :44
A DEADLY INTERSECTION WILL BE CHANGED... AFTER PUBLIC OUTCRY OVER THE DEATHS OF TWO TEENS. THE INTERSECTION AT ROUTE 36 AND HARRISTOWN BOULEVARD... JUST OUTSIDE DECATUR... IS THE SITE OF A CRASH THAT KILLED TWO HARRISTOWN TEENS OVER THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND.

Recall Sept 21 5PM 1:28
MANY CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS ARE BEING RECALLED THIS WEEK.. FIRST UP IN OUR RECALL ROUND UP... BABY CRIBS. ABOUT ONE MILLION SIMPLICITY CRIBS ARE BEING RECALLED FOR SERIOUS HAZARDS INCLUDING SUFFOCATION. THE DROP-SIDE CAN DETACH, AND YOUR CHILD CAN GET CAUGHT IN THE GAP.

Hopper burial Sept 21 6PM :47
FAMILY, FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS GATHER AT SPRINGFIELD'S CAMP BUTLER TODAY... TO SAY GOODBYE TO A FALLEN MARINE. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT WAS THERE. SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE FROM SPRINGFIELD WITH MORE ON SERGEANT NICK HOPPER.

Water Restrictions Sept 21 10PM :53
CONCERNS GROW ABOUT LAKE LEVELS AND THE IMPACT ON WATER CUSTOMERS. DECATUR'S WATER MANAGERS SAY YESTERDAY'S MINIMAL RAINFALL HAS NO IMPACT AT ALL ON LAKE DECATUR'S LEVELS.

Ecoli Sept 22 5PM :35
AN AREA HEALTH DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATES E-COLI CASES. THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAYS IT HAS SIX CONFIRMED CASES OF E-COLI 0-1-5-7.... ALL LINKED TO EATING AT EL RANCHERITO RESTAURANT IN EFFINGHAM. THAT'S AT I-57 AND I-70.

Tville Fire Dept Sept 22 5PM 2:00
A LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT FINALLY OPENS ITS DOORS TODAY... AFTER YEARS OF PLANNING AND DELAY. PEOPLE IN TAYLORVILLE GOT A CHANCE TO SEE THE NEW FIRE STATION TODAY. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY WAS AT THE DEDICATION... AS TAKES US INSIDE THE NEW BUILDING.

Child ID Sept 22 5PM :34

ANOTHER EVENT TODAY FOCUSES ON CHILDREN'S SAFETY. THE GEORGE A. SENTEL LODGE HOSTED THE "ILLINOIS CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM" AT SULLIVAN MASONIC TEMPLE TODAY... WHERE MORE THAN 60 CHILDREN SHOWED UP. THE PROGRAM GIVES PARENTS A PICTURE, VIDEO INTERVIEW, D-N-A SAMPLE AND FINGERPRINTS FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

Ecoli Sept 22 10PM :40
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Tville Fire Dept Sept 22 10PM 2:00
THE COMMUNITY OF TAYLORVILLE CAME OUT TODAY TO CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF A NEW FIRE STATION. THE BUILDING WAS OFFICIALLY DEDICATED TODAY... MORE THAN 5 YEARS AFTER THE TOWN RECEIVED STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING FOR IT. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OPENED ITS DOORS... LETTING EVERYONE GET A LOOK INSIDE.

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Ecoli Sept 24 5AM :37
AN AREA RESTAURANT IS CLOSED ... AS A HEALTH DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATES E-COLI CASES. THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAYS IT HAS SIX CONFIRMED CASES OF "E-COLI 0-1-5-7" ALL LINKED TO EATING AT "EL RANCHERITO" RESTAURANT IN EFFINGHAM. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAYS THE RESTAURANT IS COOPERATING ... AND HAS BEEN CLOSED SINCE THURSDAY.

Ecoli Sept 24 12PM :42
AN AREA RESTAURANT IS CLOSED ... AS A HEALTH DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATES E-COLI CASES. THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAYS IT HAS SIX CONFIRMED CASES OF "E-COLI 0-1-5-7" ALL LINKED TO EATING AT "EL RANCHERITO" RESTAURANT IN EFFINGHAM.

HIV Vaccine Sept 24 12PM :26

MERCK HAS HALTED ITS EXPERIMENTAL AIDS VACCINE TRIAL AFTER IT WAS FOUND TO BE INEFFECTIVE AT PREVENTING H-I-V INFECTIONS. OUT OF 741 PARTICIPANTS WHO RECEIVED THE VACCINE... 24 BECAME INFECTED WITH H-I-V.

Women Heart Habits Sept 24 12PM :34
EVEN WHEN FACED WITH A FAMILY HISTORY OF HEART DISEASE, WOMEN ARE LESS LIKELY THAN MEN TO DO WHAT THEY CAN TO REDUCE THEIR OWN RISK. QUITTING SMOKING, EATING A HEALTHY DIET AND GETTING PLENTY OF EXERCISE, ARE ALL WAYS EXPERTS SAY YOU CAN REDUCE YOUR RISK FOR HEART DISEASE.

Exercise Pollution Sept 24 12PM 1:30
MANY OF US ENJOY EXERCISING OUTDOORS, BUT YOU MAY WANT TO THINK TWICE ABOUT WHERE YOU DO THAT OUTDOOR WORKOUT. DOCTOR DEANNA LITES HAS INFORMATION ON A NEW STUDY INVOLVING POLLUTION AND YOUR HEART.

El Rancherito Ecoli Sept 24 5PM 1:18
LOCAL AND STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT... WHAT MADE **SEVERAL** PEOPLE SICK... AFTER EATING AT A MEXICAN RESTAURANT. AS WE TOLD YOU THIS WEEKEND, THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS CONFIRMED IT'S E- COLI.

El Rancherito Ecoli Sept 24 6PM :47
THE SEARCH IS ON FOR ALL PEOPLE WHO MAY HAVE GOTTEN SICK FROM E-COLI... AFTER RECENTLY EATING AT A CENTRAL ILLINOIS RESTAURANT.

El Rancherito Ecoli Sept 24 10PM :19
THE STATE IS DOING LAB TESTS TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S BEHIND SEVERAL E-COLI CASES IN EFFINGHAM COUNTY. THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS CONFIRMED SIX CASES OF E-COLI. THEY'RE ALL LINKED TO PEOPLE WHO ATE AT EL RANCHERITO RESTAURANT... BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 11TH AND 13TH.

Refried Ecoli Sept 25 5AM :19
THE STATE IS DOING LAB TESTS TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S BEHIND SEVERAL E-COLI CASES IN EFFINGHAM COUNTY. THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS CONFIRMED SIX CASES OF E-COLI. THEY'RE ALL LINKED TO PEOPLE WHO ATE AT EL RANCHERITO RESTAURANT... BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 11TH AND 13TH.

Asthma Check Sept 25 5AM :42
SAINT JOHN'S HOSPITAL IN SPRINGFIELD HAS RECEIVED A MORE THAN 55-THOUSAND DOLLAR GIFT... TO FUND ASTHMA EDUCATION

PROGRAMS. REPRESENTATIVES FROM KOHL'S DEPARTMENT STORES PRESENTED THE CHECK YESTERDAY AT SAINT PATRICK'S SCHOOL. A GROUP OF KINDERGARTNERS WERE THE FIRST TO SEE AN ASTHMA EDUCATIONAL D-V-D FEATURING MUPPET-LIKE CHARACTERS NAMED "HUFF" AND "PUFF."

CWLP Meeting Sept 25 5AM :28
CITY, WATER LIGHT AND POWER IN SPRINGFIELD IS OFFERING ENERGY EFFICIENCY WORKSHOPS. YOU CAN LEARN INEXPENSIVE SAVING TIPS AND ABOUT FREE ENERGY SERVICES AND PRODUCTS. C-W-L-P SAYS THE WORKSHOPS REALLY HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND WHAT TO DO TO MAKE HOMES MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT.

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Music Training Sept 25 12PM :22
IT TAKES A LOT OF SENSORY SKILLS TO PLAY AN INSTRUMENT: WATCHING AND LISTENING TO OTHER MUSICIANS, READING MUSIC... FEELING THE MUSIC. PRACTICE ALL THESE SKILLS FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME... AND IT COULD HELP ENHANCE VERBAL ABILITY.

Children's Health Sept 25 12PM 1:41
HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THE NATION'S POOREST CHILDREN IS AT STAKE ON CAPITOL HILL. PRESIDENT BUSH HAS THREATENED TO VETO A DRAMATIC **EXPANSION** OF THE STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM. BUT HOUSE LAWMAKERS ARE SET TO PASS IT ANYWAY.

Dentists Wrigley Sept 25 5PM :39
DENTISTS APPARENTLY AGREE. CHEWING SUGAR-FREE GUM CAN BE GOOD FOR YOU.
THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION SAYS IT HAS AWARDED ITS SEAL OF ACCEPTANCE TO WRIGLEY'S ORBIT, EXTRA AND ECLIPSE SUGAR FREE GUMS.

Depressed Workers Sept 25 5PM 1:04
IN TONIGHT'S CHECK UP ON OUR HEALTH... PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM DEPRESSION OFTEN HAVE TROUBLE PERFORMING WELL AT WORK. BUT A NEW STUDY SAYS THAT A SYSTEMATIC PROGRAM TO IDENTIFY DEPRESSION AND PROMOTE EFFECTIVE TREATMENT FOR DEPRESSED WORKERS... CAN IMPROVE THEIR SYMPTOMS, AND THEIR WORK PRODUCTIVITY.

Baby Weight Sept 25 5PM :32
ALSO IN TONIGHT'S CHECK UP.. GAINING WEIGHT BETWEEN PREGNANCIES... MAY BE THE KEY TO ENSURING YOUR NEXT BABY IS A BOY! RESEARCHERS STUDIED THE MEDICAL RECORDS OF MORE THAN **220 THOUSAND** WOMEN.... WHO HAD TWO CONSECUTIVE PREGNANCIES BETWEEN 19-92 AND 2004.

Dec. Water Problems Sept 25 6PM 1:40
OUR OTHER TOP STORY TONIGHT... LAKE DECATUR'S WATER LEVEL CONTINUES TO DROP... AND WATER MANAGEMENT IS STILL ASKING AREA RESIDENTS TO CONSERVE. WE HAVE AN UPDATE ON THE CITY OF DECATUR'S PLAN. NEWSCENTER 17'S JULIE QUALLS JOINS US WITH THE DETAILS... JULIE WHAT IS THE CITY GOING TO DO?

Children's Healthcare Sept 26 5AM 1:50
IN WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT, HOUSE LAWMAKERS OKAYED BILLIONS MORE TO EXPAND THE GOVERNMENT'S CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM. BUT THAT'S FAR FROM THE END OF THE STORY.

Anorexia taste Sept 26 12PM :27
SCIENTISTS HAVE FOUND DISTINCT DIFFERENCES IN HOW BRAINS PROCESS THE WAY FOOD TASTES AMONG PEOPLE WITH ANOREXIA. THE STUDY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH INVOLVED BRAIN SCANS OF 32 WOMEN... HALF WERE RECOVERED ANOREXICS.

Bionics Sept 26 12PM 2:34
BIONICS...FOR YEARS IT'S CAPTURED OUR IMAGINATIONS. AND NOW, IT INSPIRES AN ENTIRELY NEW GENERATION OF SCIENTISTS. FOR THOSE LUCKY ENOUGH TO BENEFIT FROM IT, BIONIC INNOVATION IS BRINGING SCIENCE FICTION TO LIFE.

911 Outage Sept 26 5PM 1:15
TODAY... SEVERAL COUNTIES IN THE VIEWING AREA LOST THEIR 9-1-1 SERVICE.

A COMMUNICATION LINK THAT PROCESSES 9-1-1 CALLS FAILED THIS MORNING FOR AN UNKNOWN REASON. IT AFFECTED LOGAN, PIATT, FORD AND DEWITT COUNTIES.

Family Violence Sept 26 6PM :47
THE ILLINOIS FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNCIL RECOGNIZES THOSE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN **CURBING** FAMILY VIOLENCE. THEY MET WITH POLICE OFFICERS .. SOCIAL WORKERS .. AND VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE IN SPRINGFIELD TODAY. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT IS LIVE IN SPRINGFIELD TO SHOW YOU WHAT EXACTLY IS BEING DONE.

911 Outage Sept 26 6PM :46
SEVERAL CENTRAL ILLINOIS COUNTIES LOST COMMUNICATION WITH THEIR 9-1-1 SERVICE THIS MORNING. COUNTIES AFFECTED WERE LOGAN, PIATT, FORD AND DEWITT. THIS CAUSED EMERGENCY CALLS TO BE RE-ROUTED TO LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

Family Violence Sept 26 10PM :40
A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION HOPES TO BRING DOWN THE NUMBER OF DOMESTIC ABUSE CASES. TODAY THE ILLINOIS FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNCIL RECOGNIZED THOSE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN FAMILY VIOLENCE. POLICE OFFICERS .. SOCIAL WORKERS .. AND VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE ATTENDED TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT.

