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EDUCATION

Supreme Court Leaves Intact Elite School's Diversity Policy; A divided Supreme Court refused to question an admissions policy at a competitive Virginia public high school, turning away contentions that the program was designed to reduce the percentage of Asian-American students

<https://bit.ly/42NsRg3>

Full tuition waivers proposed for Nebraska student teachers

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

Teachers Are Missing More School, and There Are Too Few Substitutes; In some districts, teachers are taking more sick days since the pandemic. A shortage of substitutes can make matters worse

<https://nyti.ms/49xZy3q>

An Ohio teacher's assistant who helps special needs students is suing her school district and former union because the district withheld union dues from her paycheck even after she left the union and formally asked it to cease taking her money

<http://tinyurl.com/yhrtvaxh>

Unaccompanied homeless youth are overlooked. A new book shows what it means to give them support

<https://bit.ly/3T3VW3p>

After spending seven years and hundreds of \$Ms, New York City's public prekindergarten program for three-year-olds-3-K for All-has done the seemingly impossible: it places families in some neighborhoods on long waiting lists, while paying for tens of thousands of empty seats citywide

<https://bit.ly/3T6T591>

Projects such as portfolios can help educators assess how well their students have absorbed material and subjects beyond a traditional assessment, allowing learners to show a deeper level of understanding. Portfolios can also highlight a depth of understanding and skills that illustrate students' ability to be self-motivated and college-ready

<https://bit.ly/3OQzjx1>

How Students Can 'Future-Proof' Themselves As AI Disrupts The Workforce

<https://bit.ly/49nH7yn>

Is the Human Brain a Prediction Machine? Minds create a model of the world, and the senses tell us how to update the model if the world is different from what was predicted. Those predictions make up most of what we experience-but when things don't go as expected, the mind makes corrections to improve the model

<https://bit.ly/3uFcR33>

Want to remember more? Memorize less; To make a ton of information stick in your mind, you have to make it chunky

<https://bit.ly/3lbypY0>

Old and Young, Talking Again; A society in which members of different generations do not interact "is a dangerous experiment"

<https://nyti.ms/48phv33>

Report: Navigating Learning Loss and Changing Demographics in Education

<http://tinyurl.com/5d734vpu>

Colleges should proactively seek to counter enrollment challenges that could stem from pandemic-era learning loss among K-12 students, including potentially fewer high school graduates - and less prepared students among those who do graduate

<https://bit.ly/3l6fApf>

A House panel advances a bill to set risk-sharing requirements for public universities, cut federal subsidies, and increase accountability

<http://tinyurl.com/5a3j5rkc>

As Public Skepticism of College Grows, Students Become Savvier Customers

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

The Education Department is unable to process new FAFSAs on time, forcing Ms of families to wait weeks, if not months, longer than usual to receive their financial aid packages this spring

<https://politi.co/48o0ciO>

Bills to require instruction of communism in schools move in the Florida Legislature with some changes

<https://bit.ly/48j8mZO>

An elementary school teacher in California was placed on leave for questioning a teacher training program called "Woke Kindergarten" that aimed to teach teachers how to be 'anti-racist' and 'disrupt whiteness' in the classroom

<https://bit.ly/49ERLR3>

California teacher suing governor says gender policy forced her to teach students to 'live a double life'

<https://bit.ly/48knea9>

Unruly high school asks Massachusetts National Guard to restore order; Four of the seven members of the Brockton School Committee backed the National Guard request amid teacher shortages and budget deficits
<https://bit.ly/4bMRKMQ>

Call for National Guard to help with high school violence stirs controversy in Massachusetts
<https://bit.ly/49ImIUq>

Are panic buttons the key to improving school safety response times?
<https://bit.ly/48EOiRX>

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How Illinois' political machine gets \$Bs in school bond referendums passed; Many bond offerings and tax hikes get passed because of the cottage industry of district administrators, teacher unions, architectural firms, construction firms and financial advisors working together to pass referendums
<https://bit.ly/49jxzEL>

Child tax credit, funding for school meals: Five education bills to watch this legislative session
<https://bit.ly/3l6xh85>

Senate Bill 3247 would invest \$209M in the State Board of Education for expenses related to the Healthy School Meals for All Program
<https://bit.ly/3SKQPE6>

