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EDUCATION

When Classical Learning Meets Public Education, the Dialogue Isn't Always Socratic

<https://bit.ly/3Ta2ZGQ>

Major Growth Generators of K-12 Classical Education; The trend of seeking educational freedom from the district-assigned public school is rapidly accelerating

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

Market Analysis of U.S. Classical Education in Grades PK-12

<https://tinyurl.com/ktkzr3bx>

Can micro-credentialing help address teacher shortages?

<https://bit.ly/4c6Yqph>

Advocates ask Michigan legislators to invest in retaining teachers of color; With an ongoing educator shortage, Michigan has invested nearly \$1B in the last two years in recruiting more teachers

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

PragerU is a conservative video giant. Here's why it's trying to get into schools

<https://n.pr/48ljfVi>

Following findings of discriminatory discipline practices toward students with disabilities, Florida's Pasco County Schools has agreed to implement a number of improvements to assure compliance with federal law

<https://bit.ly/4c3B4B0>

Are more 5-year-olds coming to kindergarten in diapers? A Utah bill would require kindergarteners to be potty-trained, but it's unclear if this is a new or growing problem

<https://bit.ly/49EWK4P>

A Barbie dollhouse and a field trip led me to become an architect - now I lead a program that teaches

architecture to mostly young women in South Central Los Angeles

<https://bit.ly/3V5j5nx>

How AI Should Change Math Education: New Guidance on How to Adapt

<https://bit.ly/3TrrH6Y>

When Bots Go to Class; Ferris State U. plans to use chatbots to put its curriculum to the test, and other colleges are looking at ways to use AI to improve the student experience

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

Is journalism disappearing? These top educators have a lot to say about that

<https://n.pr/435TVaw>

Columbia Has Changed Its Protest Policy-Again; The university established controversial demonstration guidelines after Oct. 7. Now, it has implemented new ones-this time incorporating faculty and student feedback

<https://bit.ly/4c4Ukhk>

'1984, 40 Years Late': Cornell's Interim Policy Cripples Democracy; The administration unilaterally implemented a set of draconian guidelines to redefine what acceptable protest on campus looks like

<https://bit.ly/3T9hURI>

University of Virginia Spends \$20M On 235 DEI Employees, With Some Making \$587,340 Per Year; It takes tuition payments from nearly 1,000 undergraduates just to pay their base salaries

<https://bit.ly/3wJTA1f>

Johns Hopkins DEI officer resigns months after 'privilege list' controversy

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

The Congressional Black Caucus is calling on the Department of Justice to investigate if it is legal for states to ban diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) programs at colleges and universities

<https://bit.ly/4c3qF8q>

Schools aren't mandated to adopt new Illinois Literacy Plan

<https://bit.ly/3v0ZCd5>

Illinois bill requires school vendors to follow new statewide literacy standards

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

State commission says Illinois underfunds public universities by \$1.4B

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

Black Caucus leaders, education advocates call for equitable public university funding model

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

Ban On Disguised Vapes Heads To Full Illinois Senate; Would ban vaping devices disguised as everyday school supplies

<https://bit.ly/3Tav157>

Chicago Public Schools is in new era for negotiations with the CTU. What could it mean for schools?

<https://bit.ly/3V937sG>

Get ready for the Chicago Teachers Union's radical, expensive agenda in its upcoming contract negotiations

<https://bit.ly/3T5KMKI>

Chicago Teachers Union wants housing assistance for teachers making nearly \$100K; New contract demands from the Chicago Teachers Union include housing assistance for teachers. Chicago's median teacher salary is more than \$93K

<https://bit.ly/3V7Welf>

Chicago teachers may ask district to cover their 'gender affirming' healthcare

<https://bit.ly/436bwyU>

Chicago is One Step Closer to Hybrid Elected School Board as Illinois House Approves Plan

<https://bit.ly/490Flx3>

Chicago Public Schools and the CTU to start contract negotiations in a new era of labor relations

<https://bit.ly/3PbF34w>

Commission releases new 'road map' for funding Illinois public higher education, aims to close \$1.4B gap

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

Group aims to address racism against Jewish, Muslim and Arab students and staff at Evanston Township High School

<https://bit.ly/4c6WUmZ>

Mount Pulaski Community Unified School District of Logan County has adopted a gun detection technology that is run by artificial intelligence (AI).

