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#### EDUCATION

California may ban some food dyes in school meals. Will other states follow? Consumer groups say it's past time to rid food of unnecessary and potentially harmful chemicals

<https://tinyurl.com/46tyz554>

The Most Confusing, Chaotic College Admissions Season in Years; Changes in the federal financial-aid application, testing requirements and affirmative action plunge applicants and schools into uncertainty

<https://on.wsj.com/3PoQ3vM>

FAFSA applications crater after rocky rollout; Around 5.7M students have applied for FAFSA, a fraction of the average 17M at this point in the cycle

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

Abolishing 'Legacy' College Admissions Will Hurt Non-Legacies Most; Isn't a major point of college the creation of a network? College is much less about the learning than either side would like to admit

<https://bit.ly/49Yklh8>

'Ideology Is the Death of Ideas'; The president of the new University of Austin wants to reverse the decline of higher education in America

<https://bit.ly/3Vkc91q>

The Republican agenda to install religious chaplains in schools is appalling

<https://bit.ly/3IF9ZGD>

Yes, our rights come from God: A needed lesson on America's faith-infused founding

<https://bit.ly/493h6n4>

More than a dozen female athletes sue NCAA over their t-gender participation policy; Athletes say the policy violates their Title IX rights

<https://abcn.ws/4ajNlj9>

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Jewish Northwestern Students Shocked by Glorification of Antisemitic Terrorism

<https://bit.ly/4ahQI9Y>

Solutions for gun violence, support for Palestine top Chicago students' priorities at early voting event

<https://bit.ly/3To0Ze0>

Chicago Votes parade leads CPS students to voting polls amid 'Bring Chicago Home' referendum debate

<https://abc7.ws/494t3sB>

Bill under consideration in Illinois General Assembly to provide breakfast and lunch to all K-through 12 students across state

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

Teacher unions backing downstate Republicans 'very rare,' says researcher

<https://bit.ly/49SO8b1>

Sauk Valley Community College plans paramedic program session April 23

<https://bit.ly/43iZdQ1>

Public hearing next week as part of study for some seeking to leave West Carroll School District

<https://bit.ly/4al09G1>

ISU's 21st president set to make higher salary than U.S. president

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

One of the largest tile-drained test plots in the country will be located at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

<https://bit.ly/4ajYMr5>

Seventeen Illinois Schoolyard Habitat Action Grants totaling more than \$55,200 have been awarded for habitat development at schools and other public places, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Illinois Conservation Foundation announced

<https://bit.ly/4afwgH4>

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Inflation seems stubborn, but people keep spending. What's going on? Consumer sentiment has plateaued and pump prices are inching higher, but economists and Wall Street remain broadly optimistic. Here's why

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

America's biggest cities are becoming unaffordable for even dual-income households

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

Florida House Prices Fall as Homeowners Desperately Try to Sell; In the past three years, the cost of home insurance has grown by 102 percent; Some homeowners might also be willing to "cash in" after years of home appreciation

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

Congressional funding fights take toll on housing aid programs

<https://tinyurl.com/yat5tbfm>

How Does Paris Stay Paris? By Pouring \$Bs Into Public Housing; One quarter of all Paris residents now live in public housing, up from 13 percent in the late 1990s

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

The latest corporate buzzword is efficiency; Middle managers - defined as non-executives who oversee employees - made up almost a third of layoffs, up from 20% in 2018

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

Marriage rates are up, and divorce rates are down, new data shows

<https://tinyurl.com/2pnm422v>

The U.S. Economy Is Booming, But Only for a Few; The wealthiest 1% of Americans have nearly 35% of national wealth, and the top 10% enjoy 70%, leaving only 30% for the remaining 90% of American households

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

The post-Covid move in cash held at banks is unlike anything we've ever seen. And while it's rolled over a bit, there is still way more funds just sitting in checking accounts doing nothing; American household balance sheets are in a great position

<https://bit.ly/4afu0Q6>

The case for four-color traffic signals; Once a critical number of AVs are on the road, a fourth, white traffic signal light can be added to the traditional trio

<https://bit.ly/48V4WN3>

Why Is My Electric Vehicle Dead? Check the 12-Volt Battery; The relic from gas-engine cars is dying unexpectedly in some newer EVs, causing vehicles to shut down