A third climate change education bill in Illinois
<https://bit.ly/49EeKMd>

Career and technical education courses giving students new opportunities across Illinois
<https://bit.ly/3wsvvvK>

Illinois now requires public schools to teach LGBTQ+, Asian American and pre-enslavement Black history. Are teachers ready?
<https://bit.ly/3OML6MM>

Chicago's Board of Education wants to remove police from all schools
<https://bit.ly/3uwBgb7>

Chicago education officials' latest failed excuse for dismal student outcomes: The covid pandemic
<https://bit.ly/3uFEmtj>

Aldermen, lawmakers criticized Chicago Board of Education over selective enrollment in private briefings
<https://bit.ly/3uFHEwA>

South Side STEM Landscape working to bridge gap with communities of color with new website
<https://bit.ly/42Mn2PQ>

Confusion As Manhattan D114 Superintendent, Head Of HR Resign Abruptly
<https://bit.ly/49lo6X8>

Gifted Preschool Planned For Hinsdale

<https://bit.ly/3wsDF7m>

Manhattan District 114 superintendent, human resources director quit

<https://bit.ly/3l4zBwD>

NU president names free speech panel

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

NIU Esports partnered with the NASCAR Chicago Street Race team to welcome a new generation of video gamers to campus

<https://bit.ly/3T759s2>

An Elwood school district will examine whether to send their students to Wilmington instead of Joliet given their concerns over rising truck traffic and commute time in recent years

<https://bit.ly/3OLK8AA>

Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield is getting a slice of \$766,000 from the Illinois Community College Board to help implement virtual reality into its Career and Technical Education programs.

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

Carl Sandburg College receives grant for VR equipment

<https://bit.ly/3SJj7z>

Heartland Community College board votes on tuition increase, lab renovations

<https://bit.ly/3T6pVrJ>

UIS gives waivers for transfer students from three community colleges

<https://bit.ly/3T5sDh7>

Illinois Farm Bureau looking towards U.S. Department of Energy and others to reward conservation-minded farmers across state with tax credits

<https://bit.ly/3uy3fXY>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Supreme Court turns down property rights challenge to rent control in New York and California

<https://bit.ly/3woOmI5>

A Shrinking Share of Americans Move to a New Address; US households are less and less mobile, and after the Fed started raising rates, the self-reported probability of moving residence started trending down again

<https://bit.ly/3whCLu4>

The People Buying Houses With Their Friends; 44 percent of 18-24-year-olds who have yet to own a home said they would likely buy one with a friend; A 21 percent year-on-year growth in co-ownership among

friends and non-married partners

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

Americans don't move far from their mothers

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

Why Do Men in Government Keep Telling Women to Have Kids?

<https://bit.ly/3ORPTg5>

Starbucks union organizes record 21 stores in 1 day

<https://bit.ly/3SO9Q8r>

Businesses Win Second Chance at Gig Worker Rule Challenge

<https://bit.ly/3uxIKL0>

New York's Remote Work Tax Under Attack From Closest Neighbors; Remote workers owe taxes to New York if employer is based in state; Connecticut, New Jersey want residents to challenge New York tax bills

<https://bit.ly/48Ep6el>

The Long Shadow of NAFTA; Neither side of the border has seen the benefits it was promised

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

Buy America rollout causes confusion and delays: trade groups; The White House must adjust how it implements requirements for construction materials or risk weakening the impact of federal infrastructure funding

<https://bit.ly/49mG9m3>

Are the Build America rules slowing infrastructure progress? State DOTs, transit agencies and the construction industry want the White House to make it easier to comply with rules designed to include American-made products in infrastructure projects

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

Infrastructure law may increase transportation's GHG emissions as states spend more on highways; Could add more than 69M metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent to the atmosphere by 2040 based on current spending trends by state transportation departments

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

EV battery plant construction booms even as automakers hit the brakes; Electrical machinery construction, which includes EV battery plants, hit \$35.2B in 2023. That's roughly about 47% of overall manufacturing construction

<https://bit.ly/49iX1Ks>

How flying taxis could go mainstream; There are hundreds of companies in the advanced-air-mobility market, some with fully functioning aircraft being used in test flights and displayed in showcases worldwide

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

Industry analysts expect warehouse automation sales to pick up this year after a slowdown in 2022 and 2023. Trends that are favorable to the market include rising e-commerce shipments and ongoing labor shortages

