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#### EDUCATION

How should Detroit schools spend \$94M literacy lawsuit settlement funds? A task force weighs in  
<https://bit.ly/3SYSxmq>

How Black Educators Navigate Intersectional Identities in the Classroom  
<https://bit.ly/49yJ2Qs>

A new study has found that a long-standing voluntary school desegregation program in Massachusetts has a significant positive impact on the urban students who take part in it  
<https://bit.ly/3P8s1Fd>

State universities admit more out-of-state students for the tuition bump; In 47 states, schools have a higher proportion of students from elsewhere than 20 years ago  
<https://bit.ly/3SAOknl>

Transferring from community college to a Bachelor's degree is a 'terribly unfortunate' mistake for most, expert says  
<https://bit.ly/49Bf1Q5>

Inviting Community College Students to See Themselves as University Researchers; How a research program inspires community college students to consider transferring to earn bachelor's degrees  
<https://bit.ly/3uDz1mj>

Using the SAT, ACT in college admissions isn't 'racist.' What else has the left got wrong? Counter to the progressive groupthink on this issue, researchers found that low-income students are actually harmed when SAT or ACT scores aren't considered in their admissions application  
<https://bit.ly/3uD4xks>

How the New Racism Took Over Our Colleges  
<https://bit.ly/48lcmcn>

Study: Policies Restricting Teaching About Race and Gender Spill Over into Other States and Localities

<https://bit.ly/49dcR9q>

Nearly two-thirds of teachers steer clear of charged topics; RAND study finds curriculum restrictions are having an effect even on educators in states without limits on instruction

<https://bit.ly/48ldmNB>

Beware Civics Education's 'Wolf in Sheep's Clothing'; A private grant for K-5 pilot programs in civics education promotes a radical agenda, including ideological "action civics" as a substitute for the traditional approach

<http://tinyurl.com/5n93xkue>

The head of Oklahoma's Board of Education celebrated the departure of a local elementary school principal who resigned recently after their school received hate-induced threats

<https://bit.ly/49wumSx>

Deepfakes heighten the need for media literacy in the age of AI; Fears of the tech being used to create fake nude images of students or to stir up public misinformation are already a reality. What can schools do now?

<https://bit.ly/3l2CgHa>

Lessons from sports psychology research; Scientists are probing the head games that influence athletic performance, from coaching to coping with pressure

<https://bit.ly/3SGWjjh>

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The climate change lesson plans teachers need and don't have

<https://bit.ly/497FRPX>

Next step if Chicago Public Schools drops Aramark: Make sure it's really the end of dirty schools; After 10 years and \$900M in contracts, if Aramark hasn't fully made the case for privatization as the better option, then CPS has to shake things up

<https://bit.ly/3wbOZEw>

A proposal in Springfield would let Chicago Public School local school councils make final decision on cops in schools

<https://bit.ly/3SB8SMS>

Chicago counselor focuses on building relationships to get students to share

<https://bit.ly/3SlgAoj>

North Shore School District 112 Approves Administrator Promotions

<https://bit.ly/3wkkHj6>

Manhattan District 114 Board vote will remove bulletin board with Pride symbols

<https://bit.ly/3uzWK6O>

Illinois State University Launches School of Creative Technologies: A Leap into Modern Arts Education

<https://bit.ly/3P7uC2b>

Final 4 ISU presidential candidates plan campus visits

<https://bit.ly/3OKIzny>

Statewide Coalition Advocates for Funding Healthy School Meals for All Illinois Students

<https://bit.ly/49yMoD6>

Two new funds announced for Foundation of Northwest Illinois

<https://bit.ly/3UGZeLa>

Latino boys at one selective Chicago high school find support through 'Colegio' peer mentoring

<https://bit.ly/4bHJAFu>

What's the importance of state scientists? State scientists are a critical part of research efforts at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

<https://bit.ly/3SXyFjM>

Columbia College's president is stepping down; President Kwang-Wu Kim's resignation comes after a school year upended by a lengthy strike.

<https://bit.ly/3wq4pFe>

School of the Art Institute of Chicago selects Korean artist, educator as its next president

<https://bit.ly/3I1M2Jp>

Waukegan board debates goals after superintendent earns \$18K bonus; 'They are numbers that show student growth'

<https://bit.ly/42Okwsr>

A league of their own: Girls flag football becomes IHSA sport

<https://bit.ly/49dDeMH>

Kaneland High, sheriff's office mourning death of school resource officer

<https://bit.ly/49gNDXS>

District 303 spends nearly \$2M on new buses, minivans

<https://bit.ly/3wlZAwP>

NASCAR Honors CPS for Innovative STEM Program at Drive for Diversity Awards

<https://bit.ly/3HZvRwj>

UChicago student volunteers foster creativity and belonging at South Side school

<https://bit.ly/3UEGRqf>

In its second year, TEAACH Act faces implementation challenges at Evanston THS

<https://bit.ly/3I6Flpi>

Most Rockford elementary schools expanded their school day to focus on literacy. Has it helped?