Target Recall Sept 26 10PM 2:32
NEW TONIGHT... TARGET STORES ARE RECALLING ABOUT 350-THOUSAND CHILDREN'S TOYS... BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN LEAD PAINT. THE RECALL INVOLVES "HAPPY GIDDY GARDENING TOOLS" AND "SUNNY PATCH CHILDREN'S CHAIRS." ALL OF THE TOYS WERE MADE IN CHINA. THEY WERE SOLD AT TARGET STORES NATIONWIDE BETWEEN AUGUST 2006 AND AUGUST 2007.

Youth Empowerment Sept 27 5AM :29
AROUND TWO HUNDRED HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NOW KNOW HOW TO MAKE BETTER CHOICES. IT'S ALL PART OF THE "YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SUMMIT." STUDENTS FROM ACROSS SANGAMON COUNTY TOOK PART IN THE CONFERENCE HELD AT THE STATE FAIRGROUNDS YESTERDAY.

Alcohol Cancer Sept 27 12PM :33
DRINKING ANY TYPE OF ALCOHOL IN EXCESS COULD INCREASE THE RISK FOR BREAST CANCER. EVEN RED WINE -- TOUTED BY MANY EXPERTS FOR ITS HEALTH BENEFITS -- CAN BE HARMFUL WHEN WOMEN DRINK TOO MUCH, ACCORDING TO THE STUDY FROM KAISER PERMANENTE.

Cancer Divorce Sept 27 12PM :23

COUPLES WHO FACE CANCER DIAGNOSES ARE NO MORE LIKELY TO DIVORCE THAN OTHER COUPLES... UNLESS ONE OF THE SPOUSES IS DIAGNOSED WITH EITHER CERVICAL OR TESTICULAR CANCER. THE RESEARCH COMPARED DIVORCE RATES OF 215-THOUSAND CANCER SURVIVORS WITH THOSE AMONG COUPLES WHO'D REMAINED CANCER FREE FOR 17 YEARS.

Backpacks Sept 27 12PM 1:32
ACHING BACK OR SORE SHOULDERS. THESE COULD BE SYMPTOMS OF A HEAVY BACKPACK. ONE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL IS HOPING TO KEEP THEIR STUDENTS PAIN FREE THIS YEAR, BY BRINGING HEALTH EXPERTS IN TO TEACH THEM THE RIGHT WAY TO USE A BACKPACK.

Ecoli Prelim Report Sept 27 5PM :46
WE NOW KNOW WHAT **MAY** HAVE CAUSED SEVERAL PEOPLE TO GET SICK.. AFTER EATING AT A CENTRAL ILLINOIS RESTAURANT. NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH IS LIVE IN THE NEWSROOM TO EXPLAIN WHAT **PRELIMINARY** TESTS REVEAL ABOUT THE SOURCE OF THE E-COLI... KELLY?

Breast Cervical Sept 27 5PM :53
IN TONIGHT'S CHECK UP ON YOUR HEALTH... ILLINOIS IS NOW THE FIRST STATE IN THE NATION... TO MAKE SURE ALL WOMEN WHO NEED POTENTIALLY LIFE-SAVING CANCER SCREENINGS AND TREATMENT.. GET IT. IN CHICAGO THIS MORNING... GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH ANNOUNCED HE IS EXPANDING THE ILLINOIS BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER PROGRAM... TO INCLUDE ALL UNINSURED WOMEN

Free Mammograms Sept 27 5PM :20
MEANWHILE.. YOU CAN GET FREE MAMMOGRAMS STARTING IN OCTOBER. THEY ARE BEING OFFERED BY THE REGIONAL CANCER PARTNERSHIP OF ILLINOIS. THE FREE MAMMOGRAMS WILL BE PROVIDED AT HOSPITALS IN SPRINGFIELD, JACKSONVILLE, LINCOLN AND TAYLORVILLE. WOMEN MUST MEET INCOME AND AGE GUIDELINES.

West Nile Sept 27 5PM :20
ALSO IN YOUR CHECK UP TONIGHT.... THE MACON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONFIRMS THE FIRST HUMAN CASE OF WEST NILE VIRUS IN THE AREA SINCE 2003. THE POSITIVE CASE IS A CHILD. THE POSSIBILITY OF WEST NILE WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE FIRST FROST.. WHICH IS TYPICALLY AT THE END OF OCTOBER.

Ecoli Prelim Report Sept 27 6PM :52
STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES GET CLOSER TO PINPOINTING THE SOURCE OF A RECENT E-COLI SCARE. NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY

YUEH IS HERE TO EXPLAIN WHAT **PRELIMINARY** LAB TESTS, RELEASED THIS AFTERNOON, REVEAL.

Ecoli Prelim Report Sept 27 10PM :46
A CENTRAL ILLINOIS RESTAURANT GETS THE GREEN LIGHT TO RE-OPEN AFTER AN E-COLI SCARE. **PRELIMINARY** LAB RESULTS ARE IN FROM THE STATE... ABOUT EL RANCHERITO RESTAURANT IN EFFINGHAM. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAYS E-COLI MAY HAVE COME FROM CHICKEN OR SOME KIND OF CROSS- CONTAMINATION.

News Extra Sept 27 10PM 1:17
SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH AMONG YOUNG ATHLETES. IN TONIGHT'S NEWS EXTRA... JUDY FORTIN HAS INFORMATION THAT MAY CAUSE SOME PARENTS TO WONDER ABOUT THEIR CHILD'S SAFETY ON THE FIELD OR ON THE ICE.

Ecoli Prelim Report Sept 28 5AM :41
THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAYS A CENTRAL ILLINOIS RESTAURANT IS OKAY TO RE-OPEN... AFTER AN E-COLI SCARE. EL RANCHERITO HAD BEEN SHUT DOWN SINCE LAST THURSDAY. THIS, AFTER THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONFIRMED SIX CASES OF E-COLI. CUMBERLAND COUNTY CONFIRMED ONE CASE.

West Nile Sept 28 12PM :15
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Driving and Smoking Sept 28 12PM :24

PEOPLE WHO SMOKE AND DRIVE ARE ON THE RADAR OF BRITISH TRAFFIC COPS.

DRIVERS WHO ARE DISTRACTED WHILE LIGHTING UP OR WHO ARE SMOKING AND NOT ATTENDING TO DRIVING CAN BE CHARGED UNDER A NEW ADDITION TO BRITAIN'S DRIVING CODE. BRITAIN'S MINISTER OF HIGHWAYS SAYS CONCENTRATION IS VERY IMPORTANT IN THE PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS.

Sibling Behavior Sept 28 12PM :32

MOST OF OUR PERSONALITY TRAITS COME FROM OUR PARENTS -- WHETHER WE'RE OUTGOING OR SHY ... INTENSE OR MORE LAID BACK. BUT A NEW STUDY SHOWS ADOLESCENT AGGRESSION COULD PARTLY BE INFLUENCED BY THEIR SIBLINGS. RESEARCHERS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-DAVIS, FOUND CHILDREN WITH OLDER BROTHERS BECAME MORE AGGRESSIVE OVER TIME THAN THOSE WITH OLDER SISTERS.

Learning Language Sept 28 12PM :30

MORE AND MORE BABIES IN THIS COUNTRY ARE LEARNING TWO LANGUAGES FROM BIRTH... BUT MUCH OF THE RESEARCH ON LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN ON KIDS WHO GROW UP WITH JUST ONE LANGUAGE.. UNTIL NOW. A STUDY OF BILINGUAL INFANTS IN CANADA FINDS THE BABIES LEARN MUCH DIFFERENTLY ... AND IT TAKES LONGER FOR THEM TO LEARN TWO SIMILAR-SOUNDING WORDS.

Handwashing Sept 28 12PM 1:37

HAND WASHING IS ONE OF THE BEST AND EASIEST WAYS TO FEND OFF GERMS DURING COLD AND FLU SEASON. BUT A NEW STUDY FOUND, MEN IN PARTICULAR... HAVE A DIRTY LITTLE SECRET. NOELLE WALKER FOUND OUT - IT'S NO SECRET ANYMORE!

Recall Sept 28 5PM 1:07

AGAIN CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS ARE TOPPING THIS WEEKS RECALL ROUND UP.

KOLCRAFT OUT OF CHICAGO ILLINOIS IS RECALLING NEARLY HALF A MILLION INFANT PLAY YARDS. THIS.. AFTER A DEATH OF A 10 MONTH OLD. 12 DIFFERENT KOLCRAFT MODELS ARE BEING RECALLED. THEY HAVE RAISED CHANGING TABLES WITH A RESTRAINT STRAP THAT FORMS A LOOP BENEATH THE CHANGER... AND THAT CAN POSE A STRANGULATION HAZARD.

March of Dimes Sept 28 6PM :54

A LOCAL FAMILY WHO IS ALSO PART OF THE **NEWSCENTER 17 FAMILY...** IS HELPING RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT PRE-MATURE BIRTH. GREYSON BREITWIESER... SON OF STEVE AND CINDY BREITWEISER... WAS BORN MAY 10TH... ALMOST THREE AND A HALF MONTHS EARLY. GREYSON

WEIGHED ONLY 1 POUND, 11 OUNCES.... NOW, NEARLY 5 MONTHS LATER... GREY WEIGHS ALMOST 11 POUNDS.

Military

National Guard July 3 5PM :45

THE STATE OF ILLINOIS NOW WANTS TO SCREEN VETERANS RETURNING FROM THE WAR IN IRAQ. VETERANS COULD BE SCREENED FOR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AND GET HELP FOR POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER. THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS SAYS THERE IS FOUR MILLION DOLLARS AVAILABLE TO START THE PROGRAM. THE DEPARTMENT SAYS IT WILL SEEK **FULL** FUNDING FOR THE MORE THAN TEN MILLION-DOLLAR PROGRAM DURING STATE BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS.

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National Guard July 3 10PM :35

RETURNING ILLINOIS VETERANS COULD BE SCREENED FOR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AND GET HELP FOR POST TRAUMATIC STRESS. AS PART OF A NEW PROGRAM... BUT STATE OFFICIALS DON'T HAVE THE MONEY TO PAY FOR IT. THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS SAYS THERE IS FOUR MILLION DOLLARS AVAILABLE TO START THE PROGRAM. AND THE DEPARTMENT WILL SEEK FULL FUNDING FOR THE MORE THAN TEN MILLION-DOLLAR PROGRAM DURING STATE BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS.

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Troops 4th July 4 5PM 2:07
WHILE MOST OF YOU ENJOY THIS DAY OFF FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY.. TODAY IS NO HOLIDAY FOR OUR TROOPS FIGHTING IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN. HOWEVER.. THEY DID TAKE SOME TIME OUT TO HONOR THE NATION THEY'RE FIGHTING FOR.

Ryan Weemer July 6 6PM :51
A FORMER MARINE CORPORAL FROM CENTRAL ILLINOIS IS MAKING NATIONAL NEWS TONIGHT. RYAN WEEMER OF HINDSBORO RECENTLY INTERVIEWED FOR A JOB WITH THE SECRET SERVICE. WEEMER'S SISTER LIVES IN OAKLAND, ILLINOIS. SHE STILL HAS A YELLOW RIBBON POSTER IN HER WINDOW FOR HER YOUNGER BROTHER... SUPPORTING HIS MILITARY WORK. BUT ACCORDING TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, WHEN WEEMER INTERVIEWED FOR THE JOB, HE TOOK A POLYGRAPH. DURING THE TEST, HE WAS ASKED IF HE HAD EVER PARTICIPATED IN A WRONGFUL DEATH.

Ryan Weemer July 6 5PM :49
A MARINE FROM CENTRAL ILLINOIS SPARKS AN INVESTIGATION INTO INSURGENTS WHO WERE SHOT AND KILLED. THE NAVY IS INVESTIGATING CLAIMS THAT CAMP PENDLETON MARINES KILLED BETWEEN FIVE AND TEN UNARMED SUSPECTED IRAQI INSURGENTS.

Ryan Weemer July 6 6PM 1:45
DAWN, I SPOKE WITH MEMBERS OF WEEMER'S FAMILY TODAY. THEY ARE VERY UPSET ABOUT THE SITUATION. WEEMER'S SISTER LIVES HERE IN OAKLAND, ILLINOIS. SHE STILL HAS A YELLOW RIBBON POSTER IN HER WINDOW FOR HER YOUNGER BROTHER... SUPPORTING HIS MILITARY WORK. BUT ACCORDING TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, WHEN WEEMER INTERVIEWED FOR A JOB WITH THE SECRET SERVICE RECENTLY... HE TOOK A POLYGRAPH. DURING THE TEST, HE WAS ASKED IF HE HAD EVER PARTICIPATED IN A WRONGFUL DEATH.