<https://bit.ly/3UMnSu8>

More taxpayer funds benefit pro sports owners amid 'stadium construction wave'; Research shows stadium and arena projects are poor public investments

<https://bit.ly/3uCjOC3>

Public Officials Pressured to Spend \$Bs on Sports Venues; Professional sports teams are on the move and they're leaning on state and local officials to help them

<https://bit.ly/3uuMD3m>

One of the UK's "most technically advanced" indoor farms has opened; The so-called vertical farm can grow salad three times as fast as traditional outdoor agriculture thanks to its controlled, consistent climate

<http://tinyurl.com/27nytsmv>

Tech Leaders Fled San Francisco During the Pandemic. Now, They're Coming Back; Founders and investors who moved to Miami and elsewhere are returning to a boom in artificial intelligence and an abundance of tech talent

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

The Long-Term Costs of Wind Turbines; To avoid environmental degradation, wind farm operators need to factor realistic maintenance and decommissioning costs into their projections

<http://tinyurl.com/3zmns2n2>

Central Appalachia is home to the third-largest concentration of forest carbon offsets traded on the California carbon market. But while these projects bring new investments to Appalachia, most people in Appalachia are not benefiting

<https://bit.ly/3l7z1OA>

These farmworkers created America's strongest workplace heat rules

<https://wapo.st/49C6UCK>

Could AI personas attend your work meetings for you? One tech CEO says yes - and by the end of the year

<https://bit.ly/3l8TtyG>

Scientists Are Putting ChatGPT Brains Inside Robot Bodies. What Could Possibly Go Wrong? The effort to give robots AI brains is revealing big practical challenges-and bigger ethical concerns

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

Prompt Engineering: Knowing how to optimize, fine-tune, customize, and integrate Gen AI models with the current information systems and products is and will remain a valuable skill set

<https://bit.ly/3SU6zou>

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Three Illinois housing markets ranked among the 30 hottest in the US

<https://bit.ly/3OQX0VM>

Chicago region saw record-breaking warehouse development in 2023

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

White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf to meet with legislative leaders over stadium proposal

<https://bit.ly/3l3dcjc>

The Group Raising Hell About the L; Commuters Take Action wants you to know that Chicago's public transit system is in trouble

<https://bit.ly/3l4XbJB>

The tenants living at the Chicago Housing Authority's Washington Park Homes are demanding repairs and sanitary housing conditions

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

Cook County assessor touts plan to help fill empty storefronts

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

PACE riders with disabilities can now board for 'free' on any fixed route; PACE's fixed route buses are fully accessible with ramps with audio and visual stop announcements

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

Drive-thru coffee spot eyeing Naperville location, Naansense opens first suburban location

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

Renovations to the Ford Hangar at the Lansing Municipal Airport will take off over the next few years as village officials discuss plans and funding sources

<https://bit.ly/4bNh0CE>

RV options available in Southern Illinois for April's eclipse

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

Naperville biz roundup: drive-thru coffee spot eyeing Naperville location, Naansense opens first suburban location

<https://bit.ly/3T1xAaB>

Cnnbis companies go 'vertical' to both grow and sell products

<https://bit.ly/4bGr8wZ>

Officials hope improvements will bring rentals of Lansing Airport's Ford Hangar

<https://bit.ly/3STXM5Y>

Lake County residents tell FCC commissioner importance of continued internet access; 'I'm going to talk to the White House'

<https://bit.ly/3l9KwVL>

Capital One to buy Riverwoods-based Discover for \$35B in deal that combines major credit card companies

<https://bit.ly/3T4zQ0G>

Brookfield Zoo announces Anniversary Ferris Wheel

<https://bit.ly/3OPdQ7E>

18 Chicago-area hotels, spas earn stars on Forbes' 2024 Travel Guide, including 1 in the suburbs

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

Evanston alders are scheduled at a special meeting Thursday to reconsider last month's vote to sign a 15-year lease on downtown office space.

<https://bit.ly/3l8ommK>

Continental Properties has opened Springs at St. Charles, a 320-unit townhome-style apartment community in St. Charles, about 40 miles west of Chicago.

