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ID	category	type	description	broadcastDate	length	Field 1
3137	Business/Economy	Spot News	The Illinois Economy ended 2017 on a familiar note of slow and steady growth.	1/2/2018	:45	
3138	Environment	Spot News	The Champaign-Urbana Public Health District wants people to test their homes for Radon gas, and officials have an inexpensive way to test homes.	1/2/2018	:60	
3139	Health and Health Care	Feature	Bitter cold temperatures are breaking records across the Midwest this week. In central Illinois, the temperature is below zero and that's before the wind chill. There people who have no choice but to work outdoors look for creative ways to try to minimize the suffering.	1/3/2018	3:00	
3140	Government	Interview	For years, Illinois 13th District Congressman Rodney Davis has been trying to get legislation passed that give local governments in rural Illinois a better shot at disaster aid from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA. Now, the Taylorville Republican says he may finally have his chance.	1/4/2018	5:00	
3141	Health and Health Care	Spot News	The family of a Champaign County Nursing Home resident found dead on the nursing home grounds on a hot summer day is suing the facility.	1/4/2018	:60	
3142	Community	Interview	After 30 years of hosting All Things Considered, and more than 40 years at NPR, Robert Siegel is retiring. Friday is his final day on-the-air.	1/5/2018	7:00	
3143	Government	Spot News	Wayne Williams, the new township assessor in Urbana, says that Joe Meents, the controversial deputy he hired this week will leave by the end of the month. Williams says a new committee will now oversee his office's hiring process --- and that two longtime employees he fired this week will be welcome to re-apply.	1/5/2018	:60	
3144	Government	Spot News	The Mayor of Urbana says the city has some tough financial decisions to make in the coming years.	1/8/2018	:60	
3145	Health and Health	Spot	The Champaign-Urbana Public Health District is getting ready to offer help	1/8/2018	:60	

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	Care	News	filling out applications for medical cannabis. That's because people are getting ripped off, according to Public Health administrator Julie Pryde.			
3146	Education	Spot News	While many of us hated the cold weather of the last three weeks, thee brutally cold weather DID provide a benefit we'll see in the spring and summer.	1/8/2018	:60	
3147	Health and Health Care	Spot News	Champaign County has already hired a firm to broker the sale of the Champaign County Nursing Home. But Democrats blocked the formal call for potential buyers in October, when the proposal failed on a mostly party-line 11-11 tie, with Patti Petrie (D-Champaign) joining Republicans in supporting it.. On Tuesday night (Jan. 9th), the county board will look at the proposal again.	1/8/2018	:60	
3148	Government	Spot News	While a new Illinois law allows for easier voter registration, the Champaign County Clerk is warning potential voters to double-check their status.	1/9/2018	:60	
3149	Health and Health Care	Spot News	Champaign County will soon be issuing a formal Request For Proposals from potential buyers of the Champaign County Nursing Home. On a thirteen to eight vote, including three yes votes from Democrats, the county board Tuesday night approved the next step towards a potential sale of the financially troubled facility.	1/10/2018	:60	
3150	Agriculture	Spot News	Some Illinois farmers say they're pleased that President Trump is remembering his campaign promises to them.	1/10/2018	:60	
3151	Health and Health Care	Spot News	What can businesses do to help those who are homeless in the community? That was one of the questions covered at a panel discussion hosted on Wednesday by the Champaign Center Partnership, a local business group.	1/11/2018	:60	
3152	Government	Spot News	In 2017, residents of the Timberline Valley South subdivision in northwest Champaign subdivision were surprised to find out their common drainage ponds had been bought up at a tax auction by a Chicago-area firm that threatened them with trespassing. Now, the same firm, Nasty Joe's LLC, has acquired land in Urbana, and is threatening residents there.	1/14/2018	:60	
3153	Politics/Elections	Interview	Before a Friday press conference on the University of Illinois Urbana campus, Democratic candidate for governor and State Senator Daniel Biss spoke with	1/5/2018	7:00	