<https://on.wsj.com/3vfH8pq>

Newly-elected local officials in Michigan are taking steps to hinder the construction of a battery plant owned by a Chinese Communist Party (CCP)-linked company in their community

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

EV battery parts company Gotion sues Michigan township, alleging breach of contract

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

Seattle Law Mandating Higher Delivery Driver Pay Is a Disaster; Just two weeks after the law went into effect, Seattleites had to contend with \$26 coffees and \$32 sandwiches

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

Will Bernie Sanders' proposed 32-hour workweek pass Congress? The measure would require companies to cut hours but preserve pay

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

A U.S. Rail Merger Can Have Outsized Benefits to a World in Need; An integration between an expansive transcontinental railway like CN and midwestern IANR can ensure quicker and more efficient transportation of ethanol both here in the U.S. and abroad

<https://bit.ly/4ak72ax>

Concrete Is One of the World's Worst Pollutants. Making It Green Is a Booming Business; The material accounts for more than 7% of global carbon emissions

<https://on.wsj.com/48WW6OX>

Biden, Kennedy and Trump Are Wrong About U.S. Steel; Unwinding the \$14.9B agreement already reached between U.S. Steel and Nippon Steel would hurt America overall

<https://bit.ly/3Vjiy1q>

More Weak Arguments for 'Free' Trade; American manufacturing is not doing just fine, actually

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

Foreign-born STEM talent remains key to U.S. research; Foreign-born workers accounted for 19% of all U.S. STEM workers and 43% of scientists and engineers with doctorate degrees in 2021

<https://bit.ly/3Tds0ko>

Covariant Announces a Universal AI Platform for Robots; The robotics foundation model is built on tons of warehouse data

<https://bit.ly/4a6MpOW>

AI software engineer Devin launched; Devin is said to stand out from the crowd with its ability to handle entire development projects end-to-end, right from writing the code and fixing the bugs associated with it to final execution

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

As AI tools get smarter, they're growing more covertly racist, experts find; ChatGPT and Gemini discriminate against those who speak African American Vernacular English, report show

<https://tinyurl.com/mpftnt4p>

Dialect prejudice predicts AI decisions about people's character, employability, and criminality

<https://bit.ly/4cl006W>

New Illinois Laws for 2024 Affecting Real Estate; Range from new requirements for residential landlords, first of its kind electric vehicle requirements, to far-reaching revisions to the Illinois Property Tax Code

<https://bit.ly/3wY116e>

Demographics key to state's financial, educational future; Moody's said economic factors show Illinois will remain a "below-average performer" in the region and nation "with gross state product, employment and income increasing less than elsewhere"

<https://bit.ly/3Prj6id>

A Chicago "Mansion Tax" Would Hurt Small Businesses, Customers, Employees, and Renters

<https://bit.ly/491s7Fo>

From mixed use to migrant landing zone, Arlington Park ideas vary - if the Bears don't come to town

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

Pritzker proposal would more than double sports betting tax rate

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

Legislation that directs two Illinois agencies to assign state-mandated deficits to gasoline is being criticized by an industry group

<https://bit.ly/3VI7AbI>

Corporate Transparency Act imposes reporting requirements on community associations

<https://bit.ly/4cjdX5u>

Colorado-based energy company proposes 38-acre solar farm in DeKalb

<https://bit.ly/3x63ZEh>

Regional Amtrak feasibility study could get DeKalb County Board support

<https://bit.ly/3v5T90J>

Illinois lawmakers stand alongside coalition ready for carbon capture expansion

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

Democratic state lawmakers, business, labor and agriculture groups are pushing legislation that would advance carbon capture and storage projects in Illinois

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

McLean County's EVTown Steering Committee and The Electrifiers hosted a town hall and exhibit all about electric vehicles at the McLean County Museum of History

<https://bit.ly/49W2g31>

Fewer Illinois residents using payday lenders after state capped interest rates

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

Illinois Gaming Board Renews East Peoria Casino License Among Other Measures

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

Development Group Files Plans To Build Stand-Alone Starbucks Along Illinois Route 29 on Taylorville's Northwest Side

<https://bit.ly/3IEktX1>

Nippon Steel pledges no layoffs in takeover of U.S. Steel, which has a steel mill in Granite City