<https://bit.ly/3Pb4raP>

Illinois public school graduates continue to excel on AP exams

<https://bit.ly/3T5ILxL>

Project Education gives expelled students a second chance in Decatur

<https://bit.ly/3IuvN7O>

Waukegan schools to raise bar by teaching all students the same way; 'If we don't . they (may) never get to grade level'

<https://bit.ly/4bY5h4i>

Two Wheaton Warrenville South High School students are facing felony battery charges after a fight at the school late last month sent a third teen to the hospital.

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

Turner on CPS 'Do Not Hire' list; The Evanston/Skokie District 65 Board of Education is expected to name a

permanent superintendent later this month.

<https://bit.ly/4c2euZn>

AP Seminar, Emergency Medical Responder Courses Proposed In Dist. 207

<https://bit.ly/48Kv90H>

OPRF school board questions the value of Community Council; Council leaders are seeking to mobilize members

<https://bit.ly/3PbH4O8>

Solar panels installed at Polo High School, coming to Centennial Elementary

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

Program connects reading with culture for Black youth of Champaign Co.

<https://bit.ly/3wRrX66>

Augustana College and Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences announced a nursing program that will allow students to graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) after completing two years at Augustana and two years at Trinity.

<https://bit.ly/4c8VoRm>

EICC offers substitute teacher classes

<https://bit.ly/3TpeD1U>

More women enrolled in college, but fewer in workforce

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

Lincoln Library offering "decoding" books to help children with phonics

<https://bit.ly/4a5vKLp>

Former employee: Springfield principal moved because of 'failed leadership,' not race

<https://bit.ly/4c9BENJ>

Springfield District 186 changing reading curriculum to "evidence-based" learning

<https://bit.ly/4c8VMzi>

SIU plans four days of science, fun-filled events to celebrate 2024 eclipse

<https://bit.ly/3SZGOD6>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

How Do Higher Interest Rates Push Inflation Down?

<https://bit.ly/3T5JuPv>

U.S. applications for jobless benefits were unchanged, settling at a healthy level as the labor market

continues to show strength in the face of elevated interest rates

<https://abcn.ws/3lyu6WV>

The construction industry counted 413,000 open jobs on the last day of January, a 41% increase year over year, or 120,000 more unfilled positions

<https://bit.ly/49lf0Kq>

How Florida's home insurance market became so dysfunctional, so fast

<https://bit.ly/4c3ivNg>

Housing insurance is a growing problem for homeowners and insurers of last resort; In places most prone to wildfires and hurricanes, state "insurers of last resort" are absorbing \$Ts in risk

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

Walmart opens new front in same-day delivery war; The announcement comes two days after Target said it is introducing a subscription program with unlimited same-day deliveries to grow sales

<https://bit.ly/3PdA4R0>

Aldi to open 800 more U.S. stores by decade's end

<https://bit.ly/4a3FSVi>

Wholesale Used Car Prices Declined in February; Down 13.1% Year-over-year

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

Driverless startup Waymo to test self-driving vehicles with no human driver in Austin, Texas

<https://bit.ly/3PaT0zD>

The Stakes in the SUV "Arms Race" Go Way Beyond Safety; People tend, understandably, to think they'll be safer in an SUV-but what happens to our cities if everyone is driving a bigger vehicle?

<https://bit.ly/4a0JFIX>

Biden's climate chief says clean energy spending is winning over Americans

<https://politi.co/4c6Apyx>

Detroiters more likely to support local solar power development if they think it reduces energy prices for their community

<https://bit.ly/43cmIQ3>

Vast swaths of the United States are at risk of running short of power as electricity-hungry data centers and clean-technology factories proliferate around the country, leaving utilities and regulators grasping for credible plans to expand the nation's creaking power grid

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

AI is taking water from the desert; New data centers are springing up every week. Can the Earth sustain them?

