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#### ASK ANCEL GLINK

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#### EDUCATION

More teachers are facing layoffs this spring as school districts handle declining enrollments, inflation-related budget challenges, and the wind-down of federal pandemic relief funds

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

I turned my kitchen table into a classroom. Then I took the idea school-wide; Students need a space where they feel safe enough to focus with confidence

<https://bit.ly/3ISz1Cl>

Timeline: How the private school voucher movement gained momentum in Tennessee

<https://bit.ly/4a7qrMd>

How Covid narrowed the STEM pipeline; Math scores declined for both Catholic school and high-achieving public school students

<https://bit.ly/3PyJ9UH>

With 6 in 10 California Students Lagging Behind in Literacy, New Bill Would Mandate 'Science of Reading' Across State; The bill also emphasizes the need for increased professional development for teachers

<https://bit.ly/499Xn5q>

Why do educators stay in the profession? For this principal, it's a duty to do everything possible for students

<https://bit.ly/4aaZS8D>

Helping children eat healthier foods may begin with getting parents to do the same, research suggests

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

Kids Turn to TikTok for Mental Health Diagnoses. What Should Schools Know?

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

Ready or not, AI chatbots are here to help with Gen Z's mental health struggles

<https://bit.ly/4aar3Ax>

The End of Foreign-Language Education; People are turning away from language learning just as automatic translation becomes ubiquitous across the internet

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

Trump-era tax cuts contributed to a decline in higher education giving, with fewer Americans donating to colleges and universities

<https://bit.ly/3xcqB6g>

Indiana is expanding college access, but are students actually prepared to earn a degree?

<https://bit.ly/4a8BDrU>

High-schoolers worried about antisemitism, SATs are spending thousands to apply to as many colleges as possible

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

Wave of Antisemitism Reveals Higher Education's Jewish Double Standard

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

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Illinois treasurer backs legislation allowing parents to convert unused college funds into retirement savings

<https://bit.ly/49cz6vl>

Illinois State Board of Education to distribute \$75M for preschool expansion

<https://bit.ly/3IRDWn4>

Want to run for Chicago's first elected school board? Campaign season starts now.

<https://bit.ly/3IU7Bfp>

Chicago Teachers Union negotiations will feature a new battleground this year: Springfield; While the mayor and union appear in lockstep, the city likely won't have the funds for more staffing and resources in schools

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

The Chicago Teachers Union Wants to End Student Homelessness at the Bargaining Table; In its next contract, the CTU is demanding housing for up to 15,000 unhoused students

<https://bit.ly/3vsFa5b>

Chicago is getting an elected school board and candidates are starting to emerge

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

N'DIGO Studios in Chicago runs state-funded program to train students in content creation

<https://bit.ly/3x50gqE>

For the second time since her resignation, Hinsdale High School District 86's law firm warned a former board member not to release information that the district considers confidential

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

One Summer Chicago is accepting applications for its youth summer employment and internship positions.

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

ComEd, HIRE360 Accepting New Applications for Take Charge EV Pre-Apprenticeship Program

<https://bit.ly/3TTF2FI>

Home-school advocates don't feel left out of free meal programs

<https://bit.ly/3TCB4PU>

The new superintendent of Evanston/Skokie School District 65 will not have to live in the district she leads.

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

Ballot count so far favors Glenbard Dist. 87's \$183M request

<https://bit.ly/3TPUbr8>

Illinois' attorney general is calling for state residents to apply for a program that could bring their federal student loans out of default.

<https://bit.ly/4asj8OO>

Sauk Valley school leaders take deep dive into ag education, programming

<https://bit.ly/3IPYNr3>

Mendota HS District 280 to address health life safety repairs

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

New UIHC program recruiting and retaining health care students; The 'unit partner' program puts students in the University hospital as an extra set of hands to nurses. The school calls this a win-win for staff and students.

<https://bit.ly/43E3Cx1>

Jacksonville among schools canceling classes for eclipse

<https://bit.ly/3PzWZ9e>

Push for change: Illinois bill proposes mandatory mental health days in universities

<https://bit.ly/3vt0kA9>

Illinois community college enrollment increased by a little more than 5% for the Spring semester of 2024

<https://bit.ly/3PFbMj7>

The East Alton School District 13 has chosen a new leader. Nancy Werden will take over as District Superintendent on July 1.