<https://bit.ly/3V041rB>

St. Charles D-303 adopts mold removal plan for mobile elementary classrooms

<https://bit.ly/49DIABY>

St. Charles School District finalizes new district enrollment zones

<https://bit.ly/3wjr869>

Kids take part in first-ever Central Illinois KidWind Renewable Energy Challenge; Middle schoolers showcase their problem-solving skills in Normal

<https://bit.ly/49dqCVC>

Substitute teacher arrested for grooming in Christian County; A substitute teacher has been arrested for providing cellular devices to minor students without their parents' permission

<https://bit.ly/48dvgle>

New office to open at NIU for US Geological Survey

<https://bit.ly/49fjZIT>

NIU conference prepares future faculty of color

<https://bit.ly/3OKyWE4>

Eastern's spring-to-spring enrollment remains steady

<https://bit.ly/3wb615F>

Central Catholic in Bloomington takes \$10M fundraising campaign public

<https://bit.ly/3OIs7CU>

Illinois Central College leads a group of seven partners in the Employ Central Illinois Initiative. The program allows for staff to align work-based learning experiences with school credits and three post-secondary apprenticeships, giving high-school students "real-life" work experience, before they've graduated; \$3M grant

<https://bit.ly/42G6OI0>

Corpus Christi Catholic School awarded grant for native plant education

<https://bit.ly/49hdLBN>

Moline-Coal Valley school leaders propose selling Allendale, share other facility updates on Monday

<https://bit.ly/3HZTtRm>

Quincy Public School District staff and students highlight School Resource Officers on appreciation day

<https://bit.ly/3SXRnb1>

Targeting diversity efforts; Complaint filed against SIU School of Medicine for scholarship honoring Tracey Meares

<https://bit.ly/3wjvOm>

Lake Land College sees increase in spring enrollment

<https://bit.ly/4bHBpcc>

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Retail sales tumbled 0.8% in January, much more than expected; Sales at building materials and garden stores were especially weak, sliding 4.1%. Miscellaneous store sales fell 3% and motor vehicle parts and retailers saw a 1.7% decrease

<https://cnb.cx/42IKpcZ>

Industrial production edged down 0.1 percent in January after recording no change in December. In January, manufacturing output declined 0.5 percent and mining output fell 2.3 percent; winter weather contributed to the declines in both sectors

<https://bit.ly/3SH4pIH>

The National Association of Home Builders reported the housing market index was at 48, up from 44 last month. Any number below 50 indicates that more builders view sales conditions as poor than good

<https://bit.ly/3l0D3rT>

Why 6.625% Is An Affordable Mortgage Rate In 2024

<https://bit.ly/3wixJxz>

Harvard (Mis)Leading Housing Study; Its key metric is what it calls "cost-burdened renters"-those spending more than a third of their income on rent

<https://bit.ly/3UEHUqb>

Los Angeles may have finally figured out how to build affordable housing, fast; Executive Directive One was designed to help tackle the city's massive housing shortage by streamlining the approval process

<https://bit.ly/42IGXzb>

'Granny flat' bill passes Rhode Island House, setting up bigger challenge in the Senate

<https://bit.ly/48yKth7>

What Does Banning Short-Term Rentals Really Accomplish? A research-backed look at the laws against companies like Airbnb and VRBO

<http://tinyurl.com/jhz4hsjk>

In Southwest Florida, High Home Insurance Rates Are Driving Away Would-Be Buyers

<http://tinyurl.com/56kyy8c7>

The Brutal Reality of Plunging Office Values Is Here; Commercial-property deals in the US are starting to pick up - at deep discounts that are forcing lenders around the world to brace for souring loans

<https://bloom.bg/3SFpwLs>

To Design Cities Right, We Need to Focus on People; Far too often, city planning is approached as an engineering problem, instead of connecting people with the land

<https://bit.ly/48h6eBS>

Transportation and public health 'need to be working in collaboration with each other'; Where transportation is - and is not - located has a significant impact on public health outcomes, especially in low-income communities and communities of color

<https://bit.ly/3SDDm0N>

America \*Must\* End Highway Expansions; Until we have a credible plan for maintaining our existing transportation infrastructure, we must stop building more roads and bridges. Period

<https://bit.ly/4bE2zAQ>

There's More Than One Way To Save a Street Tree; The only thing worse than losing a mature street tree to disease is losing a mature tree to construction

<https://bit.ly/49yKL8q>

Electric Vehicles Aren't Ready for Extreme Heat and Cold. Here's How to Fix Them; New materials would help the cars of the future survive cold snaps and other climate disruptions

<https://bit.ly/3SDyKYx>

Students lose out as cities and states give \$Bs in property tax breaks to businesses - draining school budgets and especially hurting the poorest students

<https://bit.ly/3I07EFV>

Kansas City Royals propose a Crossroads stadium that would demolish several blocks; The entire development will require a \$2B investment, which the team says is the largest public-private partnership in Jackson County. The Royals say they will invest \$1B of private funds into the project

<https://bit.ly/3I30WPu>

America is getting \$970M to improve its airports. Transportation Secretary Buttigieg has a few ideas about how to spend it

<https://bit.ly/3SZso79>

Michigan lawmakers: Gotion's EV subsidy a national security concern

<https://bit.ly/42EJfiU>

Ford CEO says company will rethink where it builds vehicles after last year's autoworkers strike

<https://bit.ly/4bDqO28>

Michigan is no longer a 'right-to-work' state; "Right-to-work" laws prohibit "union security" agreements, which require employees to pay union dues as a condition of employment in a unionized workplace

<https://bit.ly/3UItY8m>

Resolved: The U.S. Should Stop Growing Tobacco; It kills Ms, it has no productive use, and even its farmers see the end coming

<https://bit.ly/49AYvj3>

The Social Cost of Algorithmic Management; Being managed by algorithms makes coworkers less willing to help each other

<https://bit.ly/42GHeCM>

Google's Flagship AI Model Gets a Mighty Fast Upgrade; Just two months after Alphabet made its Gemini AI model public, it's rolling out a new version that can handle several times as much audio, video, and text input as GPT-4

<https://bit.ly/3UJAfao>

Meta's new AI model learns by watching videos

<https://bit.ly/3SASV9s>

OpenAI introduces Sora, its text-to-video AI model; OpenAI's latest model takes text prompts and turns them into 'complex scenes with multiple characters, specific types of motion,' and more

<https://bit.ly/49BgZJJ>

The big design freak-out: A generation of design leaders grapple with their future; Did business really break up with design, or did it just break up with a generation of design leadership?

