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EDUCATION

Can micro-credentialing help address teacher shortages? Micro-credentials are a competency-based training approach that helps professionals gain and demonstrate new skills through asynchronous online learning
<https://bit.ly/49PanhM>

School districts offer affordable teacher housing as recruitment tool
<https://bit.ly/3v6zKfW>

What Brings Gen Z to the Library?
<https://bit.ly/3PeZyxa>

How a second language can boost the brain; Being bilingual benefits children as they learn to speak - and adults as they age
<https://bit.ly/49lyXkq>

High Schoolers Would Earn College Credit Under Biden's Budget; Urging Congress to spend \$7B to enroll teens in college courses while they're still in high school
<https://bit.ly/3Tc1mZc>

It's Been a Bad Couple Years for American Confidence in Higher Education. Here's How Democrats Should Respond
<https://bit.ly/3ItUp3r>

Have the Liberal Arts Gone Conservative? The classical-education movement seeks to fundamentally reorient schooling in America. Its emphasis on morality and civics has also primed it for partisan takeover
<https://bit.ly/3TxyJHp>

How Ivy League Schools Tilt Your Odds in the Lottery of Life
<https://bit.ly/49Srxv1>

How universities can prepare graduates for an AI-driven world; Colleges should focus on teaching the life skills that will outlast inevitable technological changes

<https://bit.ly/3v3HZtl>

Columbia's New "Antisemitism Task Force" Won't Say What It Thinks Antisemitism Is; As the task force shuts down dissent, students and faculty fear loose definitions of antisemitism will be used to stifle pro-Palestine speech

<https://bit.ly/49NzRw6>

Department of Homeland Security using Hamas to expand its reach on college campuses; "Foreign malign influence" and disinformation are now targets of new government efforts

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

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Nearly all Illinois public universities report higher costs, less funds to operate; Every Illinois public university received about one-third less operational funding from the state in fiscal year 2024 than 15 years ago. University of Illinois spending per student dropped by nearly half

<https://bit.ly/3Pg6lkS>

A report released this month by the Network for Public Education ranked Illinois an "A" grade for its overall support of public schools.

<https://bit.ly/48T5J0S>

The Illinois Class of 2023 had over 36,000 students who scored a three or better on the advanced placement exams. This makes the number of high school graduates scoring this 6.8% higher than 10 years ago

<https://cbsn.ws/3wMg3dT>

Measles vaccine data: Find out the vaccination rate for any school in Illinois

<https://bit.ly/3Tgu1Mu>

Illinois lawmakers challenge Chicago school board's plans to remove police, rethink choice policy

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

Illinois lawmakers' killing of school choice looking more absurd as Alabama, Tennessee, Texas set up choice expansions

<https://bit.ly/3VhFz4T>

To no one's surprise, the Chicago Teachers Union is preparing to ask for a lot - \$Bs more - in the contract negotiations set to begin in earnest shortly; The union's demands "will cost \$50B and 3 cents. And so what? That's audacity. That's Chicago"

<https://bit.ly/4a5vfkG>

A 37 percent increase in health insurance premiums last year prompted Elmhurst School District 205 to look at getting a new insurance consultant

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

The Chicago Teacher's Union is accused of violating school district policies by encouraging teachers to help get students to attend a get-out-the-vote event happening during the school day.

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

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

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

<https://bit.ly/4a9sGy8>

Fenton High School staff member on leave amid criminal investigation

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

UIC Business alumnus establishes the Bielinski Family Endowed Faculty Scholar Fund with \$2.25M gift

<https://bit.ly/43c26ll>

University of Illinois' first vice chancellor of Native affairs: "I feel very disrespected"

<https://bit.ly/3V7usLU>

Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg and Illinois State University in Normal nursing school programs were awarded state grants to help defray educational costs and to buy equipment

<https://bit.ly/4cdwX5c>

New initiative by Western Illinois University to cover tuition

<https://bit.ly/3T9ITfT>

SIU project could grow out-of-this-world crops

<https://bit.ly/49U7zAg>

Kruse: Diversity initiatives, academic freedom under attack

<https://bit.ly/3T7ubpA>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Think capitalism is terrible? This economist says it's already dead; The scales have tipped in the direction of a new form of feudalism that strips capitalism of its best features

<https://bit.ly/3v6Cb22>

A utopian strand of economic thought is making a surprising comeback; It was once normal for economists to imagine a world with less work. What happened?