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

Lakewood's RedTail Golf Club to raise prices, cut maintenance building as it awaits new clubhouses

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

Empowering Kane County Manufacturers: IMEC Partners with Kane County to Launch Groundbreaking Program

<https://bit.ly/49y3Esa>

Niles Parks Put \$3.4M In Golf Mill Park Improvements Out To Bid, With \$600K In Grants

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

The Park Ridge Planning & Zoning Commission signed off on the Park District of Park Ridge's plans for South Park and Hinkley Park

<https://bit.ly/42Khp4Q>

Four midwest universities hosted more than 75 farmers and planters at the Stateline Fruit and Vegetable Growers Conference in Rockford.

<https://bit.ly/48Elx6N>

Wanted: an airline to fly a leisure route out of Willard Airport

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

The first public meeting for the Greater Downtown East Moline Revitalization Project will be Wednesday, Feb. 21.

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

Bluffs puts out call for new cellphone tower

<https://bit.ly/3l8R6vM>

Edwardsville's plan for a green corridor moves forward

<https://bit.ly/49nuvr7>

Meeting on US 67 improvements March 5

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

Pork export value sets record in 2023

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

Q&A: When affordable housing and accessibility intersect

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

Waiting to Cut the Cord Boosts Premature Babies' Survival; Delayed umbilical cord snipping is worth the wait for preemies

<https://bit.ly/3T37vbi>

Elon Musk: Neuralink's first patient can control mouse via thought

<https://bit.ly/49IkBA4>

How Sleep Engineering Could Help Heal the Brain; Stimulating the sleeping brain may ease suffering from memory loss, stroke or mental health problems

<https://bit.ly/3SKA5wK>

Men and women's brains do work differently, scientists discover for first time; The issue of whether male and female brains are distinct has proven controversial, with some academics arguing it is society - rather than biology - that shapes divergence

<http://tinyurl.com/9wvbxua6>

Doctors say red wine not good for you, linked to high blood pressure, irregular heartbeat, cancer

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

Could You Pass the Presidential Physical Fitness Test Today? If you went to an American public school between 1966 and 2012, you probably have memories of sweating through the Presidential Physical Fitness Test - a gym class gantlet that involved a mile run, sit-ups, pull-ups (or push-ups), a sit-and-reach and a shuttle run

<http://tinyurl.com/bde6nf8t>

The Truth About Sentient AI: Could Machines Ever Really Think or Feel? "We're talking about more than just code; we're talking about the ability of a machine to think and to feel, along with having morality and spirituality"

<https://bit.ly/42O8pvj>

Global law enforcement effort cracks down on LockBit ransomware group; Law enforcement officials from 11 countries have joined forces to disrupt the activities of a major cybercrime group

<https://n.pr/42KHwIO>

Facial Recognition: Coming Soon to an Airport Near You; Biometric technology is expanding at airports across the United States - and the world - and transforming the way we move through them, from checking a bag to boarding the plane

<https://nyti.ms/42Tt1m3>

Virginia House punts on proposal to prohibit 'addictive' social media feeds for minors; Bill that passed Senate unanimously delayed for a year to give policymakers time to study it

<https://bit.ly/48q1h9U>

The Vatican's problematic process to address clergy s. abuse cases, explained

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

Why skipping your dog's walk is a bigger deal than you think

<https://bit.ly/3wphv5Q>

Leaving Pet Waste on the Sidewalk Isn't Only Bad Manners-It's Hazardous; Pet waste can spread disease

<https://bit.ly/3T4slqz>

North Carolina lawmakers look into curbing 'gas station heroin' and other tianeptine supplements

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

Pennsylvania Supreme Court will consider whether life without parole for second-degree murder is 'cruel'

<https://bit.ly/49juW5H>

If decarceration advocates have their way, New York inmates will face overcrowded and potentially unconstitutional condition

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

People Keep Dying At This Memphis Jail - And The Lawsuits Are Piling Up; The Shelby County jail has grown more deadly than the infamous Rikers Island, and it's been slow to address widespread problems

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

St. Louis Police Chief Receives a Third of His Pay From a Local Foundation, Raising Concerns of Divided Loyalties; In a city with a high violent crime rate and claims of inequitable policing, leaders are questioning the \$100K per year the chief receives from local business owners. "Can the criminals get together and pay the chief?" asked one alderwoman

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

Explaining the "cop tax" on San Francisco's March ballot; A ballot measure meant to address San Francisco's police shortage is now facing an opposition campaign from the city official who first proposed it

