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#### EDUCATION

Biden education budget proposal includes \$8B to extend pandemic recovery work like tutoring; American schools received a combined \$190B in assistance across three pandemic aid packages

<https://bit.ly/48QZ1sj>

Biden proposes 3.9% FY 2025 increase for Education Department; Investments in achievement, pre-K, and teacher recruitment and retention are recommended as Congress remains undecided on FY 2024 funding levels

<https://bit.ly/4aav4od>

Biden proposes 'free' community college, Pell Grant increases in FY25 budget

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

Americans Have Yet to Accept COVID's Tragedy - And Are Taking It Out On Schools; Four punishing years later, we should give ourselves and our schools some measure of grace

<https://bit.ly/49QPt1J>

My son's alternative school doesn't have grades, tests, or homework. Kids decide what they're interested in learning

<https://bit.ly/49083na>

Learning science might help kids read better; Evidence increases for building students' background knowledge of the world

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

Could Singapore Math Be a Fix for U.S. Mathematics Education?

<https://bit.ly/3Tz7MTu>

The Responsible AI for Social Empowerment and Education program at MIT develops curricula for K-12 students to give students hands-on experience with AI and robotics can do from an early age

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

Many migrant students need mental health support. Here's why this program is a go-to for schools

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

Hackers are targeting a surprising group of people: young public school students

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

How Teens and Parents Approach Screen Time; Most teens at least sometimes feel happy and peaceful when they don't have their phone, but 44% say this makes them anxious. Half of parents say they have looked through their teen's phone

<https://pewrsr.ch/4aamDta>

Majority of teens feel happy, peaceful without smartphones: Survey

<https://bit.ly/4a7gAoZ>

States push feds for greater online privacy protections for children; A bipartisan coalition of 43 attorneys general is urging the Federal Trade Commission to expand the definition of "personal information"

<https://bit.ly/43dq0xa>

California state Democrat introduces ban on artificial dyes in foods served in schools

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

Stanford duck syndrome: How the myth of effortless genius hurts learning; When we view hard work as a sign of low aptitude, it harms our ability to learn and grow

<https://bit.ly/3Pe57ME>

National parks teach students about environmental issues in this course

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

Students With an Undocumented Parent Still Can't Fill Out the FAFSA Form; The updated FAFSA form has been marred with technical problems, leaving many students unable to complete the financial aid form entirely

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

New Mexico to establish \$959M higher education fund supporting 'free' tuition

<https://bit.ly/3Pi3c9R>

Harvard Tramples the Truth; When it came to debating Covid lockdowns, Veritas wasn't the university's guiding principle

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

A College Freedom of Speech Crisis: Highway to the (Intellectual) Danger Zone; How can we build college campuses that truly embrace freedom of speech?

<https://bit.ly/48M78GE>

New Jersey School District Responds To 'Inflammatory' Ramadan Flyer; The flyer, which drew complaints from parents, emphasized the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and called the U.S. "a co-conspirator with Israel"

<https://bit.ly/3wPJ9Jj>

The Nebraska State Board of Education rejected a push by its highest-profile conservative member to define and ban certain books and materials from school libraries

<https://bit.ly/48LQ5Ve>

Nebraska book ban debate gets heated

<https://bit.ly/4907yJO>

Parents, don't avoid the lie that gender ideology propagates - confront it; There is now a sizable minority of American adults who would prefer that all of our children effectively be intellectual and emotional wards of the state

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

In states with laws targeting LGBTQ issues, school hate crimes quadrupled

<https://bit.ly/3wYB0SN>

The LGBTQ media advocacy organization GLAAD is launching a new multimedia ad campaign calling for the removal of Oklahoma's top education official, whose views and policies on LGBTQ issues have come under heavy scrutiny since the death of 16-year-old Nex Benedict

<https://bit.ly/3Pit8SI>

Students and teachers can discuss s. orientation and gender identity in Florida classrooms, provided it's not part of instruction, under a settlement reached between Florida education officials and civil rights attorneys who had challenged a state law

<https://bit.ly/3IFam3X>

NAACP urges student-athletes to reconsider Florida colleges after state eliminates DEI programs

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

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The Illinois Education Association releases its sixth annual IEA State of Education report

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

Underpaid teachers and support staff among topics highlighted in annual education report

