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ID	category	type	description	broadcastDate	length	Field1
1165	Environment	Spot News	Congressman Rodney Davis says biotechnology is the key to feeding the world, and that he supports legislation that would pre-empt state restrictions on labeling genetically modified food.	7/1/2015		
1260	Education	Spot News	Illinois' budget impasse has halted operations at Lincoln's Challenge Academy in Rantoul. A class starting July 15 has been postponed, and a 3-million dollar construction project has been stopped as well.	7/1/2015		
1290	Government	Interview	David Greenblatt of Governing magazine talks about the pros and cons of independent redistricting	7/2/2015	4:00	
1328	Community	Spot News	As lawmakers in Springfield continue to fight over a state budget, service agencies across Illinois are beginning to operate in a reduced capacity. Thousands of human service agencies won't be receiving money from the state in the near future...including those who serve Illinois' population of immigrants and refugees.	7/2/2015		
1204	Community	Spot News	As lawmakers in Springfield continue to fight over a state budget, service agencies across Illinois are beginning to operate in a reduced capacity. Thousands of human service agencies won't be receiving money from the state in the near future...including those who serve Illinois' population of immigrants and refugees. Hannah Meisel reports.	7/3/2015		
1261	Science and Technology	Spot News	The state budget stalemate is affecting research at the U of I campus, including at the Smart Energy Design Assistance Center, which provides free energy efficiency advice for buildings on campus. 50 have been temporarily laid off.	7/3/2015		
1262	Health and Health Care	Spot News	Champaign County Sheriff's Deputies will start carrying the drug Narcan, which is quickly used to treat heroin overdose cases, and is given like a nasal spray. It's part of a partnership with Carle health officials.	7/6/2015		

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1291	Environment	Feature	AmeriCorps spent a month at Kickapoo State Park to improve the hiking and biking trails.	7/8/2015	4:00	
1263	Arts and Culture	Interview	Smash Mouth Bassist Paul De Lisle talked about the band's touring efforts in recent years, after producing hits in the late 1990's. The band was scheduled to play in Champaign Music Festival that weekend.	7/10/2015		
1289	Arts and Culture	Interview	Author David Hoffman recounts the tale of a real-life spy that was the US's most valuable soviet agent during the Cold War	7/10/2015	7:45	
1228	Business/Economy	Spot News	Shelby and Moultrie County officials have formed a task force to look at ways to reopen the state-owned Eagle Creek Resort, which closed in 2006.	7/13/2015		
1278	Science and Technology	Interview	We talk with David Leake about the Pluto Fly-By	7/13/2015	7:54	
1287	Agriculture	Interview	Author Alan Guebert talks about his new book, The Land of Milk and Uncle Honey and the future of agriculture	7/13/2015	8:00	
1264	Politics/Elections	Spot News	Menneci's Restaurant owner Rob Meister says he's running for Champaign County Recorder rather than the Illinois Senate, saying he doesn't want a campaign that will involve partisan politics.	7/14/2015		
1283	Arts and Culture	Interview	Memories of Harper Lee from a former Chicago Tribune Reporter and a friend	7/14/2015	2:00	
1292	Government	Spot News	U of I economist Darren Lubotsky discusses the pros and cons of workers compensation reform	7/14/2015		
1293	Government	Interview	U of I economist Darren Lubotsky discusses the obstacles between Governor Bruce Rauner and labor unions trying to negotiate new contracts for state workers.	7/15/2015	3:30	
1265	Community	Spot News	The mayor of Watseka, Bob Harwood, says flooding conditions in his town we nowhere near as bad as what was experienced there in 2008, and expected some to return home in the next few days.	7/16/2015		
1294	Arts and Culture	Interview	The band Kilborn Alley performs two songs and discusses their upcoming performance for Outside at Research Park.	7/16/2015	7:00	