<https://bit.ly/3OLQUq0>

Supporters and opponents of a Republican-backed Indiana bill aimed at stopping the city of Gary's 25-year-long lawsuit against handgun makers clashed during a lengthy Senate committee hearing

<https://bit.ly/3T5ujap>

Chicago police union asks judge to rule cops accused of serious misconduct can have cases heard in private

<https://bit.ly/3l8KltE>

An Illinois man rots in a Cook County Jail cell for 18 months over an unresolved, 14-year-old divorce settlement while violent criminals are allowed to go free

<http://tinyurl.com/2bt9wha>

The goal of the Parents Matter Coalition's "Right to Parent" ballot initiative is to collect 500,000 signatures for a referendum that would require parental consent for children under the age of 18 to receive certain medical care, such as gender modification or therapy

<https://bit.ly/4bHCO2C>

East Garfield Park program uses glass blowing as therapy for gun violence victims; The Project Fire Program isn't just a place where these students get to make art, but a place they find therapy, healing and a second chance at life

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

Honda HR-V rear windows are suddenly shattering: 'Like bang!'

<https://bit.ly/48x4Mvm>

Gary mayor condemns bill aimed at ending city's gun maker lawsuit

<https://bit.ly/3T3jCoM>

Yet another gun-related arrest at Naperville TopGolf, sixth since September

<https://bit.ly/48x4RPG>

Largest COVID vaccine study yet finds links to health conditions

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

Illinois police seized 718 guns and 17,812 pounds of drugs in 2023, arresting 1,904 people, with efforts also targeting human trafficking, resulting in 27 arrests and aid to 15 victims.

<https://bit.ly/49HTB3S>

Could Illinois become the third state to legalize magic mushrooms?

<https://bit.ly/4bN2evC>

A list of every known Illinois resident charged in the U.S. Capitol breach

<https://bit.ly/3TpEC7n>

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Financial State of the Cities report is a comprehensive analysis of the fiscal health of the nation's 75 most populous cities based on their latest annual comprehensive financial reports dated 2022

<http://tinyurl.com/av3td8j4>

The Supreme Court Is on the Verge of Criminalizing Homelessness; As the high court deliberates, policymakers are preparing for the possibility that they might solve a problem they created in the most punitive way

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

How far can cities go to clear homeless camps? The U.S. Supreme Court will decide; Lower courts have said

it's unconstitutional to punish people for sleeping outside if no shelter is available. Cities say these rulings have paralyzed their efforts to manage growing tent encampments

<http://tinyurl.com/p28d8k5v>

FBI warns Chinese malware could threaten critical US infrastructure; Beijing's hacking operations have reached a 'fever pitch'

<http://tinyurl.com/3awtadf>

Whole-of-state procurement gives local agencies better pricing, expert advice; Initially used to extend cybersecurity throughout government, the whole-of-state concept is also being used to push training and software licensing contracts to local agencies

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

Roundabouts and Raised Crosswalks Alone Won't Slow Traffic

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

Podcast: Companies Can Win by Reducing Overwork; Dispelling myths about workaholism

<http://tinyurl.com/59f3k9bm>

Surveilling Employees Erodes Trust - and Puts Managers in a Bind; Research offers three ways leaders can navigate the benefits and backlash of using electronic monitoring systems

<https://bit.ly/49j4ERd>

How Leaders Miscommunicate When Tensions Are High; Five common mistakes to avoid

<http://tinyurl.com/3ecya5bv>

How a 5-year-plan transformed me as a CEO; When you create and align around a bold and exciting vision with an aggressive ambition, with a great group of people around you who believe in you and what you are doing, the outcome can be even better than you ever dreamed it could be

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

Municipalities Unveil 2024 'Moving Cities Forward' Platform; Mayors Promote Local Decision Making, Push for Restoration of Local Government Distributive Fund

<http://tinyurl.com/53648uub>

The Illinois Municipal League's Statehouse Briefing includes information about legislation specifically related to public safety pension benefits and pension reform proposals that have been introduced during the 103rd General Assembly

<https://bit.ly/3UNn5Jl>

The Illinois Municipal League engaged an outside law firm that reaffirmed that Tier 2 benefits in downstate public safety pension funds do in fact satisfy the SS safe harbor standard making clear that benefit expansions are not necessary for Tier 2 annuitants to satisfy that requirement at this time

<http://tinyurl.com/5yaz5bjs>

The Illinois Department of Transportation announced an adjustment in the threshold for Qualifications Based Selection for the procurement of engineering and professional services. The revised threshold has been

increased to \$49,011

<http://tinyurl.com/448r8d7p>

Chicago closes 4 migrant shelters amid lull in arrivals

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

The state and Cook County announced a roughly \$250M plan to provide shelter, health care and other services for recently arrived migrants. But according to their own plan, there's still a roughly \$70M funding gap for the rest of 2024.