<https://bit.ly/3SJXA9d>

Are fictional dystopias blocking us from better futures? Do grim sci-fi scenarios crush our hopes for real-world growth?

<https://bit.ly/4bDck2g>

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Illinois' corporate income tax rate now 2nd highest in U.S.

<https://bit.ly/49DHHYS>

The leader of the state's largest business lobby says proposed changes to a controversial data privacy law are a "move in the right direction," but says more can be done to help protect businesses from frivolous claims; The Biometric Information Privacy Act has been at the center of controversy

<https://bit.ly/3SFvVX0>

Hey, Chicago - take a lesson from floundering District Detroit; The Chicago White Sox want a new stadium south of downtown

<https://bit.ly/3OJopcp>

O'Hare International Airport is getting an additional \$40M for upgrades to Terminal 3 from President Joe Biden's infrastructure law. The airport will now receive a total of \$90M from the law

<https://bit.ly/49UzbF1>

Illinois dairy industry officials are discussing possible ways to tackle the forecasted increase in production expenses and drop in farm income

<https://bit.ly/49B63SV>

Codeveloper Of 400 Luxury Apartments In Westfield Old Orchard Revealed in Skokie

<https://bit.ly/4bEiaAo>

Chick-fil-A to open new location in Pullman; Construction is slated to begin this spring and will create 145 jobs, in addition to 125 positions at the Chick-fil-A when it opens later this year.

<https://bit.ly/48ol7B8>

Restaurant group behind Etta, Aya Pastry files for bankruptcy; Etta Collective's bankruptcy is the latest blow to owner David Pisor, who's restructuring the company that still has locations in Bucktown, West Town and Arizona.

<https://bit.ly/42lgIsL>

Naper Settlement launching all-new farmers market this summer

<https://bit.ly/3OMNraC>

New market analysis provides the data needed to make downtown Elgin a destination for visitors, residents

<https://bit.ly/3SJJ3ds>

Exclusive: Home values by race, mapped

<https://bit.ly/3l6Emp6>

Cook County Celebrates Small Business Grants Awarded to 3,000 Recipients

<https://bit.ly/3uCGEt7>

Mundelein mayor touts downtown redevelopment in State of the Village speech

<https://bit.ly/3T1vh7F>

Barrington-area leaders tout growth at annual economic summit

<https://bit.ly/3wjJVhA>

Target launches new in-house brand focused on affordable everyday items

<https://bit.ly/3HYZKwC>

New NRDC study urges states to get creative with their finances, and invest in walking, biking, and transit

<https://bit.ly/3UD4Ru3>

A Chicago-based "innovation hub" affiliated with the University of Chicago got a \$160M boost for the development of a technique to remove harmful chemicals from the Great Lakes, thanks to a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF).

<https://bit.ly/3wpJbqZ>

Evanston opens "Sustain Evanston" Incentive Program application period; Grants up to \$25,000 available for local businesses embracing sustainable practices

<https://bit.ly/42DUV5u>

Marcus & Millichap has brokered the sale of Light Road Apartments in Oswego for an undisclosed price. Built in 1972, the 168-unit multifamily property is situated on 10 acres.

<https://bit.ly/49wBhKI>

Huntley Village Board looks at plans for 41 single-family home subdivision

<https://bit.ly/49fiYu5>

Keeping the 'history' in historic homes



<https://bit.ly/49yXsQA>

Peoria Riverview Plaza owners have not started repairs, reopening undetermined; One tenant says he's not hopeful it'll will open soon, or stay open

<https://bit.ly/3UHHiFh>

The Picklr chain plans new indoor pickleball courts in Normal

<https://bit.ly/3wl92k7>

Planners seek public input on transportation roadmap for vulnerable populations in central Illinois

<https://bit.ly/3wfNIBL>

Peoria residents express optimism about Adams-Jefferson conversion project

<https://bit.ly/3Ulaszb>

Deere reports Q1 net income of \$1.751B

<https://bit.ly/4bE599U>

Unemployment claims in Illinois declined last week

<https://bit.ly/3l6HWzy>

Shrinking trend continues in latest Census of Ag

<https://bit.ly/4bByFx9>

Farm Bill 2024: Reviewing A February Data Blitz and Tough Realities

<https://bit.ly/3HZTRzi>

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Another Sputnik moment for Russia? Putin announces cancer vaccine; After a successful COVID-19 vaccine, Russia reveals a promising breakthrough in cancer research

<https://bit.ly/4bG3vF2>

Can you sanitize the inside of your nose to prevent COVID? Nope, FDA says; There are a lot of COVID nasal sprays for sale, but little data to show they work