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

Why Don't We Just Build New Cities?

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

A \$400M Bet Says This Is the Mall of the Future; Pickleball, luxury apartments, a hotel and more are

breathing new life into America's oldest mall

<https://on.wsj.com/4cejVEE>

Businesses that rely on office workers are struggling

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

Demographics Rules Everything Around Me

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

47% of parents still financially support adult children, study finds. Here's how much they spend

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

Americans Don't Care as Much About Work. And It Isn't Just Gen Z; Blame it largely on the pandemic, which weakened the hold the workplace held on people's psyches

<https://on.wsj.com/3IAN3IN>

Trump Judge Shoots Down Major Pro-Worker Reform; The "joint-employer" rule would make it easier for fast-food and other workers to organize - but employers are fighting it in court and Congress

<https://bit.ly/3ly5u0M>

Labor productivity increased 3.2% in the fourth quarter of 2023, the third straight quarter of gains. During the period, output increased 3.5% while hours worked increased by just 0.3%. There are lots of reasons to explain why productivity might be improving

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

Blue States Are Creating a Housing Market Crisis; "It is easier to build in Texas because of more relaxed zoning laws, less red tape, cheaper land, and cheaper construction costs. There is also strong demand for homes from out-of-state buyers"

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

HUD Secretary to resign, says affordable housing is 'an American issue'

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

What Does 'Affordable Housing' Actually Mean? The outdated rule shaping American housing

<https://bit.ly/3Tf8aoH>

Biden's laws are pouring \$Bs into new infrastructure and it could be a rare opportunity to make communities safer and more sustainable

<https://bit.ly/3lu7pDw>

Biden is spreading \$442B across the US. The impact could be greatest where he's least popular

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

The backlash in Green Charter Township, Michigan, represents something seldom seen since the Red Scare: a quasi-militant, homegrown resistance to the perceived threat of communism at home; The \$2.4B Gotion battery plant promised to bring nearly 2,500 jobs to Michigan's fifth-poorest county

<https://bit.ly/48Pc9hx>

Austin, Texas, mayor expresses concerns over wave of self-driving cars, rail opposition

<https://bit.ly/49JS3GQ>

Next Autopilot trial to test Tesla's blame-the-driver defense

<https://tinyurl.com/yc7e98fw>

Automakers Are Sharing Consumers' Driving Behavior With Insurance Companies; LexisNexis, which generates consumer risk profiles for the insurers, knew about every trip G.M. drivers had taken in their cars, including when they sped, braked too hard or accelerated rapidly

<https://nyti.ms/3TeCobr>

Why Walmart sees drone delivery taking flight; The retailer is expanding drone delivery to up to 1.8M additional households, linking the option to stores across more than 30 towns and municipalities in the Dallas-Forth Worth area

<https://bit.ly/3vhi8Ot>

Walmart adds early morning delivery option; As operational competition with Target and Amazon heats up, the big-box retailer is expanding on-demand delivery to start at 6 a.m.

<https://bit.ly/3ly3SE9>

Now Is Not the Time to Waste Funds on a Flawed Broadband Program; Lawmakers are considering extending a broadband program that would drive inflation higher and deepen deficits, all while providing already-connected residents with Internet service

<https://bit.ly/3Pk3cpQ>

Oil Fields of Arkansas Are the Newest Locations for a Lithium Battery Rush

<https://bit.ly/4a35dyk>

Among the A.I. Doomsayers; Some people think machine intelligence will transform humanity for the better. Others fear it may destroy us. Who will decide our fate?

<https://bit.ly/3VhFM8b>

Building skills, talent, and trust in an AI world; To be successful, leaders would be wise to remember that AI isn't a replacement for people; it exists to enhance their capabilities

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

Illinois' unemployment rate ranked fourth worst in the nation in January 2024 after a decline in the number of jobs statewide during the past 12 months. Illinois continues to lag the nation and all its neighbors in job growth

<https://bit.ly/49Em0bn>

Chicago Bears Engage with Mayor Johnson on Vision for New Stadium, A Potential Economic Game-Changer For the Windy City

<https://bit.ly/3PdJhc3>

Read Chicago Bears' full statement on decision to stay in city with new stadium; "The Chicago Bears are committed to contributing over \$2B to build a stadium and improve open spaces for all families, fans and

the general public to enjoy in the City of Chicago"

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

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

<https://tinyurl.com/5xruvu5w>

Elmhurst Hospital says it needs another six months to turn in its final plan for developing a vacant lot into a three-story medical office building

<https://bit.ly/4ceklp2>

As Cook County evictions near pre-COVID levels, specialized team works to find safe housing

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

How much of state's capital improvement dollars are targeted for suburbs?

