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EDUCATION

The Parent Trust Gap in Education; Bridging the Divide for Better Outcomes

<https://bit.ly/3lv6faY>

Lawmakers remain divided over charters during House hearing; Congressional leaders debated the effectiveness and direction of the increasingly popular charter school movement

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

As Arizona Probes School Choice Fraud, Advocates Dismiss Scheme as 'Inside Job'; The indictment of former education department staffers has once again put a spotlight on the state's \$1B education savings account program

<https://bit.ly/3V6uWBN>

The Media is Waging War on My Charter School, Even Though It Helps Underserved Students Succeed

<https://bit.ly/3TsYh8w>

A brief look at the state of financial education in the US: past, present, and future

<https://bit.ly/3wJ4O5Y>

A Robust Education Marketplace Means Some Schools Will Fail; Any efforts to control new school startups or create "guardrails" around them will only slow educational progress and stymie entrepreneurship and innovation

<https://bit.ly/48OoiU5>

Florida lawmakers OK volunteer chaplains in public schools; civil rights groups say it's unconstitutional

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

Two-Sigma Tutoring: Separating Science Fiction from Science Fact; An experimental intervention in the 1980s raised certain test scores by two standard deviations. It wasn't just tutoring, and it's never been replicated, but it continues to inspire

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

The CIA is headed back to the South by Southwest (SXSW) conference in Texas with an emphasis on recruiting employees, building new tech partnerships and outreach to children

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

A new state-funded mental-health app places few barriers between predators and vulnerable kids; The Kooth app allows children to log on anonymously and exchange messages with a mental-health counselor; in most Pennsylvania school districts

<https://bit.ly/3Ts9JRF>

Gen Z's climate anxiety is real and needs action - for everyone's wellbeing

<https://bit.ly/48JN9Zi>

FAFSA submissions from high school seniors are down 38%

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

One of Harvard's former top officials was named in two ethics complaints over the Ivy League college paying his law firm nearly \$42M while he served on the school's governing board

<https://bit.ly/49O7HB5>

Lawsuit filed against MIT accuses the university of allowing antisemitism on campus

<https://bit.ly/48L9fKH>

Columbia Professor who Spoke Out Against Antisemitism on Campus Now Under Investigation by Administration

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

We've Seen This Hate Before; Antisemitism Is Resurgent among Young People and We Can't Afford to Ignore It

<https://bit.ly/3wTbK0d>

House lawmakers butt heads on role of DEI in antisemitism, how to improve system

<https://tinyurl.com/yfbt7j6h>

Which Great Books Can Withstand This Canon Fire? The deeper issue is who decides what books are the most meritorious

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

Critics of 'Banning' Books Are Wrong: They're Not All Suitable for Kids

<https://tinyurl.com/47b7vmfd>

Biden's State of the Union: High-quality tutoring is in, book bans are out

<https://bit.ly/4a4vNqT>

Hoop Dreams at 30: Arthur Agee, William Gates and the ties that bind; Arthur Agee and William Gates never fulfilled their dream of making the NBA, but the subjects of the groundbreaking 1994 doc ended up making more of an impact than many who did

<https://tinyurl.com/ysbcbhed>

Illinois House OKs bill approved by the Senate that would put 10 of 21 Chicago school board seats up for election this November. Mayor Johnson will appoint the rest, including the board president

<https://bit.ly/4a61uQW>

Illinois lawmakers pass final plan for Chicago's first elected school board

<https://bit.ly/43a0Q2o>

Illinois lawmakers approve elected school board for Chicago. What comes next?

<https://bit.ly/3v5imbw>

Religious leader wants anti-violence efforts in Chicago schools

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

Illinois receives \$750K grant to streamline college admissions process

<https://bit.ly/3lvSxV8>

As Evanston/Skokie School District 65 prepares to announce its next superintendent, recent reports reveal Devon Horton, the district's previous school chief, has been delinquent on his debt payment plan with his old district

<https://bit.ly/3wOBLy0>

Hinsdale South High School's principal defended his school against allegations that it was dissuading students from taking biology as freshmen

<https://bit.ly/4cj2Mtl>

Illinois Central College gets state grants for EMT training, Dual Credit program

<https://bit.ly/3TspTu9>

Illinois students in tutoring program largely met goals in reading and math, researchers say