<https://bit.ly/3vv0Xcu>

Benton student elected youth governor of Illinois

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

Carbondale Chamber of Commerce will host high school job fair to connect local businesses with high school students

<https://bit.ly/4a7s4cx>

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Federal Reserve keeps promising interest-rate cuts. Treasury yields, a key driver of mortgage rates and other borrowing costs, keep rising anyway

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

Return-to-office mandates can't fix stagnant post-COVID worker productivity

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

Oklahoma City is seeking a partner to help design and build its new NBA arena

<https://bit.ly/3VuR0GD>

The Transportation Industrial Complex; If you want to know why our built environment looks the way it does, follow the finance streams

<https://bit.ly/3PCo6k8>

US freight rail, supply chain, now at the mercy of California's net-zero emissions rule

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

'Rural states have unique needs': Transportation providers spotlight challenges at House hearing; Rural bus operators, members of Congress and other witnesses argued for greater local and state control over transportation policies

<https://bit.ly/3Vz29Gs>

New book details how 'barons' took over American agriculture; Tells the story of the consolidation of American agriculture since the 1970s through the rise of seven "baronial" families that rose to dominate entire sectors of a once-diversified American food system

<https://bit.ly/3TwRp8P>

What is dirt? There's a whole wriggling world alive in the ground beneath our feet, as a soil scientist explains

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

How the U.S. is faring against China in computer chip race; The global competition to secure access to semiconductors is perhaps the most vital competition of all the battles for resources on the planet

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

Tips to de-risk chip factory projects; The federal push to onshore semiconductor manufacturing has opened up big opportunities for contractors, as well as unique challenges

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

How AI could explode the economy; And how it could fizzle

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

Google's AI can ingest multiple books. What will it do with all that data? Google Gemini 1.5 Pro has a context window of 1M tokens. Users will be able to submit giant prompts that are equivalent to multiple books

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

Inside the shadowy global battle to tame the world's most dangerous technology; Can anyone control AI?

<https://tinyurl.com/43ccyuv4>

The little-known AI group that got \$660M; Powered by a massive cash infusion from a cryptocurrency mogul, the Future of Life Institute is building a network to fixate governments on the AI apocalypse

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

The future of artificial intelligence is similar to that of Star Trek; "Collective AI" where numerous artificial intelligence units, each capable of continuously acquiring new knowledge and skills, form a network to share information with each other

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

Why don't we have better robots yet? What it will take to build more dexterous machines to work in a warehouse or help out at home

<https://bit.ly/3IVI0Ec>

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Chicago Housing Authority Approves Plan To Jump Start Stalled Redevelopment At Long-Empty Lathrop Apartments

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

Are the Chicago Bears done with Arlington Heights? Bears President Kevin Warren's frank stadium response

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

Metra is looking to build a rail yard to increase service on the Union Pacific Northwest line

<https://bit.ly/4avC1jl>

Local creators praise TikTok's impact - but say they could find another platform if it's banned

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

Former Groupon headquarters renamed for Echo logistics firm, now the second-largest tenant

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

A giant, purple Wayfair store will soon open in Wilmette

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

Chick-fil-A Proposal Gets Nod From Naperville Planning and Zoning Commission

<https://bit.ly/3Vxl57a>

Chick-Fil-A backtracks from its no-antibiotics-in-chicken pledge, blames projected supply shortages

<https://bit.ly/3vrwW1o>

Three new restaurants have opened in Romeoville, offering cuisines that span the gamut from Chicago classics to Asian dishes; Faiza, Halsted Street Dawgs and Happy Bites

<https://bit.ly/3Vz5tkU>

Proposed parking garage at Naperville's Nichols Library tabled after residents say downtown parking's satisfactory

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

Low-Income Clinic Plans Villa Park Site; The clinic will include 12 exam rooms, a wellness center, a kitchen, a laboratory and nursing stations

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

Orland Park Planned Parenthood announces facility expansion

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

Hard Rock gives \$3M to Gary for blight removal, with focus on downtown

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

TransUnion nearly doubles previously announced layoffs to 640 employees in Illinois

<https://bit.ly/3VyIE0u>

Krispy Kreme doughnuts are coming to McDonald's

<https://bit.ly/43B5xCD>

A new passport program by Visit Chicago Southland offers prizes to people who check in at 14 south suburban breweries. Meanwhile, the Dixie Highway Brewery Trail program is ending.