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1266	Community	Spot News and Interview	Decatur Mayor Mike McElroy has died at the age of 63, suffering a heart attack while driving. City officials call him an affable person, who was always smiling. And previous mayor and Decatur Tribune Editor Paul Osbourne said the two of them shared a common bond.	7/17/2015		
1229	Health and Health Care	Spot News	Paris Community Hospital in Edgar County is the latest small downstate hospital to join Carle Foundation Hospital's Rural Alliance for Exceptional Care	7/20/2015		
1288	Science and Technology	Interview	Antibiotic-resistant bacteria increasing says David Hoffman	7/23/2015	3:25	
1230	Community	Spot News	Champaign Police have arrested 21 year old Brandon L. Collier, connection with the July 13 murder of Terron Jackson, age 30, of Champaign.	7/29/2015		
1267	Sports	Interview	Folloing allegations from a lineman, who claimed he was forced to play hurt, Chicago Tribune reporter Jared Hopkins and a colleague talked with 50 football players in the Tim Beckman era, saying graduates were critical, while many still at the university supported him.	7/30/2015		
1285	Arts and Culture	Interview	Sara Paretsky talks about her best-selling Chicago PI and diversity in mistery writing	7/31/2015	7:24	
1231	University of Illinois	Spot News	An independent investigation commissioned by the University of Illinois found no evidence of racial discrimination or abuse of players by coaches in the women's basketball program; however the report makes recommendations for changes, which the university is implementing.	8/3/2015		
1232	Business/Economy	Spot News	Convey Health Solutions says it will open a call center in the former site of the StarTek call center in Decatur, creating 300 jobs, with possibly more to come.	8/3/2015		
1286	Government	Spot News	New driver services facility opening in Champaign	8/3/2015	1:00	
1233	Politics/Elections	Spot News	The Decatur City Council discussed but did not reach a decision on choosing an interim mayor to succeed the late Mike McElroy.	8/4/2015		

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1234	Community	Spot News	A standoff between police and an armed robbery suspect holed up in a Rantoul motel Tuesday ended the man's death, when he was shot by police while trying to get away with what appeared to be a weapon.	8/4/2015		
1235	Community	Spot News	Champaign and Rantoul Police say it was 31 year old Darius Graves of Tennessee who held up the Hardee's Restaurant on Sunday, according to video surveillance footage and evidence collected at his motel room.	8/5/2015		
1309	Sports	Spot News	University of Illinois Women's Basketball Coach Matt Bollant says he's grateful an independent investigation didn't find evidence of abuse or racism, but he regrets those alumni filing a lawsuit didn't have a more positive experience. One current player says she was shocked at the allegations.	8/5/2015		
1236	Community	Spot News	The fatal shooting by police of armed robbery suspect Darius Graves in Rantoul was "legally appropriate", in the judgement of Champaign County State's Attorney Julia Rietz --- but the object he held that appeared to be a gun turned out to be a steel pipe.	8/6/2015		
1296	Sports	Feature	The Wild Bohrs softball team may never win a game, but they certainly have fun trying.	8/6/2015	3:30	
1310	Education	Spot News	U of I Urbana Chancellor Phyllis Wise has resigned, saying she'll return to teaching, and that external issues have kept her from the task at hand. Spokesman Tom Hardy says the search for the next permanent chancellor will take 6 to 9 months.	8/6/2015		
1237	Education	Spot News	Maria Lahood of the Center for Constitutional Rights says a judge's ruling allowing 5 of the 9 counts to proceed in Steven Salaita's lawsuit against the University of Illinois preserves the main points of the suit.	8/7/2015		
1238	Sports	Spot News	The University of Illinois says it's not renewing the contract of women's tennis coach Michelle Dasso, and has named Evan Clark as interim head coach.	8/7/2015		
1239	Education	Spot News	The University of Illinois says several administrators violated school policy by using private emails to hide correspondence from public view; those emails were finally released Friday, after an ethics review of the case.	8/7/2015		

