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EDUCATION

'Free' school meals for all may reduce childhood obesity, while easing financial and logistical burdens for families and schools

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

Amid growth in AI writing tools, this course teaches future lawyers and other professionals to become better editors

<https://bit.ly/43nuW2w>

Can AI Aid the Early Education Workforce?

<https://bit.ly/3x0cocC>

AI Can Fine-Tune Teaching With Quicker, More Frequent & More Affordable Feedback

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

Kentucky's higher education funding scheme is unconstitutional, state attorney general says; Argued the state's outcomes-based formula relies on race, running afoul of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on race-conscious admissions

<https://bit.ly/3wRpJ6P>

House votes to end diversity, equity, inclusion programs in Kentucky public higher education

<https://bit.ly/4ahM6Rh>

Officials in Virginia are requesting to review diversity, equity, and inclusion-related coursework at two universities over concerns class mandates are being used to advance left-wing "groupthink"

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

The Importance of Neutrality and Freedom of Speech on Campus; University faculty should take the principles of freedom of speech and neutrality seriously and debate the best way to achieve them, without demonizing the other side

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

Only a quarter of federally funded education innovations benefited students, report says. \$1.4B yielded disappointing results

<https://bit.ly/3v86k1d>

Universal prekindergarten is coming to California - bumpy rollout and all. By 2025-26, all of the state's 4-year-olds should have access to the state's free 'transitional kindergarten' program. But some districts are further along than others

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

Why You Should Listen when Your Child Cries 'Not Fair'; Children need patient adults and lots of practice to understand fairness, justice and equality

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

Children experience more injuries, stress and even burnout when they specialize in one sport

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

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The Chicago Teachers Union is demanding sustainable community schools be increased from 20 to 200. It is also pushing Chicago Public Schools to end selective enrollment schools. CTU's choice is failing. Selective enrollment is working. Did CTU bosses flunk logic class?

<https://bit.ly/4afw2zy>

Media footage from the Chicago Teachers Union's Student Power Forum and Parade to the Polls event shows several, explicit ethics violations

<https://bit.ly/4a3WNre>

Illinois lawmakers and education advocates say Gov. J.B. Pritzker's proposed budget does not recommend enough money for schools to help newly arrived migrant students

<https://bit.ly/3v86Dcn>

Gov. JB Pritzker signs law creating Chicago's first fully elected school board

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

Dr. Aondover Tarhule named Illinois State University's 21st president

<https://bit.ly/3vfig18>

Quest Charter Academy is appealing its case at the Illinois State Board of Education. Quest's appeal comes after the Peoria Public School Board voted against the renewal of the school's charter in January

<https://bit.ly/49V0tLJ>

Geneseo High may keep one-hour late start weekly

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

The principal of Bartlett High School was placed on administrative leave after District U-46 officials learned of an investigation into his "administrative practices"

<https://bit.ly/3x28b8k>

Lake Forest College studying benefits and dangers of artificial intelligence; Professor is leading a team to investigate the technology from a human perspective, including what it means to be human in a world with AI-creating art

<https://bit.ly/4chGCb3>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Top real-estate CEO sees decades of housing pain ahead: 'What the Fed did will have a 30-year tail on it'; There's going to be low supply for a long time to come unless America really gets religious again about building houses

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

Home Buyers Need to Earn \$47K More Than in 2020; The income needed to comfortably afford a home is up 80% since 2020, while median income has risen 23% in that time

<https://bit.ly/3Vtg3tL>

Not even the Fed can counter a decade of bad zoning law distorting the housing market

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

Biden proclaimed, "My administration is also eliminating title insurance on federally backed mortgages"; In lieu of title insurance, the Biden administration will approve granting subsidized mortgages based on "attorney opinion letters" that assert a lawyer believes someone owns a house

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

What If Finding Affordable Housing Worked More Like Matchmaking? Personalized, flexible support is helping low-income Californians navigate an intense real estate market

<https://bit.ly/3Vqn1zs>

Once America's Hottest Housing Market, Austin, Texas, Is Running in Reverse; Home prices have fallen more than anywhere in the U.S.