<https://bit.ly/439BB0h>

As new labor rule goes into effect, independent contractors satisfied with job status

<https://bit.ly/3TGX39T>

Landmarks: Workers cottages helped spread Chicago's suburban model to the nation

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

Want To Own A Piece Of Chicago's Past? These Historical Properties Are For Sale

<https://bit.ly/4ceQpP5>

Bally's stock price surges on buyout offer from largest shareholder, hedge fund Standard General

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

Fort Frankfort, a 'labor of love' built by volunteers, to be replaced by new \$1.7 million playground

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

Brace your engines: Five things to know about Kennedy rehab, Part 2

<https://bit.ly/3V9XR8h>

Will new phase of Kennedy Expressway construction be worse for commuters? Here's what to know

<https://bit.ly/3lzu5IW>

Glen Ellyn's Village Links invites public to discuss possible course upgrades

<https://bit.ly/3TfSxO9>

Crews begin improvements at 13 CTA stations across five lines

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

Wilmette Park District, Beth Hillel in talks on property sale

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

Park district prepares to face Village's new steep-slope regulations with Elder-Centennial application; Winnetka Park District officials are anchoring down the final improvements for Elder and Centennial beaches

<https://bit.ly/496jU37>

Lee & Associates has negotiated the sales of three industrial buildings in the Fox Valley submarket of suburban Chicago.

<https://bit.ly/3TuvNv2>

Entre Commercial Realty has brokered the sale of a 56,254-square-foot industrial building located at 4610 Prime Parkway in McHenry, about 50 miles northwest of Chicago.

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

Improvements coming to Lockport Old Canal Days property

<https://bit.ly/3wKcl4m>

A small community in Bureau County is recovering after the closure of a Monterey mushroom factory in January that previously employed hundreds of residents.

<https://bit.ly/3uXc8KV>

Illinois sportsbooks could see higher tax rates next fiscal year

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

Rivian decision, while heralded in Normal, stings for Georgia

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

Agribusiness Today: SEC votes to revise emission disclosure rule opposed by farmers

<https://bit.ly/3Pgc7sa>

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is set to begin working on repairs on the I-80 Bridge spanning the Mississippi River in Rock Island County.

<https://bit.ly/4a9nNoQ>

A \$4.1M investment into Bradley from the federal government may soon be on its way.

<https://bit.ly/3wPt8mN>

Town hall meeting to focus on Mattoon housing development efforts

<https://bit.ly/4a92UKh>

PUBLIC SAFETY

Rampant COVID Poses New Challenges in the Fifth Year of the Pandemic; "We're still in a pandemic," says a lead COVID official with the World Health Organization

<https://bit.ly/3lvMK1Z>

The CDC could shrink under a second Trump administration; A CDC reorganization as some conservatives are calling for could impact the agency's ability to help prevent or mitigate the spread of disease, according to a former agency director

<https://politi.co/3Tg6ifw>

Brazil's staggering dengue fever crisis is a warning to the world; The disease is ripping through much of South America, where scientists say rising temperatures due to climate change have both extended the territorial range of the mosquito that carries dengue and increased its proliferation

<https://bit.ly/4c4HMXz>

CRISPR Will Likely Not Solve Bird Flu; New research shows that CRISPR, the gene editing technique, could make chickens more resistant to bird flu. But its use raises many ethical and scientific issue

<https://bit.ly/4c900ae>

Wrestling with the fear of getting COVID again

<https://n.pr/43g0CXX>

Vaccine-skeptical mothers say bad health care experiences made them distrust the medical system

<https://bit.ly/4a7WZFh>

Microplastics Linked to Heart Attack, Stroke and Death; People who had tiny plastic particles lodged in a key blood vessel were more likely to experience serious health problems or die during a three-year study

<https://bit.ly/3lzCqG6>

'Forever chemicals': MIT sensor can sniff 200 parts per trillion in water; The technology presents an affordable and rapid method for testing PFAS, which have been associated with cancer and various health issues

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

How high blood sugar, hypertension and obesity can add up to cancer risk

<https://n.pr/4aarmv0>

Daily pot users 25 percent more likely to have a heart attack

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

Women who do strength training live longer. How much is enough?