<https://bit.ly/3V4mHq5>

We Must Think More Broadly to Reduce U.S. Carbon Emissions; By supporting low-carbon solutions for the

liquid fuel space alongside EVs, we can make more meaningful and lasting carbon reductions in America
<https://bit.ly/3ltB93k>

The AI industry is pushing a nuclear power revival - partly to fuel itself; A nuclear startup backed by OpenAI chief Sam Altman wants to power data centers and homes alike. It's racing against surging demand while working to satisfy regulators
<https://nbcnews.to/4a2i047>

More than 100 top AI researchers sign an open letter imploring AI companies to provide a legal and technical safe harbor for researchers to study their products
<https://wapo.st/43f5eNK>

How AI Could Disrupt Hollywood; New platforms and tools may allow a person to create a feature-length film from their living room. But can they really compete with the studios?
<https://bit.ly/3PdIjxo>

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Industry expert: More than doubling sports gambling tax will have negative impact
<https://bit.ly/4c2cJLL>

Aldi plans to add 800 stores across the U.S. as part of five-year plan
<https://bit.ly/3V5kp9Z>

Rivian to launch second-generation R2 electric SUV production in Normal, not Georgia
<https://bit.ly/3wM5ho5>

The electric automaker Rivian dropped three surprises Thursday during the reveal of its new, more affordable SUV - including news that the vehicle will be made in Normal.
<https://bit.ly/3PdoAwG>

Unemployment rate remains steady, payrolls increasing; The Illinois unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.7%.
<https://bit.ly/3T5Mv2h>

In an effort to address food deserts, a new bill has been introduced that would provide grants for farmer-owned grocery stores or markets.
<https://bit.ly/3lsO6dz>

New lakefront Bears stadium would bring upgrades to Museum Campus, but at steep price: Report
<https://bit.ly/439SQP5>

The Chicago Transit Authority's Oversight Board Is Filled With Political Insiders, Not Transit Experts
<https://bit.ly/3losGyt>

A group dedicated to preserving historic structures in Chicago has identified what it calls the city's most endangered buildings; Preservation Chicago released the list, with buildings in the Loop, Bronzeville, Lincoln Park, Avalon Park and Little Village all making the cut
<https://bit.ly/3lrPCN7>

It's been nearly 20 years since Chicago's Englewood neighborhood has seen a sit-down restaurant. That will soon change. \$Ms are going toward real estate developments, revitalizing Black and brown neighborhoods
<https://bit.ly/48LcaDn>

Bally's Chicago revenue grows in February, generating more than \$1M in local tax revenue
<https://bit.ly/3vcn7jo>

Lemont limestone, the 'Athens marble' of early Chicago; The Lemont limestone story begins eons before there was a Chicago with a Water Tower and Holy Name Cathedral, both built with locally mined stone that slowly turns from white to yellowish
<https://bit.ly/3LtmlUd>

Aurora at Argonne National Laboratory in Lemont on track to be world's fastest supercomputer
<https://bit.ly/3PcvjXE>

The Lyons Township High School board is losing enthusiasm for hiring a consultant to gauge what the public wants to do with the school's Willow Springs land
<https://bit.ly/43a7XrE>

Restaurants in Naperville will now be able to serve up to 32-ounce pours of beer or cider - with limitations - clearing the way for a forthcoming entertainment complex reliant on the larger servings to move forward
<https://bit.ly/4a2GN8b>

Church of Scientology expands in Chicago
<https://bit.ly/3TasvMd>

Kennedy construction nightmare returns Tuesday - 'It will be very similar to last year,' transit official says. The work is the second phase of the \$150M project taking place over three years.
<https://bit.ly/48M9EwL>

Battery maker NanoGraf plans expansion with second West Loop office; to create 60 jobs
<https://bit.ly/3lqpTEX>

New playground, dog-friendly areas envisioned for Jackson Park, Midway Plaisance Park in Woodlawn
<https://bit.ly/3VaH84M>