<https://bit.ly/3TE7JFU>

Banquet center proposed for Godfrey

<https://bit.ly/3TDStc9>

The time that Illinois residents will be able to challenge the look of the state's broadband map is winding down

<https://bit.ly/3wQ11DR>

Rural Illinois Main Streets thrive with teamwork and planning

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

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Four Years Later, Covid Isn't Done With Us; After 1.2M deaths in the U.S., there is little agreement about how we should remember the pandemic-or prepare for the next one

<https://on.wsj.com/43ngOGy>

Is Long COVID Just a Typical Post-Viral Syndrome? It is indistinguishable from what is seen with seasonal influenza and other respiratory illnesses

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

Scientists take on 'moonshot' project mapping the human brain in hopes of fighting disease; Researchers say this could lead to more targeted treatment approaches

<https://abcn.ws/49Z9LXc>

Fatty foods before surgery may hinder memory and cognitive function; Burgers before surgery = bad for your brain?

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

How Fear Unfolds inside Our Brains; Neurobiologists uncover how stress turns into fear in the brain - in conditions such as PTSD - and a method to block it

<https://bit.ly/49SmsD1>

New kind of hospital coming to rural America. To qualify, facilities must close beds; Rural emergency hospitals are starting to gain a small foothold in the United States

<https://abcn.ws/3Vt2oCC>

Asthma rates double from inner cities to outer suburbs. Here's why

<https://bit.ly/43jAwD8>

'Boys are disappearing' from mental health care as signs of depression go undetected; While girls typically show sadness through emotions, boys' symptoms of depression may be swept aside as "typical" teenage behavior

<https://nbcnews.to/43lQuws>

The Surprising Surge of Compassion in Modern Youth; Is the new cohort of young adults Generation

Empathy?

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

Happiness poison - and the antidote; Nurturing relationships may serve as our best source of fulfillment, emphasizing the need for "social fitness" alongside mental and physical health

<https://bit.ly/3Tk5XIW>

The New Science of Optimism and Longevity; A growing body of research suggests that optimism plays a significant role in promoting both physical and mental well-being

<https://bit.ly/3Tns4xU>

What makes people happy? California lawmakers want to find out; The Select Committee on Happiness and Public Policy Outcomes held its first public hearing

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

Obese teens can crash diet safely if monitored by a dietitian, study finds; Fears over the effect of rapid weight loss on physical and mental wellbeing of young people said to be unjustified

<https://tinyurl.com/2s4drjyf>

Driving Under the Influence of Allergies: The Effect of Seasonal Pollen on Traffic Fatalities

<https://bit.ly/3wXkV01>

Apple Fails To Dismiss Lawsuit Claiming AirTags Are Weapon Of Stalkers

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

Psychedelics are about to become a casualty of Oregon's opioid crisis

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

Why Oregon's Decriminalization Failed

<https://bit.ly/3vh9rDY>

No, Imprisoning a School Shooter's Parents Isn't Justice; The shooter's father, who was convicted of involuntary manslaughter, may be an unsympathetic defendant. But this prosecution still made little sense

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

Police had cause to detain gunman before deadly Maine shooting last year - report

<https://tinyurl.com/2ep9pxph>

His son died warning the military about brain injuries. Many years and a mass shooting later, a fix is still hard to reach

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

A fourth Albuquerque, New Mexico, police officer has resigned amid probe of unit; The alleged wrongdoing is by a unit charged with stopping impaired drivers

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

Podcast: Who's Right About George Floyd? A debate over the argument that Derek Chauvin may have been wrongly convicted of George Floyd's murder

<https://bit.ly/3TEI1ST>

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Our response to domestic violence must change; The crime of domestic violence should be an automatic class 4 felony

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

Statement from Mayor Brandon Johnson on the murder of Jayden Perkins and support for DV and GBV survivors

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

Behind the wheel without a license: Migrants buying cars to make a life in Chicago

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

Illinois Earmarks \$5M for Workforce Program to Fight Homelessness

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

Mayor Brandon Johnson's strategy for defunding the police doesn't save money and makes Chicago less safe. Overtime is up, violent crime is up, arrests are down

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

Chicago Mayor Extends Shelter Policy, Introduces Mandatory Vaccinations Amid Housing Crisis and Measles Outbreak