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

'We are the world leader in what we do': \$15.3M expansion incentive keeps Lake Zurich business in town

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

'More to come': Developer selling Mount Prospect buildings has more projects on tap

<https://bit.ly/43BTy7Q>

'Leave a lasting legacy' Antioch resident input sought on new park name

<https://bit.ly/4agrr0E>

Blommer Chocolate laying off more than 200 workers in Chicago with plant closure

<https://bit.ly/3vzYX2w>

Dollar Tree stores to raise prices again in 2024

<https://bit.ly/3VAxcl3>

Massive Wilmette Wayfair store set to open this spring; The 150,000 square-foot store, in Eden's Plaza, will be Wayfair's first "large-format" store.

<https://bit.ly/4a82OTK>

Orland Park Planned Parenthood announces facility expansion

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

Marcus & Millichap has brokered the \$2.1M sale of a 14,000-square-foot retail building anchored by AutoZone in the Chicago suburb of Orland Park.

<https://bit.ly/3IUabC7>

Skender has completed construction of The Leo, a 21-story luxury apartment tower located at 741 N. Wells St. in Chicago's River North.

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

Foster secures over \$13M in funding for projects across 11th District

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

Niles Trustees To Consider \$4.6M TIF Assistance Development For Mixed-Use Development On Milwaukee

<https://bit.ly/3Vv6KJJ>

Niles Trustees Consider Buying Leaning Tower YMCA Property For \$2.1M

<https://bit.ly/4asiGA6>

In mall-morium: Former, current employees of Spring Hill Mall gather to say goodbye as shopping center closes

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

Where can home sellers go when their house is shown? McHenry Realtor's answer is 'concierge suite'

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

Judge halts move to find new developer for Lake and Lathrop

<https://bit.ly/3TOyO9z>

String of sell-outs and Bison deal are signs of strength for Bloomington venues

<https://bit.ly/4cyL31I>

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

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

Multi-\$M Rock Island National Cemetery expansion project wrapping up, providing another 15 years of burial space

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

The process to establish a Kankakee-based headquarters for Fortitude Community Outreach is in motion, but the purchase of the 1st Ward property has not yet been concluded.

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

Quincy City Council to debate roundabout funding next week; Troup offers support, but Bergman, Farha are 'big fat nos'

<https://bit.ly/3TS82wV>

Businesses flourish on Springfield's west side; east side perseveres

<https://bit.ly/4apYui8>

Belleville roundabout costs have skyrocketed, putting 13-year-old plan back in limbo

<https://bit.ly/4aa03RF>

The City of Alton is taking another run at a loan agreement for a solar project at the Public Works Facility.

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

The Chain of Rocks Bridge spanning the Mississippi River opened in the late 1960s and is at the end of its lifespan. A new bridge, which is under construction, is tentatively scheduled to open in late 2026.

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

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Why Did the Anti-Vaccine Movement Tilt to the Right? Anti-vaccine activism has never had a dominant political affiliation. What happened?

<https://bit.ly/3lZoa9D>

How bad was the world's first pandemic? Historians have zeroed in on an infectious outbreak known as the Antonine plague-an apparent pox-like disease that ravaged not just Rome, but several Roman cities during Marcus' reign

<https://bit.ly/3PE1H5Y>

How do we halt the next pandemic? Be kind to critters like bats, says a new paper

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

Experiments in the weightless environment of space have led to "crazy progress" in the fight against cancer, NASA officials said

<https://bit.ly/3xiDeN0>

Cervical cancer rates, long on the decline, are climbing among low-income women in the United States

<https://bit.ly/3x4kyAA>

Anti-aging neuro-tech: The bold new devices built to keep your brain young; Sending shocks to the nervous system has a variety of health benefits. But is it a safe thing to do?

