

**QUARTERLY REPORT**  
**ISSUES – PROGRAM LIST**

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**Children's Education**

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 –01/10/05  
Source: L  
Description: Robinson High School students are opening new doors this week as students and faculty are adjusting to their first week in a new high school.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 –01/12/05  
Source: L  
Description: Lakeland College students could be getting a financial boost.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 –01/18/05  
Source: L  
Description: The Stewart-Strasburg school district was hoping to make improvements to many of its buildings, but a lack of state funding means construction can't move forward.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 –01/18/05  
Source: L  
Description: When students take their Illinois standardized exams this year they won't be filling in bubbles about history or geography.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 –01/19/05  
Source: L  
Description: Consolidated Communications will attend the Charleston school board meeting to discuss possible upgrades to the school districts phone system.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 –01/20/05  
Source: L  
Description: the board of trustees passed a recommended tuition increase for the University of Illinois today.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 –02/14/05  
Source: L  
Description: The University of Illinois has enlisted hundreds of alumni to call top students in Illinois persuading them to attend U of I.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/16/05  
Source: L

Description: Yesterday, Governor Rod Blagojevich signed a new state law saying students who are eligible for government funded lunch must also be fed breakfast.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1804 -02/22/05  
Source: L

Description: This year students at Riddle Elementary School will participate in a Math-a-thon to raise money for the St. Jude's Cancer Research Center.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1804 -02/22/05  
Source: L

Description: Families, friends and school children eagerly await the soldiers who've marched half a world away, who are now back into their lives. All school children in Edgar County were let out for today's arrival of the 1544<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/25/05  
Source: L

Description: The Charleston Joint P-T-A wants you to get in on the fun, the Fitness, Unity and Nutrition Program. Organizers say the event will give families ideas on how to make healthier food choices and increase physical activity.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/01/05  
Source: L

Description: A new device called the ALCO-BLOW makes its way to Robinson High School. Robinson High School decided to investigate a few rumors that were heard about students drinking at extracurricular activities. With this new device the school has a more positive outlook.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/02/05  
Source: L

Description: Community members gathered in Clark County last night to hear first hand accounts of how Methamphetamine destroys lives.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/02/05  
Source: L

Description: An alleged bomb threat at one Piatt County School has some parents angry, saying the school district didn't do enough to protect their children.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/09/05  
Source: L

Description: The fate of the Charleston School District's construction project will be decided at tonight's school board meeting.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/11/05  
Source: L

Description: The Mattoon School District will get over 30-thousand dollars back from the state after completing a recent audit.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -03/14/05

Source: L

Description: Mattoon's Riddle Elementary School invites the public to join in on a three-day star observation.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -03/16/05

Source: L

Description: Mattoon's Riddle Elementary School hosted an evening of star watching last night. Unfortunately, tonight and Wednesday night's viewing will be cancelled due to cloudy skies.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -03/24/05

Source: L

Description: The Sullivan Board of Education held its annual meeting to discuss reducing the number of special education teachers' aides.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -03/29/05

Source: L

Description: Local members of the Future Farmers of America will be participating in a Donkey Basketball game at Windsor High School.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -03/30/05

Source: L

Description: The Urbana School District met to discuss reducing the work force within the district because of a lack of state funding.

## **Weather Issues**

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -01/10/05

Source: L

Description: Problems with rising water levels at Lake Shelbyville are overflowing.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -01/12/05

Source: L

Description: Hutsonville residents say they just want the rain to stop, but with more rain on the way some fear the water could rise even higher.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -01/13/05

Source: L

Description: Just twenty-four hours ago, temperatures were near record-breaking levels, however, today the clouds moved in and the snow and sleet once again started falling and falling.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -01/13/05

Source: L

Description: Winter weather makes its way back to Illinois.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/13/05  
Source: L

Description: Villa Grove residents are experiencing steady rain and snow, which is raising both the water levels and public concern.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/14/05  
Source: L

Description: The water covering Illinois Route 130 in Villa Grove is finally going down after two days of heavy rain and snow.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/14/05  
Source: L

Description: Yesterday officials were forced to close the Wilborn Creek Campground due to the high water levels.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/14/05  
Source: L

Description: The National Weather Service expects the Wabash River to crest over 27 feet by Wednesday.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/17/05  
Source: L

Description: Many residents of Clark and Crawford counties say the flood of 2005 is one for the history books.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/17/05  
Source: L

Description: The death toll from the tsunamis triggered by the nine-point-zero earthquake off the coast of Indonesia's Sumatra last month, now stands at over 162 thousand.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/17/05  
Source: L

Description: Congressman John Shimkus will be on a fly-over of the flooding affecting the entire area of Kaskaskia River Basin.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/18/05  
Source: L

Description: One local town is overflowing with waves of problems.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/19/05  
Source: L

Description: Flooding along the Wabash River in Crawford County continues to force residents from their homes. However, for one family the water is slowly going down, but what has been lost may never be replaced.



Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/20/05  
Source: L

Description: 1913 was last time many local towns even saw this much water, the flooding continues, the worst in almost one hundred years and leaving some towns nearly washed away.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/24/05  
Source: L

Description: Officials say the water level on Lake Shelbyville is nearly 618 feet. That's its second-highest level ever, topped only by a 620-foot reading in 1974.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/26/05  
Source: L

Description: Residents in Clark and Crawford County left high and dry from recent flooding can bank on getting help from the government.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/27/05  
Source: L

Description: Route 154 linking Illinois and Indiana between Hutsonville and Sullivan has been closed since mid January after the area flooded.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/04/05  
Source: L

Description: A major highway linking Illinois to Indiana closed due to flooding is now reopening in Crawford County.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/08/05  
Source: L

Description: Officials in Crawford County want residents to be aware of some building policies, flood victims must get a local municipality permit before beginning repairs, reconstruction or demolition.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/11/05  
Source: L

Description: Residents in the Clark County of York are cleaning up after horrible floods and waiting for the government to help out.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/15/05  
Source: L

Description: Water is common at Lake Shelbyville, but last month too much water caused the area to be flooded with problems.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/25/05  
Source: L

Description: No rain today, but water caused the bridge linking the Crawford County community of Hutsonville to Indiana is closed once again. The Wabash River is on the rise!

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/28/05  
Source: L

Description: The city of Paris recently received its own replica of the Eiffel Tower and now it needs a home. Once it's decided where the new landmark will be placed residents can look forward to having their very own tourist attraction.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/01/05  
Source: L

Description: For the last month state road 154 in Hutsonville has been open, then closed due to flooding from the Wabash River. The Illinois Department of Transportation tells News Watch that the road is once again open.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/24/05  
Source: L

Description: The Army Corps of Engineers needs volunteers to help clean the area around Lake Shelbyville for the upcoming tourist season.

### **Farm Issues**

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/27/05  
Source: L

Description: The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Agricultural Expo is coming to Clark County. The Expo is on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at Richards Farm Restaurant in Casey.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1804 -02/22/05  
Source: L

Description: Farmers and agriculturists from all over the state and country will head to Decatur in August for the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Farm Progress Show.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/28/05  
Source: L

Description: Area farmers could be on their hands and knees this farming season. Some farmers are concerned about the growing problem called soybean rust.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/28/05  
Source: L

Description: Illinois grows to the number two spot in producing a corn-based gasoline additive. Last year the state produced 775 million gallons of Ethanol.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/19/05  
Source: L

Description: With the planting season just around the corner area farmers are preparing their fields and themselves for the possibility of an airborne threat that could be heading this way.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/19/05  
Source: L

Description: Farmer Bob Brackett is now accepting members for his community supported agriculture program in hopes to harvest new members.