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

Ambitious plan unveiled to boost college spending in Illinois - and more fairly distribute money

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

Illinois Underfunds Public Universities by \$1.4B, State Commission Says

<https://bit.ly/43c1iNr>

U. of C. graduate student workers, administration reach tentative agreement

<https://bit.ly/4c7q9WU>

Faculty in the UIC College of Nursing received a grant to create virtual reality simulations that will deliver diversity, equity and inclusion training to nursing students and faculty

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

Oswego continues to study increased fines for student tobacco, marijuana use

<https://bit.ly/49ALh6h>

Bradley University transitioning to solar energy in 20-year rebate agreement

<https://bit.ly/4362wdn>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Jay Powell Is Good At Politics. Just Don't Call Him Political; Jay Powell isn't one of the great economic theorists of our time. His resilience as Fed chair comes down in part to raw political skill

<https://politi.co/4a57gIK>

Powell: 'There will be bank failures' caused by commercial real estate losses

<https://tinyurl.com/y7mcnnwu>

US job market data bolsters Fed's 'no rush' rate cut view

<https://tinyurl.com/3thya8x5>

Job creation topped expectations in February and pointed to a still-vibrant U.S. labor market, even though the unemployment rate moved higher

<https://cnb.cx/3ltHV9m>

Well-paying trade and industrial jobs go unfilled as training programs and apprenticeships grow slowly; The Labor Department estimates that at least 750,000 jobs are unfilled at industrial firms. One recent study calculated that open industrial positions could climb above 2M by 2030

<https://bit.ly/3lrZ96K>

Can American Labor Seize the Moment? Unions are popular but facing decades of decline

<https://bit.ly/3Tc5tnU>

Small business owners in the U.S. are struggling to get financing from traditional lenders as the impact of higher rates and bank failures of a year ago linger, holding back business growth for some

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

Federal agency to develop minority businesses can't only help minority businesses, Texas judge rules; Three white plaintiffs sued after they were denied services by the agency, whose stated goal is to provide assistance to minorities

<https://tinyurl.com/3y6ajbb8>

President Biden wants to give homebuyers a \$10K tax credit. Here's who would qualify

<https://cbsn.ws/3v2ILXm>

The Need to Protect Unspent Affordable Housing Funds; Local governments face a year-end deadline for obligating American Rescue Plan Act funds

<https://bit.ly/3v6oFeX>

Homeowners in these 10 states saw the biggest gains in home equity

<https://cbsn.ws/3wLSsu1>

Final piece of \$376M Oregon housing package clears Legislature

<https://bit.ly/3T82Bsg>

A heap of housing bills failed in Washington's legislative session; Proposals concerning rent stabilization and increased housing density died this time, in contrast to 2023's "year of housing" when 10 passed

<https://bit.ly/3V7Ld9G>

Massachusetts promised to 'significantly reduce' public housing vacancies. The effort barely made a dent

<https://tinyurl.com/5n7ycp9y>

California Forever releases new map of proposed Bay Area utopian city; The city would tentatively house about 50,000 residents but could be built out to accommodate 400,000

<https://bit.ly/3TuDgu9>

A Brand New City in Northern California Will Show if the State Is Serious About Housing Solutions; The project might determine whether new generations will be able to take part in the American Dream

<https://bit.ly/3v4yYQG>

California doesn't really want to make landlords accept pets; In Sacramento, everything is a negotiating tactic

<https://politi.co/3v6h8N9>

City Planning's Greatest Innovation Makes a Comeback; If we revive the street grid and start to undo decades of arbitrary zoning rules, American city planning might finally get back on track

<https://bit.ly/3V9A7RG>

A Vote for Safer Streets from the Heart of Car Culture; Voters in Los Angeles approved a ballot measure to add hundreds of miles of bike lanes and bus lanes

<https://bit.ly/3T3sv0i>

Minneapolis adds to the pile-on against ride-share companies; Ordinance would set a series of minimum wages for Uber and Lyft drivers

<https://bit.ly/3V4HSs1>

Virginia budget won't include arena, pausing planned move for Wizards, Capitals

<https://bit.ly/3ToK0cN>

Coastal US cities are sinking as sea levels continue to rise, new research shows; Several regions face increased flooding from the double threat