<https://tinyurl.com/p5up27v4>

US lawmaker seeks answers on FDA inspection of Musk's Neuralink

<https://tinyurl.com/bdcu3upx>

Men Without Meaning: The Harmful Effects of Expressive Individualism; American males are turning off, and tuning and dropping out

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

The Crime Spike Is Just a 'Moral Panic,' Leftists Say; Conservative Scholars Debate Prison Abolitionists at Berkeley Conference on Crime

<https://tinyurl.com/4dr8dfhy>



Shoplifting and other retail theft already cost New York businesses an estimated \$4.4B in 2022; since the Legislature refuses to crack down, the yearly toll is likely over \$5B now

<https://bit.ly/3x7zTQZ>

New York City plans to intensify a crackdown on subway fare-beating by sending at least 800 police officers specifically to keep watch on turnstiles, officials announced

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

Polling data shows Democrats are in deep trouble on the issues of domestic safety and unbiased justice. Voters say they want law and order and aren't getting it

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

This Colorado Bill Would Abolish the Right to Armed Self-Defense in Many 'Sensitive Places'; Legislators are taking a page from constitutionally dubious state laws that make carry permits highly impractical to use

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

Disasters like bridge collapses put transportation agencies' emergency plans to the test

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

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2nd dose of measles vaccine can slow outbreak, Chicago health officials say

<https://bit.ly/3IVCK2g>

What can parents do to keep children safe amid measles outbreak in Chicago area? Experts weigh in

<https://bit.ly/3TS4UBb>

Lake County Health Department reports first measles case

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

'Extremely disturbing': Some Illinois police departments nix training with controversial firm

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

IL victims, losses rise in FBI's new Internet Crime Report

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

New recruits with Illinois State Police can count on high salary: Director

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

State Police look to recruit more women

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

Highest-ranking woman in state police history reflects on experience as force looks to diversify

<https://bit.ly/4cx9ImS>

Residents demand transparency from Flossmoor leaders after firing of police chief

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

'Punishment for being pregnant': Report details poor care for pregnant people in county jails

<https://bit.ly/3TTN2pV>

2 parole officials quit after released felon allegedly stabs ex-girlfriend, kills her 11-year-old son

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

No charges in Elgin motorcyclist's death because reckless homicide law 'poorly' written, state's attorney says

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

New Civilian Review Board to give residents some say in cases brought against Elgin police

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

Wildlife refuge gets additional 985 acres, touted as largest open land acquisition in Chicago area in decades

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

Top Chicago hospitals accused of ignoring sexual abuse allegations against gynecologist for decades

<https://bit.ly/3IS3Siz>

Stolen, loaded machine gun found in high school student's locker, Chicago police say

<https://bit.ly/3TW8fzy>

Advocates Say Domestic Violence is a Community Safety Issue After Killing of 11-Year-Old Jayden Perkins

<https://bit.ly/49d1EVH>

Evanston council OK's fire truck buy; Payment plan to be determined.

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

Belvidere Police need city's approval to get K9 a protective bite suit

<https://bit.ly/43BZQ7n>

Sandwich community shows support for K-9 program

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

Lawmakers discuss audit of LaSalle Veterans Home outbreak that killed 36 of its residents

<https://bit.ly/4cAvh6m>

Decatur Police release body-camera video of officer-involved shooting

<https://bit.ly/3TvWb6B>

Bloomington Police Dept. announces reaccreditation

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

FBI, DEA respond for enforcement activity in Champaign County

<https://bit.ly/3TWa6o0>

FBI and DEA conduct related raids in Urbana and Rantoul, arrests made

<https://bit.ly/3xe5tg5>

How can you tell if a product has toxic PFAS? Lack of labeling laws make it hard for consumers

<https://bit.ly/4avuce1>

Galesburg Police: Cameras already effective at fighting crime. Here's how they work

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

Migrants could become firefighters in Illinois under new bill

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

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Sacramento City Council will consider making Sacramento a sanctuary city for t-gender people

<https://tinyurl.com/3xnm9ky>

San Jose, California, training AI to spot homeless encampments

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

Church Attendance Has Declined in Most U.S. Religious Groups; Three in 10 U.S. adults attend religious services regularly, led by Mormons at 67%

<https://bit.ly/3IV7ccw>

How can you effectively support people at work and in your community, especially when they're different from you? Even small, everyday actions can make a big difference to those around you

