MADISON - We had a great time at our annual celebration this week in Madison, with many speakers expressing hope for the future of our state, and our country.

WDC's annual gathering focused on hope (poet Angie Trudell Vasquez pictu red below)

You can also view it, since WisconsinEye recorded most of it.

This week, we also kept up our reporting on the problem of money in politics in Wisconsin.



We just posted a story about UW system president Ray Cross, and the political donations he and his wife have made over the past several years. Here it is:

Ray Cross and his wife contributed to GOP

And we wrote about Attorney General Brad Schimel's formal opinion that ties the hands of the DNR on the issue of high-capacity wells. Here you can see that Schimel sided with the folks that shoveled a lot of money his way:

AG's ruling on wells praised by special interests that spent $2.2M to elect him

And finally, the family that owns the most dangerous frac mine in the country, and also has a mine in Wisconsin near Prairie du Chien, has lavished money on Walker, as well:

Owners of worst frac sand mine gave $8K to Walker

Campaign money is playing a bigger role in our state government now than in any time in the last 100 years, and you can rely on us not only to expose this corruption but to point the way forward.

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