Iraq July 8 5PM 1:45
PRESIDENT BUSH FACES REBELLION WITHIN HIS OWN PARTY ON THE FUTURE OF THE IRAQ WAR. SOME KEY REPUBLICAN SENATORS HAVE PUBLICLY QUESTIONED THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN. NOW... AS BRIAN MOOAR SHOWS YOU.... THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IS UNDER PRESSURE TO SHOW PROGRESS OR PRESENT AN ALTERNATIVE.

Taylorville Soldier July 9 10PM 2:08

CORPORAL JESSE LOCKARD ... A MARINE SCOUT SNIPER... WAS ON FOOT PATROL WITH NINE MEN... WHEN HE SPOTTED THE ENEMY HIDING IN THE BRUSH. HE TOOK QUICK ACTION IN RAMADI THAT NIGHT... AND LIVED TO TELL ABOUT IT.

US Iraq July 9 10PM :31
NEW TONIGHT... A NEW REPORT SAYS THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT HASN'T MET ANY OF ITS BENCHMARKS. A U-S OFFICIAL SAYS A REPORT TO CONGRESS WILL SHOW THE U-S-BACKED GOVERNMENT IN IRAQ HAS MET **NONE** OF ITS TARGETS FOR POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND OTHER REFORM. A DRAFT VERSION OF THE REPORT HAS BEEN CIRCULATING IN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON.

Taylorville Soldier July 10 5AM 1:50
A TAYLORVILLE SOLDIER IS NOW RECOVERING IN IRAQ AFTER SURVIVING A SUICIDE BOMB ATTACK. CORPORAL JESSE LOCKARD . A MARINE SCOUT SNIPER. WAS ON FOOT PATROL WITH NINE MEN... WHEN HE SPOTTED THE ENEMY HIDING IN THE BRUSH. HE TOOK QUICK ACTION IN RAMADI THAT NIGHT. AND LIVED TO TELL ABOUT IT.

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See Your Soldier July 12 12PM 2:02
A SOLDIER IN IRAQ REUNITES WITH HIS FAMILY IN A UNIQUE WAY. CORPORAL JOSH NEWMAN GO THE CHANCE TO TALK TO HIS FAMILY THIS MORNING BY VIDEO PHONE.

See Your Soldier July 12 10PM 1:56
A SOLDIER IN IRAQ REUNITES WITH HIS FAMILY IN A UNIQUE WAY. CORPORAL JOSH NEWMAN TALKED WITH HIS FAMILY BY VIDEO PHONE. AND EVEN THOUGH HIS FAMILY COULDN'T ACTUALLY TOUCH OR HUG HIM... THEY SAY IT FELT LIKE HE WAS ACTUALLY THERE.

See Your Soldier July 13 5AM 1:56
A SOLDIER IN IRAQ HAS REUNITED WITH HIS FAMILY IN AN ADVANCED WAY. CORPORAL JOSH NEWMAN TALKED WITH HIS FAMILY BY VIDEO PHONE. AND EVEN THOUGH HIS FAMILY COULDN'T TOUCH OR HUG HIM... THEY SAY IT FELT LIKE HE WAS THERE. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY HAS THE STORY.

A to Z July 18 6PM 1:49

THERE ARE MANY MILITARY REENACTMENT GROUPS ACROSS THE NATION. BUT ONE CENTRAL ILLINOIS GROUP IS DOING MUCH MORE THAN JUST RECREATING THE PAST. NEWSCENTER 17'S SCOT ENGLAND INTRODUCES YOU TO THOSE PATRIOTS AS HE TRAVELS CENTRAL ILLINOIS FROM A TO Z.

Vietnam War July 20 10PM :53
CITIZEN- SOLDIERS WHO SERVED IN THE VIETNAM WAR ARE HONORED TODAY. THE ILLINOIS STATE MILITARY MUSEUM HELD A HERITAGE OUTREACH VIETNAM WAR DISPLAY... FOCUSING ON THE 1-26TH SUPPLY AND SERVICE NATIONAL GUARD UNIT OUT OF QUINCY. IT SHOWS WHAT SOLDIERS WORE, ATE... WHAT THEIR JOBS WERE... WHAT EQUIPMENT THEY USED.

Vietnam War July 22 10PM :48
CITIZEN- SOLDIERS WHO SERVED IN THE VIETNAM WAR ARE HONORED WITH A HERITAGE OUTREACH VIETNAM WAR DISPLAY. IT WAS AT THE ILLINOIS STATE MILITARY MUSEUM TODAY... FOCUSING ON THE 1-26TH SUPPLY AND SERVICE NATIONAL GUARD UNIT OUT OF QUINCY. IT SHOWS WHAT SOLDIERS WORE, ATE... WHAT THEIR JOBS WERE... WHAT EQUIPMENT THEY USED.

US Iraq July 23 5AM 1:35
IN WASHINGTON, THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION WILL NOT ONLY BE FACING THE TOUGH SUBJECT OF IRAQ, BUT ALSO DIPLOMATIC TALKS WITH IRAN. BROOKE HART HAS THE LATEST FROM WASHINGTON

Wounded Warrior July 25 5AM 1:30
A REPORT IS OUT TODAY FROM THE PANEL APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT BUSH TO LOOK INTO HOW WOUNDED VETERANS ARE TREATED. THE PANEL IS REVIEWING NOT ONLY THE CONDITIONS AT WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER .. BUT SYSTEMWIDE.

Seniors Iraq July 25 5PM :44
A GROUP OF SENIOR CITIZENS FROM SPRINGFIELD SENDS A MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON. THE GROUP GATHERED OUTSIDE CONGRESSMAN RAY LAHOOD'S OFFICE THIS MORNING DEMANDING A PULLOUT OF U-S TROOPS FROM IRAQ. ORGANIZERS SAY LAHOOD OPPOSES SETTING A TIMELINE TO END THE WAR.

Durbin Vet Bill July 25 10PM :43
NEW TONIGHT... THE SENATE PASSES NEW LAWS... AIMED AT IMPROVING HEALTHCARE FOR VETERANS. THE NEW LEGISLATION EXPANDS BRAIN SCREENINGS... REDUCES RED TAPE... AND BOOSTS MILITARY PAY FOR VETS. IT DELIVERS 50 MILLION DOLLARS FOR IMPROVED DIAGNOSIS OF VETERANS WITH BRAIN INJURIES OR POST-

TRAUMATIC STRESS... A MOVE THAT ILLINOIS SENATOR DICK DURBIN SAYS IS BADLY NEEDED.

Iraq's Gov. July 26 5AM :32
IRAQ'S FRAGILE GOVERNMENT SUFFERED A SET-BACK WHEN A BLOC OF SUNNI LAWMAKERS SUSPENDED THEIR MEMBERSHIP. THE LARGEST SUNNI BLOC IN THE IRAQI COALITION GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TUESDAY IT WOULD SUSPEND MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITY GOVERNMENT FOR AT LEAST ONE WEEK.

Military Mom July 26 5PM :38
FOR SIXTEEN YEARS, SERGEANT ELIZABETH COWIE DEDICATED HER LIFE TO THE MILITARY... AND SHE'S BEEN A LOVING MOTHER OF TWO FOR EVEN LONGER. HAVING NEVER SEEN COMBAT, COWIE'S BIGGEST BATTLE IN LIFE CAME THIS YEAR WHEN SHE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH BREAST CANCER. SHE WON THAT BATTLE. NOW THAT SHE'S CANCER-FREE, COWIE'S DREAM IS TO SERVE HER COUNTRY IN IRAQ.

Wings of Freedom July 30 10PM 2:02
THERE AREN'T TOO MANY LEFT... BUT RIGHT NOW YOU CAN SEE VINTAGE WORLD WAR TWO BOMBERS IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS. THREE PLANES ARE AT ABRAHAM LINCOLN CAPITAL AIRPORT... AND ONE CARRIED VERY SPECIAL PASSENGERS. NEWSCENTER 17'S ELIZABETH MOORS WAS THERE TODAY AS THE PLANES LANDED.

Wings of Freedom July 31 12PM 2:02
THERE AREN'T TOO MANY LEFT... BUT RIGHT NOW YOU CAN SEE VINTAGE WORLD WAR TWO BOMBERS IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS. THREE PLANES ARE AT ABRAHAM LINCOLN CAPITAL AIRPORT... AND ONE CARRIED VERY SPECIAL PASSENGERS. NEWSCENTER 17'S ELIZABETH MOORS WAS THERE TODAY AS THE PLANES LANDED.

LST 325 July 31 5PM :45
A WORLD WAR TWO SHIP... THAT SERVES AS A MILITARY MUSEUM.. WILL EMBARK NEXT MONTH ON A TRIP TO RIVER TOWNS RIGHT HERE IN ILLINOIS. PLANS CALL FOR THE L-S-T 325 TO DOCK IN PEORIA AND HENRY, ILLINOIS.... AS IT TRAVELS ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI AND ILLINOIS RIVERS. THE SHIP IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART FROM EVANSVILLE, INDIANA, ON AUGUST 17TH AND RETURN ABOUT 30 DAYS LATER.

OP Enduring Support July 31 5PM :26
IN OTHER NEWS... MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO WALK IN THE DECATUR CELEBRATION PARADE. OPERATION ENDURING SUPPORT IN DECATUR ASKS ANYONE IN THE MILITARY.. OR WHO HAS FAMILY OR FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY, OR

SUPPORTS THE MILITARY... TO WALK WITH THEM.. OR RIDE ON THE
FLOAT IN THE CELEBRATION PARADE ON SATURDAY.

Employment Abuse July 31 5PM 1:15
EVERYONE KNOWS PARENTING IS ONE OF THE HARDEST JOBS THERE
IS. AND IT GETS EVEN HARDER WHEN THE OTHER PARENT IS
DEPLOYED TO COMBAT IN IRAQ OR AFGHANISTAN. IN FACT, A NEW
STUDY SAYS THERE'S MORE CHILD MISTREATMENT BY THE SPOUSES
LEFT BEHIND WITH THE KIDS.

LST 325 July 31 6PM :45
A WORLD WAR TWO SHIP... THAT SERVES AS A MILITARY MUSEUM.. WILL
EMBARK NEXT MONTH ON A TRIP TO RIVER TOWNS RIGHT HERE IN
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FLOAT IN THE CELEBRATION PARADE ON SATURDAY.

OP Enduring Support Aug 1 5AM :25
MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO
WALK IN THE DECATUR CELEBRATION PARADE. OPERATION ENDURING
SUPPORT IN DECATUR ASKS ANYONE IN THE MILITARY.. OR WHO HAS
FAMILY OR FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY, OR SUPPORTS THE MILITARY...
TO WALK WITH THEM.. OR RIDE ON THE FLOAT IN THE CELEBRATION
PARADE ON SATURDAY.

Tillman Aug 1 5AM 1:50
TODAY IN WASHINGTON THERE IS NEW FALLOUT FROM THE FRIENDLY
FIRE DEATH OF FORMER FOOTBALL STAR PAT TILLMAN IN
AFGHANISTAN. HOUSE LAWMAKERS WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THE
INVESTIGATION INTO IT, AND FORMER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
DONALD RUMSFELD WILL TESTIFY.

LST 325 Aug 1 5AM :45
A WORLD WAR TWO SHIP... THAT SERVES AS A MILITARY MUSEUM.. WILL
EMBARK NEXT MONTH ON A TRIP TO RIVER TOWNS RIGHT HERE IN
ILLINOIS. PLANS CALL FOR THE L-S-T 325 TO DOCK IN PEORIA AND
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RIVERS. THE SHIP IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART FROM EVANSVILLE, INDIANA, ON AUGUST 17TH AND RETURN ABOUT 30 DAYS LATER.

OP Enduring Support Aug 1 12PM :27
MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES .. ARE INVITED TO BE A PART OF THE "DECATUR CELEBRATION" PARADE. "OPERATION ENDURING SUPPORT" IN DECATUR IS INVITING ANYONE IN THE MILITARY OR MILITARY SUPPORTERS, TO JOIN THE GROUP.

Tillman Aug 1 12PM 2:06
DID THE ARMY COVER UP THE FRIENDLY FIRE DEATH OF FORMER FOOTBALL STAR PAT TILLMAN FOR POLITICAL GAIN? CONGRESS PLANS TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THAT QUESTION TODAY.. BY GRILLING TOP MILITARY COMMANDERS .. INCLUDING FORMER DEFENSE SECRETARY DONALD RUMSFELD.

Bagdad Fuel Truck Aug 1 12PM :29
ANOTHER DEVASTATING ATTACK IN BAGHDAD TODAY . POLICE SAY AT LEAST 50 PEOPLE WERE KILLED WHEN A SUICIDE BOMBER SET OFF A FUEL TRUCK, **PACKED** WITH EXPLOSIVES NEAR A GAS STATION. ANOTHER 60 PEOPLE WERE WOUNDED IN THE ATTACK IN BAGHDAD'S MANSOUR DISTRICT.