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

Bernie Sanders' 32-Hour Work Week; The industrial revolution and markets - not government - have allowed people to earn more for less work

<https://tinyurl.com/yp6f4mjc>

If an employer requires a minimum-wage driver to provide their own truck for deliveries, under the Fair Labor Standards Act, it must reimburse the driver for 100% of the cost of doing so, the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals held in Parker v. Battle Creek Pizza, Inc.

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

Why do regional banks keep failing? The simplest risk, one that all regional banks face, is geographic: regional banks tend to lend to businesses and landlords in their region

<https://bit.ly/4982BPpa>

Fact-Checking "Greedflation"; Despite its popularity, the greedflation narrative fails to hold up when subjected to standard economic analysis

<https://bit.ly/49Xg913>

How dollar stores exacerbated American food deserts - and what it means when they leave them

<https://bit.ly/3wRtER5>

Joann Fabrics and Crafts files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy; Company stores and its website will remain open and continue operating as usual

<https://nbcnews.to/3lJKnJ0>

Are Joann stores closing? Bankruptcy and stock delisting come for the fabrics giant; The fabric and sewing chain, which dates back to 1943, says it will continue to operate normally after filing for Chapter 11

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

Joann files for bankruptcy; secures \$132M in new financing

<https://bit.ly/4902GUE>

The tech billionaires' utopia in Solano County aims to house as many as 400,000 people; The county's summary of the ballot initiative reveals a number of new details around the new city. But some residents haven't given up their fight against the project

<https://bit.ly/3wZX5R4>

How to Fix New York City's Latest Controversial Policy; Congestion pricing will provoke backlash unless New Yorkers get better public transit now-not later

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

Bank financing is driving unsustainable increases in global meat and dairy production, a report has found. Global meat production rose 9% between 2015 and 2021, the report said, while dairy production increased 13% in that time

<https://tinyurl.com/5n7j7s9r>

Drought in the western Canadian province of Alberta is stretching into its fourth year and farmers and oil companies are planning for water restrictions that threaten production of wheat, beef and crude

<https://bit.ly/3x3s0MA>

A congressional hearing will investigate China's threat to the U.S. agriculture industry amid concerns about increasing foreign ownership of American farmland

<https://bit.ly/49UHqB3>

China's economy shows signs of improvement, but its property sector is still in the doldrums; China has reported its manufacturing and investment improved in the first two months of the year, while weakness in the property sector weighed on the economy

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

World's largest solar manufacturer to cut one-third of workforce; China's Longi looks to slash costs as renewable energy sector faces tough headwinds from inflation

<https://tinyurl.com/ycxbmxsj>

U.S. Steel sale faces another potential headache; While antitrust issues are secondary to a national security review, a lengthy inquiry could add more uncertainty to the already controversial agreement

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

Europe and the U.S. will have to spend in excess of \$1T for building infrastructure to enable widespread use of hydrogen fuel, an executive at Mitsubishi Heavy Industries said

<https://tinyurl.com/eu7p2tfd>

An Oregon Bill to Cut \$Ms in Timber Taxes Is Dead, Despite Backing by the Industry, the Governor and a Top Lawmaker; The legislation aimed to reformulate how Oregon funds the rising costs of fighting wildfires

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

Flexible, resilient origami-inspired bridges could help navigate disaster zones; The folding art form may help develop a new generation of sturdy buildings, and even lunar habitats

<https://bit.ly/3PsI0Ot>

Some FAA air taxi regulations may overlap state, local authorities: GAO report; State, local and tribal governments will be responsible for vertiport zoning and permitting while most legal authority for eVTOL aircraft resides with the Federal Aviation Administration

<https://bit.ly/3IGyt2f>

KPMG sees an opportunity to grow its legal business by outspending major law firms on artificial intelligence tools; The Big Four consultancy plans to invest to help corporate legal departments streamline operations, including implementing generative AI

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

Too Much Trust in AI Poses Unexpected Threats to the Scientific Process; It's vital to "keep humans in the loop" to avoid humanizing machine-learning models in research

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

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While Cook County experienced the largest decline, less-populous Illinois counties were losing people at the fastest rate last year.