<https://bit.ly/3Td4Jza>

Mock Texas, Tennessee, Alabama education all you want, but Illinois spends 60-80% more per student and gets similar results; Illinois' operating spending per student was nearly \$19,000 in 2022 compared to Alabama's \$11,800 and Texas' \$10,400. Illinois taxpayers are paying far, far more for students to achieve the same results

<https://bit.ly/3TzOcX6>

The Chicago Teachers Union's priorities for new contract further limit competition and accountability; The current teachers contract cost Chicago Public Schools an additional \$1.5B and made CPS teachers among the highest-paid in the nation - while not adding any instructional time

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

Chicago Teachers Union taking students out of class to vote for Mayor Johnson's real estate tax hike

<https://bit.ly/3v8M6nM>

The Chicago Teachers 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/3vaQvH2>

Statement by Chicago Teachers Union in response to complaint that it encouraged students to skip school to vote for real estate transfer hike

<https://bit.ly/4ceAD72>

Superintendent Resigns From Valley View School District 365U

<https://bit.ly/43h0I1h>

Five people, including three preschool-age children, were killed when a school bus and a semi-truck collided in Rushville

<https://bit.ly/3Txu3ku>

The Rushville tragedy: How you can help; Schuyler-Industry schools are closed Tuesday and Wednesday, but counselors are on hand.

<https://bit.ly/3Txo7lh>

Illinois Teacher of the Year to share her knowledge with Mendota educators

<https://bit.ly/3V934gy>

Naperville BLAST program to foster young environmentalists, connect generations

<https://bit.ly/4c5cgZg>

Corporate donation funds new scholarship at Oakton College

<https://bit.ly/4ac1hvg>

Evanston/Skokie D65 panel gets grim budget preview

<https://bit.ly/3Tdv gw4>

Mom Of Maine West Student Banned From School Charged With Making Threats Of Violence

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

The Illinois Supreme Court will leave the Illinois Supreme Court Building in Springfield behind for a day and "ride the circuit" to hear oral arguments at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb on March 21.

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

Lockport District 205 holding referendum information meetings at feeder schools

<https://bit.ly/4cgczH6>

Lake Land College Board of Trustees approves tuition increase

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

Peoria students say young kids need more access to social-emotional learning programs

<https://bit.ly/3T76fT6>

Illinois approves opioid overdose spray for schools

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

Outgoing Western Illinois University president looks at successes, challenges ahead prior to departure

<https://bit.ly/3TxO9ez>

Monday evening saw the public get its first look at the renderings of the proposed single-stall, gender-neutral bathrooms at Edwardsville High School.

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

Danville School District No. 118 Ownership in Education Committee Meetings

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

SIU Paul Simon Institute discussion to center on higher education reform

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

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Disruptions on the world's major trade routes, refinery closures and resurgent demand are pushing up global fuel prices and making forecasts difficult in the run-up to a US presidential election in which inflation will be a key issue

<https://tinyurl.com/58ak662v>

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers increased 0.4 percent in February on a seasonally adjusted basis, after rising 0.3 percent in January; Over the last 12 months, the all items index increased 3.2 percent before seasonal adjustment

<https://bit.ly/3T6UCLW>

American dream of owning a home is dead, majority of renters say; Exclusive: most renters surveyed by Harris Poll say the areas they live in have become so unaffordable they are 'barely livable'

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

Housing gets big boost in Biden budget; The president is proposing funds to increase tax credits, support construction of affordable housing and reduce homelessness

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

Tax on expensive real estate sales in Washington is not happening; Supporters wanted to use revenue from the tax to help pay for affordable housing

<https://bit.ly/4c9ISkF>

Washington state building code changes designed to get more electric heat pumps installed in newly built houses, apartments and commercial buildings are still on track to take effect after a judge declined an industry-backed request to put the rules on hold

<https://bit.ly/4cbJI0a>

In Win for Franchises, Judge Voids Biden Admin NLRB Joint Employer Rule; Without the franchise model, 39% of female franchise owners say they would not have been able to own their business

<https://tinyurl.com/5bupw7n5>

Biden's Independent Contractor Rule Threatens the Evolution of Work; Much-desired flexibility for gig workers is in jeopardy

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

The office is broken: Can conceptual "atom smashing" repair it?