OP Enduring Support Aug 1 6PM :49
THIS SATURDAY A VERY SPECIAL GROUP WILL WALK IN THE RAZZLE DAZZLE GOOD TIMES PARADE IN DOWNTOWN DECATUR. OPERATION ENDURING SUPPORT WANTS TO SHOW THE COMMUNITY WHAT THEY DO.

Soldier Cell Phone Aug 8 6PM :17
YOUR OLD CELL PHONE CAN HELP LOCAL MILITARY FAMILIES STAY CONNECTED.. A PROGRAM CALLED CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS RECYCLES OLD CELL PHONES. THE MONEY RAISED GOES TO BUY CALLING CARDS FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN CURRENTLY SERVING OVERSEAS.

Soldier Cell Phones Aug 9 5PM :45
A PROGRAM CALLED "CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS" URGES YOU TO DONATE USED CELL PHONES... SO MILITARY FAMILIES CAN CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER. THE PROGRAM RECYCLES THE PHONES FOR PROCEEDS TO BUY CALLING CARDS FOR MILITARY FAMILIES. THEY WILL BE GIVEN TO TROOPS DEPLOYED TO IRAQ AND OTHER AREAS. JAMIE JACKSON IS A MOTHER AND WIFE WHOSE HUSBAND CURRENTLY SERVES IN IRAQ.

Veterans Day Aug 12 5PM 1:28

VETERANS TOOK CENTER STAGE AT THE STATE FAIR TODAY. THE GOVERNOR'S WIFE WAS IN SPRINGFIELD AS PART OF VETERANS' DAY. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEVE BUTERA SHOWS YOU.

Veterans Day Aug 13 5AM 1:15
VETERANS TOOK CENTER STAGE AT THE STATE FAIR TODAY. THE GOVERNOR'S WIFE WAS IN SPRINGFIELD AS PART OF VETERANS' DAY. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEVE BUTERA SHOWS YOU.

Soldier Killed Aug 13 5PM :45
24 YEAR OLD ARMY SPECIALIST JUSTIN PENROD OF DANVILLE DIED SATURDAY IN IRAQ... ALONG WITH FOUR OF HIS FELLOW SOLDIERS. THE FAMILY TELLS NEWSCENTER 17 THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IS STILL INVESTIGATING WHAT HAPPENED.. BUT PENROD'S WIFE HAS BEEN TOLD THAT THE SOLDIERS WERE KILLED BY A BOMB, WHILE TRYING TO TRACK DOWN A Sniper

Soldier Killed Aug 13 6PM 2:04
A CENTRAL ILLINOIS FAMILY MOURNS THE LOSS OF A YOUNG SOLDIER TONIGHT.
24 YEAR OLD ARMY SPECIALIST JUSTIN PENROD, OF DANVILLE DIED ON SATURDAY, WHILE FIGHTING IN IRAQ. NEWSCENTER 17'S TARA BARRETT IS HERE WITH US NOW.. TARA YOU SPOKE WITH HIS FAMILY MEMBERS TODAY?

Soldier Killed Aug 13 10PM :53
A DANVILLE FAMILY IS REMEMBERING A LOVED ONE KILLED IN IRAQ OVER THE WEEKEND. FAMILY MEMBERS OF 24 YEAR OLD ARMY SPECIALIST JUSTIN PENROD DIED IN AN EXPLOSION WHILE TRACKING DOWN A SNIPER. THE DANVILLE NATIVE HAD JUST MOVED TO FORT STEWART GEORGIA WITH HIS WIFE AND 8 MONTH OLD SON.

Penrod Death Aug 14 5AM :31
A DANVILLE FAMILY IS REMEMBERING A LOVED ONE KILLED IN IRAQ OVER THE WEEKEND. 24 YEAR OLD ARMY SPECIALIST JUSTIN PENROD OF DANVILLE DIED SATURDAY IN IRAQ... ALONG WITH FOUR OF HIS FELLOW SOLDIERS. THE FAMILY TELLS NEWSCENTER 17 THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IS STILL INVESTIGATING WHAT HAPPENED

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Penrod Funeral Aug 16 6PM :34

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOW SET FOR A FALLEN CENTRAL ILLINOIS SOLDIER. 24 YEAR OLD ARMY SPECIALIST JUSTIN PENROD OF DANVILLE DIED SATURDAY HIS WIFE CHRISTINA TELLS NEWSCENTER 17 HIS BODY WILL ARRIVE AT WILLARD AIRPORT IN SAVOY THURSDAY AUGUST 23RD AT 5PM.

Penrod Funeral Aug 16 10PM :33
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Penrod Funeral Aug 17 5AM :34
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Penrod Memorial Aug 18 10PM :40
FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WILL REMEMBER A FALLEN CENTRAL ILLINOIS SOLDIER TOMORROW. THE WIFE OF ARMY SPECIALIST JUSTIN PENROD SAYS EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT THE CANDLELIGHT VIGIL. CHRISTINA PENROD SAYS TOMORROW'S SERVICE WILL HONOR THE 24 YEAR OLD SOLDIER FROM DANVILLE.

Penrod Memorial Aug 19 5PM :40
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Penrod Memorial Aug 19 10PM :59
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Justin Honor Aug 20 5AM :57
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Soldier Update Aug 20 10PM :41
NEW TONIGHT... AN UPDATE ON A MARINE FROM TAYLORVILLE WE TOLD YOU ABOUT LAST MONTH... WHO WAS HURT WHILE SERVING IN IRAQ. THIS IS A PICTURE OF CORPORAL JESSE LOCKARD... ON THE LEFT... WITH HIS MILITARY PARTNER. BOTH MEN SUFFERED SHRAPNEL WOUNDS JULY 4TH WHEN THEY CAME ACROSS A SUICIDE BOMBER. LOCKARD FIRED AT THE BOMBER JUST BEFORE HE COULD DETONATE... BUT THE EXPLOSIVES STILL WENT OFF.

Brain Trauma Aug 20 10PM :43
MEANWHILE... NEW PROPOSED FEDERAL LEGISLATION WOULD HELP SOLDIERS SUFFERING FROM TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY. THAT INCLUDES SOLDIERS LIKE SERGEANT GARRETT ANDERSON. HE'S NOW HOME WITH HIS FAMILY IN CHAMPAIGN.

Soldier Update Aug 21 5AM :26
A TAYLORVILLE MARINE HURT WHILE SERVING IN IRAQ IS NOW BACK ON THE JOB. THIS IS A PICTURE OF CORPORAL JESSE LOCKARD... ON THE LEFT... WITH HIS MILITARY PARTNER. BOTH MEN SUFFERED SHRAPNEL WOUNDS JULY 4TH WHEN THEY CAME ACROSS A SUICIDE BOMBER.

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Injured Soldiers Aug 21 12PM :40
MEANWHILE... NEW PROPOSED FEDERAL LEGISLATION WOULD HELP SOLDIERS SUFFERING FROM TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY. THAT INCLUDES SOLDIERS LIKE SERGEANT GARRETT ANDERSON. TWO

YEARS AGO IN BAGHDAD.... A BOMB EXPLODED NEXT TO ANDERSON'S HUMVEE.

Sgt. Update Aug 21 5PM :40
A LONG-TIME MACON COUNTY SHERIFF'S SERGEANT IS NOW RECOVERING AT HOME AFTER SPENDING A FEW DAYS IN THE HOSPITAL... THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS SGT. DANIEL BURRIS HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL.

Penrod Support Aug 23 5AM :32
THE BODY OF FALLEN CENTRAL ILLINOIS SOLDIER... JUSTIN PENROD... IS SET TO ARRIVE AT WILLARD AIRPORT IN SAVOY THIS MORNING. STARTING AT 9:45AM.. YOU CAN LINE UP ALONG ROUTE 45 NORTH TO WINDSOR ROAD. PENROD'S BODY WILL BE TAKEN ALONG THAT ROUTE TO THE URBANA ASSEMBLY OF GOD ON WINDSOR AND RACE STREETS.

Penrod Support Aug 23 12PM :30
THE BODY OF FALLEN CENTRAL ILLINOIS SOLDIER... JUSTIN PENROD IS BACK HOME THIS AFTERNOON. RESIDENTS LINED UP ALONG ROUTE 45 FROM SAVOY TO URBANA THIS MORNING TO PAY THEIR RESPECTS.. AS PENROD'S BODY WAS TAKEN TO THE URBANA ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH.

Penrod Body Aug 23 5PM :50
THE BODY OF A FALLEN CENTRAL ILLINOIS SOLDIER IS HOME TONIGHT. ARMY SPECIALIST JUSTIN PENROD'S BODY ARRIVED AT WILLARD AIRPORT THIS MORNING... THEN ESCORTED THROUGH CHAMPAIGN TO THE "URBANA ASSEMBLY OF GOD." HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE TURNED OUT TO PAY THEIR RESPECTS... BY LINING THE ROUTE... WAVING FLAGS AND SALUTING.

Penrod Body Aug 23 6PM 1:38
THE BODY OF A FALLEN CENTRAL ILLINOIS SOLDIER IS HOME TONIGHT. HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE TURNED OUT TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT... AS THE BODY OF ARMY SPECIALIST JUSTIN PENROD ARRIVED HOME. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY SHOWS YOU HIS SOMBER HOMECOMING.

Penrod body Aug 23 10PM :49
A FALLEN SOLDIER RETURNS HOME TODAY AFTER HE WAS KILLED WHILE SERVING IN IRAQ. THE BODY OF 24 YEAR OLD JUSTIN PENROD WAS FLOWN IN TODAY... AND GIVEN A FULL ESCORT TO THE URBANA ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH. HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE LINED THE STREETS TO PAY THEIR RESPECTS... WAVING FLAGS AND SALUTING AS PENROD'S BODY WENT BY.

Penrod Body Aug 24 5AM 1:38
VISITATION WILL TAKE PLACE TODAY FOR A FALLEN CENTRAL ILLINOIS SOLDIER. HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE TURNED OUT TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT .. AS THE BODY OF ARMY SPECIALIST JUSTIN PENROD ARRIVED HOME YESTERDAY. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY SHOWS YOU HIS SOMBER HOMECOMING.

Justin Visitation Aug 24 5AM :45
VISITATION WILL TAKE PLACE TODAY FOR A FALLEN CENTRAL ILLINOIS SOLDIER.
ARMY SPECIALIST JUSTIN PENROD'S BODY ARRIVED AT WILLARD AIRPORT YESTERDAY MORNING. HE WAS ESCORTED THROUGH CHAMPAIGN TO THE "URBANA ASSEMBLY OF GOD." HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE TURNED OUT TO PAY THEIR RESPECTS .. BY LINING THE ROUTE .. WAVING FLAGS AND SALUTING.

Penrod Visitation Aug 24 5PM :28
THE FINAL GOODBYES HAVE BEGUN FOR A FALLEN CENTRAL ILLINOIS SOLDIER. ARMY SPECIALIST JUSTIN PENROD'S BODY ARRIVED AT WILLARD AIRPORT YESTERDAY MORNING .. THEN ESCORTED THROUGH CHAMPAIGN TO THE "URBANA ASSEMBLY OF GOD." HIS VISITATION IS GOING ON RIGHT NOW... AND CONTINUES UNTIL 8PM.

Funeral Aug 25 5PM 1:21
COMMUNITIES ACROSS EAST CENTRAL ILLINOIS COME TOGETHER TO HONOR ONE OF THEIR OWN. FAMILY AND FRIENDS SAID GOOD-BYE TODAY TO 24-YEAR ARMY SPECIALIST JUSTIN PENROD. HE WAS KILLED IN IRAQ ON AUGUST 11TH. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY WAS AT HIS FUNERAL SERVICES... AND SHOWS YOU THIS SOMBER DAY.

Funeral Aug 25 10PM :47
FRIENDS, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS SAY GOOD-BYE TO A FALLEN SOLDIER.
TODAY 24-YEAR OLD ARMY SPECIALIST JUSTIN PENROD WAS LAID TO REST IN HIS HOMETOWN OF DANVILLE. PENROD WAS BURIED WITH FULL MILITARY RITES IN THE NATIONAL CEMETERY... AFTER A FUNERAL IN URBANA.

Soldier House Aug 26 10PM 1:47
WHEN A SOLDIER WHO LOST BOTH OF HIS LEGS IN IRAQ... RETURNS TO OHIO ... HE'LL HAVE A REFURBISHED HOME. VOLUNTEERS STARTED REBUILDING THE HOME TODAY. IT WAS WATER- DAMAGED AND INFESTED WITH MOLD WHILE CORPORAL SHANE PARSONS WAS STATIONED IN IRAQ. DARSHA PHILIPS HAS MORE ON THIS EFFORT TO HONOR THIS WOUNDED SOLDIER.