<https://bit.ly/48oh4pt>

Chicago sues five giant oil companies, accusing them of climate change destruction, fraud

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

South Side alderperson accuses Ald. Greg Mitchell of attacking him

<https://bit.ly/49H3oHd>

Oak Park's Village Board broke its duty to residents by approving a \$1.9M grant providing various services for immigrants, some of whom may be illegal

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

Brazen Dolton Mayor Tiffany Henyard shows why local elections matter

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

A vocal critic of embattled Dolton mayor Tiffany Henyard believes her home was sprayed with bullets at the behest of the official during a bitter feud between them last summer

<https://bit.ly/49DB9JB>

Naperville News Digest: UAW local president to be Foster's State of Union guest; Naper Settlement discrimination exhibit wins national award

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

Early voting begins Wednesday in Cook County. Here's what you need to know

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

Libertyville to pause stormwater construction this year but issue \$8.85M in bonds for pending flood control initiatives

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

Learn about Cary home-rule referendum at informational session

<https://bit.ly/48nU61V>

Hyde Park Stories: Congress of Racial Equality

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

Illinois DCFS co-hosts job fairs in Chicago

<https://bit.ly/42Mfg8C>

Monarch butterfly's long reign as everyday Chicago summer treat could flutter away; Chicago residents can support monarch populations by planting milkweed and reducing pesticide use

<https://bit.ly/3T6Qayj>

Resurfacing, streetscaping and utility improvements are expected to start on Madison Street in Oak Park during the week of Feb. 26.

<https://bit.ly/49lg4gW>

The village of Rosemont announced yesterday (Tuesday) its first-ever parking lot naming rights partnership with Volkswagen, becoming the official auto partner of the Allstate Arena.

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

Oswegoland Park District to take down aging administration and operations center

<https://bit.ly/49EI9s>

Winnebago County resolution would restrict spending on aid to migrants

<https://bit.ly/3uJ1l6P>

What should replace the Columbus statue at this Peoria park?

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

Former director of Tolono Park District accused of stealing from the agency

<https://bit.ly/3T75MSq>

Decatur City Council to vote on charging private care providers for firefighter lift assists

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

Peoria Park District looking for input on replacement artwork

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

Normal anticipates finishing lead water pipe replacements by 2025

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

Bloomington's proposed budget puts \$90M into capital projects, mostly focused on streets and water

<https://bit.ly/48iTfQ0>

Moline water service project on 16th Street starts Feb. 26

<https://bit.ly/49FvC5o>

Quincy Transit Lines receives \$2.065M grant from IDOT to buy 13 buses

<https://bit.ly/3wp97Do>

Springfield City Council to consider proposed and long-discussed water-rate hikes and city budget Tuesday night

<https://bit.ly/49Emk9E>

An amended agreement for the resurfacing of Illinois Route 16/Charleston Avenue from Swords Drive to Lake Land Boulevard in Mattoon will reportedly save the city \$78,200.

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

SPACE NEEDS - NEW PUBLIC BUILDINGS

How lockerless schools are shaping building design; As locker popularity wanes, schools are removing them and finding other uses for the spaces; educators and parents note an end of an era

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

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White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf to meet with legislative leaders in Springfield over stadium proposal

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

'How important this park is for Arlington Heights': Depression-era pool bathhouse to be restored

<https://bit.ly/49HPh4l>

O'Hare Airport Gets \$40M Boost from Biden's Infrastructure Law

<https://bit.ly/3T53Auv>

Polo Council accepts \$1.93M bid for new city hall

<https://bit.ly/3l65HYF>

Moline-Coal Valley school board report card: Facility plans, new hire and recognitions

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

STATE & FEDERAL

Governor Pritzker confronts migrant crisis, projected shortfall as he prepares for his sixth budget address

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

Looking Back at Illinois' Five-Year Fiscal Report Budget Projections Ahead of the Release of the Governor's Recommended FY2025 Budget

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

Three federal judges in Illinois have standing orders for their courtrooms allowing extra time for arguments only for young lawyers who are either female or minority. The orders have drawn complaints as being reverse discrimination for arguments

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

Comptroller Mendoza launches online portal to track state spending on asylum seekers

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

Legislator reacts to Illinois' near bottom ranking in social mobility

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A proposed child tax credit in Illinois could provide up to \$700 monthly per child to low-income families, potentially reducing child poverty by 45%.