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

The Skyrocketing Costs Driving Cheeseburger Prices Up-and Restaurant Owners Out; Escalating payroll costs and diners' dwindling tolerance for higher checks are putting independent restaurants in a squeeze

<https://on.wsj.com/3TchSZ0>

Restaurants Don't Want Your Party of Six; The noise, longer seatings and smaller per-person bills are

negatives, so reservations for big groups are hard to come by

<https://on.wsj.com/3V6cs4B>

Joann Inc., owner of fabric and crafting retail stores nationwide, is considering filing for Chapter 11 and giving control of the company to lenders; There are more than 850 Joann locations throughout the country

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

Division of Labor Makes Us Wealthy . . . And Fragile; As we become more specialized, and our prosperity is more contingent, our shrinking command of general competence puts us at greater risk

<https://bit.ly/436fB6r>

Arizona governor turns off taps for Saudi business pumping 5.3B gallons of water annually

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

Allowing more juice to flow through power lines could hasten clean energy projects; Grid-enhancing technologies can help existing lines carry more electricity

<https://bit.ly/3wDS3cL>

Anywhere Robotics' Pixmo Takes Unique Approach to Trailer Unloading; A clever accessory helps this robot move heavy boxes quickly

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

On-Device AI Is a Whole New Way of Experiencing Artificial Intelligence; AI is fundamentally reshaping current and future devices, from phones to robots

<https://cnet.co/436cZ8D>

A Google AI Watched 30,000 Hours of Video Games - Now It Makes Its Own

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

Biden highlights Stellantis Belvidere plant 'comeback story' in State of the Union speech

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

In State of the Union, President Biden touts Belvidere, Illinois as a "comeback story"

<https://cbsn.ws/3Vcx7UI>

Chicago among most stressful cities for workers

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

Church of Scientology opens in South Loop, but not all neighbors are rolling out the welcome mat

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

Church of Scientology expands in Chicago

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

Catholic Charities to lay off 300 workers, refocus its efforts; A new strategic plan for Catholic Charities of Chicago will mean a reduction in its footprint in government contracts and the loss of a few hundred jobs

<https://bit.ly/3Vhkur8>

\$12M 143rd Street Project In Plainfield Celebrated With Ceremony; Rerouting Route 126 onto 143rd Street, shifting traffic and trucks away from the downtown area typically bustling with both pedestrian and car traffic

<https://bit.ly/4a4vyft>

Artificial intelligence runs fully-operational kitchen at Mall of India food court in Naperville

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

New casino coming to south suburbs confident it will hit jackpot despite a crowded market

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

Wind Creek Casino on Track for Summer Opening in Chicago's South Suburbs Despite Industry Challenges

<https://bit.ly/43ccs4V>

Bally's Chicago revenue grows in February, generating more than \$1M in local tax revenue

<https://bit.ly/3vcn7jo>

Obama Presidential Center opening pushed from late 2025 to spring 2026

<https://bit.ly/3v2ESSi>

Kane County considers partnering with planning group on housing plan

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

Aurora display highlights 'smart neighborhood' to be built on far West Side

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

Officials trying to identify Lake County areas with slow internet service; 'This creates a bigger gap between the haves and the have-nots'

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

Gurnee planning board endorses heavy equipment dealership next to subdivision

<https://bit.ly/3ls7dVp>

Metra CEO seeks to increase Electric line speeds to 90 mph

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

Chicago's Architectural Treasures on Brink of Extinction, Says Preservation Group

<https://bit.ly/3T5Z9hX>

Rivian to produce newest electric car line in Illinois

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

Ten areas across Illinois have now been designated as cultural districts

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

State of Illinois designates two Eastside Springfield neighborhoods as cultural districts

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

Little Village, Humboldt Park Among 10 State-Designated Cultural Districts Eligible for \$3M in Funding

<https://bit.ly/4a5m0AV>

Remember Chicago's Native and Pollinator Garden Registry? It's Finally Getting off the Ground