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

U.S. House votes to force sell-off of 'ghost town' government offices left vacant by pandemic telework; Federal office buildings are sometimes operating at less than 10% capacity

<https://bit.ly/4a16hTA>

How a reimagined Walmart supercenter is elevating grocery shopping; Using its remodeling projects to attract shoppers

<https://bit.ly/43e7lvC>

The false promises of corporate tax breaks do real harm - here's what states should do instead

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

Paris' Olympics headache is a wake-up call for Los Angeles mayor; A recent poll showed that 44 percent of the Paris region's population think hosting the Games was a bad idea, and more than half plan to leave town during the event

<https://politi.co/48RSw8D>

Popular in cities, transit trip planning and payment apps are slowly coming to rural communities

<https://bit.ly/43h9490>

High-speed rail could get \$205B in proposed legislation; House Democrats and rail advocates lined up behind the American High-Speed Rail Act, touting cleaner intercity transportation and economic development

<https://bit.ly/4a9IAIN>

Electric Vehicles Beat Gas Cars on Climate Emissions over Time; New research says building electric vehicles leaves a bigger carbon footprint than making gas-powered cars, though EVs make up the difference in the long run

<https://bit.ly/4a4sMXy>

An EV that charges 30% faster? Volvo and Breathe think their tech can do it; Real-time battery-management algorithms on an embedded processor

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

Biden administration wants to put electric truck chargers in high-traffic 'corridors' under new plan

<https://bit.ly/3v04ZcL>

Solar power occupies a lot of space - here's how to make it more ecologically beneficial to the land it sits on  
<https://bit.ly/3Tct6wF>

Huge 60-foot-tall buoy uses ocean waves to create clean energy  
<https://bit.ly/4c6gQXn>

Some states are now trying to ban lab-grown meat; Spurious "war on ranching" cited as reason for legislation  
<https://bit.ly/3lyhxuP>

How Raw Milk Went from a Whole Foods Staple to a Conservative Signal; The poles of American politics have become scrambled. Just look at unpasteurized milk  
<https://politi.co/48XFyWR>

Innovative haptic device enables robots to perfect soft touch abilities; Allows for various applications where softness sensation is crucial, including deep-sea research and robot-assisted surgery  
<https://bit.ly/43igKle>

U.S. Must Move 'Decisively' to Avert 'Extinction-Level' Threat From AI, Government-Commissioned Report Says  
<https://bit.ly/43gKV2b>

An Action Plan to increase the safety and security of advanced AI; In October 2022, a month before ChatGPT was released, the U.S. State Department commissioned the first-ever assessment of proliferation and security risk from weaponized and misaligned AI  
<https://bit.ly/4a4EtO2>

The creative chasm between human and AI; AI can make work more efficient, but can it pull at your emotions?  
<https://bit.ly/49Rt1Wo>

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New data shows 6 of 13 Illinois metro areas added jobs in January 2024, reporting an overall decline of 800 jobs statewide, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics  
<https://bit.ly/3PiMC9C>

Illinois businesses brace for potential tax increase in Pritzker's budget plan  
<https://bit.ly/4ab08o0>

With recession fears subsiding, new state economic forecast expects 'firm but steady growth'  
<https://bit.ly/49P3du6>

Small biz advocacy group wins court challenge against the Corporate Transparency Act  
<https://bit.ly/43h31RZ>

Arlington Heights releases statement after Bears commit to Chicago stadium; Plans to continue to work with the team and area school districts; The village noted negotiations have brought the parties close to an

agreement

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

Bears' new stadium plan raises funding questions as taxpayers still owe \$589M on Soldier Field; The Bears said they would contribute \$2B in private funding for the project, but the total cost - and the ask to taxpayers - remains unknown

<https://bit.ly/43mA8Us>

Parks group fears Bears entertainment district - once envisioned for Arlington Heights - coming to lakefront instead

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

Chicago Bears Accused of Favoring Minority, Female Law Students; The only listed requirement on the fellowship program's application he didn't "plausibly" meet was for applicants to be a person or color and/or a female law student, the suit said

<https://bit.ly/43d96Pe>

Chicago Mayor Johnson Opposes Jewel-Osco/Mariano's Merger As Federal Lawsuit Looms To Block It

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

Homer Township Board OKs \$2.2M civic center at Trantina Farm

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

Calumet Fisheries reopening pushed back until April, co-owner says: 'Customers are raring for us to go'

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

Butterfield Park District voters to weigh annexation of Walmart, other commercial properties

<https://bit.ly/3Pih2cj>

Schaumburg considers adding a fourth traffic roundabout

<https://bit.ly/3V944kO>

Roundabout, slower speed limit could be coming to Lake in the Hills' Lakewood Road

<https://bit.ly/4a8KTfg>

New park coming to Elmhurst neighborhood

<https://bit.ly/3lvBzq1>

Walker & Dunlop Inc. has arranged \$65.7M in 232/223(f) and 241(a) HUD loans for seven skilled nursing facilities in Illinois and Wisconsin over the course of four months.