Soldier Goodbye Aug 27 12PM :41
VISITATION FOR A FALLEN CENTRAL ILLINOIS SOLDIER WILL BE HELD LATER TODAY..
24 YEAR OLD ARMY SPECIALIST JUSTIN PENROD'S BODY ARRIVED YESTERDAY MORNING AT WILLARD AIRPORT IN SAVOY. THE FORMER DANVILLE AND MAHOMET RESIDENT RECEIVED A FULL ESCORT TO THE URBANA ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH.

GI Loan Expand Sept 4 5PM :59
MORE VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL WILL BE ABLE TO AFFORD HOMES... NOW THAT THE "G-I LOAN FOR HEROES PROGRAM" IS EXPANDING. THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ANNOUNCED AN ADDITIONAL 15 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE PROGRAM TODAY AT ONE VETERAN'S HOME IN NORMAL. THE PROGRAM HAS HELPED ONE HUNDRED 15 ILLINOIS VETS AND ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY SINCE IT BEGAN LAST MAY.

Freedom Salute Sept 9 5PM 1:56
SOLDIERS ARE HONORED FOR THEIR SERVICE. GOOD EVENING, THANKS FOR JOINING US. I'M ELIZABETH MOORS. ILLINOIS NATIONAL GAURDSMEN RECIEVED MEDALS THIS MORNING AT CAMP LINCOLN IN SPRINGFIELD... AS PART OF THE FREEDOM SALUTE CAMPAIGN. THE GAURDSMEN SERVED ALONGSIDE TROOPS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES IN IRAQ... PROVIDING INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS SUPPORT.

Soldier Purple Heart Sept 9 5PM :59
MEANWHILE.... A SOLDIER FROM ANOTHER UNIT WHO WAS HURT WHILE SERVING IN IRAQ... RECEIVES A SPECIAL HONOR TODAY. A PURPLE HEART. SPECIALIST MICHAEL "SHANE" ROBINSON WAS AWARDED THE MEDAL AT THE EFFINGHAM ARMORY. ROBINSON SERVED WITH COMPANY B, 2ND BATTALION, 130TH INFANTRY IN IRAQ IN 2005 AND 2006.

Soldier Purple Heart Sept 10 5AM :51
MEANWHILE.... A SOLDIER FROM ANOTHER UNIT WHO WAS HURT WHILE SERVING IN IRAQ... RECEIVED A PURPLE HEART YESTERDAY. SPECIALIST MICHAEL "SHANE" ROBINSON WAS AWARDED THE MEDAL AT THE EFFINGHAM ARMORY. ROBINSON SERVED WITH COMPANY B, 2ND BATTALION, 130TH INFANTRY IN IRAQ IN 2005 AND 2006.

Freedom Salute Sept 9 10PM :58
TONIGHT... SOME AREA SOLDIERS HAVE MEDALS... HONORING THEIR SERVICE.
THE "FREEDOM SALUTE CAMPAIGN" HONORS 11 ILLINOIS NATIONAL GAURDSMEN FOR THEIR WORK IN IRAQ AS PART OF A MULTI-NATIONAL UNIT. FAMILY AND FELLOW OFFICERS WERE ON HAND FOR THE CEREMONY AT CAMP LINCOLN IN SPRINGFIELD.

Purple Heart Sept 9 10PM 1:03
A SOLDIER FROM ANOTHER UNIT WHO WAS HURT WHILE SERVING IN IRAQ... RECEIVED A PURPLE HEART TODAY. SPECIALIST MICHAEL "SHANE" ROBINSON WAS HONORED WITH THE MEDAL AT THE EFFINGHAM ARMORY. HE WAS HURT WHEN AN IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WENT OFF NEAR HIS VEHICLE. ROBINSON SAYS HE IS HONORED TO RECIEVE THE AWARD.

Marine Death Sept 11 10PM 1:51
A MARINE FROM CENTRAL ILLINOIS WHO FOUGHT IN IRAQ IS REMEMBERED FOR HIS STRENGTH AND SPIRIT. HE FOUGHT TO SURVIVE HIS INJURIES TWO YEARS AFTER A MINE EXPLOSION LEFT HIM SERIOUSLY HURT. NEWSCENTER 17'S JULIE QUALLS BRINGS YOU HIS STORY TONIGHT FROM EFFINGHAM.

Fallen Soldier Sept 12 5PM :22
OPERATION ENDURING SUPPORT SAYS A SOLDIER... KILLED IN ACTION IN IRAQ YESTERDAY.. HAS RELATIVES IN DECATUR. 23 YEAR OLD PRIVATE ARI WEEKS WILL BE REMEMBERED DURING A CHURCH CEREMONY ON SUNDAY... AT GARVER BRICK METHODIST CHURCH... JUST OUTSIDE OF DECATUR.

Fallen Officer Park Sept 12 5AM 1:07
THE LIVES AND MEMORIES OF THE FALLEN HEROES OF THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE... WILL BE HONORED IN A FUTURE MEMORIAL IN SPRINGFIELD. TODAY, A-I-G AMERICAN GENERAL DONATED A 1 AND A HALF ACRE PARK TO THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE HERITAGE FOUNDATION. THE FORMER BECKER PARK IS ON LAWRENCE AVENUE BETWEEN SIXTH AND SEVENTH STREETS IN SPRINGFIELD.

Fallen Officer Park Sept 12 6PM :38
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Soldier Wives Sept 12 10PM 1:41
NEW TONIGHT... THEY'RE THE WIVES OF AMERICA'S HEROES. AND NOW... THEY'RE THE FIRST OF JUST A HANDFUL OF MILITARY SPOUSES AROUND THE COUNTRY ORGANIZING SUPPORT GROUPS FOR THEMSELVES. TONIGHT PEGGY PICO HAS MORE ON THIS PIONEER GROUP.

Fallen Soldier Sept 13 5PM :20
OPERATION ENDURING SUPPORT SAYS A SOLDIER... KILLED IN ACTION IN IRAQ YESTERDAY.. HAS RELATIVES IN DECATUR. 23 YEAR OLD PRIVATE ARI WEEKS WILL BE REMEMBERED DURING A CHURCH CEREMONY ON SUNDAY... AT GARVER BRICK METHODIST CHURCH... JUST OUTSIDE OF DECATUR.

Fallen Officer Park Sept 13 5AM 1:00
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Soldier Home Sept 17 6PM 1:08
A CENTRAL ILLINOIS SOLDIER IS HOME TONIGHT. AND THAT HOMECOMING COMES AS QUITE A SURPRISE TO THE SOLDIER'S CHILDREN. SEAN, I HAVE COVERED MANY SOLDIER HOMECOMINGS... SOME OF THEM HAVE BEEN VERY HAPPY...SOME OF THEM HAVE BEEN VERY SAD. TODAY'S WOULD BE A JOYOUS SURPRISE.

Soldier Home Sept 17 10PM 1:10
A CENTRAL ILLINOIS SOLDIER IS HOME TONIGHT. AND HIS HOMECOMING CAME AS QUITE A SURPRISE TO THE SOLDIER'S CHILDREN. NEWSCENTER 17'S SCOT ENGLAND BRINGS YOU THE JOYOUS REUNION FROM STONINGTON.

Sgt. Hopper Funeral Sept 19 12PM :24
FUNERAL ARRANGMENTS ARE NOW SET FOR A CENTRAL ILLINOIS MARINE. YESTERDAY...THE BODY OF SERGEANT NICK HOPPER ARRIVED AT ST. LOUIS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND WAS THEN ESCORTED TO EFFINGHAM. HIS VISITATION IS TOMORROW AFTERNOON, AT M.A. NEAL FUNERAL HOME IN EFFINGHAM FROM FOUR UNTIL EIGHT. THE FUNERAL WILL BE FRIDAY MORNING AT 8:30...FOLLOWED BY BURIAL AT CAMP BUTLER IN SPRINGFIELD.

Marine Funeral Sept 19 5PM :31

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR A CENTRAL ILLINOIS MARINE WHO DIED FROM INJURIES SUFFERED IN IRAQ TWO YEARS AGO. SERGEANT NICK HOPPER'S VISITATION WILL BE TOMORROW FROM FOUR UNTIL EIGHT P-M.. AT M-A NEAL FUNERAL HOME IN EFFINGHAM.

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Marine Funeral Sept 19 10PM :30
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Marine Funeral Sept 20 12PM :19
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Marine Visitation Sept 20 5PM :24
FAMILY AND FRIENDS HAVE BEGUN SAYING THEIR FINAL GOODBYES... TO A CENTRAL ILLINOIS MARINE WHO DIED FROM INJURIES SUFFERED IN IRAQ... TWO YEARS AGO.
VISTATION BEGAN AN HOUR AGO FOR SERGEANT NICK HOPPER OF MONTROSE.
HIS VISITATION CONTINUES UNTIL EIGHT TONIGHT AT "M-A NEAL FUNERAL HOME" IN EFFINGHAM.

Marine Visitation Sept 20 6PM :21
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Sex Assault Convict Sept 20 6PM :22
A MACON COUNTY JURY CONVICTS A DECATUR SCHOOL DISTRICT MAINTENANCE MAN... OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTING A 16 YEAR OLD

GIRL.... **FOUR** DIFFERENT TIMES BACK IN 2005. 41 YEAR OLD MICHAEL MILLER IS IN THE MACON COUNTY JAIL TONIGHT. HE FACES UP TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON ON EACH COUNT OF SEXUAL ASSAULT... AND WILL BE SENTENCED OCTOBER 17TH.

Marine Funeral Sept 21 5AM :20
FAMILY AND FRIENDS SAID THEIR GOODBYES TO A CENTRAL ILLINOIS MARINE WHO DIED LAST WEEK FROM INJURIES SUFFERED IN IRAQ TWO YEARS AGO. VISITATION WAS YESTERDAY FOR SERGEANT NICK HOPPER OF MONTROSE. HIS FUNERAL IS THIS MORNING AT 8:30 AT THE M-A NEAL FUNERAL HOME IN EFFINGHAM. HE'LL THEN BE LAID TO REST AT CAMP BUTLER NATIONAL CEMETERY NEAR RIVERTON.

Marine Funeral Sept 21 12PM 1:30
A CENTRAL ILLINOIS MARINE IS BEING LAID TO REST TODAY. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT IS LIVE AT CAMP BUTLER WITH MORE.

Hopper Burial Sept 21 5PM :21
A FALLEN CENTRAL ILLINOIS MARINE IS LAID TO REST. 27-YEAR OLD SERGEANT NICK HOPPER GREW UP IN THE SMALL TOWN OF DIETERICH. HE PASSED AWAY EARLIER THIS MONTH AT A MILITARY BASE IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Hooper Burial Sept 21 10PM :48
AFTER MORE THAN TWO YEARS OF LIVING IN PAIN .. A CENTRAL ILLINOIS MARINE IS LAID TO REST. SERGEANT NICK HOPPER WAS SECURING A CONVOY IN IRAQ WHEN A LANDMINE EXPLODED. FRIENDS SAY THE EXPERIENCE CHANGED HIM AND HE CAME BACK A DIFFERENT PERSON.

33rd MPB Coming Home Sept 26 12PM :29
ILLINOIS SOLDIERS WHO HAVE BEEN ON ACTIVE DUTY SINCE JULY 2006...WILL BE COMING HOME. A WELCOME HOME CEREMONY IS SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW IN BLOOMINGTON FOR THE "HEADQUARTERS 33RD MILITARY POLICE BATTALION"...WHICH HAS AROUND 75 MEMBERS. THIS IS VIDEO FROM THE SEND-OFF FOR THE UNIT LAST YEAR.

Jacksonville Vandals Sept 26 12PM :26
JACKSONVILLE POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR VANDALS...AFTER AN OVERNIGHT BREAK-IN AT THE JACKSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD. POLICE SAY THEY WERE CALLED WHEN A NEIGHBOR ON NORTH CHURCH STREET HEARD DOGS BARKING. THAT NEIGHBOR SAW TWO YOUNG WHITE MALES WALKING WITH A TOTE... AND WALKED UP TO THEM, BUT THEY TOOK OFF RUNNING.

33rd MPB Coming Home Sept 26 5PM :28
ILLINOIS SOLDIERS WHO HAVE BEEN ON ACTIVE DUTY SINCE JULY 2006... WILL BE COMING HOME VERY SOON. A WELCOME HOME CEREMONY IS SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW IN BLOOMINGTON FOR THE "HEADQUARTERS 33RD MILITARY POLICE BATTALION"...WHICH HAS AROUND 75 MEMBERS. THIS IS VIDEO FROM THEIR SEND-OFF LAST YEAR.