Why EV charging could soon cost more in Des Plaines
<https://bit.ly/3V5WU0A>

West Dundee is purchasing two buildings along Main Street to help spur redevelopment of the downtown properties.
<https://bit.ly/49Y8qPM>

Illinois' recreational weed market is most expensive in the Midwest
<https://bit.ly/49JC6jU>

7 hot new restaurants to try in the Chicago area this spring

<https://bit.ly/439Rhkb>

Chicago's O'Hare and Midway Airports Soar with Record Passenger Growth in 2023

<https://bit.ly/43a702y>

Illinois Office of Tourism Launches New Outdoor Content Series, 'Real People, Real Stories, Real Outdoors'

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

Anti-Gentrification Ordinance Protecting Homes Near The 606 And Pilsen Could Be Extended

<https://bit.ly/4a4NAhE>

UChicago physicists develop a modular robot with liquid and solid properties

<https://bit.ly/3V8kAkP>

Mid-America Real Estate Corp. has negotiated the sale of Downers Park Plaza, a 124,005-square-foot shopping center in Downers Grove.

<https://bit.ly/3P6VEq3>

Lynd, a real estate development and property management firm, is nearing completion of Home at Ashcroft, a 178-unit build-to-rent community in the Chicago suburb of Oswego.

<https://bit.ly/4c9Aodt>

Interra Realty has brokered the \$10.5M sale of a 2.3-acre retail redevelopment site in Chicago's Logan Square neighborhood.

<https://bit.ly/4c5tHsl>

Voila! Elmhurst is getting a French market

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

Looking For A 'Spark'; Ballyhoo Closes On Glenview Road Property; Other Downtown Development Updates

<https://bit.ly/49I1xCA>

Cary townhome developer asks village to cover \$73K in infrastructure costs

<https://bit.ly/3TspUi3>

Amazon 'fulfillment center' opens in Huntley, promising to connect with community, create jobs

<https://bit.ly/3wTvD7p>

The City of Morris announced that West Side Park will be closed starting Monday, March 18 for improvements and upgrades to the park.

<https://bit.ly/3v05nrC>

Plainfield looks to improve traffic flow with 143rd Street west extension

<https://bit.ly/4c5i4Su>

What to know about a \$48M overhaul for this Illinois River bridge

<https://bit.ly/4c5Rh8z>

Two Speedway gas stations apply for Oswego video gaming licenses

<https://bit.ly/3v14PSc>

Renewable energy forum for QCA homeowners happening in Moline; geothermal & solar options

<https://bit.ly/4bZCg8x>

Sustainability shines as Zimmerman Honda adds solar array to Moline facility

<https://bit.ly/3vbEK2R>

Normal mayor: Business balance a reason to consider smoke shop limit in Uptown

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

Survey finds Illinois farms increased value, shrank in numbers

<https://bit.ly/3V9mn9t>

Primient makes \$400M investment in Decatur food-processing plant

<https://bit.ly/3wMLc0U>

PUBLIC SAFETY

Bill Would Require NIH Scientists To Disclose Royalties They Receive From Companies; Over the past decade, scientists working at the National Institutes of Health have earned an estimated \$400M in royalties from third-party companies for medical treatments and innovations they've helped produce

<https://bit.ly/3P7wgAQ>

Tennessee vaccine law pits parental rights against public health

<https://nbcnews.to/48Q6nfz>

4 children surpass a year of HIV remission after treatment pause; The children started treatment within 48 hours after birth

<https://abcn.ws/3vbiiH7>

Asian American women are getting lung cancer despite never smoking. It's baffling scientists and leading to more research; Over 50% of Asian American women who have lung cancer have never smoked. For Chinese and Indian American women who have lung cancer, that number shoots to 80% to 90%

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

Producing more but understanding less: The risks of AI for scientific research; A psychologist and an anthropologist ponder the epistemic risks AI could pose for science

<https://bit.ly/3v4FZkr>

The "blind spot" in science that's fueling a crisis of meaning; Here's the case for why science can't keep ignoring human experience

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

Engineer plans solar panel implant for human retina to retain eyesight; Very small solar panels placed on the eye can send electric signals directly to the brain and restore vision