<https://bit.ly/4aj7So0>

The Peoria area saw a drop in population for most counties last year

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

Industry group opposes legislation that would eliminate Illinois' tip credit

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

After being rebuffed by regulators, utilities file slimmed-down spending plans

<https://bit.ly/3x1HVef>

Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) announced \$5M in funding for the Home Illinois Workforce Pilot Program

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

Northwest suburbs are struggling with a surge in trains after a controversial merger. It's been one year since Canadian Pacific merged with Kansas City Southern

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

The latest on Gotion; In Illinois, the lawsuit against Gotion continues, alleging that local zoning and approval rules weren't properly followed. No rulings yet

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

Hinsdale is looking to use its powers of persuasion with owners who want to demolish their historic houses. This is in response to the Historic Preservation Commission's frustration that the village's preservation ordinance has no teeth in stopping demolitions

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

Lyons Township High School has received the appraisal report for its 70-acre vacant property in Willow Springs. But the school on Monday decided against releasing the document to the public

<https://bit.ly/4ajorA8>

Oswego trustees to look at proposal for solar farm

<https://bit.ly/3wW9qpr>

A year after CP/KC merger approved, mayors see train uptick and brace for more

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

The Illinois Commerce Commission announces Fix a Leak Week to encourage residents to repair water leaks, potentially saving 10,000 gallons of water per household annually

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

New Target store opens on Chicago's Northwest Side

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

New Target 44,000-square-foot store will help revive Six Corners, neighbors say

<https://bit.ly/3Pry2Nd>

Senator Joyce Champions for Rural High Speed Internet Access

<https://bit.ly/3II017u>

Chicago: Developers planning a 500-apartment tower in Old Town have added eight stories to their proposed building in exchange for a greater setback meant to improve neighbors' views

<https://bit.ly/3Prr62D>

Related Midwest Should Fix 'Hot Mess' Buildings Before Getting Money For New Sox Park, Tenants Say

<https://bit.ly/3x6UQLI>

Rogers Park's First Grocery Co-Op Needs Neighbors' Help To Open In June. After more than a decade of organizing, Wild Onion Market's leaders are in the final stage of fundraising to open the grocery co-op

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

Jersey Mike's and urgent care center will fill up Wilmette's Westlake Plaza

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

Park Ridge: Copernicus Takeover Of Pickwick Screen for Live Theatre Delayed; Park Ridge Liquor License Still Not Applied For

<https://bit.ly/3THngE3>

Illinois Launches Campaign to Attract Canadian Businesses

<https://prn.to/3PqtJ4Q>

Small Illinois Town or Rushville Pursues Big Historic Preservation Goals

<https://bit.ly/4cf27tj>

CCS Contractor Equipment & Supply takes 210,000 square feet in Melrose Park

<https://bit.ly/3IK0YMO>

Chicago's 'Pothole Picasso' opens a studio/gallery in Uptown

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

Illinois pork farmers say California mandates could cause urban food insecurity

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

Ag Barometer: More financial concerns cloud latest outlook

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

After the three most profitable years in history, Illinois corn and soybean farmers are bracing for a slowdown

<https://bit.ly/3x75iCY>

In historic year for cicadas, Illinois is 'the epicenter of everything great'

<https://bit.ly/3Pr79cq>

PUBLIC SAFETY

How bad are flu, COVID-19 and RSV? These charts show how respiratory viruses are spreading in the US

<https://bit.ly/4co6VfK>

The National Institute of Health found no evidence of brain injury or biological abnormalities among federal employees experiencing symptoms related to what has become widely known as "Havana syndrome," according to two studies

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

An unprecedented outbreak of dengue fever is surging across Brazil, as the nation battles an epidemic that is straining resources and spreading well beyond the areas traditionally affected

<https://tinyurl.com/y27ht42w>

Japan's farmers paint cows like zebras to fight bloodsucking insects; A low-cost solution is helping farmers improve comfort of their cattle and reducing the need to use insecticides on the farm lands

<https://bit.ly/491H1f4>

Don't buy the hype on new "breakthrough" Alzheimer's treatments; It's better to focus on prevention; Roughly 40% of dementia cases could be delayed or prevented by addressing lifestyle and environmental factors

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

Can blood from young people slow down Alzheimer's?