### **Minority Issues**

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/17/05  
Source: L

Description: In memory of Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday today, a candlelight vigil is taking place tonight on the campus of Eastern Illinois University.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/17/05  
Source: L

Description: Lawmakers have authorized the creation of a public memorial to Martin Luther King in Washington D.C.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/17/05  
Source: L

Description: Today we honor the life of the slain civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/25/05  
Source: L

Description: As the celebration of Black History Month comes to an end, the celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Junior continues. A timeline honoring the legacy of Dr. King will be unveiled this weekend during a ceremony at Eastern Illinois University.

### **Economic Climate**

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/24/05  
Source: L

Description: American Pad and Paper is closing its doors as part of a consolidation effort.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/25/05  
Source: L

Description: A new Marathon gas station is close to opening on Lincoln Avenue.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/10/05  
Source: L

Description: Monticello residents will find out if the city is receiving a new airport by the end of this year.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/10/05  
Source: L

Description: Krispy Kreme Doughnuts has announced it will be laying off an undisclosed number of employees nation wide, including the facility in Effingham.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/15/05  
Source: L

Description: Wal-Mart isn't the only store that will soon be popping up in Urbana, construction for a Walgreen's will also start April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/15/05  
Source: L

Description: Urbana shopping prices will soon be rolling back as construction plans for a Wal-Mart Super center roll forward.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/16/05  
Source: L

Description: The Champaign Planning Department is asking residents what they have in mind for the future of downtown Champaign.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/21/05  
Source: L

Description: The TrueRide Design Company has designed skate parks for Charleston and Flora, now they are working with The Shelbyville Alliance Youth Group to design their own skate park.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/25/05  
Source: L

Description: A Douglas County tourist attraction will be going to the highest bidder tomorrow. Rockome Gardens has been family owned since 1958, but tomorrow the site near Arcola will be auctioned off.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/25/05  
Source: L

Description: Out of the ashes a new apartment building will now sit at the site of a Charleston house destroyed by a fire.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/28/05  
Source: L

Description: Rockome Gardens near Arcola is closed for winter but still managed to attract a crowd for its auction.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/28/05  
Source: L

Description: A plan to bring new life to downtown Mattoon could mean the death of several local businesses.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/03/05  
Source: L

Description: The sound of jobs moving out of East Central Illinois isn't quite music to the ears of those being laid off. MBT International, a wholesale distributor in Effingham, is moving its warehouse to Louisville, Kentucky.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/03/05  
Source: L

Description: Recently, the Mattoon Police Department received nearly 85-thousand dollars from the federal government. The department is receiving the money for its work on the Omega investment fraud case.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/07/05  
Source: L

Description: The old Blaw Knox building in Mattoon is now home to a few new businesses and more could be on the way.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/08/05  
Source: L

Description: Robinson funeral home operator Clark Pulliam wants to build a crematorium near Robinson School.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/09/05  
Source: L

Description: Last night proposals for an 80 million dollar wind farm project in Moultrie, Shelby and Coles County was approved.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/10/05  
Source: L

Description: Dam West Beach in Lake Shelbyville and Wood Campground near Sullivan suffered damage due to floodwater.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/10/05  
Source: L

Description: Area residents could be helping to build a new much-needed Effingham County Courthouse.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/14/05  
Source: L

Description: Officials with the Jimmy Johns Sandwich Company say they plan to build a shopping center on the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Fourth Street in Charleston.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/28/05  
Source: L

Description: A new warehouse located at North Market Street in Champaign hopes to open this August.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/28/05  
Source: L

Description: As the Illini men's basketball team heads to the final four fans are heading to area merchants to get a hold of anything Illini.

## Crime

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -01/10/05

Source: L

Description: Douglas County Chief Deputy T.K. Martin says 42 -year-old Tuscola resident Jesse Wilhelm has been missing since early December.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -01/10/05

Source: L

Description: In another Champaign robbery investigation, police say a suspect walked into the First Midwest Bank on Springfield Avenue and demanded money.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -01/10/05

Source: L

Description: A one million dollar arrest warrant has been issued for 24-year-old Jonathan Andre Gilmore of Charleston.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -01/10/05

Source: L

Description: A 5 thousand dollar reward is being offered by a local apartment complex with hopes someone will come forward with information about a recent murder.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -01/11/05

Source: L

Description: Coles County Sheriff's deputies hope autopsies will reveal more information on the deaths of an Oakland couple.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -01/11/05

Source: L

Description: Twenty-one-year old Michael Brown and twenty-three year old Christopher Hakman plead guilty to robbing the Lion's Den bookstore in Montrose last September.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -01/12/05

Source: L

Description: The Coles County Sheriff's Department says an Oakland couple found shot in their home died as an apparent murder-suicide.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -01/12/05

Source: L

Description: An Eastern Illinois University student faces drunken driving charges after a car crash in Charleston's Town Branch Creek.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -01/12/05

Source: L

Description: A Monticello High School faculty member is suspended after being accused of soliciting a child over the Internet.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/13/05  
Source: L

Description: Formal charges are pending against a Monticello High School teacher. Larry Albaugh was arrested Tuesday afternoon on charges of indecent solicitation of a child via the Internet.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/13/05  
Source: L

Description: Continuing its efforts to protect children from Internet predators, the Decatur Police arrest another East Central Illinois resident accused of soliciting a child via the Internet.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/14/05  
Source: L

Description: The search continues for a local area man missing for almost a month.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/17/05  
Source: L

Description: Another Champaign fire damaged a fraternity house on First Street over the weekend.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/17/05  
Source: L

Description: Over the weekend, thousands of dollars in damage was done to Mahri's Fashions, a clothing store located on Champaign's north side. The owner says suspicious evidence found at the scene points to arson.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/17/05  
Source: L

Description: One area resident has been released from the hospital after a fire destroyed their family's home. Saturday morning Charleston residents Larry and Carmia Baker woke up to their home on fire.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/18/05  
Source: L

Description: An original "not guilty" plea is reversed in a Paris Illinois murder case. Last January, 28-year-old Amber Quinn and 23-year-old Adam Stewart were found dead along lower Terre Haute Road in Edgar County.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/18/05  
Source: L

Description: In another East Central Illinois murder investigation, police are still looking for the person who shot and killed a man at a Champaign apartment complex. In mid December, Champaign police say 29-year-old Edric Jerel Thomas was murdered at County Fair Apartments.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/18/05  
Source: L

Description: A Shelby county woman faces murder charges after a shooting in a rural Shelbyville home.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/19/05  
Source: L

Description: A Shelbyville woman suspected of murder makes a confession, Barbara Ericson admits to police that she shot and killed her live-in boyfriend, Carl Fulford Jr., sometime last Sunday.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/20/05  
Source: L

Description: According to the Champaign Police Department's annual crime statistics report, violent crime in the city rose by a little over nine percent in 2004.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/20/05  
Source: L

Description: A former Paris Illinois police officer is facing charges after authorities say he interfered with an investigation.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/24/05  
Source: L

Description: Defense attorneys in the retrial of a Lawrence County woman accused of stabbing her son to death want to be able to tell jurors a convicted serial killer has claimed responsibility.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/24/05  
Source: L

Description: A former Mattoon elementary teacher charged with multiple drug charges wants her case dismissed.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/24/05  
Source: L

Description: A Mattoon woman is hospitalized after her car collides with an Amtrak passenger train.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/25/05  
Source: L

Description: A man suspected of robbing a bank in Champaign last month has been caught.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/25/05  
Source: L

Description: Amanda Hamm is scheduled to go to trial April 4<sup>th</sup> for drowning her three children in Clinton Lake.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/27/05  
Source: L

Description: A Peoria County jail inmate may now be responsible for the deaths of eight women.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/08/05  
Source: L

Description: The city of Paris and Edgar County are working together to improve their drug task force.



Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/10/05  
Source: L

Description: A former Mattoon High School principal heads to jail. A Coles County judge says he sent Edward Kilday to jail for not making enough progress on his probation.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/11/05  
Source: L

Description: A man who opened fire in a Mattoon shopping center last year could face up to fifteen years in prison.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/14/05  
Source: L

Description: 43-year-old Barbara Ericson is accused of shooting and killing her boyfriend Carl Fulford Jr. last month.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/14/05  
Source: L

Description: A trial date is set in a Shelbyville murder case. 43-year-old Barbara Ericson is accused of shooting and killing her boyfriend Carl Fulford Jr. last month.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/15/05  
Source: L

Description: After a six-month investigation Urbana police arrest a man they say is responsible for several armed robberies.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/15/05  
Source: L

Description: Forty-three year old Robert Steven Siverly of Paris was found guilty of several criminal drug conspiracy counts in November of 2004. Siverly escaped from the Edgar County Jail in August and remains a fugitive.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/15/05  
Source: L

Description: A suspended Monticello High School Teacher says he's not guilty of indecent solicitation of a child. Larry Albaugh was arrested last month for solicitation of a child over the Internet.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/16/05  
Source: L

Description: A Casey man faces charges after a stabbing in Westfield. Westfield police say early yesterday morning they were called to Lincoln Street in response to a 9-1-1 call. They say 22-year-old William Craig was arrested and charged with aggravated battery.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/17/05  
Source: L

Description: Under a newly signed Illinois law some felons won't have to tell potential employers of their past convictions.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/18/05  
Source: L

Description: The case is closed on a rural Oakland shooting. Coles County Sheriff's deputies say Larry Temples shot his wife before taking his on life.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1804 -02/22/05  
Source: L

Description: About 145 thousand consumers are at risk for identity theft after a company called Choice-Point Incorporated was scammed into allowing criminals to access its database of personal information.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1804 -02/22/05  
Source: L

Description: A Watson man remains in Effingham County Jail after Sheriff's deputies say he started a fire in his cell. Police say Duane Jeffrey Rhodes set fire to his clothes and mattress with a cigarette lighter after his arrest over the weekend.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/23/05  
Source: L

Description: Effingham County State's Attorney Ed Deters says 31-year-old Toby Joe Smith was sentenced this week after confessing to the murder of 40-year-old Ronald James Hood.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/23/05  
Source: L

Description: A former Moultrie County Board member will face time behind bars for the solicitation of sex from children.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/23/05  
Source: L

Description: A Shelby County man accused of murder will have to wait another day for the judges' decision of innocent or guilty.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/25/05  
Source: L

Description: A former Urbana Middle School substitute-teaching assistant is facing charges after police say he sexually assaulted two minor students.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/25/05  
Source: L

Description: A Beecher City man accused of murder has been found guilty. 31-year-old James Hopper was convicted this morning of killing Kelly Wells near Cowden last February.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/28/05  
Source: L

Description: A former Urbana substitute-teaching assistant says he did have sexual contact with one girl at the Urbana Middle School but says she is the only one.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/01/05  
Source: L  
Description: Attorneys for a Clinton woman accused of drowning her three children in Clinton Lake in 2003 say she won't be ready to go to trial next month.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/02/05  
Source: L  
Description: A Robinson Township Road Commissioner admits to cashing in at the city's expense. Tony Hamilton pleaded guilty yesterday to two felony counts of theft and official misconduct.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/02/05  
Source: L  
Description: A man accused of a string of armed robberies in Urbana says he's not guilty of the crimes. During a preliminary hearing yesterday 25-year-old Steven Hites pleaded not guilty and requested a trial by jury.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/07/05  
Source: L  
Description: Area police are still investigating the death of a Mattoon man who died in police custody.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/07/05  
Source: L  
Description: The Douglas County Coroner's Office says they received a call, last night, regarding the death of 21-year-old Tommy Pierce of Tuscola.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/08/05  
Source: L  
Description: An Illinois State police lieutenant says politics may have intruded in a Paris double-murder investigation.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/09/05  
Source: L  
Description: Three of four dogs stolen from an area humane society have been found and a suspected thief arrested.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/10/05  
Source: L  
Description: The confession of a Texas death-row inmate may be used in a murder case in Illinois.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/10/05  
Source: L  
Description: A Mattoon man says he's guilty of spying on six female Eastern Illinois University students. 26-year-old Bryce Warner entered his plea yesterday in Coles County court.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/10/05  
Source: L

Description: A Cumberland County man is dead after opening fire on Sheriff Deputies.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/11/05  
Source: L

Description: Barton Whitaker was pronounced dead at the scene Wednesday after being shot by Cumberland County Sheriff's Deputies on Burma Road, north of Toledo.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/11/05  
Source: L

Description: The Champaign County Circuit Clerks office says 20-year-old William Lee of Champaign may be granted a second trial for the murder of 84-year-old Helen Melchi.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/14/05  
Source: L

Description: One man claiming to be a soldier is not serving his country he is scamming his fellow Americans.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/14/05  
Source: L

Description: Champaign Police need your help in finding a missing boy. Seven-year old Issac Wesley Thompson was reported missing Friday.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/14/05  
Source: L

Description: Today 40-year-old Duane Jeffrey Rhodes of Watson pleaded not guilty to three counts of aggravated battery and two counts of criminal damage to government property.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/16/05  
Source: L

Description: The Illinois Attorney General wants a top-level review of allegations in an investigation of a double homicide in Paris.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/16/05  
Source: L

Description: Champaign Police say 7-year-old Isaac Wesley Thompson was reported missing Friday. Police are not releasing who reported Thompson missing, but say they believe he's with his biological mother Diedre Thompson.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/19/05  
Source: L

Description: The Illinois State Police have a possible suspect regarding the abduction of a Clark County woman and her six- month- old baby.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/19/05  
Source: L

Description: Local authorities are investigating the death of a Shumway resident. 78-year-old Anna M. Kenter was found dead Saturday morning at her home.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/19/05  
Source: L

Description: A judge will allow two juveniles to testify in a case against two people charged with drowning three children.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/19/05  
Source: L

Description: Local police say a Charleston man is responsible for a string of vandalisms around Coles County.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/19/05  
Source: L

Description: Witnesses take the stand in a hearing to determine if an Edgar County man convicted of murder should get a new trial.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/22/05  
Source: L

Description: Moultrie County officials are looking into the death of a five-month-old baby.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/22/05  
Source: L

Description: For the second day a man accused of murdering an Edgar County couple returns to court in an attempt to receive a new trial.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/24/05  
Source: L

Description: Mattoon resident Anthony Crum was accused of setting fire to a home and two vehicles last summer in Mattoon. He was sentenced Tuesday to nine years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/24/05  
Source: L

Description: He may have waited eighteen years, but now Herb Whitlock will have to wait one more month for a judge to decide if he can get a retrial.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/28/05  
Source: L

Description: Cumberland County State's Attorney Barry Schaefer says no charges will be brought against deputies who shot and killed Barton Whitaker.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/28/05  
Source: L

Description: Prisoners in Illinois specifically in the Cook County Jail are calling random people throughout the state trying to persuade them to accept their calls.