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

Chicago to consider \$5.5M payout to wrongfully convicted man who now faces kidnapping charges

<https://bit.ly/4ajbK8b>

Recruitment strategies help Aurora Police Department fill its ranks despite national shortage of officers

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

Police militarization nothing new, says scholar coming to speak at ISU

<https://bit.ly/4aeJsM5>

Springfield Clinic donates new trailer to emergency response team

<https://bit.ly/3vq0oAu>

Bloomington sees big jump in arson, extortion cases in 2023. Many of these crimes are "sextortion"- with threats of releasing compromising photos or video

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

Illinois Poison Center raising public awareness about poison dangers

<https://bit.ly/3VEDb8L>

McLean County Board approves funding for area's only certified rape crisis center

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

Victor Nevarez, a Kankakee 5th Ward alderman and formerly of Duane Dean Behavioral Health Center, now



operates Aries Consultant Services in Kankakee, which offers Spanish language probation assistance to those convicted within the Kankakee County Circuit Court system

<https://bit.ly/3IGHJU5>

Report claims Blessing Hospital in Quincy failing to comply with price transparency law, but hospital officials disagree

<https://bit.ly/4cnvw4z>

Upgrading weather sirens a topic of discussion for Edwardsville

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

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Is it safe to add fluoride to drinking water? A court battle brings to the forefront a federal report on fluoride safety, which some say has been stymied by politics

<https://bit.ly/49Rv4K0>

Why some states are discharging much more chemical waste into local waterways, according to new report

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

U.S. Waterways in Crisis: A Toxic Report

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

City leverages wastewater to heat homes amid frigid winter months; When it comes to clean energy, the best place to start just might be the toilet

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

Crows Are the New Pigeons; Crows appear to be flocking to cities more than ever before; Some popular urban roosts host more than 100,000 crows each night

<https://bit.ly/3wY82CM>

This Shouldn't Be New York City's Most Common Tree; The London planetree is a symbol of European settlement, biodiversity collapse, and Robert Moses

<https://bit.ly/3TFEv9Y>

Get Comfortable With Being Uncomfortable; Humans have an evolutionary need to be challenged-to feel discomfort

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

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Lawsuits claim Henyard mistreated, fired workers in Dolton, Thornton Township for refusing illegal schemes

<https://bit.ly/43tg1UE>

Lake County named only unauditable unit for 2022 under new state law

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

Local election authorities make improvements, discuss election security ahead of Illinois primary

<https://bit.ly/3TG603d>

Evanston: A policy that would require city staff to bring certain unbudgeted large projects to a city committee for review before going to the City Council could potentially add four- to eight-week delays to the approval process and also sizable costs, a city official said

<https://bit.ly/3v3Pel6>

Evanston minimum wage plan is dead - or is it?

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

Executive Director Joslyn Bowling Dixon fired by Oak Park's library board. The move comes amid allegations of racism and a small but fierce opposition to her management of a Palestinian cultural event

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

A request to extend the Dickens Greenway to the Lakefront Trail

<https://bit.ly/3x62JRz>

Ottawa asks residents to share letters of support for amphitheater grant

<https://bit.ly/4ae88o8>

Freeport discusses 1% sales tax increase to fix roads

<https://bit.ly/4cl0bzb>

Two proposed sales taxes could be coming to Ford County. Community members will vote on whether a one percent sales increase will be added for Gibson City and an additional 1% sales tax would go for the county

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

Kankakee: County taking steps to buy former Daily Journal building

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

Zoning issues, including changes to zoning codes that will resolve some of the long-standing issues regarding residential chickens; as well as numerous financial matters and the extension of two of the county's four enterprise zones, are on tap for Wednesday's Madison County Board meeting

<https://bit.ly/43m96MQ>

The City of Highland Park will receive Electronic bids for the 2nd Street Streetscape Project until March 28, 2024

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

The City of Highland Park will receive Electronic bids for the UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK SYSTEM REMOVAL PROJECT until March 28, 2024

<https://bit.ly/43kV7Xy>

Park District of Highland Park Invitation to Bid for 2024 Old Elm and Port Clinton Playground Replacement Due 4/04/2024