<https://bit.ly/48ns3zw>

Lung cavity hosts 'virus-eating cells' that combat flu infections; A newfound function of the fluid-filled sac that surrounds our lungs has come into the spotlight

<https://bit.ly/49sqod4>

Researchers have discovered virus-like 'lifeforms' that exist inside human mouths and guts; Smaller than a virus and not considered standard life, the genetic material can still transfer information that can be read by a cell; We had no idea these things existed, and we certainly aren't certain yet what they do

<https://bit.ly/42lVevF>

Bacteria in your gut can improve your mood - new research in mice tries to zero in on the crucial strains

<https://bit.ly/3uCOxFu>

Inside the plan to diagnose Alzheimer's in people with no memory problems - and who stands to benefit

<https://lat.ms/48jCiVH>

Families are being financially wiped out by out-of-pocket costs for dementia care; For adults with dementia, the average monthly out-of-pocket cost for residential care was \$3,090; and for nursing homes, it was \$3,849 a month. For people without dementia, this was \$2,801 and \$2,176, respectively

<https://bit.ly/3OJYuBq>

These Glow-in-the-Dark Flowers Will Make Your Garden Look Like Avatar; Adding genes from luminous mushrooms yielded brightly glowing specimens that needed no special care

<https://bit.ly/3SGyJTB>

In a world first, a woman will marry an AI hologram; A 57-year-old Spanish woman is set to tie the knot with her AI partner, AILex

<https://bit.ly/4bDeqza>

Kids' Online Safety Bill Gets Revamp With Wide Support in Senate

<https://bit.ly/42Gbspn>

New York City sues TikTok, Instagram, and other social media companies over youth mental health crisis

<https://bit.ly/3SYT2gi>

'It is hijacking my brain' - a team of experts found ways to help young people addicted to social media to cut the craving

<https://bit.ly/42GaEkl>

More Teens Are Opting for Virtual Therapy; Amid the ongoing mental health crisis among young people, telehealth can offer a lifeline

<https://bit.ly/3uzHE18>

Running or yoga can help beat depression, research shows - even if exercise is the last thing you feel like

<https://bit.ly/3wt4M1K>

What Online Gambling Is Doing to Our Brains and Bodies; Omnipresent betting is taking its toll

<https://bit.ly/48j4rMr>

Suicide rates in the US are on the rise. A new study offers surprising reasons why

<https://bit.ly/3UJXHEs>

Your Car Is Monitoring You; But motorists are finding ways to sidestep Big Brother

<https://bit.ly/3OLRMdZ>

Backdoors that let cops decrypt messages violate human rights, EU court says; Cops have alternative means to access encrypted messages, court says

<https://bit.ly/3uqGNQx>

Israeli group to study MDMA therapy for October 7 survivors with PTSD; The group MAPS Israel tackles a collective trauma, raising questions about the ongoing traumatization of Palestinians

<https://bit.ly/42Gb6z3>

Farmers in Crisis, Long Overlooked, Are Finally Getting Mental Health Support

<https://bit.ly/3l1LkMc>

Minnesota lawmakers eye additional oversight for peer recovery services; Legislators are considering regulations to rein in "wild West" of peer addiction recovery services

<https://bit.ly/48fX5cB>

Nitazenes are a class of synthetic opioids that contains more than 20 unique compounds, including isotonitazene, which was first identified in 2019 and is known on the streets as ISO

<https://bit.ly/3wlKI1t>

More people die after smoking substances than injecting them, US study finds

<https://bit.ly/49dhW1u>

St. Louis is facing police shortages, including a record number of vacancies, as critics blame left-wing politicians who leaned into the "defund police" movement

<https://bit.ly/48pdZp7>

Nevada governor said ghost guns weren't a 'big issue' in Las Vegas. Police records tell a different story; Officers seized hundreds in one year

<https://bit.ly/3wkGIDV>

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Chicago City Council rejects arbitrator's disciplinary ruling for police officers a second time

<https://bit.ly/3whjU2h>

The current \$49M contract with ShotSpotter expires Friday, meaning the gunshot detection system that covers 12 of Chicago's 22 police districts could be shut down as early as the end of that day.

<https://bit.ly/49bR1Dg>

Gun Rights Groups Ask SCOTUS To Review Illinois' Assault Weapons Ban

<https://bit.ly/3T0JxNJ>

Illinois has recently awarded a \$4B, multi-year contract to a Pennsylvania firm to provide medical services to prison inmates

<https://bit.ly/3SOx2Uq>

Proposed House Bill 4876 would amend the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act to say an "abused child" is one whose parents deny abortion services, or "gender-affirming services"

<https://bit.ly/3uDFjIV>

Democratic candidates for Cook County state's attorney made their case to the Chicago Tribune Editorial

Board, sparring mildly over their assessment of the county's outgoing top prosecutor, Kim Foxx

<https://bit.ly/3OHrnOw>

911 Calls On South, West Sides Ignored While 'Rapid Response' Chicago Cops Make Traffic Stops Instead

<https://bit.ly/3uqWKGp>

Syphilis cases in Chicago babies more than doubled in two years, study shows

<https://bit.ly/4bwO0yW>

Mayor Brandon Johnson notably absent as Gov. J.B. Pritzker, Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle pledge \$250MM in migrant aid

<https://bit.ly/3SOCQxc>

Barrington considers hiring crossing guards at railroad tracks

<https://bit.ly/49heDX0>

CDC might drop 5-day COVID-19 isolation guideline - prompting mixed feelings in Chicago expert

<https://bit.ly/42JLhyo>

Lawsuit filed against Dolton, Riverdale, officers after Taser used on boy with autism

<https://abc7.ws/3HXJ5JY>

911 Calls On South, West Sides Ignored While 'Rapid Response' Cops Make Traffic Stops Instead

<https://bit.ly/49A7z7U>

UIC research helps create new antibiotic that evades bacterial resistance

<https://bit.ly/3T0JI0X>

You've been pulled over. What are your rights?