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Migrant Spending, Education Funding and a Projected Shortfall Among Issues Facing Gov. J.B. Pritzker Ahead of Budget Address

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Illinois considers law allowing medically assisted death

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'Billions' of cicadas will soon emerge, and these parts of Illinois could get hit the hardest

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The feds sent letters to 44 states to fix SNAP application errors and inefficiencies

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California Emissions Standards Coming To Illinois?

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As corruption trials continue, Illinois lobbyist reform effort pushed in General Assembly

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Former President Donald Trump gives his endorsement in 12th Congressional District race

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How Well Are California Programs Working? It's Hard to Say Given the state's budget deficit, legislative leaders are calling for reviews of how existing programs are working. But more than 70 percent of the 1,118 agency reports due in the past year have not been submitted yet

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How politicians can draw fairer election districts ? the same way parents make kids fairly split a piece of cake

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Biden's Betrayal of Israel Is Dumb Politics and Insane Policy; Abandoning the Jewish state in an attempt to appease its radical left-wing critics won't save the White House

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Two prominent Democrats are openly acknowledging concerns about President Biden's age at a crucial time for their own political future

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Biden under pressure to take cognitive test amid dementia concerns

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Michelle Obama is the most likely candidate to replace Joe Biden as the 2024 Democratic presidential nominee should the incumbent step down before the election according to a leading bookmaker

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Looming testimony of Biden relatives has high stakes for both sides

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Biden's brother to be deposed in GOP impeachment inquiry

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House Republicans request access to DOJ materials on Hunter Biden associate's bribery conviction

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House Republicans Seek Documents from Bribery Case Made against Hunter Biden's Chinese Business Associate; Hunter Biden dealt extensively with CEFC during and after his father's vice presidency, the lawmakers note

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The FBI confidential source charged for allegedly providing false information about President Biden and his son Hunter Biden implicated Russian intervention

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Hunter Biden's Lawyers Says Bogus FBI Informant 'Infected' His Prosecution

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The Supreme Court Should Vaporize the Colorado Trump Ballot Removal

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Trump allies prepare to infuse 'Christian nationalism' in second administration

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New York Attorney General says she may seize Trump assets if he doesn't pay \$355M fine

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How a New York Judge Arrived at a Staggering 'Disgorgement' Order Against Trump; The law that the Attorney General used to sue the former president does not require proof that anyone was injured by his financial dishonesty

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Podcast: Trump's Devastating \$355M Penalty Blows Up His Biggest Lie; How the ruling exposes the deeper

scams at the heart of Trump's 2024 campaign

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5 questions that reverberate from Trump's civil fraud trial

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Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis' testimony evokes long-standing frustrations for Black women leaders

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The Misuse of a Powerful Prosecutorial Weapon; Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis hasn't just used Georgia's RICO law to prosecute Donald Trump. Schoolteachers and rappers have also been charged, and the state has used the law to go after protesters. Shouldn't these tools be reserved for the kinds of prosecutions they were intended for?

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The Georgia case against Trump may be fatally compromised; It is a shame when corruption and incompetence at one level of government keeps us from addressing it at another level. But even the guiltiest defendant deserves a fair trial, and it is not clear that Fulton County has the will, or the ability, to provide one

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RFK Jr. Super-PAC Puts Promoters of Conspiracy Theories on the Payroll; The list includes a 9/11 truther and election denialists

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Equality Is Not Immunity; Societies may improve, but protesters' arguments remain the same; Causes now divide people not over their original premises but over their ongoing relevance, or lack thereof. Who's evil and therefore loses? Who's the establishment and runs things?