<https://bit.ly/3Pkzm4i>

ShainRealty Capital has sold Madison Terrace, a 96-unit apartment building in Chicago, for \$11M. The transaction marks the company's last holding in the Chicago multifamily market.

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

Logan Square CVS Building Sold For \$10.5M; The lot was once poised to become a grocery store but those plans fell through.



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

Optima's plans for new Wilmette development delayed pending revisions

<https://bit.ly/3lB6zoE>

Evanston City Council approves Grant Street pocket neighborhood after adding insurance requirement

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

Evanston City Council rejects halt to gas leaf blower ban

<https://bit.ly/43i6gs0>

St. Charles officials consider closing Walnut Avenue for outdoor dining this summer

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

Construction on the Hard Rock Casino Rockford is moving toward completion before its late summer 2024 opening date; a look inside

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

Black Bros. Co. says progress has begun on an additional 18,000-square-feet of manufacturing space at its Mendota headquarters.

<https://bit.ly/4a9VDd5>

\$6.7M in funding was announced Tuesday for projects across several Illinois counties.

<https://bit.ly/49Q6bP1>

Rankin signs off on agreement with developer of proposed wind farm

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

SIHF Still Planning for Permanent FQHC at Old St. E's Site; Danville City Council Committee Action Would Help Palmer Arena

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

The Bethalto Village Board voted to dissolve the current three business districts in favor of one large district in the village.

<https://bit.ly/3v9Whsk>

Piston Aviation Opening A New Location At St. Louis Regional Airport

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

## PUBLIC SAFETY

As Covid Spread, a Strain of Flu Disappeared. Now Scientists Say a Second Could Go Too

<https://bit.ly/49NKu1L>

In a Medical Twist, Zika Virus Could Become a Weapon Against Brain Cancer; A live but weakened version of

the Zika virus can selectively target and kill off brain tumor cells, researchers found

<https://bit.ly/3Tx4Er8>

Bird flu has been confirmed in 10 penguins on South Georgia, one of the world's great wildlife havens. Avian influenza had already infected other seabirds and mammals on the British Overseas Territory, but scientists report gentoo and king penguins have now fallen victim, too

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9v27zj>

Scientists Just Got Closer to Creating Artificial Life in the Lab; Scientists say they've created an RNA molecule that made copies of other types of RNA, which gets its experts ever closer to creating the conditions for early Earth life in a lab

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

The Placebo Effect's Evil Twin; The Nocebo Effect occurs when we experience pain, depression, or illness based on nothing more than negative expectations

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

Salty foods are making people sick - in part by poisoning their microbiomes

<https://bit.ly/4a4gE9L>

Detergent pods are only the start of clothing's micro-plastic pollution problem; A New York City bill to ban laundry pods is just one of many proposed solutions

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

Sick Because of Roundup? These Bills Could Make Suing Impossible; High-profile lawsuits have accused pesticides of causing cancer and Parkinson's. But three states are now considering bills that would prevent these lawsuits

<https://bit.ly/3Piqnk8>

Alzheimer's may stem from modern lifestyles, new study suggests; Medical texts from 2,500 years ago rarely mention severe memory loss, suggesting today's widespread dementia stems from modern environments and lifestyles

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

AI-enhanced disaster preparedness and response in cities; Artificial intelligence is making it easier to identify risks and damage, and mitigate or respond to it

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

Can America's Elite Smoke-jumping Forces Still Protect a World on Fire? These world-class firefighters strap on 100 pounds of gear and fling themselves out of planes to combat fires across the United States' most rugged wilderness

<https://bit.ly/48LX68B>

Facing public backlash, some health care companies are abandoning hospital mergers; Some states are questioning whether proposed mergers best serve patients

<https://bit.ly/3PjY8SI>

Oregon desperately needs more mental health and substance use treatment centers. But a bill aimed at

easing restrictions on where those facilities can be built died in the 11th hour of this year's legislative session  
<https://bit.ly/3wRnVL8>