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1329	Government	Spot News	Former Illinois Governor Jim Edgar has some advice for the man currently in the job. Governor Bruce Rauner's fellow Republican says it's time to back down and compromise.	8/7/2015		
1330	University of Illinois	Spot News	Plans for a new medical school at the University of Illinois' Urbana campus will continue even without Chancellor Phyllis Wise.	8/7/2015		
1297	Government	Interview	Sarah Brune with the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform discusses the group's new website, illinoissunshine.org, which provides information on state campaign contributions.	8/10/2015	3:30	
1311	Education	Spot News	U of I faculty members have a wide range of opinions on the kind of person to serve as the next permanent Urbana campus chancellor.	8/10/2015		
1331	University of Illinois	Spot News	University of Illinois officials will formally accept the resignation of the school's chancellor Wednesday afternoon, and name a temporary replacement for her. Phyllis Wise stands to receive \$400-thousand dollars in compensation after her abrupt announcement last week.	8/11/2015		
1312	Education	Spot News	A U of I Trustees committee has rejected a \$400-thousand bonus for Phyllis Wise, and named Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean Barbara Wilson Interim Chancellor. Former President Joseph White suggests she be 'calm, steady, and reassuring' in the role.	8/12/2015		
1298	Arts and Culture	Interview	Filmmaker Thomas Nicol discusses this year's Pens to Lens Gala, featuring screenplays written by local K-12 students	8/13/2015	3:30	
1313	Environment	Spot News	Opponents of plans for the Sunrise Coal Mine in Vermilion County say the company has done little research to prepare for a water discharge permit into a tributary of the Olive Branch waterway.	8/13/2015		
1332	University of Illinois	Spot News	University of Illinois officials did *not* approve a \$400-thousand dollar bonus for outgoing Chancellor Phyllis Wise Wednesday afternoon. The vote was unanimous to deny the money after Wise resigned abruptly last week.	8/13/2015		
1333	University of Illinois	Spot News	The University of Illinois has named another new top administrator after the leader of its Urbana campus resigned abruptly last week. Barb Wilson will take over as the interim chancellor while officials search	8/13/2015		

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			for a permanent replacement for Phyllis Wise, who'd served in that role for nearly four years.			
1314	Community	Feature	For longtime customers and employees, the closure of Champaign's last locally video store, That's Rentertainment, means not only losing a great video selection, but a social outlet that has produced numerous friendships and romantic relationships.	8/14/2015		
1334	University of Illinois	Spot News	The outgoing leader of the University of Illinois' Urbana campus is tendering her resignation for a second time after board of trustees members voted to deny her a \$400-thousand dollar retention bonus. Former Chancellor Phyllis Wise says she earned the money in her nearly four years on campus.	8/14/2015		
1299	Government	Interview	U of I economics professor Elizabeth Powers discusses the impact of recent cuts to the Child Care Assistance Program.	8/17/2015	3:30	
1300	Government	Interview	Illinois Public Access Counselor Sarah Pratt discusses how her office helps Illinois residents with FOIA requests.	8/18/2015	3:30	
1335	University of Illinois	Feature	It's been nearly a week since Phyllis Wise abruptly stepped down as chancellor of the University of Illinois' Urbana campus. She cited "external issues" that have (quote) distracted us from the important tasks at hand. As the dust settles, Illinois Public Media/Radio's Hannah Meisel takes a closer look at what those issues are, and how they paved the road to Wise's eventual resignation.	8/18/2015		
1240	University of Illinois	Interview	Interview with University of Illinois President Timothy Killeen on Strategic Vision, FOIA request email policy and state budget impasse.	8/20/2015		
1241	University of Illinois	Spot News	University of Illinois President Timothy Killeen says the university may have difficulties if state budget impasse continued into the fall.	8/20/2015		
1242	Environment	Spot News	Local governments will decide over the next month whether to approve a consent decree with the Clinton Landfill that will allow MGP waste to remain there, but with heightened safety measures.	8/20/2015		
1244	Business/Economy	Spot News	A capacity auction conducted by the PJM regional power grid produced mixed results for two Illinois nuclear plants that Exelon says are	8/24/2015		