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			Illinois Public Media's Brian Moline on a range of topics.			
3154	Government	Interview	The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Police Department will soon be putting body cameras on their patrol officers, and the police chief says most officers welcome the addition.	1/16/2018	4:00	
3155	Business/Economy	Interview	Urbana Mayor Diane Marlin is launching a process for the re-imagining of Lincoln Square, with a public input period planned for this spring.	1/16/2018	3:00	
3156	Environment	Spot News	Over the past few years we've been seeing more school cancellations due to cold temperatures or wind chills. But, how cold is too cold?	1/17/2018	:60	
3157	Health and Health Care	Spot News	The flu season in Illinois is especially rough this year. And physicians think they know why.	1/18/2018	:60	
3158	Health and Health Care	Spot News	A lawsuit against Illinois' Department of Healthcare and Family Services claims the state illegally withholds medically necessary services from children with severe mental health disorders.	1/18/2018	:60	
3159	Education	Spot News	Gun violence and how to stop it was the focus of a town hall meeting held Wednesday in response to the shooting outside Champaign Central High School in early December.	1/18/2018	:60	
3160	Science and Technology	Spot News	UC2B, Champaign-Urbana's community fiber-optic broadband network, has awarded its first round of grants for projects aimed at increasing digital access.	1/22/2018	:45	
3161	Science and Technology	Spot News	Prebiotics are a class of small, indigestible fiber molecules present in human breast milk and known to promote growth of good bacteria in the gut. A new study from the University of Illinois involving piglets suggests prebiotics may also improve learning and memory.	1/22/2018	:60	
3162	Environment	Spot News	Eat Asian carp. That's the message that Illinois and Louisiana officials want people to learn as conservation officials try to find a way to stop the invasive fresh-water species.	1/22/2018	:60	
3163	Government	Spot News	The Cunningham Township Assessors office in Urbana has new employment and pay policies, after a controversial month for the new assessor.	1/23/2018	:60	

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3164	Education	Spot News	Advanced Placement courses are a rarity in rural Illinois high schools. A new pilot program unveiled this month attempts to fix that by testing out online AP instruction.	1/23/2018	:60	
3165	Community	Spot News	The University of Illinois College of Law Dean says people who protested the visit of the U.S., Deputy Solicitor General protested the wrong person.	1/24/2018	:60	
3166	Education	Spot News	Eastern Illinois University is reporting a five percent increase in spring enrollment --- its first enrollment increase in more than ten years.	1/24/2018	:60	
3167	Arts and Culture	Interview	The Minnesota Orchestra comes to Krannert Center for the Performing Arts on the University of Illinois Urbana campus Thursday night.	1/25/2018	8:00	
3168	Health and Health Care	Spot News	A Champaign County deputy wants to make sure people handle B-B guns with care, in light of a BB gun related death in Indiana.	1/29/2018	:45	
3169	Education	Spot News	The graduate employee union at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign filed intent to strike paperwork today. According to a press release from the Graduate Employees Organization, or GEO, the union filed its strike notice after the university administration failed to respond to their latest contract proposal.	1/29/2018	:60	
3170	Government	Feature	Townships are a part of local government that Illinoisans often forget they have ---- until there's a controversy, like that one that flared up in early January in Urbana.	1/30/2018	5:00	
3171	Government	Interview	Yesterday we heard from Illinois Public Media's Jim Meadows about what township government does in places like Champaign and Urbana, and how it's been replaced in two similar-sized Illinois cities, Belleville and Evanston. But how did the township form of government come to the state? And what is its future here?	1/31/2018	5:00	
3172	Politics/Elections	Spot News	Four Democrats running for Congress in Illinois' 13th Congressional District have different views on the recent vote to re-open the federal government.	1/31/2018	:60	
3173	Environment	Spot News	Prairie Rivers Network and Earthjustice say they will sue the energy company Dynege for allowing toxic waste to leak into the Middle Fork of the Vermilion	2/1/2018	:60	