<https://bit.ly/43wKf9h>

Podcast: Why We Need To Show Empathy Toward Drivers in Conversations About Street Safety

<https://bit.ly/4ab0viv>

Podcast: How One Leader Overcame Career-Ending Adversity; How resilience and vulnerability have shaped his leadership

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

Podcast: Handling Fierce Criticism; How to steel yourself and think on your feet in the moment

<https://bit.ly/4ab9mAM>

How AI and a popular card game can help engineers predict catastrophic failure - by finding the absence of a pattern

<https://bit.ly/4ab8CeY>

How Different Fields Are Using GenAI to Redefine Roles; Examples from customer support, management consulting, professional writing, legal analysis, and software and technology

<https://bit.ly/4ar8bgr>

Zoom is launching an AI-powered collaboration platform, called Zoom Workplace, and expanding access to its AI Companion

<https://bit.ly/3TCfB9E>

AI scales up fraud controls, but humans still vital; AI analytics technology is turbocharging anti-fraud measures through its ability to process oceans of financial data

<https://bit.ly/3Tx2tmh>

Is Your Company's Data Ready for Generative AI? A new survey of data leaders across industries suggests that most companies have a long way to go

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

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Now that Mayor Brandon Johnson's real estate transfer tax has failed, here are eight practical ways Chicago can provide more affordable housing without raising taxes.

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

Chicago's migrant website obscures details on where \$300M was spent

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

City instates new measles vaccination policy at Lower West Side shelter

<https://bit.ly/3vj2X7L>

Residents in the Pilsen neighborhood have called on Chicago Mayor Johnson to help alleviate the surging property tax burden on area homes and businesses through the use of TIF funds

<https://bit.ly/43Q1uCJ>

More Chicagoans lacked heat in January than any month since 2019 amid historic cold

<https://bit.ly/3xmycz2>

Chicago Park District union authorizes strike, asks mayor to intervene in contract talks

<https://bit.ly/4axBz4P>

Union workers at Chicago Park District authorize strike; Union representing more than 2,200 Chicago Park District workers

<https://bit.ly/3xjgWL6>

Alderman's 'cancel DNC' calls in front of burnt American flag spark criticism after veteran's fiery protest

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

Mail ballots whittle O'Neill Burke's lead over Harris in state's attorney race for 6th straight day. Based on unofficial results, O'Neill Burke now leads Harris 50.16% to 49.84%. They are separated by less than 1,700 votes.

<https://bit.ly/4cpOV4G>

Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium and more: Chicago free museum days for spring break

<https://bit.ly/4az3zVL>

Lake Zurich paves way for over \$150M project that switches water source to Lake Michigan

<https://bit.ly/3TPsmz4>

The Winnetka Park District Board voted to move forward with an intergovernmental agreement with the village regarding stormwater work on Elder Lane Beach

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

Naperville's coal-heavy electricity supply hangs in the balance as contract renewal looms

<https://bit.ly/4arqz8X>

Naperville ranked fourth on the 2023 Best Cities to Live in America list, which was released Monday by Niche, a popular rankings and review website.

<https://bit.ly/3TS57UZ>

Why Mundelein's sales tax is increasing

<https://bit.ly/3vDr1C9>

Sugar Grove board to review leaf burning regulations

<https://bit.ly/497p2UB>

Cicero residents demand flood prevention investments

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

Kankakee County Property Tax Multiplier Stays Steady, Aiming for Fair Assessments Across Illinois

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

Evanston council OKs \$180,000 to buy electric leaf blowers for landscapers

<https://bit.ly/3x8BpCp>

Sycamore city says it's identified all water service lines in city, latest step in lead remediation

<https://bit.ly/3VFrE9b>

April 18 Earth Fest will celebrate sustainability and community in DeKalb

<https://bit.ly/43DI9Wm>

Judge cancels suspension of Lockport city attorney's driver's license; she's charged with misdemeanor DUI with Romeoville.

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

The dog ordinance proposed by 14th Alderman Mark Bonne returns to the floor of the Rockford City Council sparking debate regarding the welfare of our pets.