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			unprofitable --- the Byron plant will receive revenue from the auction, but the Quad Cities plant failed to clear.			
1315	Government	Spot News	Congressman Rodney Davis of Taylorville says VA Secretary Bob McDonald should be out after one year. But the Republican says he's seeing more of the same concerns, including a backlog of appointments and disability claims.	8/24/2015		
1336	University of Illinois	Spot News	On the first day of the University of Illinois' fall semester, the Urbana campus' provost announced he's stepping down. As Hannah Meisel reports, his departure follows the abrupt resignation of Chancellor Phyllis Wise.	8/24/2015		
1243	Environment	Spot News	The Monticello City Council has approved a consent decree with the Clinton Landfill on PCB and MGP waste, but the Urbana City Council is undecided on the proposal, and sent it from committee level to the full council without a recommendation.	8/25/2015		
1301	Government	Interview	U of I economist Robert Kaestner discusses his research on the impact, or lack thereof, the Affordable Care Act has had on the job market.	8/27/2015	3:30	
1316	Education	Spot News	Members of a University of Illinois Trustees Committee heard how a background check policy for new hires would be carried out. Associate VP for Human Resources said each new final candidate for a job would be looked at on a case by case basis.	8/27/2015		
1337	Health and Health Care	Spot News	The mumps outbreak at the University of Illinois stands at over 100 cases after the first week of classes. Those with contact with the U of I are being encouraged to get an extra dose of the mumps vaccine.	8/27/2015		
1279	Government	Feature	70 years after WWII, we take a local look back in a special program	8/28/2015	50:30	
1317	Sports	Spot News	U of I Football Coach Tim Beckman has been fired, after the results of an investigation (with allegations of player mistreatment) surfaced. UI Athletic Director Mike Thomas said he was shocked and angry at the allegations. Bill Cubit has been named interim coach.	8/28/2015		
1318	Sports	Spot News	With Bill Cubit now at the helm, U of I football players say they're now focused on their first game against Kent State.	8/31/2015		

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1245	Environment	Spot News	The Champaign City Council will look at a proposed consent decree with the Clinton Landfill at its Tuesday night meeting; but some say the decree doesn't go far enough.	9/1/2015		
1246	Arts and Culture	Feature	The Danville Municipal Band continues an American tradition of community band music.	9/1/2015		
1319	Government	Spot News	State Senator Lou Lang, the primary sponsor behind medical cannabis legislation for Illinois, says he's not too worried that the state missed an October 30 deadline to add additional conditions for treatment, including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.	9/1/2015		
1247	Business/Economy	Spot News	Exelon says all of its Illinois nuclear plants in the PJM regional grid cleared a recent transition capacity auction for the upcoming generating year, and are expected to receive additional revenue.	9/2/2015		
1248	Education	Spot News	University of Illinois President Tim Killeen says the university is looking at ways to streamline its administration, as suggested by Gov. Bruce Rauner.	9/2/2015		
1320	Community	Spot News	James Aikman has purchased the former Rockome Gardens tourist site near Arcola, with hopes of starting up a wildlife zoo at the site by spring 2016.	9/2/2015		
1249	Government	Spot News	Republican Peggy Johnson says she will not run a fifth term as Vermilion County Coroner in 2016.	9/3/2015		
1275	Health and Health Care	Spot News	Nepali students help rebuild after earthquake/checking in 4 months after	9/3/2015	1:00	
1302	Education	Interview	University of Michigan economist Susan Dynarski explains why the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) should be eliminated.	9/3/2015	4:00	
1303	Arts and Culture	Interview	Jazz vocalist Dee Dee Bridgewater discusses her latest album and her continued ties to Champaign-Urbana	9/4/2015	7:00	
1272	Environment	Spot News	A solar farm is under construction at the University of Illinois Urbana campus that is expected to provide 2% of the campus' electricity.	9/8/2015		
1304	Arts and Culture	Interview	Local musicians Tim Donaldson, Tim Frazier and Dody Cosmedy discuss their long musical relationship and upcoming performance at Local Heroes Night.	9/8/2015	7:00	