<https://bit.ly/3OKfg3i>

National Weather Service hosting spotter training classes throughout Central Illinois

<https://bit.ly/3SZiPoC>

Police training expert weighs in on split-second decision-making during officer-involved shootings

<https://bit.ly/3OMxgKe>

Fire departments collaborate to better serve area residents

<https://bit.ly/3OMsHjj>

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Tedious Parts of City Planning Could Be Turned Over to AI; A New Hampshire city joins a growing list of local governments that are turning over some of the more time-intensive tasks of planning operations to artificial intelligence technologies

<https://bit.ly/3T0wGLu>

How 3 cities are improving snow removal with software; More transparency, equity and efficiency come from systems that optimize and prioritize plows and provide real-time road data during winter storms

<https://bit.ly/3SyDXAE>

7 Strategies to Get Your Employees On Board with GenAI; A culture that accepts this new technology can also learn how to innovate with it

<http://tinyurl.com/a6xuzfs4>

How does race affect the muni bond market? The Stanford Professor Taking on Racism in the \$4T Muni-Bond Market; Historian Destin Jenkins studies how municipal bonds have contributed to inequality in American cities

<https://on.wsj.com/3OLVTqr>

Tweaks lowering Indiana property taxes face opposition from local governments, schools

<https://bit.ly/3SERiHO>

The City of Tomorrow Will Run on Your Toilet Water; Researchers are finding better ways to extract drinking water, compost, and even energy from wastewater. It's not gross. It's science

<https://bit.ly/3l27NsD>

Data on PFAS in Some Plastics Concealed by EPA, Lawsuit Alleges

<https://bit.ly/4bE2ltu>

The Rise of the Equity Analyst: Transforming DEI With Data; The creation of a new position in Indianapolis highlights an emerging trend of recruiting employees with technical data skills to focus on DEI initiatives. But can agencies successfully fill the roles and develop robust programs?

<https://bit.ly/3uCjxil>

6 ways leaders can excel with a "fear-embracing mindset"; A fear-embracing mindset doesn't demand that leaders be fearless. Instead, it encourages them to act despite fear's presence

<https://bit.ly/3SCQ1RH>

Why leaders need to say 'no' in order to be successful; Here are 5 variables to consider when deciding to say "no" or "yes" to something

<http://tinyurl.com/4pc2fez6>

4 virtuoso strategies for handling your bad boss; We can't always change our horrible bosses - but we can transform the ways we interact with them

<https://bit.ly/49idLLs>

Overcoming our nihilistic, uncreative world; Everything is getting blander: creative sectors like music and movies are a shell of themselves, entertainment championed and art mocked. But no one is forcing you to join the circus. . .

<https://bit.ly/49huvZR>

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Illinois Municipal League proposes legislative agenda 'Moving Cities Forward'

<https://bit.ly/3l6ydJy>

Campaign Cash from Chicago City Contractors Target of New Ethics Ordinance

<https://bit.ly/3UlwGRF>

Mayors across Illinois returned to the capitol, once again asking for the state to invest more into the Local Government Distributive Fund

<https://bit.ly/3wkcCeg>

Local pension costs and property taxes top of mind for some at Illinois statehouse; Part of the Illinois Municipal League's 2024 legislative agenda includes re-amortizing local pension debt beyond the aim of 90% funded by 2040

<https://bit.ly/3U121E1>

Governor Pritzker and Cook County Board President Preckwinkle to seek \$250M more to alleviate Chicago's migrant crisis; The governor and Cook County Board president's funding agreement is noticeably missing a key partner - the city of Chicago

<https://bit.ly/3SFi6b0>

Illinois to spend another \$160M on Chicago migrant crisis

<https://bit.ly/3uz9F9a>

Mayors want work permits extended to keep migrants employed, receive new asylum seekers

<https://fxn.ws/3l3lhUQ>

How are the Chicago suburbs handling the influx of migrants? After a crackdown in Chicago on unannounced buses dropping off migrants, a growing number of suburbs have been receiving newcomers

<https://bit.ly/3uzarTC>

New limitations on campaign contributions from the owners and executives of city contractors could potentially keep hundreds of donations and hundreds of thousands of dollars out of Chicago's next election cycle

<https://bit.ly/3T1oSJi>

Chicago Mayor Johnson's drivers accumulated 14 traffic tickets for speeding or running red lights - with 12 still unpaid - totaling \$1,640

<https://bit.ly/48goDP3>

Illinois officials are concerned about Lake Michigan contamination, but the Army Corps of Engineers says it's still committed to a plan to expand a Southeast Side site that stores sediment dredged from the Calumet River.