## **Government**

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/10/05  
Source: L

Description: State officials say taxpayers can help veterans by checking a box on their 2004 income tax returns. This year, the state added the Illinois Veterans' Home to its list of voluntary contribution funds.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/10/05  
Source: L

Description: During the legislative session's last few days, gambling supporters may try to add casinos in Chicago and other cities.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/10/05  
Source: L

Description: Tomorrow the 93<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly will meet in Springfield for the last time and after that new lawmakers will be sworn in and the 94<sup>th</sup> General Assembly will begin.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/10/05  
Source: L

Description: Hundreds of Illinois National Guard soldiers from East Central Illinois pack up and prepare to be deployed to Iraq.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/11/05  
Source: L

Description: A new Illinois license may drive those underage to think twice before acting and not only is the shape of the license changing, but its colors as well.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/11/05  
Source: L

Description: The Illinois House votes to ban discrimination of gays and lesbians today.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/14/05  
Source: L

Description: Attorneys for former Governor George Ryan want to postpone his March racketeering trial so Ryan's top attorney can try the case.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/18/05  
Source: L

Description: The Village of Saint Joseph is dry and has not served alcohol since 1939, however, now some residents are hoping to change that law. A petition is circulating around the community encouraging residents to support changing the liquor laws.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/18/05  
Source: L

Description: Three Charleston police officers are being honored as hero's, Lieutenant Hank Pauls, officers Kirk Hildebrand and Chad Reed. They are being awarded for saving the life of an Eastern Illinois student.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/18/05  
Source: L

Description: An east central town waits for confirmation on when local soldiers will return from Iraq.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/19/05  
Source: L

Description: Voters in Coles County still have time to register for the February 22<sup>nd</sup> Consolidated Primary Election.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/19/05  
Source: L

Description: A southeastern Illinois town plans to say goodbye to one hundred soldiers called up to serve in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/20/05  
Source: L

Description: The Pentagon is developing a fingerprinting system to prevent recruits from sending others to take their military entrance exams.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/25/05  
Source: L

Description: Running on political history dominates this year's Mayoral race in Marshall Illinois.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/25/05  
Source: L

Description: The former chairman of the State Board of Education is considering a challenge to Governor Rod Blagojevich.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/25/05  
Source: L

Description: Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White says his office will require drivers applying to haul hazardous materials to submit to fingerprint background checks.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/26/05  
Source: L

Description: Illinois House proceedings are already broadcast on the Internet as they happen and now they will be recorded on discs and sold to the public.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/26/05  
Source: L

Description: Two state legislators want details of a 200 million dollar state contract released to the public. State Senator Dale Righter wants the information released so consumers know exactly how much they are being charged for pharmaceutical services.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/27/05  
Source: L

Description: Effingham County officials are saying goodbye to an almost 100-year-old establishment and they are not looking back.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/27/05  
Source: L

Description: The city of Urbana will hold a public summit meeting to discuss the budget at the Urbana City Council Chambers from ten to one on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/27/05  
Source: L

Description: A Marine from East Central Illinois is among the victims of a helicopter crash in Iraq. The crash happened yesterday near Baghdad during a sandstorm.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/27/05  
Source: L

Description: Many East Central Illinois communities will be electing new mayors come April.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/04/05  
Source: L

Description: Funeral services for a Champaign Marine killed in action are set for tomorrow. Nathan Moore, along with 30 other marines, died last week in a fatal helicopter crash in Iraq.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/04/05  
Source: L

Description: The release of the State of Illinois' contract with prescription drug provider Caremark is one step closer to being public after a ruling in Cook County Court today.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/04/05  
Source: L

Description: Crawford County's top attorney will be moving from behind the prosecutor's table to the bench. State's Attorney Mark Shaner will take over March 2<sup>nd</sup> as the new Associate Judge in Crawford County.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/07/05  
Source: L

Description: January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005 will forever be remembered as one of the deadliest days of operation Iraqi Freedom. For the residents of East Central Illinois, the tragedy hit closer to home when Nathan Moore of Champaign was identified as one of the 30 marines who died that day.



Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/07/05  
Source: L

Description: Today, Governor Rod Blagojevich signed legislation making the deadline to register to vote or change your address to 14 days before the election.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/07/05  
Source: L

Description: Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka says your name could be one of the thousands owed unclaimed property by the state of Illinois.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/07/05  
Source: L

Description: An area town begins rolling out the red carpet as a group of troops begins its journey home. The 1544<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company based in Paris has left Iraq and is currently in Kuwait preparing to come home.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/08/05  
Source: L

Description: Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich visits East Central Illinois spreading his message of improving the economy while adding to the workforce.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/10/05  
Source: L

Description: Roughly sixty members of the 1544<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company, based out of Paris, will be flying into Volk Field in Wisconsin early tomorrow morning.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/11/05  
Source: L

Description: The price of attending the Illinois State Fair may be going up, but the fair's manager says fair-goers will still get their money's worth.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/11/05  
Source: L

Description: Former Governor Jim Thompson is out of the hospital and says he's feeling great, almost a week after having surgery to remove a blood clot from his brain.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/11/05  
Source: L

Description: Beginning March 1<sup>st</sup> all Illinois residents can receive free copies of their credit reports.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/11/05  
Source: L

Description: Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich orders the head of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to repay the state for some flights he took on a state aircraft.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/11/05  
Source: L

Description: Early this morning nearly sixty members of the 1544<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company touched ground at Volk Field near Lacrosse Wisconsin.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/11/05  
Source: L

Description: Paris City officials say the streets will be lined with people as members of the 1544<sup>th</sup> return home, a homecoming that many say is long overdue.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/14/05  
Source: L

Description: Officials at the Abraham Lincoln home have unveiled plans for several new exhibits focusing on the 16<sup>th</sup> presidents every day life in Springfield.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/14/05  
Source: L

Description: Last Friday, sixty members of the 1544<sup>th</sup> arrived at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/14/05  
Source: L

Description: For the first time in a decade the Marine Corp fell short of its recruiting goal in January.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/14/05  
Source: L

Description: The Illinois Army and Air National Guard announced earlier this afternoon that the 1544<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company would be arriving in Paris on Tuesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/15/05  
Source: L

Description: Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan is proposing to create a lifetime of supervision for Illinois' most dangerous sex offenders.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/15/05  
Source: L

Description: Paris residents are anxiously awaiting the return of the 1544<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company. Students of all ages will be holding signs and banners, and hanging ribbons along Main Street in Paris to show their support of the returning 1544<sup>th</sup>.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/16/05  
Source: L