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1273	Environment	Spot News	The Decatur City Council and the Normal Town Council have voted to endorse the Clinton Landfill consent decree, but the Urbana City Council Forsyth Village Board and Champaign County Board have all voted to delay action.	9/9/2015		
1250	Education	Spot News	University of Illinois comptroller Walter Knorr says that due to the state budget impasse, the university will "probably" be unable to bring a university budget plan to trustees until January, for the fiscal year that began July 1st.	9/10/2015		
1277	Arts and Culture	Interview	Sharon Isbin talks about classical guitar today, teaching and new music	9/10/2015	7:24	
1321	Health and Health Care	Feature	Those interested Illinois' first available medical marijuana including a PTSD patient, and the mother of an epileptic child. Meanwhile, the chief sponsor of the legislation hopes to come to an agreement with Gov. Bruce Rauner on extension of the program for longer than four months, as detailed in his amendatory veto.	9/10/2015		
1322	Business/Economy	Spot News	Exelon Corp. says capacity auctions that helped two of its other facilities won't serve as any help to the nuclear plant at Clinton. But the BEST Coalition says those auctions should be enough to keep all the plants going.	9/10/2015		
1338	Environment	Spot News	More ethanol fuel blends could soon be for sale at gas stations in Illinois after a multi-million dollar federal investment in the industry's infrastructure. The U.S. department of Agriculture is giving the state \$12 million dollars to expand access to ethanol in Illinois.	9/10/2015		
1339	University of Illinois	Spot News	The University of Illinois will perform background checks on every new hire, beginning in October. The school's board of trustees voted to approve the policy Thursday at its meeting in Urbana. Board member Pat Fitzgerald, a former federal prosecutor, says the background checks aren't meant to preclude applicants with a criminal record.	9/10/2015		
1340	Environment	Spot News	The U.S. Secretary of Agriculture says Illinois has a big role to play in the fight for global food security. Secretary Tom Vilsack told University of Illinois students yesterday	9/10/2015		

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			(THURSDAY) it will fall on their shoulders to figure out a way to increase food production in the next 35 years as much as it increased in the last 10-thousand years.			
1251	Community	Spot News	Champaign police and firefighters and a few dozen onlookers braved a light rain for a ceremony at Westside Park remember first responders who lost their lives in the September 11th attacks of 2001.	9/11/2015		
1276	Community	Interview	WILL's Web guru and Focus producer talks about 30+ years in public radio as he leaves for work elsewhere in public media	9/11/2015	6:08	
1274	University of Illinois	Spot News	The University of Illinois is making plans to celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2017.	9/14/2015		
1305	Arts and Culture	Spot News	REO Speedwagon guitarist Gary Richrath dies at the age of 67.	9/14/2015		
1323	Health and Health Care	Spot News	Republican Congressman Rodney Davis (along with GOP Sen. Mark Kirk) have nominated Tim Nugent for the Congressional Gold Medal. He's long been an advocate for accomodating those with disabilities, particularly on the University of Illinois campus. Davis met with Nugent at Nugent Hall to discuss his work.	9/14/2015		
1252	Government	Spot News	The Champaign City Council voted in a study session in favor of buying Tasers for its police department.	9/15/2015		
1324	Government	Spot News	Republican Congressman John Shimkus says he doesn't support funding for Planned Parenthood, but also says he won't agree to a government shutdown over the issue. He said 'that didn't work out real well' last time.	9/15/2015		
1253	Environment	Spot News	The Illinois EPA is asking the state Attorney General's office to prosecute a Vermilion County cattle farm for leaking concentrated livestock waste into Stony Creek and the Salt Fork, killing nearly 100-thousand fish.	9/16/2015		
1341	University of Illinois	Spot News	The United States' top education official has been traveling through the Midwest by school bus...and made a couple stops in Illinois. As Hannah Meisel reports, the U.S. Secretary of Education's visit to the University of Illinois' Urbana campus today (WEDNESDAY) highlighted services for disabled students.	9/16/2015		