<https://bit.ly/3v7ZBnG>

Facing pressure to get in vitro fertilization services restarted in the state, Alabama's governor swiftly signed legislation into law shielding doctors from potential legal liability raised by a court ruling that equated frozen embryos to children

<https://bit.ly/4a3dLpa>

What is a frozen embryo worth? Alabama's IVF case reflects bigger questions over grieving and wrongful death laws

<https://bit.ly/437tL77>

Kansas could soon make doctors ask patients why they want abortions and report the answers

<https://bit.ly/4c8wRfd>

Most Americans support abortion for pregnancy-related emergencies

<https://n.pr/3Pcg3KJ>

House panel passes measure blocking Biden administration from finalizing nursing home staffing rule

<https://bit.ly/3lq15gn>

Florida Senate passes bill banning local heat protections for workers

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

Single dose of LSD provides immediate and lasting relief from anxiety, study says

<https://tinyurl.com/23xap5tt>

The utility provider Xcel Energy said that its facilities appeared to have played a role in igniting a massive wildfire in the Texas Panhandle that grew to the largest blaze in state history

<https://bit.ly/4a2VMix>

TSA unveils passenger self-screening lanes at Vegas airport as 'a step into the future'

<https://bit.ly/3wJX2Zy>

The Terrifying A.I. Scam That Uses Your Loved One's Voice; A Brooklyn couple got a call from relatives who were being held ransom. Their voices-like many others these days-had been cloned

<https://bit.ly/3lrp26N>

Can you tell which piece of audio was made by AI? Advanced AI can now mimic any human. Take our quiz and see whether you can tell the difference

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

Maine mass shooter had traumatic brain injuries, new scan finds

<https://nbcnews.to/4a31ssR>

Profound Damage Found in Maine Gunman's Brain, Possibly From Blasts; A laboratory found a pattern of cell damage that has been seen in veterans exposed to weapons blasts, and said it probably played a role in

symptoms the gunman displayed before the shooting

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

Mexico's most dangerous city for police refuses to give up or negotiate with cartels; At least 34 police officers have been killed in this city of 500,000 people in the last three years

<https://bit.ly/4a5GEkD>

Who Pays When the Police Go Away? If low-income communities are beset by crime that could be prevented by a police presence, why has it become a badge of honor in certain progressive precincts to work toward ejecting police from those communities?

<https://bit.ly/3v2XaTw>

Big blue cities are embracing conservative anti-crime measures. Here's why; San Francisco, Washington and New York City are among the municipalities where policymakers are backing harsher policies

<https://politi.co/49EletZ>

Feds reveal gang ties, crime spree of brother of illegal immigrant charged in Laken Riley killing

<https://bit.ly/49Ezfc0>

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Chicago police, federal officials discuss security plan for Democratic National Convention

<https://cbsn.ws/3ToCKxG>

\$75M in federal funding to assist Chicago's security procedures for Democratic National Convention

<https://bit.ly/49F4AeT>

Illinois embraces virtual court appearances offering greater access to justice

<https://bit.ly/438abaY>

Chicago reports first measles case since 2019

<https://bit.ly/3Vbzeb8>

Filings: Lawyers Who Sue Police, Defend Accused Criminals Lead Financial Backing of Cook County State's Attorney Hopeful

<https://bit.ly/43agScx>

Manhattan Police Chief To Join Elite Group For FBI Training; The National Command Course is only offered to chief executive officers of agencies with fewer than 50 sworn officers

<https://bit.ly/49F4kMX>

Urbana Fire Department Deputy Chief announces retirement

<https://bit.ly/434NmFb>

Researchers at Millikin explain how human trafficking is a local issue

<https://bit.ly/43ag9bj>

Automakers urged to improve emergency braking systems

<https://bit.ly/3V9jgyj>

\$700,000 Michigan casino heist leads FBI on trail back to Chicago

<https://bit.ly/43oq5yh>

Syphilis Cases in Babies on the Rise in Chicago, Health Department Says

<https://bit.ly/4c8MsLK>

Family Sues Chicago Transit Authority, Alleging Employee's Fatal Attack on Kevin Powell