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

The Village of Algonquin is now accepting sealed bid proposals for the Braewood Lift Station Force Main Replacement project. Bids will be accepted prior to March 28, 2024

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

The Village of Algonquin is now accepting sealed bid proposals for the Algonquin Shores Lift Station Force Main Replacement project. Bids will be accepted prior to March 28, 2024

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

City of Naperville RFP for SOUTH 40 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT SERVICES. Due 3/28/2024

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

Lake County RFP for Third Party Administration for Workers Compensation and Liability Claims. Due 3/28/24

<https://bit.ly/3vINF1K>

Lake County RFP for Pekara Buffalo Grove Lake Michigan Water Interconnect Due 5/2/24

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

City of Joliet Invitation to Bid for 2024 UTILITIES RESTORATION PROGRAM. Due 4/02/2024

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

The City of Des Plaines desires sealed bids for the 2024 Sewer Lining Project. Due 4/04/2024

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

City of Rockford: Invitation to Bid for CORONADO PERFORMING ARTS CENTER EXTERIOR FACADE IMPROVEMENTS. Due 4/2/2024

<https://bit.ly/43l9mLX>

City of Danville: Invitation to Bid for Exterior Upgrades to the Tennis Center. Due 4/04/2024

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

City of Danville: Invitation to Bid for Roof Replacement for storage area at City Hall. Due 4/04/2024

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

City of Springfield: Invitation to Bid for Abatement & Demolition of Former Salvation Army Building. Due 4/11/2024

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

City of Springfield: Invitation to Bid for Water Main Installation 2024. Due 4/4/2024

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

SPACE NEEDS - NEW PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Proposed Legal Settlement Could Require Colorado to Build Separate Prison Units for T-gender Inmates

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

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Voters will decide whether Central Unit District 301 should have a new, larger high school. The Burlington-based district is asking permission to borrow \$195M

<https://bit.ly/3wY2atn>

Monticello has updates on two park projects. Renovations to Robert C. Burke Park and construction plans for Freedom Park will begin toward the end of the year. The city's general fund reserves and bonds will pay for the \$6M project

<https://bit.ly/3wRm0pS>

## STATE & FEDERAL

Illinois Attorney General Introduces Legislation to Beef Up Worker Protections Against Employer Retaliation

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

Using data from the Federal Election Commission, the Chicago Sun-Times and WBEZ analyzed the money from Illinois pumped - directly and indirectly - into the 2024 race for the White House

<https://bit.ly/4cmm3KS>

On Election Day, progressive candidates and causes are at the center of Democratic primary ballot

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

Illinois pork farmers say California mandates could cause urban food insecurity. Democratic state lawmakers want to pass a plethora of bills that spend taxpayer dollars on grant programs to make food more accessible

<https://bit.ly/49T8ErV>

State lawmakers are pushing for legislation that would require Illinoisans to verify their age when clicking on pornographic sites. Those Illinois businesses that fail to enact verification methods would be subject to civil penalties

<https://bit.ly/3Tm4x0z>

Muslim community leaders urge Illinois voters to protest Biden by writing in 'Gaza' on primary ballot

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

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Journalism's Slow Death Threatens Democracy; America's constitutional framers took the media's role as informers and educators of the public so seriously, they not only carved out freedom of the press in the Bill of Rights, but also subsidized the circulation of periodicals

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

We All Want Simpler Taxes. Here's Why That's So Complicated; The U.S. income tax is mind-boggling in its complexity, but the hurdles to simplifying it are surprisingly high

<https://on.wsj.com/49SrAa8>

The 'Twin Deficits' Risk the American Way of Life; Bidenomics hasn't yanked at the fundamental double-root cause of our economic dysfunction; The massive federal budget and merchandise trade shortfalls

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

Biden's populist budget marks the overdue end of trickle-down economics

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

Both Biden and Trump risk sending US debt levels into dangerous territory as Washington fails to grasp that the era of ultra-low interest rates won't come back

<https://tinyurl.com/3mze72dm>

The Great Resignation hits Congress: Lawmakers are quitting, too; 45 members of the House have announced they will retire at the end of this year

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

House Speaker Johnson tries to stop Republicans from campaigning against each other in bitter primary battles

<https://tinyurl.com/3snab77n>

The Grim Reality of Banning TikTok; It would further balkanize the global internet and disconnect us from the world