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3174	Health and Health Care	Spot News	Thursday, February First was the day that the Catholic hospitals in Urbana and Danville changed their ownership from Presence Health to OSF Healthcare. They also changed their names.	2/1/2018	:60	
3175	Environment	Spot News	The Illinois State Senator representing much of the area covered by the Mahomet Aquifer, says he's got ideas for a task force looking at ways to protect the aquifer from future accidental contamination.	2/2/2018	:60	
3176	Business/Economy	Spot News	We should be seeing lower gas prices this time of year — but we're not.	2/2/2018	:45	
3177	Politics/Elections	Spot News	The Champaign County clerk has rejected a request for more early-voting locations from student leaders at the University of Illinois campus in Urbana-Champaign.	2/2/2018	:45	
3178	Politics/Elections	Spot News	A Democratic congressional candidate with an intelligence background says he does not think President Trump should have released the controversial Nunes memo relating to the Trump-Russia election investigation.	2/2/2018	:45	
3179	Education	Spot News	Bad behavior in middle school could lead to a failure to graduate high school on time, according to a new study co-authored by a University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign professor.	2/3/2018	:60	
3180	Health and Health Care	Spot News	Illinois contracts with private insurance companies to manage Medicaid benefits, and a recent overhaul of the program reduced the number of providers from 12 to seven.	2/5/2018	:60	
3181	Business/Economy	Spot News	There's some encouraging news about the Illinois economy, according to a University of Illinois survey.	2/5/2018	:60	
3182	Arts and Culture	Spot News	Calling all young screenwriters. The Champaign-Urbana Film Society is looking for kids to submit their screen plays.	2/6/2018	:45	
3183	Government	Spot News	Illinois Treasurer Mike Frerichs has announced a new \$500-million program that will help farmers, homeowners and employees in rural parts of the state get	2/6/2018	:45	

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			access to low-interest loans.			
3184	Education	Feature	About 100 teachers and support staff recently gathered in a junior high school in central Illinois to take on the roles of people living in poverty. It's part of a poverty simulation used by schools across the country that's supposed to challenge stereotypes.	2/7/2018	4:30	
3185	Health and Health Care	Spot News	Federal lawmakers allowed funding for Community Health Centers to lapse last fall. For Promise Healthcare in Champaign, the loss in federal funding would make it difficult to expand much-needed services in the community.	2/7/2018	:60	
3186	Politics/Elections	Interview	Candidate Carl Spoeper says 2018 could be the year that a Democrat defeats incumbent Republican John Shimkus in Illinois' 15th Congressional District.	2/8/2018	8:00	
3187	University of Illinois	Spot News	A former University of Illinois Football player and Caterpillar executive is donating five-million dollars to the U of I football program.	2/8/2018	:60	
3188	Health and Health Care	Feature	Across the country, states desperate to prevent opioid addiction are considering medical cannabis as a solution. In Illinois, where opioids have claimed nearly 11,000 lives over the past decade, the legislature may soon consider a measure that would allow patients with an opioid prescription get access to marijuana instead.	2/8/2018	4:00	
3189	Arts and Culture	Interview	The two-time Olympic medalist tells listeners what to watch for in short-track speed skating at the Pyongchang Winter Olympics.	2/9/2018	4:00	
3190	Education	Spot News	The graduate student employee union at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign announced yesterday that they plan to strike come Feb. 26.	2/9/2018	:60	
3191	University of Illinois	Spot News	Unofficial Saint Patrick's Day is three weeks away, but Champaign and Urbana mayors are issuing emergency liquor license orders now.	2/9/2018	:60	
3192	Politics/Elections	Interview	Kevin Gaither says people in Illinois' 15th Congressional District are desperate for change. And Gaither, who works as a tutor in Charleston, says he wants to help them achieve it. Gaither is one of two Democrats running in the March primary, with the goal of unseating Republican Congressman John Shimkus in November.	2/12/2018	8:00	