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33rd MPB Coming Home Sept 27 5AM :27
A GROUP OF ILLINOIS SOLDIERS ARE BEING WELCOMED HOME RIGHT NOW.
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Tying Yellow Ribbon Sept 27 12PM :24
TONIGHT... YOU CAN HELP HONOR ILLINOIS SERVICE MEMBERS. THE ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD SAYS IT WANTS TO HELP RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE **CHALLENGES** SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES FACE WHEN THEY RETURN FROM DEPLOYMENT. THE EVENT..."TYING THE YELLOW RIBBON"... WILL SHOW SERVICE MEMBERS THAT PEOPLE ARE HERE TO HELP.

33rd Homecomign Sept 27 6PM 1:35
A HUGE WELCOME TODAY IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS.... AS AREA TROOPS RETURN HOME.
17'S JULIE QUALLS JOINS US FROM THE NEWSROOM WITH THE EMOTIONAL REUNIONS.

Support Troops Sept 27 6PM :28

IN JUST ABOUT HALF AN HOUR.... MANY CENTRAL ILLINOISANS WILL HONOR ILLINOIS SERVICE MEMBERS. THE ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD SAYS IT WANTS TO HELP RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE **CHALLENGES** SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES FACE... WHEN THEY **RETURN** FROM DEPLOYMENT.

33rd Homecoming Sept 27 10PM :47

AN EMOTIONAL REUNION TODAY... AS MEMBERS OF THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD'S 33RD MILITARY POLICE BATTALION COME HOME FROM IRAQ. THE SOLDIERS WERE DEPLOYED ALMOST 16 MONTHS AGO... AND RECEIVED A HEROES WELCOME WHEN THEY ARRIVED IN THE BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL AREA THIS AFTERNOON.

Support Troops Sept 27 10PM :16

EVENTS TONIGHT AROUND CENTRAL ILLINOIS HONORED OUR STATE'S SERVICE MEMBERS. THE ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD HELD A "TIE THE YELLOW RIBBON" EVENTS... TO SHOW SERVICE MEMBERS THAT PEOPLE ARE HERE TO HELP. IT ALSO HELPED RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE CHALLENGES SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES FACE WHEN THEY RETURN FROM DEPLOYMENT.

Guard Return Sept 28 5AM :46

AN EMOTIONAL REUNION YESTERDAY... AS MEMBERS OF THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD'S 33RD MILITARY POLICE BATTALION RETURNED HOME FROM IRAQ. THE SOLDIERS WERE DEPLOYED ALMOST 16 MONTHS AGO... AND RECEIVED A HEROES' WELCOME WHEN THEY ARRIVED IN THE BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL AREA YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Gold Star Mothers Sept 29 10PM :30

THEIR CHILDREN MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE. NOW .. MORE THAN TWO DOZEN ILLINOIS MOTHERS WHO LOST THEIR LOVED ONES TO WAR ... WILL RECIEVE GOLD STAR BANNERS. FOUR WOMEN FROM CENTRAL ILLINOIS ARE INVITED TO THE CEREMONY TOMORROW IN CHICAGO.

Soldier Reunion Sept 29 10PM :15

MEANWHILE.. A SOLDIER WHO FORTUNATELY RETURNED HOME SAFELY FROM IRAQ... DID WHAT MANY FATHERS LOVE TO DO... WATCH THEIR SON PLAY FOOTBALL. THE FATHER OF MATTOON BREAKER NUMBER 38... DYLAN BOWER... WATCHED THE GAME TONIGHT IN MATTOON.

Gold Star Mothers Sept 30 10PM :35

FOUR AREA MOTHERS WERE AMONG THOSE HONORED TODAY.... AS GOLD STAR MOTHERS... THEIR CHILDREN ALL DIED IN IRAQ. THE CEREMONY IN CHICAGO... MARKED GOLD STAR MOTHER'S DAY.. WHICH

HAS BEEN THE LAST SUNDAY OF EACH SEPTEMBER SINCE 19-36. THE WOMEN ALL RECIEVED GOLD STAR BANNERS TODAY.

EDUCATION

School Changes July 3 6PM :22

CHANGES ARE COMING TO SOME CENTRAL ILLINOIS SCHOOLS. BUT WILL IT BE ENOUGH TO RAISE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT? DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT BRIAN HODGES EXPLAINS THE CHANGES: THE BLOCK 5 SCHEDULE IS AN EXPANDED CLASS PERIOD. SO INSTEAD OF 45 MINUTE CLASSES.. THEY WOULD BE MORE LIKE AN HOUR AND 15 MINUTES. THEN CLASSES WOULD ROTATE ON CERTAIN DAYS...

School Cells July 4 5AM :40

SCHOOL MAY BE OUT FOR SUMMER... BUT WHEN KIDS COME BACK TO CLASS... THEY'LL NEED TO KEEP THEIR CELL PHONES IN CHECK. THE DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS A NEW CELL PHONE POLICY. IT STATES THAT CELL PHONES CAN NOT BE SEEN OR HEARD THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL DAY.

Back to School July 28 5PM 1:01

A BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT TODAY... ALSO REACHES OUT TO KIDS WITH A POSITIVE MESSAGE. KINGDOM COME MINISTRIES AND GENERATION IMPACT HOSTED A FUN DAY FOR KIDS... WITH BASKETBALL, INFLATABLE GAMES AND MORE. THEY USE ACTIVITIES KIDS LIKE TO GIVE THEM IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

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UI Golbal Campus July 30 6PM :28

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS TRUSTEES MEETING IN CHICAGO... SET TUITION RATES FOR THE FIRST DEGREES OFFERED BY THE NEW

GLOBAL CAMPUS. THE NEW, ONLINE CAMPUS IS EXPECTED TO OPEN IN JANUARY. THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING INDICATES THE NURSING PROGRAM WOULD COST 50 PERCENT MORE THAN THE TUITION FOR A TRADITIONAL NURSING DEGREE AT ILLINOIS.

UI Golbal Campus July 31 5AM :25
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IL Grad Rates Aug 2 12PM :25
ILLINOIS MAY NOT BE SETTING HIGH ENOUGH GOALS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES. THAT'S ACCORDING TO A NEW REPORT.. THAT LOOKS AT GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY UNDER THE "NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT." THE STUDY FROM WASHINGTON-BASED "EDUCATION TRUST" SHOWS ILLINOIS' 2006 GRADUATION GOAL WAS MUCH LOWER THAN ITS PREVIOUS YEAR'S GOAL.

Mt. Zion Teachers Aug 2 5PM :21
SOME CENTRAL ILLINOIS TEACHERS AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL MEET WITH A MEDIATOR NEXT WEEK. NEWSCENTER 17 SPOKE WITH MOUNT ZION SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT DARBE BRINKOETTER THIS MORNING. SHE REFUSED TO COMMENT RIGHT NOW ON THE ISSUES BETWEEN THE TEACHERS AND THE SCHOOL BOARD... BUT BRINKOETTER DID SAY SOMETIME NEXT WEEK THEY WILL MEET WITH A MEDIATOR.

HS Standards Aug 2 5PM 1:04
A NEW REPORT SAYS ILLINOIS AND MANY OTHER STATES AREN'T SETTING HIGH ENOUGH GOALS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES. BUT TONIGHT WE FOUND OUT... AT LEAST ONE CENTRAL ILLINOIS SCHOOL DISTRICT IS RAISING THE BAR.

HS Standards Aug 2 10PM :36

A NEW REPORT SAYS ILLINOIS IS NOT SETTING HIGH ENOUGH GOALS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES. THE GROUP *EDUCATION TRUST* HAS BEEN STUDYING GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THE GROUP SAYS ILLINOIS' 2006 GRADUATION GOAL OF 72 PERCENT WAS MUCH **LOWER** THAN ITS 2005 GRADUATION RATE OF 87-POINT-FOUR PERCENT.

Mt. Zion Teachers Aug 2 10PM :21
MEANWHILE... A CENTRAL ILLINOIS SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL MEET WITH ITS TEACHERS AND A MEDIATOR NEXT WEEK. NEWSCENTER 17 SPOKE WITH MOUNT ZION SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT (**DAR-BEE**) DARBE BRINKOETTER THIS MORNING.

School Budget Aug 3 5AM :48
SCHOOL DISTRICTS COULD BE THE FIRST TO FEEL THE EFFECTS OF THE LACK OF A STATE BUDGET. STATE COMPTROLLER DAN HYNES SAYS SCHOOLS WON'T RECEIVE STATE AID PAYMENTS IF A BUDGET IS NOT IN PLACE BY WEDNESDAY.

HS Standards Aug 3 5AM :55
A NEW REPORT SAYS ILLINOIS AND MANY OTHER STATES AREN'T SETTING HIGH ENOUGH GOALS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES. BUT TONIGHT WE FOUND OUT... AT LEAST ONE CENTRAL ILLINOIS SCHOOL DISTRICT IS RAISING THE BAR.

Kindergarten Ready Aug 8 12PM 1:30
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE SUMMER IS WINDING DOWN. MANY SCHOOLS ARE STARTING IN A FEW WEEKS. THERE ARE THINGS THAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW FOR THEIR CHILDREN ENTERING KINDERGARTEN. LEIGH ANN MICHAEL JOINS ME WITH IMPORTANT INFORMATION. WHAT DO PARENTS NEED TO KNOW BEFORE THEIR CHILD ENTERS KINDERGARTEN?

Mt. Zion Teachers Aug 8 5PM :26
WE HAVE A NEWSCENTER 17 FOLLOW UP FOR YOU. A CENTRAL ILLINOIS SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ITS TEACHERS UNION REACH A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT. WE TOLD YOU LAST WEEK THAT THE MOUNT ZION SCHOOL BOARD AND TEACHERS WERE SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH A MEDIATOR THIS WEEK.

Mt. Zion Aug 9 5AM :16
A CENTRAL ILLINOIS SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ITS TEACHERS UNION HAVE REACHED A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT. MOUNT ZION SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT (**DAR-BEE**) DARBE BRINKOETTER SAYS BOTH SIDES STRUCK A DEAL WITHOUT A MEDIATOR.

Mt. Zion Teachers Aug 13 10PM :26
NEW AT TEN... MT. ZION TEACHERS AND THE MT. ZION SCHOOL BOARD HAVE APPROVED A NEW FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT. THE MT. ZION TEACHERS RATIFIED THE AGREEMENT AUGUST 9TH... AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVED THE CONTRACT AT THEIR REGULAR MEETING TODAY.

EIU AD Aug 14 5PM :23
EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY WILL BEGIN SEARCHING FOR A NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR. THAT'S BECAUSE UNIVERSITY LEADERS HAVE BASICALLY FIRED RICH MCDUFFIE. AN E-I-U SPOKESPERSON SAYS MCDUFFIE IS ON A YEAR'S PAID LEAVE.. AND WILL LOSE HIS JOB WHEN IT EXPIRES. THE SCHOOL INVESTIGATED A SEXUAL HARRASSMENT CLAIM AGAINST MCDUFFIE EARLIER THIS MONTH.. BUT ADMINISTRATORS SAY THEY DIDN'T FIND EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE CLAIM.

ACT Scores Aug 15 12PM :30
MORE ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE ACING THE A-C-T COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION IS REPORTING THAT THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED A PERFECT SCORE ON THE A-C-T TEST DOUBLED LAST YEAR. A-C-T TESTS RESULTS FROM THE 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR SHOW SIXTY-EIGHT STUDENTS SCORED A PERFECT 36.

School Funding Aug 15 5PM 1:34
AS MANY STUDENTS PREPARE TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL... SOME DISTRICTS ARE HEADING INTO ANOTHER FRUSTRATING YEAR. NEWSCENTER 17'S TARA BARRETT SHOWS YOU HOW THE LACK OF STATE ACTION, LEAVES AT LEAST ONE SCHOOL FACING ANOTHER YEAR OF HARDSHIPS.

Meridian teachers Aug 15 5PM :33
THE MERIDIAN TEACHERS UNION AND SCHOOL BOARD AGREE ON A NEW THREE YEAR CONTRACT. THE PREVIOUS CONTRACT EXPIRED AT THE END OF THIS PAST SCHOOL YEAR. TEACHERS UNION PRESIDENT P.J. ROUSCH SAYS THE GROUPS MET LAST NIGHT WITH THE INTENTION OF STAYING UNTIL AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED.

ACT Scores Aug 15 5PM :27
MORE ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GOT A PERFECT SCORE ON THEIR A-C-T COLLEGE ENTRANCE TEST LAST YEAR. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SAYS THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO SCORED A 36 ON THE A-C-T DOUBLED LAST YEAR. TEST RESULTS FROM THE 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR SHOW SIXTY-EIGHT STUDENTS ACED THE TEST.

Stew Stras Funds Aug 15 10PM :50

AT LEAST ONE SCHOOL IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS WILL START THE NEW YEAR WITH DISAPPOINTING NEWS. THIS IS THE FIFTH YEAR THE STEWARDSON-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL GO WITHOUT IT'S STATE GRANT MONEY.