<https://bit.ly/42E7aip>

Cook County property tax official running for sixth term rakes in cash from appeals industry

<http://tinyurl.com/4e88m6u7>

Attorney general orders Dolton to release spending records

<https://bit.ly/3uAf6EI>

Tiffany Henyard controversy: Thornton Township residents denied public comment in board meeting

<https://bit.ly/497Ilhf>

Chicagoland residents in the Southwest suburbs expressed concerns after two of Illinois' biggest water service providers requested rate hikes in the tens, to hundreds of \$Ms

<https://bit.ly/3uD3HUQ>

Early voting opens in the Loop for March primary - 'We have a country to fix'

<https://bit.ly/3UDxl6Z>

Chicago's down-ballot races, explained

<https://bit.ly/48jPeLf>

Cook County property tax official running for sixth term rakes in cash from appeals industry

<https://bit.ly/4bG6q0o>

Cook County panel turns down Bears' tax appeal, but decision isn't final

<https://bit.ly/3l20yAN>

Des Plaines Expected To OK \$270,000 Salary For City's First Ever Female City Manager

<https://bit.ly/48kHvfK>

As Robbins water main leak continues, tensions among officials heightens

<https://bit.ly/3wdCHeO>

What Illinoisians need to know about Renewable Energy Credits

<https://bit.ly/4bBXHfD>

DuPage County receives clean energy grant

<https://bit.ly/4bwOLbg>

Cemetery board in Huntley could be abolished

<https://bit.ly/3SJWABQ>

ComEd is making a huge change to billing - and some customers may need to take action

<https://bit.ly/48kGqEI>

Chicago Metra Riders Face Persistent Issues as Ventra App Freezes During Rush Hour

<https://bit.ly/3SJNj3>

All residents of Salem Village in Joliet relocated as of Feb 8, but nursing home faces more that a dozen lawsuits still open in Will County courts.

<https://bit.ly/3SF2vIr>

City of Peoria accepting applications for utility bill assistance

<https://bit.ly/3SY8rxC>

Peoria's Park District is starting the process of taking contract offers for the around \$20,000 fireworks display.  
<https://bit.ly/3usdxsD>

New garbage cans coming to Rockford: What do I do with my old one?  
<https://bit.ly/42FhJ4S>

McLean County to open Family Treatment Court  
<https://bit.ly/3SZrUhd>

IDOT awards \$57M in new vehicles to Illinois transit providers  
<https://bit.ly/3OKft6p>

Pratt 'trying to salvage what is left' after judges name him interim chief public defender for Adams County  
<https://bit.ly/48oDxm9>

This spring, Western Illinois is set to experience a once-in-a-lifetime event: the emergence of two cicada broods at the same time.  
<https://bit.ly/3SBh27Y>

ARPA money used to improve Williamson County water infrastructure  
<https://bit.ly/49frp8p>

## SPACE NEEDS - NEW PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Nearly one-third of public schools (31 percent) have one or more non-permanent (portable) buildings in use on campus  
<https://bit.ly/4bDPs2u>

The average age of a main instructional school building is 49 years, according to survey findings released Thursday by the National Center for Education Statistics. Some 38% of these facilities were built even earlier - before 1970  
<https://bit.ly/49dqDJp>

Student Housing Has a New Mantra: Bigger Is Better; Off-campus complexes are getting larger, with some being home to more than 1,500 students, and being built on prime parcels of land as close to campus as possible  
<https://nyti.ms/48rynX2>

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Residents are poised to weigh in on a \$183M bond referendum question presented by Glenbard District 87  
<https://bit.ly/3l2Rlsg>

O'Hare to receive \$40M in federal grant money; The airport will use the grant money to make improvements to Terminal 3, including widening the central passenger corridor.



<https://bit.ly/3wgMGQG>

Elgin to seek bids for sport complex expansion with an eye toward keeping price at \$14M

<https://bit.ly/3uCFVlp>

Vaccine drive-thru, other upgrades eyed for McHenry County health department facility

<https://bit.ly/4bEgIhq>

After further consideration, the village of Mount Prospect will not use general contractor Nicholas & Associates to oversee the build-out of Fire Station 11 on Algonquin Road, previously home to the Elk Grove Rural Fire Protection District.

<https://bit.ly/48iztEj>

## STATE & FEDERAL

Labor dispute continues between Teamsters and Illinois Department of Transportation

<https://bit.ly/3UB4Y9s>

A potential strike is looming for Illinois Department of Transportation workers.

<https://bit.ly/49djd8M>

Illinoisans pay tens of \$Ms each year to utilities to cover costs they accrue for lawyers, belonging to trade groups, making charitable contributions and purchasing advertisements meant to boost utilities' public image

<https://bit.ly/3wpZ4xG>

Illinois lawmakers will consider expanding the power for citizens to amend the Illinois Constitution through petitions, including for issues such as term limits and to end gerrymandering.

<https://bit.ly/3OJJGCK>

Illinois' corporate income tax rate now 2nd highest in U.S.

<https://bit.ly/48hKVQv>

Health group hopes for funding amid looming deadline

<https://bit.ly/3ULiR4T>

Bipartisan group of state lawmakers propose estate tax reform for Illinois family farms

<https://bit.ly/48jz58k>

Local pension costs and property taxes top of mind for some at Illinois statehouse

<https://bit.ly/3OJJLGy>

Illinois Congressman instrumental in passing tax relief package in U.S. House

<https://bit.ly/3SJCYxE>

Gov. J.B. Pritzker plans to announce \$182M of additional state taxpayer funds for the coming fiscal year to address the ongoing migrant crisis.