<https://bit.ly/4cjHIJ5>

Surveillance cameras coming to downtown Woodstock to watch for 'inappropriate or criminal behavior' on Square

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

PFAS 'forever chemicals' are a health hazard, and they're everywhere

<https://bit.ly/3lou305>

Rockford area is no stranger to dangers posed by 'forever chemicals'

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

Rantoul mulling 10-year, \$670,714 deal with Axon to provide all police body cams, tasers and drones

<https://bit.ly/49I2pqH>

In effort to ward off cyber criminals, Champaign council OKs new three-year digital security services contract

<https://bit.ly/3Pb7Qq0>

Downstate man faces charges for swinging 'Trump' flag at police during U.S. Capitol riot

<https://bit.ly/3P7dXeL>

The Illinois EPA says they have not observed any threats to human health and the environment related to the CIPS Taylorville Ameren demobilization efforts.

<https://bit.ly/3wKVb6K>

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Momentum is building in a case regarding homeless encampments that will be argued before the U.S. Supreme Court next month and could have major implications for cities as homelessness nationwide has reached record highs

<https://bit.ly/435JZOi>

Californians split on ballot measure to tackle homelessness crisis

<https://bit.ly/48MPr9M>

Some Georgia senators want to punish cities and counties that they say are illegally harboring immigrants who are in the country without permission by cutting off most state aid to the local government and

removing elected officials from office

<https://bit.ly/3v4dt2r>

How to Succeed When You're Not the Boss's Favorite; Strategies to try when you're feeling undervalued and overlooked

<https://bit.ly/3v4Ghb5>

When You Have to Make a Strategic Decision Without Much Data; Three ways to make an informed decision when information is scarce

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

Soft skills lead to faster promotions, data shows; For talent professionals, this means upskilling initiatives and the hiring process should include a focus on soft skills

<https://bit.ly/3T4QSe5>

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Unions back measure protecting employees who skip religious or political work meetings; Opponents concerned about broad definitions, potential legal issues

<https://bit.ly/3T94XqJ>

Grant: The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus has completed the Priority Climate Action Plan to support jurisdictions seeking funding for the implementation of Priority GHG Reduction Strategies; Implementation grant applications are due April 1st

<https://tinyurl.com/39urk26t>

Bring Chicago Home tax hike referendum gets new life; Appeals court says legal challenge 'premature'

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

What you need to know about 'Bring Chicago Home'; Will higher taxes without a plan help homeless Chicagoans or hurt their job prospects?

<https://bit.ly/3TaT7MS>

'Bring Chicago Home': Illinois Appellate Court reinstates citywide referendum

<https://bit.ly/3V3NHG8>

Chicago's search for new revenue targets video gaming, wealth taxes, heliport, downtown digital ads

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

Most Chicago migrants not eligible for work permits, report says

<https://bit.ly/4c8UR1O>

Migrants report shelter staff limits hygiene products and say they fear retaliation for speaking out

<https://bit.ly/3wUX00Q>

Chicago has filled more than 143,000 potholes this year, thanks to mild winter

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

Catholic Charities to cut 300 jobs in shift from government contracts

<https://bit.ly/48Q7Nqy>

Naperville City Council takes no action on call for ceasefire in Gaza

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

Why aren't more families in need getting food aid from WIC nutrition program?

<https://bit.ly/3wKBps4>

Richton Park voters debate development and taxes with home rule on ballot

<https://bit.ly/3T5K9jX>

Elgin council divided over whether voters should be asked to weigh in on Kimball Street dam removal

<https://bit.ly/3lq0cEm>

Aurora looks at creating new advisory board focusing on seniors

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

'We're seeing a big issue': Kane County to consider compassionate euthanasia for COVID-era pet crisis

<https://bit.ly/3ltr3zu>

Mount Prospect puts limits on electronic signs in neighborhoods

<https://bit.ly/3wKScv4>

Illinois Bar Association makes recommendations for Cook County judicial candidates