Massachusetts governor to seek 'blanket' pardons of pot possession convictions  
<https://bit.ly/4a6Fx44>

Alaska Supreme Court bars police zoom-lens aerial photos of residents' lawns without warrants  
<https://bit.ly/3wUOLIO>

Inside the organized crime rings plaguing retailers  
<https://cnb.cx/3Th07b0>

Pennsylvania overhauled its sentencing guidelines to be more fair and consistent - but racial disparities may not disappear so soon  
<https://bit.ly/4ceFqEg>

Arkansas attorney general's office urges path for involuntary commitments to mental institutions to regain gun rights  
<https://bit.ly/3lzgWt2>

Federal appeals court upholds Rhode Island ban on high capacity magazines  
<https://bit.ly/3VgZwZO>

How dangerous is New York City, anyway? As the National Guard heads into subways, new research examines how the city is faring with gun violence  
<https://bit.ly/3lClg9L>

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CDC To Help Chicago After 4 Cases Of Measles At Largest Migrant Shelter  
<https://bit.ly/4aa9dxm>

3 more measles cases identified at Pilsen migrant shelter, 8 cases reported in Chicago  
<https://bit.ly/48Ronq0>

Two more measles cases identified at Pilsen migrant shelter  
<https://bit.ly/4cfZ9Vs>

Cook County Health cautions of potential measles exposures within its facilities  
<https://bit.ly/49KfHD8>

Migrant shelter measles cases could delay evictions in Chicago  
<https://bit.ly/49QRPxC>

Former Chicago Mayor Lightfoot, Cook County Clerk Martinez unveil Women's Right to Privacy initiative  
<https://cbsn.ws/3PjLDpX>

Even though the number of violent crimes in Chicago grew to its highest level in a decade last year, the arrest rate dropped. Robbery and vehicle theft both rose by over 30% last year

<https://bit.ly/4aaziw1>

Families of Homicide Victims in Chicago Await Closure Amid Low Clearance Rates

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

Illinois Attorney General Charges Three in Chicago-Based Alleged Illegal Firearms Operation

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

Chicago Spent \$524M on Overtime in 2023, Including \$293M for Police, Setting New Records

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

Chicago Community Groups Look to Build Support Systems as Part of Violence Reduction Efforts

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

Dismissed Flossmoor police chief sues suburb, alleging racial discrimination; Filed a federal civil-rights lawsuit against the village and the village manager

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

Airport Nasal Swabbing Expanding to Chicago and Miami

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

Measures regulating 'forever chemicals,' increasing EPA fees advance

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

Cook County Board Set to Approve \$17M Settlement With Jackie Wilson, Who Spent Decades Behind Bars Following Wrongful Murder Conviction

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

Former Flossmoor police Chief Jerel Jones alleges racial discrimination in firing

<https://bit.ly/48Rn8XN>

Will voters eliminate Elk Grove Rural Fire Protection District?

<https://bit.ly/49O63zf>

Lake County's fourth 'anni-misery' of COVID-19 marked by memories of tragedy, triumphs and lessons learned

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

At least three different robbery crews are now working neighborhoods on the Near West Side, including Bucktown, Logan Square, and West Town, according to community alerts issued by Chicago police

<https://bit.ly/43du940>

The Naperville Police Department is warning residents to be on the lookout for scams after noting an unusual number of fraud cases involving cryptocurrency reported since the end of February.

<https://bit.ly/3lXrKb9>

Bloomington police reports 6% reduction in total crime in 2023

<https://bit.ly/4cg2dkq>

Local harm reduction director says decriminalizing drgs could help more people seek treatment

<https://bit.ly/3Vlk0z7>

This farmer's livelihood was ruined by PFAS-contaminated fertilizer that few Midwest states test for

<https://bit.ly/3lyrAA3>

NAACP alleges metro-east police chief used excessive force in arrest; chief denies claim

<https://bit.ly/4a7Szyj>

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Some States Are Looking to Abolish Property Taxes Entirely; As property values surge and tax bills go up, some state lawmakers are hoping to end the property tax

<https://bit.ly/3IFLj0F>

Controversial PFAS definition change left out of Indiana bill that now heads to governor's desk

