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**ICYMI: Unemployment Reaches All-Time Low As Governor Secures Big Wins for Wisconsin**

[Madison, Wis.] – With a week that was topped off by news of a record-low unemployment rate, Gov. Walker’s bold reforms continue to accomplish positive things for our state – showing that Wisconsin is literally working now more than ever.

Gov. Walker’s ambitious 2018 agenda continues to deliver real results for hard-working families as the unemployment rate reached an all-time low, 2.9 percent, last week. In addition, Gov. Walker secured bipartisan policy wins on his \$100-per-child tax rebate, sales tax holiday, school safety plan and juvenile justice reform package. These accomplishments come on top of the bold reforms he already signed into to law this year – stabilizing Wisconsin’s health care system to lower premiums and increase options and investing more actual dollars than ever before into education, including increased Sparsity Aid for rural communities.

Read more from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel [here](#) or find excerpts below:

***ICYMI: Wisconsin’s unemployment rate falls to lowest level ever: 2.9%***

*By John Schmid*

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

As labor markets tighten across the nation, Wisconsin’s estimated unemployment rate dipped below 3.0% in February for the first time to a record low of 2.9%, while the state also set a record for the total number of people employed.

Thursday’s report from the state Department of Workforce Development amounts to the second bullish headline in recent days on Wisconsin employment prospects. Last week, ManpowerGroup Inc. released its latest outlook survey showing a sharp increase in the number of Wisconsin

employers planning to increase hiring in the upcoming April-June quarter — and that Wisconsin's employment outlook is tied with New Hampshire in leading the nation in its projected job-creation forecast.

"Where I live in Mequon, you can't go past a restaurant or retail establishment where there isn't a 'Help Wanted' sign in the window," said Mark Marcon, a Milwaukee-based labor market analyst at the R.W. Baird & Co. investment firm. "When you talk to certain companies, like staffing agencies, they are having a hard time finding people." ...

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