<https://bit.ly/43fsQ4Q>

Pace Taxi Program Aids Chicagoans With Disabilities, But Advocates Say Systemic Issues Affect Access

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

State Appeals Court Greenlights Vote on Luxury Property Tax for Homeless Services

<https://bit.ly/3wGF3Dj>

What to look for in Evanston comprehensive plan

<https://bit.ly/3wC41Uf>

Sandwich OKs water rate hike to help fund improvements to water system

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

Rockford march joins worldwide call for ceasefire in Israel-Hamas War

<https://bit.ly/4358qeF>

Joliet looks serious about free downtown street parking this time

<https://bit.ly/4a0NSGh>

Help wanted: Peoria County needs at least 50 more election judges for the primary

<https://bit.ly/4a3K7QI>

'Quincy's Calling' program could end soon; The three-year-old program gives financial aid to new residents

so long as they live in Quincy for at least a year.

<https://bit.ly/4a3pZ0V>

Williamson County Board rescinds \$300,000 ARPA contract with City of Marion

<https://bit.ly/3PaEU1g>

Madison County State's Attorney's Office Offers College Internships For Summer

<https://bit.ly/3PaQn0S>

Carbondale city manager announces resignation

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

Carbondale introduces ebilling

<https://bit.ly/3lu9f7c>

SPACE NEEDS - NEW PUBLIC BUILDINGS

The Obama Foundation announced two major updates on the Obama Presidential Center's progress, including new renderings of the Programs and Athletic Center, when construction on that specific center will break ground, and a visit from President Barack Obama

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

Opening of Obama Presidential Center Delayed, Again, Until Spring 2026

<https://bit.ly/4a2F56L>

Chicago Bears resume talks with suburban schools even as they pursue a stadium in the city

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

Homewood Metra station to close for several weeks due to construction

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

Robbins Park District seeks property tax increase for playgrounds, multipurpose recreation facility

<https://bit.ly/4a00BJs>

Murphy's promotion suggests new stadium vigor for Bears

<https://bit.ly/48LVI5C>

OSF HealthCare plans to build a new hospital in Ottawa to replace OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center.

<https://bit.ly/490Inqx>

Train stations possible for Ottawa, La Salle along Chicago-to-Peoria line

<https://bit.ly/3V9iMIG>

Decatur school board to share 'Master Plan' for building upgrades in June

<https://bit.ly/3v13iLV>

Lee County board decides on funding plan for new health department building

<https://bit.ly/3v4VlFF>

STATE & FEDERAL

February's state revenues are way up over January

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Gov. J.B. Pritzker's proposed reduction of Illinois' standard income tax exemption would increase taxes for over 11M individuals. Some state leaders warn the effective tax hike would hit working families hardest.

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Democrats in the Illinois Senate advanced a measure that would prohibit Illinois companies from requiring employees to attend work-related meetings about politics or religion.

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Gov, legislators spar over \$325M grocery tax

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State commission says Illinois underfunds public universities by \$1.4B

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'White grievance' helps fuel election skepticism

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In 12 of 23 races in the Illinois Senate, the winner is already determined because of a lack of competition from the other party. In the House, 67 of 118 races are uncontested.

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State Senator pushes to cap prscription inhaler costs at \$25 for insured individuals

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SCOTUS Takes on Chevron Deference; New Jersey fishermen are challenging a 40-year-old precedent that gives executive agencies too much power; This led to decades of executive overreach, as administrations used convoluted readings of statutes to pursue agendas Congress never imagine

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Bill would dramatically increase the security of the benefits cards that low-income families use to buy groceries; Would require SNAP EBT cards to have microchips and other safeguards to combat 'skimming'

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Republicans Use Fuzzy Math To Claim Large FBI, ATF Cuts in Budget Bill; The total appropriations package would cut \$200B over 10 years, as the national debt expands by \$20T

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Congress sells out for earmarks; The bill that passed the House with broad bipartisan support contained more than 6,000 earmarks totaling \$12B in pet projects that lawmakers can tout to their home districts and states as tangible legislative successes

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Poll finds most Americans see "state of the union" as divided, but their economic outlook has been improving

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It's not just what Biden will say in State of the Union address, but how

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Democrats pin 2024 hopes and fears on Biden's State of the Union; Will be pivotal for his attempts to dispel voter concerns about his age

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Biden Needs to Stop Hiding; The president and his allies can't just tell voters that he can handle the job. They have to show it

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Biden's allies are begging him to fight harder. The State of the Union is his chance to do so

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Biden plans feisty economic reset; "Are you better off today than you were four years ago?"