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3193	Community	Spot News	A federal judge has set an April 2019 trial date for Brendt Christensen, the former physics student accused of kidnapping and killing Yingying Zhang, a University of Illinois scholar from China.	2/12/2018	:60	
3194	Business/Economy	Spot News	A new training program for entry-level workers at Carle teaches more than technical job skills ---- it also teaches other skills useful in any workplace.	2/12/2018	:60	
3195	Education	Spot News	The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) is urging minority students enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate teaching program to apply for available scholarship money by Thursday, Feb. 15.	2/12/2018	:60	
3196	Government	Spot News	Governor Bruce Rauner delivers his budget address to a joint session of state lawmakers on Wednesday at the Illinois Statehouse in Springfield. And two east-central Illinois lawmakers hope the speech will the start of successful budget negotiations.	2/13/2018	:60	
3197	Women and Minorities	Spot News	U of I anthropologist Kate Clancy studies sexual harassment in the sciences and says most university training programs are not effective because they're not based on research.	2/14/2018	1:45	
3198	Environment	Spot News	The Champaign Federation of Teachers is calling on the Champaign Unit 4 School administration to take immediate action to ensure clean drinking water at all the schools in the district.	2/14/2018	:60	
3199	Government	Interview	A University of Illinois economist says he was hoping to hear more from the governor on how to tackle the state's long-term fiscal issues.	2/15/2018	4:00	
3200	Government	Spot News	The publisher of a newsletter about the criminal justice system filed a lawsuit this week against the Illinois Department of Corrections alleging that multiple state prisons barred inmates from receiving all of or part of several publications.	2/15/2018	:60	
3201	Government	Spot News	A law passed in 2014 was supposed to ensure Illinois families no longer have to give up custody of their children in order to get them necessary mental health treatment. Even so, for years families with no other options have been forced to abandon their children to get them the help they need.	2/20/2018	:60	

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3202	Government	Spot News	Friends of former state representative Tom Berns say his one term in the Illinois House was only a small part of his public service. Berns, who died Monday at age 72, was elected to the Illinois House 104th District in 2000, succeeding Republican Tim Johnson, who left to serve in the U.S. House.	2/20/2018	:60	
3203	Agriculture	Interview	The herbicide dicamba has been in the news a lot over the past year. One University of Missouri researcher says dicamba has been blamed for more than 3 million acres of damaged soybeans in 2017 alone.	2/22/2018	4:30	
3204	Arts and Culture	Feature	Nathan Gunn sings the lead role and directs the classic Mozart opera, opening Thursday night at Kranner Center for the Performing Arts.	2/22/2018	8:00	
3205	Science and Technology	Spot News	The 35th annual Insect Fear Film Festival will feature ticks. The festival's founder, May Berenbaum, says even though ticks are arachnids and not insects, they chose to feature them because of their importance as disease vectors.	2/22/2018	:60	
3206	Politics/Elections	Interview	Dan Caulkins hopes to be one of at least 25 new members of the Illinois House next year. The Decatur businessman is one of three candidates on the March 20th primary ballot for the Republican nomination for the House seat in the 101st District.	2/23/2018	8:00	
3207	Arts and Culture	Spot News	A new art exhibit at the Common Ground food co-operative in Urbana features the work of five inmates at the Danville Correctional Center. The installation is a partnership between the co-op and the Education Justice Project, a college in prison program at the University of Illinois.	2/23/2018	:60	
3208	Politics/Elections	Spot News	Governor Bruce Rauner said in his budget address this month that the key to helping businesses in Illinois is cutting taxes and red tape, and boosting training for workers. He repeated that theme in a visit to a Champaign manufacturing facility on Friday.	2/25/2018	:60	
3209	Education	Interview	The union representing graduate employees at the University of Illinois' Urbana campus is going on strike. That announcement came Sunday from the Graduate Employees Organization, after a five-hour negotiating session with a federal mediator failed to produce a contract agreement.	2/26/2018	8:00	

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3210	Education	Interview	Citing concerns over declining academic performance for black students in Champaign Unit 4 schools, some community members plan to ask the district to create a new charter school in north Champaign.	2/26/2018	4:00	
3211	Education	Spot News	Monday marked the first day of a planned strike by graduate student workers at the University of Illinois' Urbana-Champaign campus. On Monday afternoon, more than 400 graduate employees rallied on the campus's main quad to call attention to the walk-out.	2/26/2018	:60	
3212	Politics/Elections	Spot News	The Democrats competing to run against Republican 13th District Congressman Rodney Davis say Congress must act now to create a pathway to citizenship for those enrolled in the DACA program.	2/27/2018	:60	
3213	Education	Interview	Graduate employees on the University of Illinois Urbana campus begin the second day of their strike Tuesday. A university spokesperson says that they know of 53 people who withheld their work in teaching or research Monday, and 27 classes that were cancelled because of the strike.	2/27/2018	8:00	
3214	Politics/Elections	Interview	Cerro Gordo native Todd Henricks is one of three Republicans competing for their party's nomination to run for the Illinois House in the 101st. District.	3/1/2018	8:00	
3215	Business/Economy	Spot News	The University of Illinois' Flash Index shows an Illinois economy that continues to hold its own, while still lagging behind the nation as a whole. The Flash Index for February measured the Illinois economy at 104.6, up from 104.4 in January.	3/1/2018	:60	
3216	Health and Health Care	Spot News	Some University of Illinois students will be taking part in the "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day" drinking event Friday, but "Unofficial" can be a difficult time for those suffering from alcohol addiction.	3/2/2018	:60	
3217	Arts and Culture	Interview	It's a busy weekend for the Champaign-Urbana Symphony Orchestra. Friday night they have a concert at Krannert Center for the Performing Arts in Urbana. Then Saturday, they welcome five finalists from the CUSO Overture Composition Competition to the Hilton Garden Inn in Champaign for a reading session.	3/2/2018	8:00	