Description: The Mattoon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Meet the Candidates Night to promote awareness of issues and candidates for the next election.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/16/05  
Source: L  
Description: The City of Charleston's new website offers an overview of the city's history, attractions and employment opportunities.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/16/05  
Source: L  
Description: The City of Paris will be holding a parade to honor the 1544<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company's homecoming Tuesday afternoon.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/16/05  
Source: L  
Description: Six days and counting until the Paris based 1544<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company comes home to a heroes welcome. Many families are ready to reunite with those they haven't seen in more than a year.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/16/05  
Source: L  
Description: Although there are no broken "chads" or missing ballot boxes there is some dispute in the upcoming primary election for mayor of Monticello.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/16/05  
Source: L  
Description: Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich delivered his annual budget address in Springfield this afternoon and in it he talked about hiking cigarette taxes by seventy-five cents per pack.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/17/05  
Source: L  
Description: "Serving with Honor" is the title of a new Effingham memorial to recognize the men and women who have fought and are fighting in Iraq.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/17/05  
Source: L  
Description: Come Tuesday, the 1544<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company will be returning home. The city of Paris is using bows, ribbons, banners and even money to coin their commemoration.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/18/05  
Source: L  
Description: If you elect to vote absentee in this year's municipal election the deadline is tomorrow. County Clerk's offices are closed Monday in Mattoon and Charleston so residents will have one final chance to vote absentee tomorrow between nine and noon.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/18/05  
Source: L  
Description: If you are planning on welcoming home the troops by attending Tuesday's parade here's where you need to line up. The parade route will be from Route one, up Central Avenue, down Jasper Street and back up to the high school on Main Street.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/18/05  
Source: L  
Description: If House Bill 452 passes, tanning for those under the age of eighteen, will disappear.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/18/05  
Source: L  
Description: As members of the Paris 1544<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company prepare to return home next week, community members are giving the town a patriotic makeover in anticipation of their arrival.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/21/05  
Source: L  
Description: Monticello City Attorney Bill Tracy says incumbent Bill Mitze will remain on the ballot for mayor of Monticello in Tuesday's primary election.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/21/05  
Source: L  
Description: An Edgar County community makes final preparations for the homecoming of hundreds of troops from East Central Illinois.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1804 -02/22/05  
Source: L  
Description: Paris wasn't the only East Central Illinois city to welcome home the soldiers of the 1544<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company. After the unit got back to the armory in Paris, some of them made their way south to Marshall.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1804 -02/22/05  
Source: L  
Description: A sigh of relief could be heard from the town of Paris as troops proudly made their way through the streets. One family has been dreaming of a day like today, when their two heroes would come marching home.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1804 -02/22/05  
Source: L  
Description: Today is the day members of the 1544<sup>th</sup> have been dreaming about for over a year. Today dream becomes reality as thousands showed up to say welcome home 1544<sup>th</sup>.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1804 -02/22/05  
Source: L  
Description: Results for Coles County will be posted at fidlar dot com and results in Champaign County will be posted at the Champaign County Clerk website.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/23/05  
Source: L  
Description: Hundreds of soldiers from the Paris based 1544<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company are relaxing and enjoying time with their families after yesterday's homecoming.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/23/05  
Source: L

Description: Last night the Monticello primary night narrowed their Republican mayoral race from three to one. William Mitze won the vote over Owen Mofield with nearly nine hundred of the almost eleven hundred votes cast yesterday.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/23/05  
Source: L

Description: The Coles County clerk's office says mayoral candidates advancing to the April 5<sup>th</sup> general election will be Charles White and Mark Donnell.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/23/05  
Source: L

Description: The race is on for city council seats in Charleston. Voters went to the polls yesterday to choose eight city council candidates for the April 5<sup>th</sup> election.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/23/05  
Source: L

Description: After serving as mayor of Urbana for 12 years Tod Satterthwaite will give way to Laurel Prussing after she defeated him in last night's primary election.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/23/05  
Source: L

Description: After last night's special tribute to the 1544<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company many viewers contacted News Watch wanting to know if it will be re-airing. If you would like to see the tribute log onto our website at [weiu.net](http://weiu.net) and click on news, there you will find a streaming copy available.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/28/05  
Source: L

Description: A billion dollars of Illinois Property still remains unclaimed and some of it could be yours. The names of more than one hundred thousand people and businesses will appear in newspapers throughout the state to claim their property. Central Illinois will appear in the papers the week of February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/28/05  
Source: L

Description: If you are interested in making donations to the Illinois Military Family Relief Fund, now you can without leaving the comfort of your own home. Starting tomorrow, Illinois residents and others will be able to make electronic donations through the Treasurer's Illinois Funds Electronic Payment Services Program or E-Bay.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/01/05  
Source: L

Description: The Illinois Department of Revenue has begun posting the names of tax deadbeats on its Website.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/01/05  
Source: L  
Description: Some Illinois lawmakers say it's time to end the state's moratorium on executions.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/01/05  
Source: L  
Description: Tonight at the Charleston City Council Meeting, the board will vote on contractors for reconstruction of the Charleston Rotary Pool.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/01/05  
Source: L  
Description: Illinoisan's who purchase cigarettes online could receive a bill for the taxes this week.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/02/05  
Source: L  
Description: A stretch of road in front of a fallen Champaign soldier's home will forever bear his name. The Champaign Public Works Department says the city council voted this week to name a part of Kenwood Road, Corporal Nathaniel K. Moore Road.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/03/05  
Source: L  
Description: Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich wants to reduce highway deaths by more than a quarter by developing a statewide safety plan.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/03/05  
Source: L  
Description: Senator Dale Righter is co-sponsoring legislation that would make it illegal for a convicted sex offender to go to their child's school without notifying school authorities.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/03/05  
Source: L  
Description: For years the vast majority of people attending the Illinois State Fair were admitted free. State Senator Dan Rutherford says he wants more people attending the State Fair to pay Gate Admission.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/03/05  
Source: L  
Description: The Illinois Department of Revenue is putting its foot down on area resident's who don't pay their taxes and the latest tactic to make them pay, public embarrassment.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/07/05  
Source: L  
Description: For the first time in over a century the public can now stay inside the Illinois State Fairgrounds.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -03/07/05

Source: L

Description: This Wednesday Timothy Johnson will bring his Mobile Office Program to Moultrie and Douglas Counties.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -03/08/05

Source: L

Description: A new courthouse could be coming to Effingham County, but the new building could mean a different kind of tax hike.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -03/08/05

Source: L

Description: The Illinois Attorney General wants consumers to know if the car they are buying has been in a police-reported accident.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -03/08/05

Source: L

Description: The Coles County board is scheduled to vote on a law allowing wind energy conservation systems in the area.

Program title: Town Hall

Time/Date: 1900 -03/09/05

Source: L

Description: Candidate forum featuring the candidates for Charleston City Council and questions were taken from the audience.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -03/11/05

Source: L

Description: A Charleston firefighter who was severely injured last year in a construction accident has filed suit against the city, claiming negligence.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -03/11/05

Source: L

Description: Legislation aimed at providing greater public disclosure about the state's prescription drug contracts has stalled in the Illinois Senate.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -03/16/05

Source: L

Description: The Illinois House votes against lowering the age people can get a state permit to buy guns.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -03/16/05

Source: L

Description: Urbana City Council members are discussing an amendment to their liquor code, similar to the one Champaign is considering at tonight's city council meeting.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/19/05  
Source: L  
Description: Former Illinois Governor George Ryan faces racketeering charges. If charged he could face possible prison time.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/19/05  
Source: L  
Description: State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka says she's considering a run for governor. Topinka says she'll decide after the legislative session whether or not to run.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/22/05  
Source: L  
Description: Charleston City Council and School Board Candidates will discuss their issues and answer audience questions at a forum on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Program title: Town Hall  
Time/Date: 1900 -03/23/05  
Source: L  
Description: Candidate forum featuring the candidates for Mattoon City Commissioner and questions were asked by the audience members.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/24/05  
Source: L  
Description: The union representing Charleston Police Officers files suit over the naming of a new police chief.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/25/05  
Source: L  
Description: Crawford County residents will have a chance to meet and greet some mayoral candidates on the ballot for the April 5<sup>th</sup> election.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/29/05  
Source: L  
Description: U.S. Senator Barack Obama wants to make college more affordable for the average Illinois family.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/29/05  
Source: L  
Description: A federal grant will help give the Charleston Rotary Pool a more "kid-friendly" environment.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/29/05  
Source: L  
Description: Charleston City Council and school board candidates will discuss their issues and answer audience questions at a forum this evening.