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ACT Scores Aug 15 10PM :25

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Stew Stras Funds Aug 16 12PM :35

AT LEAST ONE SCHOOL IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS WILL START THE NEW YEAR WITH DISAPPOINTING NEWS. THIS IS THE FIFTH YEAR THE STEWARDSON-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL GO WITHOUT IT'S STATE GRANT MONEY. IN 2002, THE SCHOOL WAS APPROVED TO RECEIVE TWO MILLION DOLLARS FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

Meridian teachers Aug 16 12PM :33

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Move In Aug 18 5PM 1:05

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN.. BACK TO SCHOOL. DORMS OPENED TO FRESHMAN TODAY ON THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CAMPUS. STUDENTS HAVE BEEN MOVING IN ALL WEEK... BUT TODAY WAS ONE OF THE BUSIEST DAYS. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY WAS THERE AND JOINS US NOW. KATE, WHERE THINGS RUNNING SMOOTHLY?

Physicals Aug 20 12PM :37

DESPITE THAT... SPRINGFIELD STUDENTS GEAR UP FOR ANOTHER YEAR AT SCHOOL. SOME STUDENTS RECEIVED FREE "BACK TO SCHOOL" PHYSICALS TODAY AT THE URBAN LEAGUE HEAD START. PROJECT

COORDINATOR LISA SMITH SAYS IF KIDS DON'T HAVE IMMUNIZATIONS BY OCTOBER .. THEY COULD GET KICKED OUT OF SCHOOL.

School Supplies Aug 20 12PM :24
DOZENS OF KIDS LINED UP TO GET SCHOOL SUPPLIES IN DECATUR. PROJECT SUCCESS IS HANDING OUT FREE SUPPLIES AT THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TODAY. ALL ITEMS ON THE DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS LIST ARE AVAILABLE FOR KIDS IN KINDERGARTEN TO SIXTH GRADE.

Meridan Contract Aug 20 6PM :29
THE MERIDIAN TEACHERS UNION RATIFIES ITS CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD. AND SOME TEACHERS SAY IT FEELS LIKE A BIG BURDEN IS LIFTED. TEACHER'S UNION PRESIDENT P-J ROUSH SAYS THE UNION RATIFIED THE NEW THREE YEAR CONTRACT THIS MORNING BY A 55 TO 4 VOTE.

School Starts Aug 20 6PM 1:33
IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN... PARENTS ACROSS CENTRAL ILLINOIS ARE PREPARING TO SEND THEIR KIDS BACK TO SCHOOL. NEWSCENTER 17'S TARA BARRETT TAKES A LOOK AT HOW ARE SOME ARE GETTING READY.

School bus safety Aug 20 10PM 1:32
DAWN... AS STUDENTS HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL... MANY GET THERE BY BUS. BUT WHETHER YOU'RE WALKING A LITTLE ONE TO THE BUS STOP... OR JUST DRIVING ON THE ROADS... EXPERTS SAY YOU NEED TO BE CAREFUL.

Project Success Aug 20 10PM :47
HUNDREDS OF DECATUR STUDENTS NOW HAVE THE SUPPLIES THEY NEED TO START THE SCHOOL YEAR.... FOR FREE. PROJECT SUCCESS VOLUNTEERS HANDED OUT SCHOOL SUPPLIES AT THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN DECATUR ... UNTIL SEVEN TONIGHT.

News Extra Aug 20 10PM 1:32
AS STUDENTS HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL... COLLEGES AROUND THE COUNTRY ARE TAKING STEPS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF A SERIOUS INFECTION. HERE'S MORE... IN TONIGHT'S NEWS EXTRA.

School Starts Aug 21 5AM 1:21
IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN... PARENTS ACROSS CENTRAL ILLINOIS ARE PREPARING TO SEND THEIR KIDS BACK TO SCHOOL. NEWSCENTER 17'S TARA BARRETT TAKES A LOOK AT HOW ARE SOME ARE GETTING READY.

Physicals Aug 21 5AM :35
SPRINGFIELD STUDENTS ARE GEARING UP FOR ANOTHER YEAR AT SCHOOL. SOME STUDENTS RECEIVED FREE "BACK TO SCHOOL" PHYSICALS YESTERDAY AT THE URBAN LEAGUE HEAD START. PROJECT COORDINATOR LISA SMITH SAYS IF KIDS DON'T HAVE IMMUNIZATIONS BY OCTOBER .. THEY COULD GET KICKED OUT OF SCHOOL.

School Bus Safety Aug 21 12PM 1:30
MANY CENTRAL ILLINOIS STUDENTS WILL RETURN TO THE CLASSROOM THIS WEEK. AS NEWSCENTER 17'S ELIZABETH MOORS SHOWS YOU.. YOU NEED TO BE READY.... EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE KIDS IN SCHOOL.

School Supplies Aug 21 12PM :15
DOZENS OF KIDS LINED UP TO GET SCHOOL SUPPLIES IN DECATUR. "PROJECT SUCCESS" HANDED OUT FREE SUPPLIES AT THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH YESTERDAY. ALL ITEMS ON THE DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS LIST WERE AVAILABLE FOR KIDS IN KINDERGARTEN TO SIXTH GRADE.

Physicals Aug 21 12PM :26
SPRINGFIELD STUDENTS ARE ALSO GEARING UP FOR ANOTHER YEAR AT SCHOOL. SOME STUDENTS RECEIVED FREE "BACK TO SCHOOL" PHYSICALS YESTERDAY AT THE URBAN LEAGUE HEAD START. PROJECT COORDINATOR LISA SMITH SAYS IF KIDS DON'T HAVE IMMUNIZATIONS BY OCTOBER .. THEY COULD GET KICKED OUT OF SCHOOL.

Meridian Contract Aug 21 12PM :25
THE MERIDIAN TEACHERS UNION HAS RATIFIED A NEW CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD. TEACHER'S UNION PRESIDENT P-J ROUSH SAYS THE UNION RATIFIED THE NEW THREE YEAR CONTRACT YESTERDAY BY A VOTE OF 55 TO 4.

Mohomet Teacher Aug 21 5PM 1:28
STUDENTS IN ONE CENTRAL ILLINOIS SCHOOL DISTRICT COULD GET AN EXTENDED SUMMER VACATION. THE CONTRACT FOR MAHOMET-SEYMOUR TEACHERS AND THE SCHOOL BOARD EXPIRES AT MIDNIGHT. RIGHT NOW.. BOTH SIDES STILL HAVE NOT REACHED AN AGREEMENT

Mohomet teacher Aug 21 6PM 1:20
TEACHERS IN ONE TOWN SAY... THEY COULD SOON BE GOING ON STRIKE. THE CONTRACT FOR MAHOMET-SEYMOUR TEACHERS EXPIRES TONIGHT AT MIDNIGHT... AND A NEW CONTRACT HAS STILL NOT BEEN SETTLED. THE TEACHERS' UNION FILED AN "INTENT TO STRIKE" NOTICE EARLIER THIS MONTH.

Mahomet Teachers Aug 21 10PM 1:01
NEW AT TEN... TEACHERS AND THE MAHOMET- SEYMOUR SCHOOL BOARD ARE STILL MEETING TONIGHT... TRYING TO WORK OUT A CONTRACT. THE MEETING STARTED AT 5:30 TONIGHT... THE TEACHERS' UNION AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ARE MEETING WITH THE HELP OF A FEDERAL NEGOTIATOR.

Mahomet Teachers Aug 22 12PM :35
TEACHERS IN THE MAHOMET-SEYMOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT WON'T BE HEADING TO THE PICKET LINES THIS WEEK. A MEMBER OF THE TEACHERS' UNION'S NEGOTIATIONS TEAM SAYS.. THE GROUP CAME TO A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE MAHOMET-SEYMOUR SCHOOL BOARD AT ABOUT SIX O'CLOCK THIS MORNING. THE TEAM SPENT MORE THAN 12 HOURS IN NEGOTIATIONS.

UI Move In Aug 17 5PM :51
AND WITH SCHOOL JUST AROUND THE CORNER... STUDENTS ARE ALREADY MOVING IN AT THE U OF I CAMPUS. THIS WEEKEND NEARLY 40-THOUSAND STUDENTS WILL ARRIVE ON CAMPUS.... CAUSING BIG TRAFFIC DELAYS. PEOPLE WHO WORK ON CAMPUS YEAR-ROUND SAY ONCE STUDENTS COME BACK IN THE FALL... FINDING A PARKING SPOT AND EVEN DRIVING ON CAMPUS IS NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE.

Hot Schools Aug 22 5PM 1:26
MANY CENTRAL ILLINOIS SCHOOLS ARE TRYING TO BEAT THE HEAT **WITHOUT** AIR CONDITIONING. ONE SOLUTION IS TO SEND STUDENTS HOME EARLY. BUT AS NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH SHOWS US.... THAT **STILL** MEANS STUDENTS AND TEACHERS HAVE TO SWEAT IT OUT.

Mahomet Contract Aug 22 5PM 1:07
SCHOOL WILL START AS SCHEDULED FOR MAHOMET-SEYMOUR STUDENTS. THE TEACHERS' UNION APPROVED A NEW CONTRACT THIS AFTERNOON... LESS THAN 24 HOURS BEFORE THE START OF SCHOOL TOMORROW.

Millikin Move In Aug 22 5PM :24
FOLKS IN DECATUR MIGHT HAVE NOTICED THAT TODAY WAS FRESHMAN MOVE-IN DAY ON MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY'S CAMPUS. MILLIKIN SECURITY BLOCKED OFF A SECTION OF OAKLAND AVENUE FROM 8 THIS MORNING TO 3 THIS AFTERNOON. HUNDREDS OF FIRST YEAR STUDENTS MOVED INTO THEIR RESIDENCE HALLS WITH HELP FROM RESIDENT ASSISTANTS.

UI Classes Aug 22 5PM :46

MEANWHILE.. UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS STUDENTS HEAD BACK TO CLASS. TODAY WAS THE FIRST DAY OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR.... AND THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS MADE THEIR WAY ACROSS THE QUAD AS THEY HEADED TO CLASS. SOME STUDENTS SAY THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES IS NO BIG DEAL

Decatur Schools Aug 22 6PM :47

MANY CENTRAL ILLINOIS STUDENTS ARE FACING A BIG CHALLENGE AS THE SCHOOL YEAR GETS UNDERWAY. MANY AREA SCHOOLS HAVE NO AIR CONDITIONING. NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH EXPLAINS HOW KIDS AND TEACHERS ARE TRYING TO BEAT THE HEAT IN THE CLASSROOM.

Mahomet Contract Aug 22 6PM :45

THERE WILL BE NO TEACHERS STRIKE AT MAHOMET SEYMOUR SCHOOLS TOMORROW. THE TEACHERS UNION VOTED TO ACCEPT A NEW CONTRACT JUST A FEW HOURS AGO. NEWSCENTER 17'S KATE POKARNEY IS LIVE IN MAHOMET WITH THE DETAILS, KATE?

Mahomet Contract Aug 22 10PM :48

MEANWHILE SCHOOL WILL START AS SCHEDULED FOR MAHOMET-SEYMOUR STUDENTS TOMORROW. THE TEACHERS' UNION APPROVED A CONTRACT THIS AFTERNOON. NEGOTIATORS SAY THE CONTRACT IS A 3-YEAR CONTRACT... WITH HIGHER RAISES AND MORE BENEFITS THAN THE SCHOOL BOARD WAS PREVIOUSLY OFFERING.

Decatur Schools Aug 22 10PM :46

THE HEAT IS ON FOR MANY CENTRAL ILLINOIS STUDENTS STARTING SCHOOL. MANY SCHOOLS DO NOT HAVE AIR CONDITIONING. ONE WAY TO BEAT THE HEAT... MANY SCHOOLS ARE DISMISSING EARLY. BUT, STUDENTS AND TEACHERS STILL HAVE TO HANDLE BEING INSIDE HOT CLASSROOMS.

Sound Off Aug 22 10PM :39

EARLIER TONIGHT ON NEWSCENTER 17... WE ASKED YOU TO TELL US... IF YOU THINK THE SCHOOL YEAR STARTS TOO EARLY... WHEN THE SUMMER HEAT IS STILL ON. WE GOT LOTS OF RESPONSES... SHERYL FROM DECATUR SAYS... "THE DOG DAYS OF AUGUST ARE TOO HOT IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS TO BEGIN SCHOOL AT ANYTIME PRIOR TO LABOR DAY.