<https://n.pr/49N6D0p>

Disasters Don't Treat All Victims Equally; Americans with the fewest resources, those with disabilities and the marginalized suffer the most after a hurricane, tornado or wildfire. We need to provide more support to our most vulnerable residents

<https://bit.ly/4a5DdKE>

Airbnb Bans All Indoor Security Cameras; Citing a commitment to prioritizing guest privacy

<https://bit.ly/4a9NsNU>

Are private conversations truly private? A cybersecurity expert explains how end-to-end encryption protects you

<https://bit.ly/3wNY6vr>

Automated traffic enforcement is growing. How are cities using it? Cameras that cities use to catch drivers

speeding, running red lights and blocking bus and bike lanes have "public perception and policy obstacles to overcome"

<https://bit.ly/3Tz9gNL>

Retailers howled about theft last year. Why not now? Mentions of retail theft seem to be fading, their fever pitch cooling. What's changed? And how bad was the problem in the first place?

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

The U.S. prison population is rapidly graying. Prisons aren't built for what's coming

<https://n.pr/3Txb6ys>

Public Defenders Say Budget Bump Wouldn't Make Up for Past Cuts; Some federal public defenders say the judiciary's proposed fiscal 2025 budget wouldn't be enough to fix the fallout from deep cuts implemented over the past eight months

<https://bit.ly/3v3IPGv>

The NRA has a case before the Supreme Court that it absolutely should win; It's one of two cases asking whether the government is allowed to speak freely to private companies

<https://bit.ly/3TuetX2>

Minneapolis City Council approves contract formalizing nonprofit as evaluator of police reforms; Effective Law Enforcement for All has been greenlit to begin its work overseeing reforms

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

Second Thoughts in New York; Facing community pressure, some progressive black leaders are reevaluating their soft-on-crime positions

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

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

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

1 Person Killed, 12 Wounded in Weekend Shootings Across Chicago: Police

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

3 children, 2 adults dead after school bus and semi crash in Rushville, western Illinois

<https://bit.ly/3Veh6xn>

Second case of measles found in child at Pilsen shelter, city's third case this week

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

Statement from the 25th Ward Office on a new measles case at the new arrivals shelter in Pilsen

<https://bit.ly/3T7r690>

The Illinois State Bar Association's analysis of judicial candidates has found Cook County State's Attorney Foxx's highest-ranking assistant "not qualified" for the judge's position that they are campaigning for

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

Illinois had 46 February tornadoes between 1995 and 2022. What causes out-of-season storms?

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

Chicago Transit Union Leader Calls for National Guard Amid Crime Concerns

<https://bit.ly/4a7XC1B>

Waukegan's Vista Medical Center East gets back Level II trauma center designation

<https://bit.ly/3v9eyWQ>

Sargento cheese recalled in 15 states

<https://bit.ly/3lykX0Q>

Fired Flossmoor police chief Jerel Jones files racial discrimination lawsuit

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

Off-duty police officer involved in south suburban shooting: officials

<https://bit.ly/4cbv88T>

Will County Health Department makes it easier to get Narcan to help with opioid overdoses

<https://bit.ly/3Vf3DFA>

Death investigation underway in Henry County after human remains found, sheriff's office says

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

2 Bloomington churches and westside businesses damaged by vandalism

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

Bloomington police are now certified sensory-inclusive; certification ensures officers are trained to recognize those with sensory needs and how to handle sensory overload situations.

<https://bit.ly/48W6eqZ>

Where will you find PFAS chemicals?

<https://bit.ly/3Vl2uMy>

Springfield woman admits to defrauding Illinois Police Heritage Fund of \$79,000

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

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/49M0ly9>

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Make Safe Streets a Culture War and We All Lose; Demonizing the 91% of Americans who drive is ultimately a losing strategy for creating safer streets

<https://bit.ly/48Vr7Tk>

Can Cities Drive SUVs Off Their Streets? From parking fees to registration fees, forward-thinking cities are slapping heavy penalties on heavy vehicles

<https://bit.ly/3Txin1q>

This New Jersey beach city went from 'worst to first' in reducing flood risk; Sea Isle City's success required leaders who were willing to spend political and financial capital on building resilience, the city's floodplain manager said

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

Making AI Safe for Government; Work is well underway in jurisdictions across the country to prepare for the next generation of doing the public's business