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

The Keys to a Long Life Are Sleep and a Better Diet-and Money; A Nobel Prize-winning biologist explores the science and charlatans of life-extension

<https://bit.ly/3Vo13gt>

Brain chips: the Sydney researchers 'miles ahead' of Elon Musk's Neuralink

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

A new psychological assessment has been developed to measure the endorsement of attitudes related to critical social justice; Findings reveal that stronger alignment with these so-called "woke" beliefs correlates with heightened instances of anxiety and depression

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

How We Got Concussions So Wrong; I got a concussion. I didn't get better. It turned out even my doctors had bought into a powerful myth

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

Digital twins are an effective new way to control your metabolism; Using multiple data points, this digital twin can generate a computer model of a patient's metabolism alongside personalized predictions of their future health

<https://bit.ly/3vnok7C>

An Expert Who Has Testified in Foster Care Cases Across Colorado Admits Her Evaluations Are Unscientific

<https://bit.ly/3v8qnN0>

Report: Biometric Injection Attacks on the Rise; This type of attack involves using face-swapped videos to try to trick online verification systems, but as they rise in prevalence, so too do methods for combating them

<https://bit.ly/43pccj7>

988 currently doesn't use geolocation services. Counties want to change that

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

Plagued by Overdoses, Milwaukee County Tries a New Approach; The county has seen an especially dramatic spike of deaths among its Black population, with fatal overdoses increasing by 75 percent between 2020 and 2022

<https://bit.ly/3TEdaF4>

'Tough-on-crime' policies are back in some places that had reimagined criminal justice; Several states are considering or have already enacted legislation undoing more progressive policies

<https://bit.ly/4alfuq3>

Oakland's Progressive DA Just Wants to Do Her Job. In an Age of Recalls, That Job Is Changing; I tag along with Pamela Price as she confronts misinformation and fears about crime

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

Law Enforcement's Abysmal 'Clearance' Rates

<https://bit.ly/3PpEy7b>

Virginia lawmakers send more than 30 gun bills to skeptical governor

<https://bit.ly/4aiGma1>

The governor of Indiana signed into law three more bills, including a debated measure that will effectively kill a pending lawsuit by the city of Gary against gun manufacturers and sellers

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

At least 157 people were killed and 270 were injured last year in unintentional shootings by children, according to an advocacy group for firearm safety

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

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Fact Sheet: Lift Assist Fees; Home rule municipalities may implement regulations and fees to serve as a deterrent for lift assist calls, and to offset expenses. However, no such authority currently exists for non-home rule municipalities

<https://tinyurl.com/2s42xkvk>

Illinois Supreme Court makes changes amid 'staggering' increase in pretrial appeals over detention

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

Migrants remain in Chicago shelters during measles outbreak

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

Historic \$45M Chicago police misconduct settlement moves forward

<https://bit.ly/3TITX5b>

Secret Service, Chicago police prepare for DNC

<https://bit.ly/495kqhA>

Chicago's CDA is recruiting over 80 Aviation Security Officers for O'Hare and Midway Airports to enhance security and safety for passengers and employees

<https://bit.ly/498nGcg>

Nearly 70% of Chicago children younger than 6 years old are estimated to be exposed to lead in their drinking water, according to a new study

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

Migrants Navigate State's Apartment Program On Their Own As Evictions Loom And Help Runs Dry

<https://bit.ly/3x0dJA2>

Action to save remaining Illinois wetlands gains steam

<https://bit.ly/4czc595>

A Chicago nonprofit is offering a novel service to address workplace harassment: sending cautionary emails to alleged harassers on behalf of unnamed accusers

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

Governor JB Pritzker signed an Executive Order Monday to create a framework for financing and expanding access to new therapies and drugs, like the recently approved gene therapies for Sickle Cell Disease

<https://bit.ly/3x7Da2x>

Illinois could scrap road tests for senior drivers

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

Bloomington-Normal organizations miss out on homeless services funding

<https://bit.ly/49U1Qu0>

Return of cicadas in IL will bring the Cicada Killer Wasp

<https://bit.ly/43q3Fg4>

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

This Is a "Solvable" Crisis: Denver's Mayor on How the City Is Handling Migrant Arrivals

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

Florida is seeing an increase in homelessness. A Republican bill could make it worse; 'Inhumane' legislation on the governor's desk will require cash-strapped counties to build remote camps

<https://tinyurl.com/ydz45naj>

An Arizona migrant shelter that has housed thousands of asylum seekers plans to halt most operations in two weeks when funding from Washington runs out, a problem for towns along the border where officials fear a surge in homelessness and extra costs