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3218	Environment	Spot News	Illinois climate experts say the state saw its wettest February on record this year.	3/3/2018	:60	
3219	Health and Health Care	Spot News	The organization Sistering CU trains volunteers from the community to offer a helping hand to new parents, with an emphasis on "mothering the mother."	3/5/2018	:60	
3220	Politics/Elections	Interview	Piatt County Chairman Randy Keith says he's a firm conservative who's ready to work with Democrats to get things done in Springfield. Keith talked about his candidacy for the 101st Illinois House District seat.	3/5/2018	8:00	
3221	University of Illinois	Spot News	The graduate workers' strike on the University of Illinois Urbana campus enters its second week Monday, after talks with a federal mediator Sunday yielded no progress toward an agreement.	3/5/2018	:60	
3222	Politics/Elections	Spot News	State Treasurer Mike Frerichs returned home to Champaign-Urbana Tuesday to announce he's backing State Senator Kwame Raoul in the crowded race for state Attorney General.	3/6/2018	:60	
3223	University of Illinois	Feature	Hundreds of classes have been canceled and dozens more relocated as a strike by graduate employees at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign continues into a second week.	3/6/2018	4:00	
3224	University of Illinois	Interview	Agriculture uses 90-percent of the world's fresh water supply. And as the demand for food around the world continues to rise, so will the need to find crops that use less water.	3/7/2018	5:00	
3225	Arts and Culture	Spot News	The Mark Morris Dance Group offers classes to people with Parkinson's disease in 100 communities around the world, including right here in Champaign-Urbana.	3/8/2018	:60	
3226	Community	Spot News	Nine young men with records of weapons-related offenses were presented with a chance for a fresh start in life, at the third C-U Fresh Start "Call-In" held Thursday night in Champaign.	3/9/2018	:60	
3227	University of Illinois	Spot News	A tentative contract agreement has been reached between the University of Illinois and striking graduate workers at the Urbana-Champaign campus	3/9/2018	:60	

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3228	Arts and Culture	Interview	The chamber orchestra Sinfonia Da Camera is in its 34th season in residence at the University of Illinois. The group is led by music director and conductor Ian Hobson, who is also the orchestra's featured solo pianist this season.	3/9/2018	5:00	
3229	University of Illinois	Spot News	The Graduate Employees' Organization voted to ratify a new five-year contract with the University of Illinois. GEO co-president Gus Wood said the new contract is an even better deal than what the union initially set out to get.	3/11/2018	1:15	
3230	Politics/Elections	Interview	Promoting education, preventing crime and job creation are three top priorities for the Rev. Frank McCullough Jr., as he seeks the Democratic nomination for the 104th Illinois House District seat.	3/12/2018	8:00	
3231	Housing	Spot News	Six months after the last family moved out of Champaign's Bristol Place neighborhood, the last structure on the site has been torn down, to make room for construction of a new housing development in the coming months.	3/12/2018	:60	
3232	University of Illinois	Spot News	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost Andreas Cangellaris apologized Monday after he said he received criticism of his actions during the recent strike by graduate student workers.	3/12/2018	:60	
3233	Women and Minorities	Spot News	Three Ford County men have been charged with arson in the bombing last year of a mosque in suburban Minneapolis.	3/14/2018	:45	
3234	Politics/Elections	Interview	Cynthia "Cindy" Cunningham is one of the two Democrats (the other is the Rev. Frank McCullough, Jr. of Danville) competing in the March 20 primary to be their party's nominee in the 104th Illinois House District, which includes Danville and Rantoul.	3/14/2018	8:00	
3235	Community	Spot News	Students across the state participated in a national school walk-out on Wednesday.	3/14/2018	:60	
3236	Education	Spot News	Voters in Monticello School District 25 said "no" to a bond referendum to build a new high school in 2014 and 2016. Now, the school board is asking them to consider a more modest proposal to improve school buildings.	3/15/2018	:60	
3237	Government	Spot	Nine years after it was closed due to mold and financial problems, state	3/19/2018	:60	