Program title: Town Hall  
Time/Date: 1900 -03/30/05  
Source: L

Description: Candidate forum featuring Mark Donnell, one of the candidates for Mattoon Mayor. Charlie White, who is also a mayoral candidate, chose not attend the forum.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/30/05  
Source: L

Description: The Mattoon Chamber of Commerce will host a "Mattoon Candidates Forum" tomorrow to promote awareness for the upcoming municipal election.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/30/05  
Source: L

Description: Senator Barak Obama spoke at the University of Illinois to discuss his commitment to raising the maximum of a Pell Grant.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/30/05  
Source: L

Description: Westfield Utility Superintendent Dick Wheeler says Westfield hasn't seen a drop of alcohol since the 1800's. However, come April 5<sup>th</sup> residents will get the chance to vote on whether or not they believe alcohol should be sold in Westfield.

### **Availability of Social Services in Rural Illinois**

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/11/05  
Source: L

Description: A nation-wide tragedy in southern Asia has turned into a worldwide relief effort. Local churches are hoping to change the lives of those affected by taking your donations.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/11/05  
Source: L

Description: Nationally, reconstruction efforts on the ground continue in southern Asia, two weeks after the regions devastating tsunami.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/13/05  
Source: L

Description: As the new chief law enforcement officer in Charleston settles into his new home, he has already devised a plan of action.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/14/05  
Source: L

Description: Mattoon students are putting down their books and emptying their piggy banks in an effort to aid the victims of one of the world's most deadly natural disasters. Penny by penny these students are giving aid to tsunami victims in Asia.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -01/24/05

Source: L

Description: As families of the Paris based 1544<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company prepare to welcome back their heroes after a tour of duty, there are more things to plan for than just the homecoming.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -01/25/05

Source: L

Description: Volunteers have gone south, leaving Effingham's Meals on Wheels Program short on help. Meal on Wheels is looking for volunteers willing to use their own cars for deliveries.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -01/26/05

Source: L

Description: Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center may be saying hello to a new neighbor. The Mattoon YMCA is considering relocating its facility to Sarah Bush.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -02/04/05

Source: L

Description: On Sunday, members of the Mattoon Chamber of Commerce will organize a human linked greeting card for our troops.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -02/07/05

Source: L

Description: It's fair to say Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich and other Illinois officials are gearing up for a huge summer event.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -02/07/05

Source: L

Description: Hundreds of family and friends of troops serving overseas came to Coles County Memorial Airport Sunday to send a message of love to those fighting for our country.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -02/08/05

Source: L

Description: The Coalition for Citizen Police Review will be hosting a forum on "Community and Police Relations" tonight from 8 until 9:30.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -02/08/05

Source: L

Description: For the last 4 years, U.S. Congressman Tim Johnson and his office have set up temporary offices around East Central Illinois to hear from you, the taxpayers.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -02/08/05

Source: L

Description: The Champaign Police Department and parents of 22-year-old marine Nathan K. Moore have organized the Nathaniel Moore Memorial Fund.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/16/05  
Source: L

Description: Charleston residents shouldn't get their swimsuits out just yet, the Rotary Pool will not be opening for the Summer of 2005.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/17/05  
Source: L

Description: Today, the Effingham County Bar Association recognized Detective Bill Arnold with the first annual Distinguished Service Award at their monthly meeting.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/18/05  
Source: L

Description: This weekend residents are asked to wear their heart on their sleeve at the Show Your Heart Life Celebration and Fundraiser. The fundraiser takes place Sunday at noon, in loving memory of three-year-old Nathen Oliver of Mattoon.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/21/05  
Source: L

Description: Thursday Mettler woods Natural Area near Clinton is being added to the list of Illinois Nature Preserves.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/21/05  
Source: L

Description: News Watch will host a special tribute to the men and women of the 1544<sup>th</sup> tomorrow that will pay tribute to their sacrifices for freedom.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/21/05  
Source: L

Description: The Four H Club in Coles County is putting together care packages to send to troops stationed in Iraq.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1804 -02/22/05  
Source: L

Description: NewsWatch recognizes the 160 members of the Illinois National Guard's 1544<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1804 -02/22/05  
Source: L

Description: Shelby County Humane Society is in need of more help with a great number of stray cats and dogs the society is asking for volunteers.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/23/05  
Source: L

Description: The chilly waters of Lake Sara in Effingham will soon have a group of warm hearts plunging into its waters. The first of 14 Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunges will be diving in on March 5<sup>th</sup> to raise money for Illinois Special Olympics.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/25/05  
Source: L

Description: The Charleston Public Library is hoping to get your vote in the April 5<sup>th</sup> general election. The library will have a referendum on the ballot asking voters to approve a seven million dollar expansion of the library.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/25/05  
Source: L

Description: An assisted living center housing up to 75 residents could soon be coming to Sullivan, bringing up to nearly 50 jobs with it.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/07/05  
Source: L

Description: You could call it the ice -breaker for this year's polar plunge at Lake Sara. Held every year, volunteers collect pledges in exchange for the icy waters.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/08/05  
Source: L

Description: The International Toy Collectors Association is sponsoring a toy show in Mattoon this week.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/09/05  
Source: L

Description: Eight school districts in the area will receive grants from the Secretary of State. The Charleston School District is one of the grant's recipients.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/14/05  
Source: L

Description: This weekend Paradise Station volunteer firefighters held their annual Chile Supper at the Paradise Station firehouse.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/18/05  
Source: L

Description: Charleston Fourth of July Committee Chairman John Morrissey says country artists Aaron Tippin and Craig Morgan will be performing at this year's celebration.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/18/05  
Source: L

Description: To help inform grandparents the Coles County Council on Aging Family Caregivers is presenting a session titled Grandparents Parenting Again, What Are My Rights?

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/25/05  
Source: L

Description: A sign will be placed at the Effingham County Courthouse to honor Effingham County veterans from all branches of service.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/25/05  
Source: L

Description: Two years after fire destroyed their place of worship prayers have been answered for an Effingham County church. The parish has found peace knowing their church will never be forgotten.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/28/05  
Source: L

Description: Park owner Allen Yoder says Rockome Gardens is still up for sale with interested buyers, but owners feel keeping the park open for another summer would help local businesses with tourism.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/28/05  
Source: L

Description: This year a seven million dollar bond referendum to fund the renovation and expansion at the Charleston Carnegie Public Library will be on the April 5<sup>th</sup> ballot.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/29/05  
Source: L

Description: After years of planning construction is finally underway on a new WEIU transmission tower in Cols County.