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

The Benefits of Innovation That Isn't Disruptive; Finding entirely new opportunities for growth has four clear advantages

<https://tinyurl.com/nrhyy63e>

Podcast: How Do I Balance My Career Goals with My Company's Needs? A leader must figure out how to balance her career goals with the needs of her company

<https://bit.ly/3Pdd1pt>

Getting Along: My New Manager Didn't Give Me the Promotion I Was Promised; How to work through your disappointment

<https://bit.ly/3wWpdV4>

Don't Underestimate the Power of Small Breaks During a Busy Workday; Eight strategies for making restorative pauses a habit

<https://bit.ly/48ReAR1>

Grant: The Fairways Foundation's Maintenance and Enhancement of Wildlife Areas; Funding supports conservation based projects of any size, as well as educational events for professionals, newcomers to the field, and for future minds; Deadline April 30th

<https://bit.ly/3Pg6qum>

One year after the Chicago U.S. Attorney stepped down, the caustic political landscape in Washington has left the high-profile position in limbo with little sign of the logjam breaking; The U.S. attorney's office in Chicago is one of the busiest in the nation, handling everything from terrorism, gang conspiracies and bank robberies to financial fraud and political corruption

<https://bit.ly/3v3E1kp>

Mayor Johnson's 'Bring Chicago Home' plan would not 'tax the rich'; Don't let a clever name such as the 'mansion tax' fool you

<https://bit.ly/3vhz2fQ>

Real estate group appeals Bring Chicago Home to state Supreme Court

<https://bit.ly/43uj6E1>

March 19 primary ballots ask Chicago voters whether they support Mayor Brandon Johnson's real estate transfer tax hike.

<https://bit.ly/3Pd6qLO>

Bring Chicago Home real estate transfer tax would 'chill' multifamily housing development; Many apartment buildings transferred in Chicago are going to exceed the \$1M threshold, including ones that house middle- and low-income tenants. What actually fights homelessness might be different from what feels progressive

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

Is time running out for April Perry to become Chicago's first female U.S. attorney?

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

UChicago Medicine, nurses reach tentative contract to avoid strike

<https://bit.ly/49O7AW2>

Ukrainians in Chicago are featured in Oscar-winning documentary '20 Days in Mariupol'

<https://bit.ly/3Vc8CXu>

Black Catholics at Joliet's Sacred Heart Church worry what its closing will mean

<https://bit.ly/3Pm5ZP9>

Billboards for memorials and birthdays are booming on the South Side: 'It's a status thing'

<https://bit.ly/4c56ZB7>

Evanston city officials violated the Illinois Open Meetings Act when they approved an exclusive agreement with a real estate broker behind closed doors, the attorney general's office ruled

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

Future Developments Take Center Stage With 'Guiding DG' Plans; Will focus on Downers Grove: Comprehensive plan, Streetscape plans for downtown and Fairview Avenue, Environmental sustainability initiatives, and Bicycle and pedestrian improvements

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

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/48Ps6Ew>

Is Urbana council the sole obstacle to peace in Middle East?

<https://bit.ly/3vawZu7>

An Illinois appellate court has upheld Mundelein's decision not to give a business forced out of the village all the moving expenses it had sought.

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

Will Elgin voters get to voice their opinion on the future of dam in November?

<https://bit.ly/3lwSUi3>

Randall Grace, ex-head of Tolono Park District, faces theft and misconduct charges for allegedly misusing \$25,000 in public funds for personal expenses.

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

Community members call on Oak Park library leaders to resign; At least 80 Oak Parkers have signed the open letter that also asks to reinstate restorative practices

<https://bit.ly/3Pd9FCY>

Evanston council may shorten public comment; Could limit council meeting comments to 10 speakers.

<https://bit.ly/43eX5ZB>

Park Ridge Poised To Tap John Shea New Park District Executive Director

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

Modernizing operations an issue in Kendall County Circuit Clerk's race

<https://bit.ly/3TI6OZY>

Rally planned prior to meeting on Champaign post office's future

<https://bit.ly/3IA9HB8>

Peoria Heights may raise taxes, cut personnel amid budget woes

<https://bit.ly/3PF4lsj>

Peoria's highest-paid city employee may be getting a raise. His salary is up for a vote

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

Rockford council member Mark Bonne is proposing an ordinance that would limit pet owners to three dogs.