Hot Schools Aug 23 5AM 1:27

MANY CENTRAL ILLINOIS SCHOOLS ARE TRYING TO MAKE IT THROUGH THE HEAT **WITHOUT** AIR CONDITIONING. ONE SOLUTION IS TO SEND STUDENTS HOME EARLY. BUT AS NEWSCENTER 17'S KELLY YUEH

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Millikin Move In Aug 23 5AM :23

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UI Classes Aug 23 5AM :38

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Decatur Schools Aug 23 5AM :41

MANY SCHOOLS ARE DISMISSING STUDENTS EARLY THIS WEEK.. IN IN EFFORT TO KEEP THEM OUT OF THE SWELTERING HEAT. BUT KIDS AND TEACHERS WILL STILL HAVE TO SPEND A LOT OF TIME INSIDE STIFLING CLASSROOMS. IN DECATUR SCHOOLS, TEACHERS AND STAFF KNOW TO LOOK FOR SIGNS OF HEAT EXHAUSTION.

Mahomet Contract Aug 23 5AM :43

SCHOOL WILL START AS SCHEDULED FOR MAHOMET-SEYMOUR STUDENTS. THE TEACHERS' UNION APPROVED A CONTRACT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. NEGOTIATORS SAY THE CONTRACT IS A 3-YEAR CONTRACT... WITH HIGHER RAISES AND MORE BENEFITS THAN THE SCHOOL BOARD WAS PREVIOUSLY OFFERING.

Class Conditioning Aug 23 12PM :45

THE HEAT IS ON FOR MANY CENTRAL ILLINOIS STUDENTS STARTING SCHOOL. MANY SCHOOLS DO NOT HAVE AIR CONDITIONING. SO IN ORDER TO BEAT THE HEAT, SCHOOLS ARE LETTING KIDS OUT EARLY. BUT, STUDENTS AND TEACHERS STILL HAVE TO HANDLE BEING INSIDE HOT CLASSROOMS.

No Strike Aug 23 12PM :30

SCHOOL WILL START AS SCHEDULED FOR MAHOMET-SEYMOUR STUDENTS TODAY. THE TEACHERS' UNION APPROVED A CONTRACT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. NEGOTIATORS SAY THE 3-YEAR CONTRACT HAS HIGHER RAISES AND MORE BENEFITS THAN THE SCHOOL BOARD WAS PREVIOUSLY OFFERING.

Millikin Move In Aug 23 12PM :25
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Disabilities Program Aug 24 5AM "31
A PROGRAM THAT GIVES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES JOB EXPERIENCE... IS NOW GOING STATEWIDE. THE PILOT PROGRAM BEGAN LAST YEAR IN THE SPRINGFIELD AREA. BUT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEPARTMENT HUMAN SERVICES ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THE PROGRAM IS EXPANDING STATEWIDE.

Same Sex Classes Aug 24 5PM :14
MOST CENTRAL ILLINOIS STUDENTS WENT BACK TO SCHOOL THIS WEEK .. BUT FOR **ONE** GROUP OF KIDS .. CLASSES ARE NOW A LITTLE DIFFERENT. NEWSCENTER 17'S STEPHANIE WRIGHT JOINS US NOW LIVE FROM SPRINGFIELD... STEPHANIE... THE GOAL IS TO BOOST GRADES, RIGHT?

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Hot for Teacher Aug 24 12PM :38
A NUMBER OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE ONCE AGAIN DISMISSING EARLY TODAY DUE TO THE HEAT. IT'S AN ATTEMPT TO PROTECT STUDENTS FROM THE HEAT IN NON-AIR CONDITIONED CLASSROOMS. MACON PIATT COUNTY REGIONAL SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT DICK SHELBY SAYS THERE ARE REASONS THAT SOME SCHOOLS DISMISS EARLIER THAN OTHERS.

Same Sex Class Aug 24 10PM :40

SPRINGFIELD'S JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL WILL SOON SEE EXACTLY HOW BOYS LEARN DIFFERENTLY FROM GIRLS. THE SCHOOL CREATED SAME SEX CLASSROOMS FOR ITS SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADES. PRINCIPAL MIKE ZIMMERS SAYS PARENTS CHOSE WHETHER TO ENROLL THEIR KIDS... AND MANY LIKED THE IDEA OF SEPARATION. FACULTY RECEIVED MONTHS OF TRAINING.

Mahomet Contract Aug 27 10PM :27
NEW AT TEN... THE MAHOMET SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION RATIFIES A NEW TEACHERS' CONTRACT. THE TEACHERS' UNION ACCEPTED A CONTRACT DEAL ON THURSDAY... AFTER THE UNION AND SCHOOL BOARD DISAGREED OVER THE CONTRACT FOR MONTHS AND TEACHERS THREATENED TO GO ON STRIKE IF A BETTER DEAL WASN'T OFFERED.

Schools Out Aug 28 12PM :25
WELL THE HEAT IS ON AGAIN IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS .. AND SOME SCHOOLS ACROSS THE AREA ARE DISMISSING EARLY TODAY BECUASE OF IT. NEWSCENTER 17 IS KEEPING TRACK OF ALL THE EARLY DISMISSALS .. FOR A COMPREHENSIVE LIST JUST LOG ONTO OUR WEBSITE AT W-A-N-D T-V DOT COM. WE CONTINUE TO RECIEVE CALLS FROM AREA SCHOOLS ABOUT EARLY DISMISSALS .. SO BE SURE TO CHECK THE SITE FREQUENTLY.

Oakwood Contract Aug 28 5PM :19
THE OAKWOOD SCHOOL BOARD AND THE TEACHERS UNION REACH A TENTATIVE CONTRACT AGREEMENT. THE OLD CONTRACT EXPIRED JUNE 30TH. SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT KEVIN FORNEY SAYS THEY REACHED THE AGREEMENT WITHOUT A MEDIATOR. FORNEY SAYS BOTH SIDES ARE SATISFIED.

Oakwood Contract Aug 29 5AM :19
THE OAKWOOD SCHOOL BOARD AND THE TEACHERS UNION REACH A TENTATIVE CONTRACT AGREEMENT. THE OLD CONTRACT EXPIRED JUNE 30TH. SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT KEVIN FORNEY SAYS THEY REACHED THE AGREEMENT WITHOUT A MEDIATOR. FORNEY SAYS BOTH SIDES ARE SATISFIED. THE TEACHER'S UNION IS EXPECTED TO RATIFY THE AGREEMENT NEXT WEEK... AND THE SCHOOL BOARD IS EXPECTED TO APPROVE IT.

School Lockdown Aug 29 12PM :35
POLICE SAY THREE PEOPLE ARE IN CUSTODY AND SIX GUNS RECOVERED AFTER A LOCK DOWN AT A CENTRAL ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL. IT HAPPENED YESTERDAY MORNING AT PONTIAC HIGH SCHOOL. PONTIAC POLICE MAJOR .. JIM WOOLFORD SAYS HE'S

CONFIDENT ALL THOSE CONNECTED TO THE INCIDENT HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

Back to School Aug 30 5AM 1:45
IT'S TIME FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL, AND BEFORE YOU GO SHOPPING FOR YOUR USUAL PENCILS AND PAPER - HERE'S SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT: AMERICANS GO THROUGH MILLIONS OF TONS OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES EACH YEAR. THAT'S A LOT OF TREES. BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY ALTERNATIVES.

News Extra Aug 30 10PM 1:23
AS YOUR KIDS HEAD BACK TO COLLEGE... THEY NEED TO KNOW ABOUT A DEADLY DISEASE THAT'S ON THE RISE AMONG TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS. IT'S HEPATITIS C. MORE ON THE VIRUS... IN TONIGHT'S NEWS EXTRA.

Spfid Enrollment Aug 31 5PM :28
MEANWHILE... A CENTRAL ILLINOIS SCHOOL HAS GOOD NEWS ABOUT ENROLLMENT SO FAR THIS YEAR. THE SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT SAYS ENROLLMENT IS UP... THEY HAVE 60 MORE KIDS ENROLLED IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12TH GRADES. AND THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT... DOCTOR WALTER MILTON JUNIOR... SAYS HE'S PLEASED WITH THE NUMBERS

School Changes July 3 6PM :22
CHANGES ARE COMING TO SOME CENTRAL ILLINOIS SCHOOLS. BUT WILL IT BE ENOUGH TO RAISE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT? DECATUR

Pana Dismissals Sept 3 6PM :21
DUE TO THE EXPECTED HOT TEMPERATURES THIS WEEK... PANA SCHOOLS ARE EXTENDING EARLY DISMISSALS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 7TH. PANA SCHOOLS WILL GET OUT ONE HOUR EARLY STARTING TOMORROW AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO THROUGH THIS FRIDAY. NOKOMIS SCHOOLS ARE DISMISSING EARLY AT 2:30 ALL WEEK AS WELL.

Pana Dismissals Sept 4 5AM :20
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Early Dismissals Sept 4 12PM :22
SEVERAL SCHOOLS IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS PLAN TO DISMISS EARLY TODAY BECAUSE OF THE HEAT. ALL SCHOOLS IN PANA WILL DIMISS ONE HOUR EARLY TODAY... AND THROUGH THE REST OF THE WEEK.

NOKOMIS SCHOOLS WILL ALSO DISMISS EARLY FOR THE ENTIRE WEEK, AT 2:30. THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER SCHOOLS IN THE AREA LETTING OUT EARLY JUST FOR TODAY... FOR A COMPLETE LIST.

State Supt Visit Sept 12 5AM :39
THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION IS PUSHING LAWMAKERS TO PUT ASIDE THE BUDGET PROBLEMS... AND MAKE SURE SCHOOLS GET THE MONEY THEY NEED.
STATE SUPERINTENDENT CHRISTOPHER (COOK) KOCH MADE A STOP AT DECATUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YESTERDAY.

School/Race Sept 17 6PM 1:28
ALSO IN CHAMPAIGN TONIGHT.. THE UNIT FOUR SCHOOL BOARD GETS AN UPDATE ON THE LATEST EFFORTS TO COMPLY WITH A COURT ORDER AIMED AT ACHIEVING RACIAL EQUALITY IN THE SCHOOLS.

School/Race Sept 17 10PM 1:45
CENTRAL ILLINOIS SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS TRY TO INCREASE DIVERSITY IN THE CLASSROOM. TONIGHT... CHAMPAIGN'S UNIT 4 SCHOOL DISTRICT... HEARD A REPORT ON SOME OF THE LATEST EFFORTS TO COMPLY WITH A COURT ORDER TO CLOSE THE GAP BETWEEN ACHIEVEMENT RATES OF WHITE AND BLACK STUDENTS.

Achievement Tests Sept 19 10PM :24
THE RESULTS ARE IN TONIGHT FOR ILLINOIS STANDARDIZED TESTS... NEW AT TEN... THE ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S ANNUAL REPORT-CARD ON THE STATE'S STUDENTS SAYS... HIGH-SCHOOLERS' RESULTS IN READING AND MATH WERE WORSE LAST YEAR... THAN A YEAR EARLIER. MIDDLE SCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY STUDENTS PERFORMED BETTER FOR THE MOST PART THAN THEY DID A YEAR EARLIER.

News Extra Sept 19 10PM 1:54
ADULTS ARE USED TO WORKING THROUGH THE NOISE OF EVERYDAY LIFE. BUT RESEARCHERS ARE FINDING OUT NOISE CAN HAVE MORE OF AN EFFECT ON CHILDREN'S LEARNING THAN YOU MIGHT THINK. IN TONIGHT'S NEWS EXTRA... CAROL ANNE RIDDELL EXPLAINS NEW RESEARCH ABOUT WHAT KIDS ARE MISSING BECAUSE OF NOISY CLASSROOMS.

Student Laptops Sept 21 5AM :51
SPRINGFIELD TEACHERS SAY A NEW STATE PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES LAPTOPS TO SEVENTH GRADERS IS SHOWING PROMISING RESULTS.. THE PROGRAM WAS DESIGNED TO HELP STUDENTS DEVELOP COMPUTER SKILLS .. BUT TEACHERS SAY ITS ALREADY DONE A LOT

MORE THAN THAT. STUDENTS RECEIVED THE COMPUTERS IN JANUARY ... AND SINCE THEN .. GRADES AND ATTENDANCE HAVE GONE UP.

Stick With Kids Sept 22 5PM :50
WITH THE SCHOOL YEAR UNDERWAY.... AN AREA SCHOOL GROUP URGES PARENTS TO GET INVOLVED. PROJECT SUCCESS HELD ITS 8TH ANNUAL "STICK WITH YOUR KIDS" EVENT FOR THE DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT. STUDENTS, PARENTS, TEACHERS AND MORE GATHERED AT THE DECATUR CIVIC CENTER.

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Youth Empowerment Sept 26 5PM :28
AROUND TWO HUNDRED HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS LEARN TODAY HOW TO MAKE BETTER CHOICES. IT'S ALL PART OF THE YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SUMMIT. STUDENTS FROM ACROSS SANGAMON COUNTY TOOK PART IN THE CONFERENCE HELD AT THE STATE FAIRGROUNDS.