### **Safety**

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/10/05  
Source: L

Description: Cleanup continues in Paris after a train derailed spilling Hydrochloric Acid and diesel fuel.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/10/05  
Source: L

Description: The Urbana Fire Rescue Service has recently upgraded its Emergency Medical Program to include Heartstart Defibrillators.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/10/05  
Source: L

Description: An aggressive police campaign to force drivers to wear seatbelts may be the reason fewer deaths are happening on Illinois roads. The Illinois Department of Transportation says fewer people were killed in Illinois last year than any year since 1943.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/11/05  
Source: L

Description: Forty-three counties across Illinois will hold the season's last event, the antlerless only deer hunt.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/12/05  
Source: L

Description: In Edgar County, investigators are still working to figure out what caused a train to derail spilling hydrochloric acid.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/17/05  
Source: L  
Description: One local school district is hitting the books on school to be taught the A-B-C's of emergency situations.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/19/05  
Source: L  
Description: Three police officers from Charleston, credited with saving the life of an Eastern Illinois University student say they were only doing their job.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/20/05  
Source: L  
Description: The Champaign Fire Department says fireworks may have caused a blaze that destroyed part of the Delta Chi Fraternity house last Sunday at the University of Illinois.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/20/05  
Source: L  
Description: Funeral arrangements are set for a Marshall man killed in a farming accident.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/20/05  
Source: L  
Description: Loud sirens coming to the rescue can be a comforting sound in an emergency, but a Cumberland County City has decided they can't afford it. Budget cuts across the board have sent the call for help back to the citizens.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/24/05  
Source: L  
Description: The commander of the Newport Chemical Depot says twenty gallons of a chemical agent found at the facility has been secured.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/24/05  
Source: L  
Description: Hundreds of police officers from around East Central Illinois put down their badges and head for the classroom in an effort to stop racial profiling.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/26/05  
Source: L  
Description: The city of Neoga is organizing an effort to educate the public on the upcoming ambulance service referendum.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/26/05  
Source: L  
Description: A new jail could soon be a reality for one East Central Illinois County whose current facility is literally falling apart at the seams.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/27/05  
Source: L

Description: Moultrie county board members voted last night to either build a new jail for the county or repair the old one.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/07/05  
Source: L

Description: This week has been designated National Burn Awareness Week, to provide more education to people on how to prevent fire accidents especially those involving children.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/08/05  
Source: L

Description: Moultrie County is hoping to build a new jail and the new jail will cost more than five million dollars to build.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/09/05  
Source: L

Description: A Shelbyville youth group says they are sick and tired of small town boredom. A new recreation option could soon be rolling into town.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/09/05  
Source: L

Description: The city of Neoga decided earlier this year to discontinue the emergency Ambulance Service because they are financially unable to continue funding the program.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/10/05  
Source: L

Description: The city of Greenup will be teeing off different road rules as golf carts are brought to a new course.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/11/05  
Source: L

Description: The Champaign County Sheriff's Department says no actions have been taken against officer's accused of violating the departments cell checking policy.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/14/05  
Source: L

Description: A group of men involved in renovating historical airplanes may have to think about more than just re-building and style.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/14/05  
Source: L

Description: Area residents got a wake up call when a local house caught fire and almost all of the resident's belongings were lost. Renter's insurance could prevent you from getting burned.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/15/05  
Source: L

Description: This is Child Passenger Safety week and officials want to make sure your loved ones are riding securely.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/16/05  
Source: L

Description: A state house committee has approved a proposal from Secretary of State Jesse White to increase fines for people who illegally park in a space for people with disabilities.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/23/05  
Source: L

Description: No one was hurt, but an afternoon fire destroyed a home near Arthur. Just after two this afternoon firefighters from three east central Illinois departments were called to the Schimdt residence on 561 North County Road One hundred East.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/23/05  
Source: L

Description: A Coles County fire department is kicking off a new fundraiser hoping to get help detecting heat. The Charleston Fire Department has teamed up with the Charleston Jaycees to raise money for new equipment.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/01/05  
Source: L

Description: The wait is almost over, in less than a week Moultrie County officials will find out if their plans for a major construction project are a go. Moultrie County officials are applying for a multi-million dollar grant to build a new jail.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/07/05  
Source: L

Description: As the fighting Illini prepare to enter the Sweet Sixteen Tournament, students prepare to celebrate and police prepare for anything that may result.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/07/05  
Source: L

Description: A fire breaks out at a Moultrie County home leaving a family searching for answers.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/08/05  
Source: L

Description: Wishes have finally been granted for Moultrie County officials. The county has finally been granted approval to build a new jail.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/08/05  
Source: L

Description: A new product used in anhydrous ammonia will soon sweep the crooks away and leave farmers with a happy glow on their faces.



Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/09/05  
Source: L

Description: An East Central Illinois man is dead after losing control of the semi truck he was driving , causing it to crash into an apartment complex in Champaign.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/10/05  
Source: L

Description: An East Central Illinois man whose truck crashed into a Champaign apartment complex causing it to catch fire may have died before the accident.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/11/05  
Source: L

Description: Area officials say although they're confident with local courthouse security, there's always the potential for danger.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/11/05  
Source: L

Description: A home goes up in flames in Champaign County. Firefighters say no one was home when the fire started and no one was injured.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/14/05  
Source: L

Description: The city of Champaign says they are taking extra precautions to act instead of react to possible Illini celebration problems.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/14/05  
Source: L

Description: The Effingham County Board is holding an Open House at the Historic Courthouse.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/14/05  
Source: L

Description: Area firefighters say they know more on what caused a house to catch on fire in Champaign. The Champaign Fire Department says the fire started on the first floor in the family room near the television.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/16/05  
Source: L

Description: An accident in Shelby County takes the life of a mother and son.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/18/05  
Source: L

Description: An anhydrous ammonia spill in Moultrie County closes a major highway for nearly four hours and sends a police officer to the hospital.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/18/05  
Source: L  
Description: A Mattoon resident is dead and another critically injured after an accident at the intersection of Illinois Route 16 and 300 East in Mattoon.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/18/05  
Source: L  
Description: Another Mattoon resident is dead after an accident in Douglas County last night.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/19/05  
Source: L  
Description: I-DOT says it will suspend highway construction work, where possible, to accommodate a possible increase in traffic over the heavily traveled Easter weekend.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/22/05  
Source: L  
Description: A new mobile unit may strike your attention when it comes to being educated on your safety with severe weather and fire.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/25/05  
Source: L  
Description: Voters in Cumberland County will have the opportunity to approve the tax increase during the April 5<sup>th</sup> election.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/30/05  
Source: L  
Description: Witnesses say smoke could be seen for miles as fire erupted at a local Casey Illinois business.

### **Eastern Illinois University**

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/14/05  
Source: L  
Description: The Illinois Capital Development Board began taking bids on the construction of the Doudna Fine Arts Building this week.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/19/05  
Source: L  
Description: The University's Board of Trustees will be discussing possible hikes in housing costs for 2005-2006 school year at their January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/24/05  
Source: L  
Description: The university's board of trustees met today to approve an almost eight percent price increase for Eastern students living in residence halls and Greek Court.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/25/05  
Source: L  
Description: A year from now a multi-million dollar renovation project of Blair Hall, on Eastern Illinois University's campus, should be finished.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/15/05  
Source: L  
Description: The Tarble Arts Center at eastern Illinois University receives a two million dollar gift from the Newton E. Tarble family.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/17/05  
Source: L  
Description: The North Central Association unofficially granted Eastern Illinois University its accreditation for the next ten years.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/03/05  
Source: L  
Description: A national search will start immediately for a new head men's basketball coach. Eastern has decided not to renew the contract of Rick Samuels!