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1342	Education	Spot News	Among the many political battles that have raged in Springfield since the election of Governor Bruce Rauner, one difficult battle has fallen off the radar. The fight for a new school funding formula has been pushed to the wayside as the state operates without a budget for a third month, and Springfield's top politicians talk over each other. But U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan says Illinois would be better off overhauling the formula sooner rather than later.	9/16/2015		
1306	Education	Interview	Champaign Unit 4 attorney and financial officer Tom Lockman discusses proposed changes to the state education funding formula	9/17/2015	4:30	
1255	Environment	Spot News	Champaign County Health Care Consumers and several local groups are sponsoring a community meeting on the Mahomet Aquifer on Saturday, Sept. 19th in Champaign.	9/18/2015		
1256	University of Illinois	Spot News	The Illinois Ethics Executive Commission says three University of Illinois tenured faculty improperly used their campus email accounts for work on George Gollin's congressional campaign in 2013.	9/18/2015		
1281	Arts and Culture	Interview	The Punch Brothers talk about their music, solo careers, and returning to Champaign-Urbana for a show	9/18/2015	6:30	
1254	Community	Spot News	Champaign County Sheriff Dan Walsh says new DNA analysis provides probably sex and ethnicity of a suspect in the 2009 murder of Holly Cassano.	9/21/2015		
1307	Science and Technology	Interview	Author David Quammen discusses the spread of viruses like HIV and Ebola, and his upcoming lecture at the U of I.	9/21/2015	7:15	
1257	Environment	Spot News	The Savoy Village Board has voted to approve the Clinton Landfill consent decree, becoming the 11th member of the 14-member Mahomet Aquifer Coalition to do so.	9/24/2015		
1258	Politics/Elections	Spot News	Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) commented on Pope Francis' address to Congress.	9/24/2015		
1308	Women and Minorities	Interview	Music critic Jessica Hopper discusses the obstacles women face in the music industry.	9/24/2015	7:00	

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1325	Government	Spot News	GOP Congressman Rodney Davis says he agrees with Pope Francis' call to abolish the death penalty. The Republican says such a move should come with other criminal justice reforms.	9/24/2015		
1259	Arts and Culture	Interview	John Frayne talks about hosting Classics By Request for 30 years, on the eve of his retirement from the program.	9/25/2015		
1280	Women and Minorities	Interview	We talk with Cayrl Rivers about how the "New Soft War On Women" is pushing women back.	9/25/2015	8:00	
1284	Science and Technology	Spot News	Rare super moon and lunar eclipse explained by David Leake	9/25/2015	1:00	
1343	Government	Spot News	Illinois will be among the first states to implement a savings program for the lifelong care of people with disabilities. As Hannah Meisel reports, the financial planning tool is being promoted at a time when state-funded services for those with disabilities are not being paid.	9/28/2015		
1326	Business/Economy	Spot News	The President of the Illinois Retail Merchants Association, Rob Karr, says the new credit cards with a chip in them don't go far enough. He says any card with the magnetic stripe is still vulnerable to fraud. He favors 'chip and pin' cards, that offered in several other countries.	9/29/2015		
1268	Environment	Spot News	The Champaign County Board voted to approve the Clinton Landfill Consent Decree, becoming the 12th member of a 14-govt. coalition to do so.	9/30/2015		
1327	Sports	Spot News	U of I Labor professor Michael LeRoy says an appellate court ruling striking down additional payments for student athletes for the use of their image or likeness is a significant win for the NCAA.	9/30/2015		