<https://bit.ly/48m2IWN>

GOP calls Pritzker's 'taxpayer savings' in migrant health care disingenuous

<https://bit.ly/49BqlpN>

The Illinois Department of Transportation announced Thursday that more than 500 paratransit vehicles valued at \$57.1M have been awarded to 113 transit providers through its Consolidated Vehicle Procurement Program.

<https://bit.ly/3SJHVXu>

Illinois legislator seeks social media ID others say could violate free speech

<https://bit.ly/3wlrqta>

Measure would make parents abusers for denying children sx changes

<https://bit.ly/4blhlkP>

Legislation introduced to allow assisted suicide in Illinois

<https://bit.ly/3SDKhHj>

Illinois lawmakers could pass a critical plan this spring to require autopsies to be performed by board-certified pathologists.

<https://bit.ly/49A8IMK>

Looking for ice? It's at historic low levels on the Great Lakes, experts say.

<https://bit.ly/3wlynKM>

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Federal tax revenue increased 33% since Congress passed the Trump-era tax reform bill in 2017, while spending increased more than 50% over that same time frame

<https://bit.ly/3UKjhse>

U.S. Women Have Become More Liberal; Men Mostly Stable; Young women's, senior women's liberal identity up 11 points since 1999; Middle-aged women have also become more liberal, but less strongly

<https://bit.ly/3T19DPJ>

'Women's Bill of Rights' passes West Virginia House; Democrats say it's a vehicle for discrimination

<https://bit.ly/3T1lu12>

Arizona Republicans want to ban guaranteed basic income programs; The bill's sponsor likened the programs to socialism, a claim that has been levied by lawmakers in other states looking to enact similar preemptive bans

<https://bit.ly/49BQzhr>

Utah lawmakers may end ranked choice voting pilot program early; Critics cite confusion and 'voter confidence,' but proponents urge lawmakers to let experiment finish for holistic data

<https://bit.ly/49ECwb5>

Conservative Group Concedes It Can't Back Up Its Election Fraud Charges; True the Vote told a Georgia court that it can't produce any evidence to support claims of widespread ballot fraud in Georgia

<https://bit.ly/49Ufw8b>

We Need Gun Safety Ahead of Elections in the U.S.; U.S. elected officials must protect public health and the foundations of our democracy by limiting the intrusion of guns into politics

<https://bit.ly/42NTQjO>

Idaho legislators debate amending U.S. Constitution through convention of states; Idaho is debating whether to call for a unique way to amend the Constitution. But some, including conservative activists, worry process is 'uncontrollable'

<https://bit.ly/42K7Qmy>

The part of America that's trying to break free and become its own country

<https://bit.ly/49DPV3c>

Joe Manchin floats Mitt Romney as a potential running mate as he weighs a presidential bid

<https://nbcnews.to/3SYYS1f>

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.: Breaking free from the two-party system

<https://bit.ly/49BpKtF>

An FBI informant has been charged with lying to his handler about ties between President Joe Biden, his son Hunter and a Ukrainian energy company

<https://bit.ly/48ivLKS>

Sources say U.S. intelligence agencies 'illegally mobilized foreign intelligence agencies to target Trump advisors long before the summer of 2016'

<https://bit.ly/3SIIVLd>

Tennessee's Attorney General issued a rare opinion, questioning the legality of a bill sponsored by 13 Republicans to limit the President's ability to federalize the state national guard

<https://bit.ly/4bHXgR5>

Texas and Biden administration lawyers face off in court over new law making illegal border crossing a state crime

<https://bit.ly/49zH9TM>

Democrats embrace tougher border enforcement, seeing Trump's demolition of agreement as a 'gift'

<https://bit.ly/42EQhE6>

Is the Mexican government hiding how many people have gone missing?

<https://bit.ly/3OHAYcU>

Catholic bishops in Mexico say they negotiated for possible peace accord with cartel leaders

<https://bit.ly/42XexBT>

President Putin said that Russia would prefer to see U.S. President Biden win a second term, describing him as more experienced and predictable than Trump - even though Moscow strongly disagrees with the current administration's policies

<https://bit.ly/49zJPki>

The White House publicly confirmed that Russia has obtained a "troubling" emerging anti-satellite weapon but said it cannot directly cause "physical destruction" on Earth

<https://bit.ly/49B5GaT>

Russia could 'blind' the US by taking out satellites using a nuclear space weapon, says ex-CIA chief

<https://bit.ly/48itmj9>

Russia Mulls Putting a Nuclear Weapon in Space, US Intelligence Finds

<https://bit.ly/3SZy1Cc>

The Russia "space threat" that has consumed Congress and the Biden White House over the past two days is just a clever ploy to get more funds for the Pentagon, the Kremlin's top spokesman told reporters

<https://bit.ly/48nRctU>

Three terms sure to grab attention: Russia, nuclear, anti-satellite weapon; Intel circulating on Capitol Hill has to do with new Russian threat in space

<https://bit.ly/3OMlwGx>

SpaceX launches satellites for US Space Force once again; SpaceX's relationship with the US Space Force remains strong after Elon Musk denies selling Starlink internet to Russia

<https://bit.ly/3wjai7c>

Ukraine arms accountability shaky, says Pentagon IG; The Pentagon didn't properly track \$1B worth of sophisticated weapons and other military equipment sent to Ukraine that require special monitoring

<https://bit.ly/48hUdMn>

Why the United States needs NATO - 3 things to know

<https://bit.ly/48jA7kZ>

Israeli forces storm the main hospital in southern Gaza, saying hostages were likely held there