<https://bit.ly/48MqaN1>

Here Are the Top 10 Consumer Complaints in Illinois For 2023

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

Community solar farm could be coming to Crystal Lake

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

Two Speedway gas stations apply for Oswego video gaming licenses

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

Governor Pritzker awards \$4.6M in grant funding to local tourism organizations

<https://bit.ly/3V9TPNd>

'Historic' \$400M investment in Decatur plant

<https://bit.ly/43c3moF>

Peoria wants food trucks and food carts to return to downtown. Here's the plan

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

Burlington to get new 38,600 sq ft Amazon facility

<https://bit.ly/3wTZFb7>

The end of a federal program would enhance digital divides in west central Illinois

<https://bit.ly/4c4BOpt>

Vermillion County: Pending Senate Approval & President's Signature, Federal Funding for "Madison Neighborhood Project" is On its Way

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

Primient invests \$400M in Decatur facility

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

Edwardsville Council approves lease for Edwardsville Arts Center at Montclair Station

<https://bit.ly/49Sn7E6>

PUBLIC SAFETY

Measles outbreak threatens US status of 'eliminating' virus

<https://tinyurl.com/36fcjbth>

How AI Is Revolutionizing Healthcare; AI can process multiple massive data sets to identify combinations of genetic variants or abnormalities that cause disease, including cases where causal genes are unknown. Therefore, AI also holds the promise of generating never-before-seen molecules "from scratch"

<https://bit.ly/3Vgte0G>

This AI Can Design the Machinery of Life With Atomic Precision; The new AI broadens the scope of biomolecular design

<https://bit.ly/3v2OIDE>

Our Brains Take Rhythmic Snapshots as We Walk; Our findings also hint at broader questions about the nature of perception itself. How does the brain stitch together these rhythms in perception to give us our seamless experience of an evening stroll?

<https://bit.ly/3PhJcE7>

Could a 'DNA diet' help to reduce health risks linked to high blood sugar? Genetically-informed diets could be an effective intervention

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

Cancer-causing PCB chemicals still being produced despite 40-year-old ban; Research reveals byproduct PCBs may pose 'growing, unmonitored environmental and human health risk'

<https://tinyurl.com/3phkr38e>

Burnout is rampant among female health care workers. Here's why

<https://tinyurl.com/txv55uup>

Medicaid waivers help states pilot solutions to health, housing disparities; Nebraska's Section 1115 Medicaid waiver would help finance two medical respite centers, or post-hospital recovery centers, for individuals experiencing homelessness

<https://bit.ly/4c6YENa>

More than 18% of kids have taken melatonin for sleep. Is it safe?

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

Legal Sports Betting - Our Next Addiction Crisis?

<https://bit.ly/43gCT9F>

The DNA Scandal That Threatens Thousands of Criminal Cases; Colorado investigators say a star analyst altered data. Now people she helped send to prison want their convictions re-examined

<https://on.wsj.com/3T5d5Zz>

Uvalde families furious at new report defending police response

<https://bit.ly/3T7aT3F>

Uvalde parents furious as report into attack that killed 22 absolves police; Families outraged by city inquiry that said officers who waited outside as shooting took place showed 'level-headed thinking'

<https://tinyurl.com/mrjjkce4>

South Carolina governor signs permit-less carry bill into law

<https://bit.ly/3T7pDQc>

Statewide Indiana officeholders handgun carry privilege restored in finalized bill - but not for staff; The legislation, which also aims to protect firearm businesses from financial discrimination, now goes to the governor's desk

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

New York is expanding bag checks on the subway. How is this legal?

<https://tinyurl.com/z7veyenb>

New York's showy crackdown on subway crime is the wrong approach

<https://tinyurl.com/57x3bdds>

The National Guard is for emergencies, not for everyday subway policing

<https://bit.ly/4a5p548>

Chicago reports first measles case since 2019, seeking others possibly exposed

<https://bit.ly/4382b9S>

Proposed Illinois legislation aims to support human trafficking victims

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

Measles reported at Chicago migrant shelter

<https://bit.ly/48GDRx2>

Chicago reports first measles cases since 2019, including child at Pilsen migrant shelter

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

Chicagoans are dying from cardiac arrest outside the hospital at increasingly younger ages; "It was very clear that this started pre-pandemic"

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

Carville fears repeat of violent 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago

<https://tinyurl.com/3phdncev>

Union boss calls for National Guard, bag checks on Chicago transit system, like in New York

<https://cbsn.ws/4clC4Rh>

Mayor Johnson mum when asked if Chicago would welcome NYC-style security intervention on CTA

<https://bit.ly/3lt2O4f>

Flossmoor mayor: Police chief is being fired strictly due to performance issues

<https://bit.ly/3lv9sqT>

Concern is growing that conditions at the long-troubled Illinois Department of Children Family Services may be getting worse for many of its abused or neglected children

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

Illinois lawmakers propose legalizing 'magic mushrooms' for therapies

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

Fraud related losses in Illinois increased by more than 15% from 2022 to 2023

<https://bit.ly/4a06Vk6>

Chicago cop shown kneeling on 14-year-old's back in viral video faces dismissal

<https://bit.ly/4c6Deji>

Flossmoor Mayor Michelle Nelson cites 'performance concerns' in firing police Chief Jerel Jones

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

Chicago bus driver union boss calls for National Guard, bag checks on CTA like in New York City

<https://cbsn.ws/3V51Xyp>

New Bill Would Ban Guns From Illinois Polling Places

<https://bit.ly/3V3QaAq>

City Wakes Pilsen Migrant Shelter Residents At 1 AM To Announce Measles Lockdown, Causing Panic

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

Chicago Food Pantries Wrestle with Soaring Demand Amid Migrant Influx

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

Chicago Updates Isolation Guidelines: CDPH Encourages Staying Home When Ill, Tailored Approach Over Strict Timelines

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

McHenry County jail expects to bring in more than \$500K for first 2 months of housing Lake County inmates

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

Murphy Holds Senate Bill To Dissolve Elk Grove Fire District. Will Only Move To Legislatively End District If March 19 Referendum Fails

<https://bit.ly/3v2WdKP>

Two bills could give patients greater choice when filling prescriptions in Illinois

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

Champaign City Council approves fire, police training in Macon Co.

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

McLean County behavioral health council meetings suspended indefinitely for not fulfilling their 'mission'

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

Central Illinois HSHS hospitals receive Healing Illinois grant

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

Report: Fewer than half of Illinois hospitals comply with price transparency law

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Lead is still in Ms of U.S. homes, soil and water. Here's how testing is done

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

Louisville's High Injury Network could help prioritize improving safety on certain roads; City uses map to target Vision Zero efforts

<https://bit.ly/3wMI5G6>

AI Integration In Aerial Imagery Spells Big Changes For Key Industries; By combining aerial imagery with machine learning, governments have been able to source and create more accurate data, leading to more confident and effective decision-making

<https://bit.ly/3luQO2w>

Why Adopting GenAI Is So Difficult; It may seem like everyone's figured out how to use this new technology. They haven't

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

Where to Start with AI? Cities and States Offer Use Cases; Building an AI program is a daunting proposition, but government has to start somewhere

<https://bit.ly/3Tc7Zuz>

When a New Boss Makes You Hate a Job You Once Loved; Your manager has the power to change your experience at work. But you're not powerless

<https://tinyurl.com/25tw8y4a>

Why are women still taken less seriously than men? Explaining how we can close this pernicious gap and why everyone wins when we do so

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

5 ways to make sure extroverts don't dominate brainstorming sessions

<https://bit.ly/4c3sYbr>

To Decide Where to Grow Next, Pinpoint What Makes Your Company Different

<https://tinyurl.com/2bytjvcc>

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Governor Pritzker is right to end the grocery tax. But he must make it up to municipalities

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

Illinois moves to limit toxic forever chemicals contaminating wells throughout the state

<https://bit.ly/3Tr2Dgm>

Illinois and Chicago failing badly at their own game: 'equity'; What are the results, based only on progressives' own goal of better actual outcomes?