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

Rockford area judicial race left off thousands of primary ballots

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

Quad Cities escapes the deep freeze: Third warmest winter on record

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

Silvis considers solar power for fire department

<https://bit.ly/3PdbE8>

'We're trying to change the trajectory.' Galesburg city manager draws on experience at Monmouth College

<https://bit.ly/3lxqe8J>

Macomb annexes Georgetown subdivision, will increase its population by around 500.

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

Quincy Mayor Mike Troup announced Monday morning that he would run for re-election in 2025.

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

'This drop-off stuff works wonderfully': Quincy survey shows more people are dropping off more recycleable materials

<https://bit.ly/3PF5IqX>

Madison County 911 consolidation suit may be close to settlement

<https://bit.ly/3VjMZ7X>

IDOT may reimburse for pothole damage

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

SPACE NEEDS - NEW PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Bears would put \$2B in private money into publicly owned lakefront stadium under new push. The Bears confirmed they have shifted plans from building a stadium in Arlington Heights to building one at the Museum Campus.

<https://bit.ly/3TfD28E>

Reports: Bears Planning to Spend \$2B on New Domed Stadium in Chicago

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

Read Chicago Bears' full statement on decision to stay in city with new stadium

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

Bears urged to consider Michael Reese hospital site for domed stadium to avoid lakefront legal battle

<https://bit.ly/3Vd60bQ>

Déjà vu all over again? Some of the suburbs the Bears have checked out through the decades

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

The Chicago Transit Authority announced that 13 rail stations will receive repairs and improvements this spring

<https://bit.ly/49Nuf50>

Elmhurst School District 205 is poised to spend \$259K on a new scoreboard for York High School's football field

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

Round Lake Area Library seeks voter approval to borrow \$36.4M for new building

<https://bit.ly/4aaXrm3>

STATE & FEDERAL

Why Governor Pritzker's pension proposal for Illinois is flimflam; In truth, the plan is just another can-kick. It's little more than expanded promises on pensions, pushed to future governors to deal with

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

Chicago group calls on Pritzker to include all women of color in state budget

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

Illinois primary vote-by-mail application Thursday deadline approaches

<https://bit.ly/3wMwwi5>

Ex-Ald. Ed Burke keeps law license after most Illinois Supreme Court justices recuse themselves

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

Democrats want to expand protections for IVF in Illinois

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

How does the new I-PASS sticker work? What to know as Illinois Tollway phases out transponders

<https://bit.ly/4a8XDIT>

Attorney General Raoul Highlights Illinois Transparency Efforts with Over 3,800 Cases in 2023 Public Access Report

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

Unions back measure protecting employees who skip religious or political work meetings

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

Former Gov. Pat Quinn backs GOP-sponsored ethics amendment

<https://bit.ly/4a0iLuQ>

IL's Mike Bost, Darren Bailey trade attacks on immigration issues. How did they vote?

<https://bit.ly/3v8jVp6>

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Proliferating 'news' sites spew AI-generated fake stories; Hundreds of AI-powered sites mimicking news outlets have cropped up in recent months, fueling an explosion of false narratives - about everything from war to politicians

<https://tinyurl.com/54sdes2t>

America's election chiefs are worried AI is coming for them; Election officials are important enough to fake - and public enough to make it easy to do - but anonymous enough that voters may easily be tricked

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Arguing Ourselves to Death; To a degree that we have yet to fully grasp, what rules our age is the ideology of the Internet

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Netanyahu vows to defy Biden's 'red line' on Rafah; Israel Prime Minister insists his priority is to prevent another terror attack like the Oct. 7 Hamas raid

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Biden's Rafah 'Red Line' Sets Up Historic Crisis in U.S.-Israel Relations; You'd think that a president who had a front-row seat in the Obama administration might be a bit more careful about issuing ad hoc red lines

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Rift between Biden and Netanyahu widens as Israeli leader vows to press on with Rafah operation

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Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu says at least 13,000 'terrorists' among Palestinians killed

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Twelve of Israel's most prominent human rights organizations have signed an open letter accusing the country of failing to comply with the international court of justice's provisional ruling that it should facilitate access of humanitarian aid into Gaza

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US attempt to 'revitalize' Palestinian Authority risks making the PA less legitimate, more unpopular; Gaza is still very much in the midst of war, yet discussion is turning to "the day after" the conflict - and who will govern the war-ravaged territory

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Europe unprepared for rapidly growing climate risks, report finds; Dangers of wildfires, extreme weather and other factors outgrowing preparedness, European Environment Agency says

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