<https://tinyurl.com/5e9aa3n7>

A city in Pennsylvania embraces immigrants as tensions over 'sanctuary' policies rise across the country; Officials in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, codified into law city policies that have been in effect since 2019 limiting cooperation with federal immigration authorities

<https://bit.ly/3TosJ25>

Federal judge finds Flint, Michigan, in contempt over lead water pipe crisis

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

25 cities to get climate-focused innovation teams through \$200M Bloomberg initiative

<https://bit.ly/49XrA8Y>

City Manager Association Censured a Man for Refusing to Enforce a Nonexistent Vaccine Mandate. Now, He's Suing

<https://tinyurl.com/2bfw6j7a>

James Freed vs ICMA: An Orchestrated Campaign to Kill a City Manager's Career

<https://apple.co/3TF9BhH>

James Freed, city manager, Port Huron, Michigan, was publicly censured and his credentialed manager designation was revoked for conduct that violated Tenet 3 of the Code

<https://bit.ly/43p2gGz>

In Cleveland, mushrooms digest entire houses: How fungi can be used to clean up pollution; Some species' ability to devour waste and eradicate pollutants - among other characteristics - means they present an oversized opportunity to extract harmful toxins from both our built and natural environments

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

How to Think Like a Hacker - and Defend Your Data

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

The Missing Link Between Strategy and Innovation; To drive growth, corporate innovation needs to connect to a clear set of strategic priorities and play to the company's strengths

<https://bit.ly/48Z3eKA>

How to Fix Your Company's Culture of Overwork; A three-step process will make everyone less stressed and more productive

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

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A candidate for Illinois' 19th Senate District discovered her name isn't on some Will County vote-by-mail ballots, but it's not just her name that was missing. The ballots were missing the entire race

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

State Senate race omitted from vote-by-mail ballots in Will County

<https://bit.ly/43kxXk9>

New legislation could give county clerks a taxpayer-funded raise

<https://bit.ly/3Vnl8DR>

What you need to know about the 'Bring Chicago Home' referendum. The goal is to raise \$100M a year to fund affordable housing and programs to help end homelessness. Supporters say it is long overdue. Critics have their doubts

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

Chicago is approaching \$300M spent on the migrant crisis since the first bus arrived in 2022. Nearly two

years later, more than 11,200 migrants are in the city shelters

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

Chicago slowly starts evicting migrants from shelters

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

First day of migrant evictions leads to confusion; only 3 removed from shelters

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

Progressive Caucus asks Mayor Brandon Johnson to end Chicago migrant eviction policy

<https://cbsn.ws/43IUQ6K>

Governor Pritzker: Get rid of the grocery tax. Period

<https://tinyurl.com/39ut7zh8>

Meta is ready to drop news in Illinois if forced to pay local publishers; The Journalism Preservation Act would require online companies to pay for local content shared on their platforms

<https://bit.ly/3TpVH1A>

How American news lost its nerve; For years, local papers were the bedrock of American accountability journalism. Their erosion - 1,800 communities no longer have a local news outlet, and the number of people with local journalism jobs has been cut nearly in half over the last 15 years

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

Illinois Municipal League's Lead Service Line Replacement Survey

<https://bit.ly/3Pr2hUv>

Fact Sheet: Are emails a record? Because nothing in life comes easy, the answer is both yes and no

<https://tinyurl.com/35k44wbw>

To encourage Illinois students to work as social workers in public schools and municipalities, the School and Municipal Social Work Shortage Loan Repayment Program provides assistance towards the repayment of student loans

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

A Municipal Income Tax Is a Dead End for Chicago; Chicago should brace itself for a raft of onerous new taxes

<https://bit.ly/43pz3uV>

Confusion, Lack Of Information At Chicago Migrant Shelters As Evictions Begin

<https://bit.ly/49Uh7v5>

Mayor Johnson's crackdown on Chicago immigrant shelter evictions results in three removals

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

The affluent, liberal Chicago suburb of Evanston ignored the pleas of its mostly Hispanic landscapers and kept a gas blower ban in place. However, the city kept its exemption from the ban, and the private golf course also gets a pass to use gas

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

Indictments against Lake County elected officials are rare

<https://bit.ly/49Xu1BB>

Evanston liquor board mulls overhauling city's complex licensing system

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

DeKalb Alderman Scott McAdams resigns 'for health reasons'