<https://bit.ly/49b9SNZ>

New judge chosen for Winnebago County courts

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

Midwest Food Bank distributed \$482M in food in 2023

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

Quincy City Council discusses street projects

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

Proposal for water, sewer rate hikes meets opposition; Quincy City Council tables issue for two weeks

<https://bit.ly/4aa6FPU>

City Treasurer Linda Moore provided an update to the Quincy City Council and explained that health insurance claims from 2022 and 2023 continue to be processed and that more than 7,500 claims must be re-processed.

<https://bit.ly/3x9GFWq>

## SPACE NEEDS - NEW PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Bears President Kevin Warren says Chicago lakefront is the 'ideal location' for a new stadium, but details on cost and funding are short

<https://bit.ly/3ISMfp1>

Ask voters about taxpayer subsidies for Bears, Sox stadiums, former Gov. Quinn says

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

Long considered garage at Nichols Library in Naperville tabled after residents say downtown parking is satisfactory

<https://bit.ly/43BNk7L>

Hoffman Estates board recommends \$9.5M bond issue for first of two new fire stations

<https://bit.ly/3J0p59P>

La Grange Park library to close the books early on \$5.1 million renovation project

<https://bit.ly/3U2Yv6F>

Park District survey shows Oak Parkers want an indoor pool

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

## STATE & FEDERAL

Illinois' mail-in voting system needs a fix. It's far too slow for today's world

<https://tinyurl.com/33brn8zv>

Total repudiation: Illinois unions lose big trying to take out two downstate lawmakers; Poured a combined \$462K into the campaigns of two Republican primary opponents

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

Bills in state Senate would further regulate battery storage and disposal

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

Illinois lawmakers debate regulation of car insurance rates

<https://bit.ly/3THpgw2>

The Illinois Tollway is telling its I-PASS customers to ignore and delete phishing messages sent to their phones detailing a specific outstanding toll amount.

<https://bit.ly/4az662d>

A proposed Illinois bill would require social media companies to use third-party software to inform parents of any harmful content their children might be viewing.

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

Competition for scarce state funds; Free school meals, summer youth job grants top the list in voter survey

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

Will 2024 cicada explosion mean rise in cicada-killing wasps? Here's what experts say

<https://bit.ly/3Vz7RYE>

Expert advises eclipse watchers to get the best vantage point - are you ready?

<https://bit.ly/3IUj0Mo>

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Politicians may rail against the 'deep state,' but research shows federal workers are effective and committed, not subversive

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

I've been studying congressional emails to constituents for 15 years - and found these 4 trends after scanning 185,222 of them

<https://bit.ly/3VF7tYZ>

Abortion rights across the US: we track where laws stand in every state; Abortion is now banned in 14 states, while two have banned abortion past roughly six weeks of pregnancy

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9hs44d>

Repro-Rights Advocates Focused on Abortion and Not Pregnancy. That Was a Mistake

<https://bit.ly/4a95Qag>

Biden vs. Trump is not the race America needs, but it is the one we deserve. A political system that has spit out a race few voters want is the perfect symbol of a nation - and a people - bent to the point of breaking

<https://bit.ly/43B4ylJ>

Trump 2028; The Twenty-second Amendment is an arbitrary restraint on presidents who serve nonconsecutive terms-and on democracy itself

<https://bit.ly/4auZ4LO>

Trump has embraced Jan. 6. The extremist message may alienate - or resonate

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

Republicans Threaten Contempt Vote Against Attorney General Garland Over Robert Hur Material; The Justice Department gave Republicans the transcript of Robert Hur's interview with Joe Biden, but now they want the audio

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

DOJ looked at transactions linked to Jim Biden as part of criminal investigation; His lawyer said the president's brother is not under investigation in Florida or Pennsylvania cases

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A: The United States Supreme Court just released a unanimous opinion in the case *Lindke v. Freed* which answers this question. As with most of these cases, a public employee who operated a social media account

was sued for a violation of the First Amendment after blocking a local resident from posting comments to the account. Since courts across the country had fashioned different rules for determining whether the action of blocking a post violated the First Amendment, the U.S. Supreme Court decided to establish a uniform test and concluded that a government official's social media posts are "attributable to the State only if the official (1) possessed actual authority to speak on the State's behalf, and (2) purported to exercise that authority when he spoke on social media." The opinion contains a number of hypotheticals to help understand the Court's intent, so one should read the entire opinion.

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