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

How Chicago Mayor Johnson's inner circle compares to past mayors'; It's more heavily Black, with no Asian Americans among his top political appointees

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

7 Things Migrants Should Know About Upcoming Shelter Evictions; Chicago's 60-day shelter limits will kick in soon. Borderless answers questions on how to access community, city and state resources

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

Dolton politician's cancer charity got almost all of its reported funds from taxpayers

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

Evanston City Council found in violation of Open Meetings Act

<https://bit.ly/49GUml1>

How Brandon Johnson's inner circle compares to past mayors'

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

Chicago has spent nearly \$300M on migrant crisis, city says

<https://cbsn.ws/3V9QD4b>

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

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

Aurora looks at creating new advisory board focusing on seniors

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

State Senators, Representatives, Mayors, and County Board Members all signed a letter urging Thornton Township voters to vote "NO" on the referendum (which previously failed last fall) for a property tax increase for a township mental health program

<https://bit.ly/3v5IG5f>

Lake County congressional reps announce how \$13M in federal funds will be allocated

<https://bit.ly/4a7iplN>

Business owner sues Calumet City for reversal of gas station approval, alleges racism

<https://bit.ly/3lvU8u6>

Mild Winter Allows Chicago Department of Transportation to Fill 143,000 Potholes, Tackling City's Street Woes

<https://bit.ly/4393yVO>

Kane County proposal to offer euthanasia for pets causes controversy

<https://cbsn.ws/4c1ygEx>

'We're seeing a big issue': Kane County to consider compassionate euthanasia for pets

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

Mount Prospect Weighs Options On Bright Signs In Residential Areas

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

Downers Grove Village Council has agreed to consider a resolution calling for the ouster of a library board member

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

McLean County Regional Planning Commission to host virtual town hall on rural transportation

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

Peoria City Council to vote on repairing major East Bluff thoroughfare

<https://bit.ly/4cbeDK3>

Champaign City Council approves new cybersecurity contract

<https://bit.ly/48l5cyN>

Quincy: Troup's State of the City speech focuses on need for more housing, hotels, retail, skilled employees

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

Macomb to improve wastewater plant

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

SPACE NEEDS - NEW PUBLIC BUILDINGS

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

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

Construction begins on new municipal building for city of Polo, Buffalo Township

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

Vermillion County board awaits animal shelter report

<https://bit.ly/4a62iF4>

STATE & FEDERAL

Clerks concerned about taxpayer cost, confidence around ranked choice voting

<https://bit.ly/49JViy8>

Illinois GOP legislators demand transparency surrounding spending on migrants

<https://bit.ly/4a7VU0n>

Former Democratic Gov. Quinn backs GOP-led ethics ballot initiative

<https://bit.ly/3Vb8R57>

ILLINOIS TEAMSTERS URGE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO BAN MANDATORY ATTENDANCE AT ANTI-UNION MEETINGS

<https://prn.to/3Tcklms>

Proposal to end required religious and political workplace meetings in IL passes committee

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

Reproductive rights advocates say Illinois law protects IVF as state lawmakers consider legislation to expand access

<https://bit.ly/43emeU7>

State considering bill that would allow assisted death for terminally ill patients

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

Eliminating grocery tax a popular proposal

<https://bit.ly/4c9lvry>

Engineers against plan to shift road money to Chicago

<https://bit.ly/4c1NDwN>

A proposal in Illinois to have social media companies pay media outlets that link to their content is being called a "link tax" by some, but fair compensation by others.

<https://bit.ly/438r3yq>

Legislators say disabled workers could be fired if sub-minimum wage ends

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

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Let's stop wasting time on the Daylight Saving Time debate

<https://bit.ly/3uSVw73>

TikTok is urging users to call Congress about a looming ban; A push notification warns that the move 'strips 170M Americans of their Constitutional right to freedom of expression'

<https://bit.ly/3wLOFg2>

Furious Congress plows forward with TikTok bill after user revolt; After asking users to enter their ZIP code, TikTok then directed them to call their representative in Congress

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

Lawmakers say calls from children show why TikTok should be changed

<https://cbsn.ws/43h6Lms>

US lawmakers vote 50-0 to force sale of TikTok despite angry calls from users

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

Trump rips potential TikTok ban after supporting one as president

<https://tinyurl.com/az9wt738>

Politics thriving on Threads despite Meta down on divisive topics

<https://tinyurl.com/3m6vta95>

The Mystery Social Media Account Schooling Congress on How to Do Its Job; Ringwiss, an influential X account, is changing how the public understands Congress, and how members understand their own power

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