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

Eliminate the Guesswork in Safe Street Design; Traffic calming interventions are best when they not only make the environment safer for everyone outside of a car, but when they do so in a way that reduces the mental load for drivers

<https://bit.ly/49VwV0E>

The People of Los Angeles Just Said "Yes" to Safer Streets; The citizen-sponsored ballot initiative, best known as HLA, mandates that for every 660 feet of road that the city repaves or improves, it must implement its Mobility Plan 2035

<https://bit.ly/4cdWb3r>

Every new mom in this U.S. city is now getting cash aid for a year; Flint, Michigan, aims to be a model for wiping out deep poverty during a crucial time for child development. The new benefits start during pregnancy to encourage prenatal care

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

How to Protect Your Boundaries When Your Company Is Struggling; Working longer hours may feel heroic, but you'll be better off focusing your energy where it will have the biggest impact

<https://bit.ly/3Tm0AZQ>

Podcast: What's Your Interviewing Style? A new way to approach interviews

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

Podcast: How to Bring Good Ideas to Life; What's the difference between a good idea and a bad one? And what's the best way to develop new ideas quickly?

<https://bit.ly/3Tc9EjS>

Podcast: Embracing Our Finite Time; A call to rethink how we view and use our time, not to squeeze more out of it, but to make our work and lives more meaningful and impactful

<https://bit.ly/4a9a7tJ>

How to Make Hybrid Work a Success, According to Science; Researchers are studying how to maximize creativity and connection in remote and hybrid work settings

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

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Governor Pritzker grocery-tax cut makes cities 'the bad guys'; So far, Pritzker has been unimpressed by complaints. "I'm not willing to consider" backing off the planned repeal, he told reporters

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

Reproductive health information contained in Cook County court documents would be shielded from public view under a first-of-its-kind proposal designed to protect women as more states restrict abortion and threaten to prosecute those who travel to obtain the procedure.

<https://bit.ly/49Pdcj4>

Illinois Supreme Court: Hockey club that rents ice arena can be sued under IL human rights law for 'banishing' teen diagnosed with depression

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

Very few voters often decide fate of tax referendums, report finds; In 75 binding property tax-related referendums put on ballots between 2020 and 2023, the average turnout was 32% of all registered voters

<https://tinyurl.com/32reucn3>

Real estate groups ask the Illinois Supreme Court to block 'Bring Chicago Home' referendum; The groups want the state's highest court to stop the effort to allow voters to approve increasing a sales tax on high-end properties before the March 19 primary

<https://bit.ly/43h2EH6>

Opponents to Chicago property sales tax hike referendum ask Illinois Supreme Court to step in

<https://bit.ly/48QEg7l>

Revenue from a proposed real estate tax increase in Chicago might not provide services to the homeless as promised.

<https://bit.ly/3Vlg4Qp>

Mayor Brandon Johnson's \$1.25B borrowing plan back on track for City Council approval

<https://bit.ly/3TzNjy6>

Experts warn Chicago of SoCal transfer tax referendum's negative impact on commercial real estate; Voters might learn a lesson from Los Angeles, where a similar referendum that passed in 2022 has had some unintended consequences

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

Chicago spent approximately \$524M on employee overtime in 2023 - 19% more than in 2022, with more than half of the total amount used to compensate Chicago Police Department officers for working extra

hours

<https://bit.ly/3Tw501q>

Group pushing for all descendants of slaves in Chicago to have property taxes waived; Activists say slavery took away Blacks' ability to build generational wealth, reparations are necessary

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

Bernie Sanders endorses Graciela Guzmán in heated NW Side state Senate race

<https://bit.ly/3lxFW3A>

As Chicago pays \$M's to house migrants, offers of free rent from archdiocese go unheeded

<https://bit.ly/3uYYtD7>

Suburban village boards and city councils continue to face calls to pass resolutions seeking a cease-fire in Gaza, but so far just one has shown any interest in weighing in on Middle East politics

<https://bit.ly/43jy4wf>

Lightfoot and Martinez call for women to have reproductive health privacy in court records

<https://bit.ly/4cg7nMY>

Cook County expected to pay \$17M in Burge-connected Jackie Wilson case

<https://bit.ly/3wRUQ2c>

'Enough is enough' says Ukrainian oligarch in Chicago bribe case

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

Fate of Naperville's magic rock unknown as its longtime owner sells home property

<https://bit.ly/3Vh34ey>

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