<https://bit.ly/3J2fYWx>

A new proposal could inflate Quincy utility bills. It's an effort to pay for citywide improvements; which city officials say are non-negotiable

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

Clay County old jail up for sale through bids

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

SPACE NEEDS - NEW PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Looking for the office copy room? It's a phone booth now; Once an office staple, copy rooms are now a thing of the past

<https://bit.ly/43luK3U>

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The Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal issued its proposed rules regarding the fire station rehabilitation and construction grant program; Is accepting comments through April 29th

<https://bit.ly/49U80un>

Plan to rebuild Stateville, Logan prisons brings mixed reaction

<https://bit.ly/3wSO3VW>

Brookfield Zoo Chicago unveils \$10M upgrade to dolphin center

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

A groundbreaking was held in Lincoln Park for a new community center. Care for Friends, a local nonprofit that serves Chicago's unhoused community, says that the \$9.2M center is more than a new building

<https://bit.ly/3v6LBed>

\$9M 'Care for Friends' community center is expected to open in the spring of 2025, expanding to Lincoln Park

<https://bit.ly/3TpqH1K>

Pennoyer School District 79 officials broke ground on a building addition, made possible when the district passed a \$9.7M referendum on the seventh try

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

STATE & FEDERAL

Illinois Hits the Polls for 2024 Primary, High Stakes in Cook County and Congressional Races Amid Voter Turnout Concerns

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

Where to vote in Illinois: Here's how to find your polling place

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

Here's when Illinois polls open and close for the 2024 primary

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

Illinois Attorney General Deploys Over 190 Monitors to Oversee Fairness in Upcoming Primary Polls

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

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

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

Has Illinois gotten bluer? Really, not so much - A look back at what Primary Election data shows

<https://bit.ly/48Z0z3E>

Illinois high court asked to review law limiting venue in constitutional challenges

<https://bit.ly/3PvM943>

The Illinois Supreme Court is being asked to decide on the constitutionality of a new state law that says constitutional challenges to state laws and actions can only be filed in Cook or Sangamon counties

<https://bit.ly/3x0jwpg>

This Illinois law requires child social media influencers to be paid. Here's why

<https://bit.ly/3Tp88L1>

Republican and Democrat Illinois congressmen both in favor of TikTok ban

<https://bit.ly/43q3scM>

IDHR Director Jim Bennett released the following statement regarding the Illinois Supreme Court's decision to ensure the availability of places of public accommodations for individuals with disabilities, including athletes

<https://bit.ly/43kx76Z>

Illinois GOP congressional primary latest display of infighting

<https://bit.ly/3x7mSqp>

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In Wisconsin, a vote for Biden or Trump could come down to grocery prices; Grocery prices are among the top issues driving down Biden's popularity nationwide; Wisconsin is one of six swing states this fall that will determine who becomes the next president

<https://bit.ly/3TpyvR4>

"Grocery Prices Have Soared. That's Spoiling Biden's Economic Pitch"

<https://bit.ly/49ZL1Oo>

Governor signs \$167M tax cut bill, dropping Utah's income tax rate to 4.55%; Analysis: SB69 will largely benefit the wealthy. Those in top 1% will save \$2,676 a year, while those in bottom 20% will get \$24

<https://bit.ly/3llsvy3>

Kansas senators approved a new iteration of a flat tax plan that favors the state's top earners and would cost the state nearly \$650M annually once phased in

<https://bit.ly/492JYMa>

California's Deficit: Bring Your Alibis; Governor Newsom helped create - and is now faced with - the biggest budget deficit in Golden State history

<https://bit.ly/43mH2c5>

Biden's Budget for Gargantuan Government; Biden, in so many words, delivered a message that the path for a better, wealthier, fairer America is more government

<https://tinyurl.com/4wp9jdaf>

We Need a Revival of Marxist Class Analysis; Without solid data, discussions about class and class consciousness are often just guesswork. Empirical Marxist studies of class structure and class consciousness are invaluable for a robust socialist politics, and we need more of it

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

Supreme Court worries about limiting feds' interactions with social media companies

<https://bit.ly/3lFz3NZ>

Supreme Court appears wary of limiting feds' interactions with social media companies

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

Supreme Court split on White House contact with social media in censorship case

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Can the Government Collaborate With Big Tech to Protect Elections?

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