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

Young Democrats sound the alarm about banning TikTok before the election; The fresh push to ban the Chinese-owned social media company could hurt the president's reelection efforts

<https://politi.co/43jgZTk>

Are progressive politics the real reason why US lawmakers are spooked by Tiktok? Some users think the app has become a hub for progressive activism

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

A TikTok ban could embolden authoritarian censorship, experts warn; In the past, the U.S. has condemned other countries for tampering with speech on social media

<https://nbcnews.to/493HxJo>

Partisans are equally likely to say the other candidate is 'too corrupt'; Respondents were more likely to say that Trump was too extreme, too corrupt and too dangerous. Only on the "too incompetent" question did a larger percentage identify Biden

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

What the Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis Ruling Says About the Criminal Justice System; Trump and his allies had the resources to push back against the prosecution's conduct. Many defendants don't

<https://bit.ly/3x0ly7S>

It's not too late for Biden or Trump to drop out. But it's nearly impossible thanks to LBJ; LBJ's stunning announcement on March 31, 1968 led to full-time reliance on primaries and caucuses

<https://bit.ly/43iTl3V>

How the GOP's Biden investigation can be an opportunity for Democrats; The GOP is now claiming that "influence-peddling legislation," not impeachment, is their goal. So let's see some drafts

<https://on.msnbc.com/3TDMIRi>

Who Really Released the Hur Report? Biden's attorney general is the man who chose to let voters know about the president's infirmity

<https://on.wsj.com/3TnJx9w>

Lawmakers in both parties ignore nuances of special counsel Hur's report

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

Behind the scenes, Biden has grown angry and anxious about re-election effort

<https://nbcnews.to/3VmAV5J>

Why Gaza Won't Cost Biden the Presidency; Foreign policy rarely swings presidential elections

<https://bit.ly/3IG3nYJ>

How the uncommitted movement rocked Biden over Gaza

<https://tinyurl.com/57c5fw6w>

Trump vows to 'save America' this November from 'Biden disasters'

<https://bit.ly/4agonB7>

'Democracy is teetering': at ground zero for Trump's big lie in Arizona

<https://tinyurl.com/wu7xwymt>

How Trump's Allies Are Winning the War Over Disinformation; Their claims of censorship have successfully stymied the effort to filter election lies online

<https://tinyurl.com/4x5df2t3>

Trump predicts the end of U.S. democracy if he loses 2024 election

<https://tinyurl.com/2pns2y4j>

'A campaign for vengeance': critics warn of a radical second Trump term; After a chaotic first term, experienced advisers are ready to usher in a second presidency 'driven by imaginary grievances'

<https://tinyurl.com/yh6hhwyj>

Trump Says Some Migrants Are 'Not People' and Predicts a 'Blood Bath' if He Loses

<https://bit.ly/3v50ZaZ>

Reaction to Trump's speech: When is 'a bloodbath' not a bloodbath? Defenders of the former president say he was speaking about the plight of the auto industry

<https://politi.co/43ooQyI>

Social media captures full context of Trump's 'bloodbath' comment; "President Trump said the auto industry faces a bloodbath if Biden wins and he's right"

<https://bit.ly/3IG92hr>

In on the Joke: The Comedic Trick Trump Uses to Normalize His Behavior; His supporters love it. Critics call it a sign of his autocratic tendencies

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

What if Trump does what he's saying he'll do?

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

Texas falls short of donations needed to help pay for busing migrants: Governor collects less than 1% of projected cost

<https://bit.ly/3lFF0dF>

Florida governor signs bills expanding prison sentences for undocumented migrants; Measures target people convicted of driving without a license - which undocumented people can't obtain - or committing felonies

<https://tinyurl.com/2ve83nkn>

Five Facts on Americans' Views on Foreign Policy

<https://bit.ly/43nfH9F>

Trump may not be in power, but his Ukraine rhetoric has spooked Europe; Republican presidential nominee can still undermine trust in US global leadership and is reminiscent of the GOP in the 1940s

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In this Ukrainian village, almost no men are left; Ukraine desperately needs more troops, with its forces depleted by deaths, injuries and exhaustion. Despite Russia's own enormous casualties, the invaders still far outnumber Ukraine's defenders

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