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/08/05  
Source: L  
Description: EIU Board of Trustees Member Nathaniel Anderson publicly announced his resignation yesterday.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/11/05  
Source: L  
Description: More parking could soon be on the way for students and faculty at Eastern Illinois University.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/16/05  
Source: L  
Description: Blair Hall, the third oldest building on Eastern Illinois University's campus caught fire last April and has been under construction since. Project Manager Rex Hilligoss says everything has been going well and construction is currently on schedule.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/16/05  
Source: L  
Description: The fences are going up as a 46-million dollar construction project gets underway at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/29/05  
Source: L  
Description: A local exhibit shows how quilting could have helped free slaves in the Underground Railroad.

## Health

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -01/11/05

Source: L

Description: A local hospital kicks off a nine million dollar renovation project. Today's groundbreaking ceremony unveiled plans for major expansion of the Paris Community Hospital.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -01/12/05

Source: L

Description: Some major pharmaceutical companies create a new prescription drug card hoping for better prices for patients.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -01/13/05

Source: L

Description: The U.S. Department of Health has issued its new dietary guidelines for this year.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -01/13/05

Source: L

Description: Kraft Foods says it wants to make it easier for kids and adults to choose the company's more nutritious items. A new flag label will be on foods and beverages that Kraft deems better for you.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -01/14/05

Source: L

Description: Starting this year insurance companies in Illinois that cover prescription drugs are required to cover all FDA approved contraceptives.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -01/19/05

Source: L

Description: State Representative Roger Eddy is proposing a bill requiring anyone under the age of eighteen applying for a driver's permit to take a drug test.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -01/26/05

Source: L

Description: The Market Place Shopping Center in Champaign is hosting a Child Health Fair February 5<sup>th</sup>.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -02/04/05

Source: L

Description: A new program in one Effingham County community is taking an aggressive approach to reducing the risk of fire at local businesses, but despite what firefighters say they are the positive benefits of the program, some business owners say the plan is simply a waste of time.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -02/04/05

Source: L

Description: Geese at Lake Paradise will soon be going south forever as part of the cities plan to send them packing.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/07/05  
Source: L

Description: Former Illinois Governor Jim Thompson is recovering from emergency brain surgery, 68-year-old Thompson underwent an emergency surgery Sunday to remove a blood clot from his brain.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/08/05  
Source: L

Description: Doctors say former Illinois Governor Jim Thompson is expected to make a full recovery after having emergency brain surgery.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/09/05  
Source: L

Description: The Champaign-Urbana Smoke-Free Alliance wants to ban smoking in all public places and workplaces.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/09/05  
Source: L

Description: Hospitals, doctors and health care providers can now report infectious diseases to the state and local health departments electronically.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/10/05  
Source: L

Description: State officials say Illinois could save as much as 120 million dollars under the new five-year contract with Medco Health Solutions, replacing Caremark R-X.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/10/05  
Source: L

Description: You may be giving someone a second chance at life by donating your organs and tissues. Now the Secretary of State Jesse White's office wants you to have the final say in the matter.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/11/05  
Source: L

Description: On the steps of the Coles County Courthouse this morning, State Representative Chapin Rose announced his plan to stop the manufacturing and use of Methamphetamine.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/18/05  
Source: L

Description: A possibly fatal cough is rattling its way through Central Illinois. Since last year the number of whooping cough cases has more than quadrupled.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/21/05  
Source: L

Description: A Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center employee is trying out a new type of recycling to save space in landfills.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/01/05  
Source: L

Description: How to fight Methamphetamine use and abuse in your community is the focus of a town meeting in Marshall. The Clark County Extension Office is hosting the event tonight.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/02/05  
Source: L

Description: The Illinois Senate wants to fight breast cancer with money from a new lottery game. The Senate has voted 47-to-9 to create a ticket for the cure game.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/03/05  
Source: L

Description: The Coles County Health Department regularly inspects all restaurants and other businesses selling food. However, the Health Department is not required to release the information about those inspections unless it's requested.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/09/05  
Source: L

Description: The Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board voted and rejected Carle Foundation Hospital's proposal in February.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/10/05  
Source: L

Description: The results are in for the highest and lowest ranked restaurants in Coles County. These restaurants are rated by the Coles County Public Health Department according to their safety and sanitary conditions.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/22/05  
Source: L

Description: Carle Foundation Hospital has re-filed its request to build a new surgical center in Coles County.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/25/05  
Source: L

Description: The Moultrie County Health Department requires temporary food permits for anyone hosting events where food is served.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/28/05  
Source: L

Description: Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center and the Lincoln Land Hospice are hosting Understanding Advanced Directives to give more information to residents on the power of attorney, do not resuscitate orders and living wills.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/28/05  
Source: L

Description: Autoscript 3 is what may be the next generation of pharmacists, the only thing the machine can't do is handle individually packaged medicines like birth control.

## Consumer

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/11/05  
Source: L

Description: Bloomington based State Farm Mutual Auto Insurance Company will pay a 40 million dollar settlement involving vehicles it sold, but did not properly identify as damaged.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/14/05  
Source: L

Description: Ameren CIPS says energy produced by wind farms could be integrated into its power plants.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -01/24/05  
Source: L

Description: A lawsuit filed in Champaign County today accuses Carle Foundation Hospital of overcharging uninsured patients, then using overly aggressive tactics to collect the money.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/08/05  
Source: L

Description: A new call center means more jobs in Urbana and a fundraising telemarketing center could provide two hundred new jobs.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/08/05  
Source: L

Description: Passengers at the Willard Airport in Savoy will soon be able to take direct flights to Dallas, Texas.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/10/05  
Source: L

Description: For one Crawford County city recycling is becoming an uphill climb, as its budget goes down hill.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -02/14/05  
Source: L

Description: A local community hopes this one of a kind sale of the Arcola Rockome Gardens will attract a buyer that will grow the park instead of letting it die.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/01/05  
Source: L

Description: The Urbana City Council met last night to discuss a law that would help eliminate lease fraud in the city.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/18/05  
Source: L

Description: A State law bars a local tavern from opening up in one Moultrie County Community.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/18/05  
Source: L

Description: It's no secret gas prices are high, experts say it's something Americans should get used to because they're likely to stay high and may continue to rise.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/18/05  
Source: L

Description: As the price at the pumps continues to rise gas tanks aren't the only thing going empty. Many local business owners are taking the biggest hit in some cases costing them thousands of dollars a month.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/22/05  
Source: L

Description: Consolidated Communications will no longer charge its long distance customers extra for calls between Charleston and Mattoon.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/22/05  
Source: L

Description: Rockome Gardens in Arcola will stay open for a forty-eighth season after an auction last month failed to yield a buyer.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/24/05  
Source: L

Description: A new Marathon gas station opened last week on Lincoln Avenue in Charleston.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/24/05  
Source: L

Description: A wave of orange is in Chicago or at least on the way there to cheer on the Fighting Illini in the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Tournament.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -03/29/05  
Source: L

Description: Paris Superintendent of Parks Beetle Bailey says a replica of the Eiffel Tower is tentatively scheduled to be put up in Paris's Kiwanis Park.