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Biden-Trump rematch: How dueling economic records stack up; Charts give context for their competing claims

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Biden to highlight rebounding economy during State of the Union address, renew tax proposals for large corporations; Biden is also expected to push his plans to change the tax system

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Biden to highlight plans to deny tax breaks to wealthy companies, raise corporate tax rate in State of the Union

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Biden's State of the Union report card: Here's where Biden stands on last year's promises

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Will Biden move beyond empty promises in the State of the Union? In the past, President Biden has used this occasion to sing from the Republican hymnal - talking like a commonsense conservative while hiding the truth of his ultra-progressive, big government agenda

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Biden's State of the Union address, and the day after; A core part of that turn-around strategy will require vividly depicting the simple truth that Trump is a corrupt, autocratic, and incompetent bully

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Big Mysteries Surround the Predictable Presidential Rematch; Will Democrats Force Biden From the Race? How Do You Solve a Problem Like Kamala? Will Lawfare Finally Sink Trump? Will Trump Ultimately Sink Trump?

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Biden vs. Trump, again. Ain't America great?

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Haley flopped. But she exposed Trump's weaknesses on her way out

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Haley ran a near perfect race. She just couldn't figure out Trump; Haley tried different approaches to the former president. Nothing worked

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A Nikki Haley write-in campaign can save the GOP from itself

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Donald Trump Faces New Republican Threat; Liz Cheney, the former Republican Wyoming congresswoman and vocal critic of Donald Trump, has launched a new political action committee (PAC) which aims to stop the former president re-entering the White House

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A new book, White Rural Rage, paints white rural Americans, a small and shrinking minority of the country, as the greatest threat to American democracy

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What US allies want from the State of the Union: Love for Ukraine; Senior figures from across the Continent want the president to use his address to push Congress to finally pass his \$60B military aid package for Kyiv

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The Republicans Who Sold Their Souls to Putin; The Russian strongman has yet to topple Ukraine, but he's conquered the GOP

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Europe divided over how far to push Putin

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Sweden set to become NATO's 32nd member as PM visits Washington; The accession of Sweden and Finland - which shares an 830-mile border with Russia - is the most significant expansion of the Western military alliance for decades

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Sweden officially joins NATO, ending decades of post-World War II neutrality

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Sweden officially joins NATO as worries grow over Russian aggression in Europe

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What Sweden brings to NATO; The traditionally neutral country has built a formidable military-industrial complex - something that will bolster the alliance as it faces Russian President Putin

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What happened to the lend-lease option for Ukraine? This legislation allows President Biden to sell or gift U.S. military equipment no longer needed by the armed forces. How he exercises this power is up to him

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Putin's crackdown casts a wide net, ensnaring LGBTQ people, lawyers and many others; Russia's free-press has been decimated, prominent rights groups have been outlawed and lawyers who have represented dissidents have been prosecuted

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Tensions in Israel war cabinet as Gaza conflict rages

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In the ruins of Gaza, children are starving to death and there's no cease-fire in sight

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Biden to order US military to construct port in Gaza to increase aid flow; "We're not planning for this to be an operation that would require U.S. boots on the ground"

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Inside America's Shadow War With Iran

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China's foreign minister said that the United States was "obsessed" with suppressing China, potentially jeopardizing efforts to strengthen relations between the world's two biggest economies

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Democratic lawmaker raises alarm about China's mind-reading tech push

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A coalition of red states is challenging the Biden administration over its fresh corporate emissions and climate disclosure rule, just hours after the Securities and Exchange Commission greenlit the measure

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