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		News	officials are asking potential developers to submit proposals for reopening the Eagle Creek Resort at Lake Shelbyville.			
3238	Politics/Elections	Spot News	Jon Rector, one of the Republicans running for Champaign County Clerk in Tuesday's primary wants to take additional steps to maintain voting integrity in local elections. But his opponent, Matt Grandone thinks the move isn't necessary.	3/19/2018	:60	
3239	Science and Technology	Interview	If you create a million unique chemicals, chances are one or two of them could be a life-saving drug. A new research study from the University of Illinois finds that this shotgun approach to drug discovery can be accelerated with the help of bacteria.	3/20/2018	4:00	
3240	Politics/Elections	Spot News	Dan Caulkins and Cindy Cunningham are running for Illinois House seats in different districts and for different parties. But they both say they want to promote cooperation, not gridlock, after winning their respective primary races on Tuesday.	3/21/2018	:60	
3241	Women and Minorities	Interview	Three men from unincorporated Clarence, a town 35 miles north of Urbana, are accused of setting off a pipe bomb at a mosque just outside of Minneapolis last August.	3/22/2018	5:00	
3242	Government	Spot News	Vermilion County Board Chairman Mike Marron wants to meet with federal housing officials, following the resignation this week of the entire board of the Vermilion County Housing Authority.	3/22/2018	:60	
3243	Community	Spot News	Students from eight high schools in the Champaign-Urbana area will stage a demonstration Saturday to call for stronger gun control measures. The protest is one of hundreds of similar events happening across the country, including Washington D.C., under the moniker "March For Our Lives."	3/22/2018	:60	
3244	Environment	Spot News	Accumulation will likely range from a dusting in southern Champaign County to up to five inches in parts of Ford County.	3/23/2018	:60	
3245	Community	Spot News	Organizers say more than 700 people came to Douglass Park in Champaign to push for stronger gun control laws, despite winter weather warnings that	3/24/2018	:60	

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			included snow, sleet, and high winds.			
3246	Politics/Elections	Interview	The two candidates for Champaign County Executive, Republican Gordy Hulten and Democrat Darlene Kloeppel, both say they'll be able to overcome divisions on the Champaign County Board in order to reach consensus.	3/26/2018	6:30	
3247	Government	Spot News	The job pays nothing, it probably won't make you famous, and only registered voters living in Urbana need apply. But if you're OK with all that, you might want to consider applying for a vacant seat on the Urbana Park Board.	3/27/2018	:60	
3248	Business/Economy	Spot News	Members of the credit union serving Carle employees have voted to merge with the University of Illinois Community Credit Union, effective May 1st.	3/28/2018	:60	
3249	Health and Health Care	Spot News	When the state budget went into effect last August, a provision within the law provided a 48-cent hourly wage increase to 28,000 state workers who provide in-home care to people with disabilities. But those workers still haven't seen that money yet.	3/30/2018	:60	
3250	Science and Technology	Interview	The interdisciplinary theater piece "Quantum Voyages" takes audience members on a journey to strange atomic landscapes. The performance debuts today as part of the 80th birthday celebration of Nobel Prize-winning physicist Anthony Leggett.	3/30/2018	4:00	
3251	Environment	Spot News	Meteorologist Andrew Pritchard says he saw his first tornado from his back door in Urbana. Since that day in 1996, Illinois has seen its fair share of twisters.	3/30/2018	:60	