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Texas vs. Biden: Lone Star State's Battle to Secure the Border

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7.2M illegals entered the US under Biden admin, an amount greater than population of 36 states

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The House Judiciary Committee Chairman announced a subpoena for the case files of illegal immigrant kids accused of vicious crimes in the U.S. after the Biden administration hid key information from the committee in files it did turn over

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Biden admin was working behind closed doors to dissuade Russia from testing space weapon

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Putin denies plans to send nuclear weapon into space

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Putin is trying to take advantage of a stalemate in Ukraine but the war is also draining for Russia

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Russian President Putin appears to be growing increasingly bold amid U.S. inaction over the war in Ukraine, crushing dissent at home, advancing in Ukraine and acting more brazen with his nuclear ambitions

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Putin's regime is "running out of fuel," and if the Russian president continues to burn through his reserves of oil and gas money, ordinary people will become a threat to his power, according to one outspoken activist

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In Navalny's last letters, the Russian dissident called Trump's agenda for a second term 'really scary'

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President Biden to hit Russia with 'major sanctions' in response to death of Navalny

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It Wasn't Just "Courage" That Kept Alexei Navalny Fighting; What drove him also drove those who fought the impossible in the Soviet Union

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How to design for dignity during times of war; The importance of designing for dignity when building temporary housing for the people of Ukraine who have lost their homes. A stirring reminder of the healing power of the built environment - and how it can provide comfort amidst chaos

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Concerns over a third world war are legitimate, Belarus' leader said, as the country's Russia-aligned leadership solidified plans to be "prepared as much as possible" for future confrontation

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Hungary's governing party says it's ready to approve Sweden's NATO accession; Hungary is the only one of NATO's 31 existing members not to have ratified Sweden's bid

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How One Error May Haunt Biden's Foreign Policy Legacy; The president's foolish trust in Netanyahu was a terrible mistake. It's not too late to correct-barely-but tough medicine is required

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How Israel's war went wrong; The conflict in Gaza has become "an era-defining catastrophe." It's increasingly clear what - and who - is to blame

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Arab nations are putting to a vote a U.N. resolution demanding an immediate humanitarian cease-fire in Gaza, knowing it will be vetoed by the United States but hoping to show broad global support for ending the Israel-Hamas war

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The U.S. has again vetoed a UN resolution demanding an immediate cease-fire in Gaza

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US circulates rival UN resolution for temporary Gaza cease-fire after rejecting Arab proposal

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The US is ready to call for a ceasefire in Gaza. Does it matter? The US vetoed another Gaza ceasefire resolution at the UN and proposed a different one

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Israel orders new evacuations in northern Gaza, where UN says 1 in 6 children are malnourished

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South Africa tells top UN court that it's accusing Israel of apartheid against Palestinians

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Congress must pass measure extending vital Central Pacific agreements; These states have warned they may soon be forced to turn to the Chinese Communist Party for economic support and political patronage

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Fire is driving animals' evolution; Can species evolve fast enough to keep up with changing wildfire conditions?

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3D printing promises more efficient ways to make custom explosives and rocket propellants

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The gold hydrogen rush: Does Earth contain near-limitless clean fuel? Prospectors around the world are scrambling to find reserves of "gold hydrogen", a naturally occurring fuel that burns without producing carbon dioxide

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Start-ups are scrambling to discover sources of so-called "gold hydrogen" after experts said the low-cost, low-impact energy could be an environmentally friendly game-changer

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A Room-Temperature Superconductor Would Transform the Modern World. Could This Little Gray Rock Get Us There? Despite controversies last year, scientists are still pursuing LK-99 as a potential a room-temperature superconducting material, because it would allow us to conduct electricity without any loss of energy

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Scientists have found a black hole so large it eats the equivalent of one sun per day; With a mass 17B times larger than our sun, this black hole is the fastest-growing black hole ever recorded

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Brightest and hungriest black hole ever detected; The most luminous object ever detected has been spied in the distant Universe

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"I had a stroke five years ago and same thing. I looked at it with curiosity. I looked at it with wonder and got through my stroke. I lost my ability to walk, my ability to see. If you look at everything with curiosity, and wonder, and love, and hope, you can overcome a lot of things. . . Every time I got an MRI, I found it joyful. Every time I had to do a blood draw, I would just sit there and know that I was contributing to medical science because my stroke was one in five million a year, it was even rarer than that because I was young. . . And I honestly believe, granted I can't prove it, but I believe that, that's what helped and aided in my recovery and why I recovered so quickly."

--Cyan Banister

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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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