<https://bit.ly/3wjUJw8>

Hamas Built Tunnels Beneath My Family's Home in Gaza. Now It Lies in Ruin

<https://bit.ly/3SZeTnT>

Israel launches deadly air strikes in Lebanon after rockets hit army base

<http://tinyurl.com/yam82kfd>

Israeli airstrikes killed 10 Lebanese civilians in a single day. Hezbollah has vowed to retaliate

<https://bit.ly/3SESA8>

A look at the arsenals of Israel and Lebanon's Hezbollah militia as cross-border strikes escalate

<https://bit.ly/49xP57V>

Iran Tests Ballistic Missiles in Preparation for Strike on Israel; Tehran simulates attack on Israeli hangar housing American-made F-35s

<http://tinyurl.com/b3y8hmns>

Israeli siege has placed Gazans at risk of starvation - prewar policies made them vulnerable in the first place

<https://bit.ly/49CkKVS>

Israel complains after Vatican denounces 'carnage' and disproportionate response in Gaza

<https://bit.ly/3OLKqan>

Russia and China accused the United States and Britain of illegally attacking military sites used by Yemen's Houthi rebels to launch missiles at commercial vessels in the Red Sea, disrupting global shipping

<https://bit.ly/3SAQUdo>

State-backed hackers from Russia, China, and Iran have been using tools from Microsoft-backed OpenAI to hone their skills and trick their targets

<http://tinyurl.com/79u8cunu>

Microsoft and OpenAI say hackers are using ChatGPT to improve cyberattacks; A number of nation-backed groups are starting to use large language models to help with research, scripting, and phishing emails

<https://bit.ly/3UEjwVF>

A Chinese influence campaign that has tried for years to boost Beijing's interests is now using artificial intelligence and a network of social media accounts to amplify American discontent and division ahead of the U.S. presidential election

<https://bit.ly/3SETXRO>

Instagram and Threads will no longer promote 'political' content. No one knows what they define as 'political'

<http://tinyurl.com/423wv2z4>

Watch: Assessing the impact of generative AI and other online threats in a historic election year; Panelists considered how the proliferation of generative AI tools, weakening of social media platform trust and safety teams, and drawdown in federal communications with social media firms will impact the 2024 election

<https://bit.ly/49d2jak>

Musk's X sold checkmarks to Hezbollah and other terrorist groups, report says; X (aka Twitter) accused of violating sanctions by taking payment from terrorists

<https://bit.ly/3OJOZnv>

Another day, another threat from North Korea, backed (as it often is) by a ballistic missile launch. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea has been increasing the frequency of provocations and drawing closer to Russia

<https://bit.ly/3l4wEfr>

Environmentalism Should Not Be Intersectional; Sustainable progress requires that ecological concerns be taken seriously and addressed rationally

<https://bit.ly/3wficOZ>

Children are expensive - not just for parents, but the environment - so how many is too many?

<https://bit.ly/3T0uB27>

How China Miscalculated Its Way to a Baby Bust; A missile scientist used mathematical models to push the nation's one-child policy. Its legacy is proving hard to shake

<https://on.wsj.com/3HYNf4a>

China's population of over 1.4B could drop by a precipitous 60 percent by the end of the century, according to a Chinese think tank. By 2100, the world's second-largest population could number just 525M

<https://bit.ly/3I0RYSV>

When you inform women, you transform lives; Access to information is the key to unlocking human rights for all

<https://bit.ly/3SF08W6>

When planting trees is bad for the planet; An area of ecologically intact and biodiverse grassland larger than France is endangered by an NGO-fueled push to plant as many trees as possible

<https://bit.ly/49wq110>

Google, Environmental Defense Fund will track methane emissions from space; Satellite data + Google Maps + AI should help figure out where methane is leaking

<https://bit.ly/3wal7qX>

Ocean Temperatures Keep Shattering Records-and Stunning Scientists; Sea surface temperatures have been skyrocketing beyond expectations. That may be a bad sign for hurricane season-and the health of ocean ecosystems

<https://bit.ly/3wjW9Xu>

China plans robot-builder to construct a human base using Moon bricks; The Chang'e 8 mission has a launch timeline 2028, which will include a lander, rover, and an operational multi-task robot

<https://bit.ly/48idq0v>

'Odie' is en route for its potentially historic moon landing; The robotic lander from Intuitive Machines could become the first privately-built spacecraft on the moon

<https://bit.ly/4bG9EkA>

Second Private U.S. Lander Launches to the Moon; Odysseus, a lunar lander built by the aerospace company Intuitive Machines, launched atop a SpaceX rocket on a mission to the moon's south pole

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--Eric Ambler

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Q: Do the traditional requirements to obtain injunctive relief apply to code enforcement proceedings?

A: No. This question was recently addressed in the case City of Rock Falls v. Aims Industrial Services, LLC. The Appellate Court stated that "where a governmental agency is expressly authorized by statute to seek injunctive relief, the traditional equitable elements necessary to obtain an injunction need not be satisfied." Further, the Appellate Court explained that "because there is a presumption of harm to the public when an ordinance is violated, a governmental agency seeking an injunction need only show that the ordinance was violated and that the ordinance specifically provides for injunctive relief." On appeal to the Illinois Supreme Court, the Court emphasized when a trial court is confronted "with a continuing violation of statutory law, it has no discretion or authority to balance the equities so as to permit that violation to continue." The trial court should only have considered whether the City met its burden in establishing a violation of the ordinance had occurred.

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