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EDUCATION

Interactive: Data From 9,500 Districts Shows Another Boom Year for School Staffing Even as Fiscal Cliff Looms
<https://bit.ly/3VwndgN>

As immigration debate swirls, Girl Scouts quietly welcome hundreds of young migrant girls
<https://cbsn.ws/4awfbbT>

Has Gen Z had enough of woke? A growing number of young people are bristling against the strictures of identitarianism
<https://bit.ly/4abydVI>

A social psychologist whose new book explores the reasons behind a sharp decline in kids' mental health says there are questions parents can ask themselves to help their kids; Kids shouldn't have smartphones before high school
<https://abcn.ws/3J1fuj3>

What's behind the campus mental health crisis? Teaching others the habits of anxious people results in both a mental health crisis and illiberalism on campus. They work and emerge together: one doesn't cause the other
<https://bit.ly/3TToltD>

FAFSA Glitch Imperils Financial Aid for 200,000 Students; A rushed attempt to simplify the financial aid form has led to persistent technical difficulties, frustrating families and colleges alike
<https://bit.ly/4a8cttf>

What Democrats' vote against women reveals about the future of sports; Senate investigation into sports serves as a reminder about how much women need Title IX
<https://fxn.ws/3PGU9zs>

Nearly a year after a shooting at a Christian elementary school in Nashville that left three adults and three

children dead, the students and their families have formed tight bonds out of their shared suffering. They've also adopted a lot of dogs

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

Students of color more likely to attend schools with dress code policies in Chicago Public Schools

<https://bit.ly/3TS7zuR>

School survey: Teacher shortage in Illinois persists, but progress is being made

<https://bit.ly/499G7Nr>

Over 90% of Illinois school leaders report teacher shortage, survey says

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

Illinois teacher shortage persists, survey finds. Cost of teaching degree followed by low pay, benefits, seen as obstacles

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

Looming first-ever Chicago school board elections means crash course time for voters, candidates

<https://bit.ly/43AF3kx>

Candidates Can Start Circulating Petitions as Chicago Public Schools Begins Transition to Elected School Board

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

Chicago Park District Union Demands Mayor's Action on Wages as Strike Looms in City Hall Showdown

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

Elmhurst University will hire a "diversity, equity, and inclusion" consultant to revise its nursing program

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

Winfield, school districts clash over downtown TIF funds

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

Should College Essays Touch on Race? Some Feel the Affirmative Action Ruling Leaves Them No Choice

<https://bit.ly/3PBkxL1>

Niles Trustees Approve Lease Agreement For New Teen Center

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

Following failed referendum, Prospect Heights Elementary School Dist. 23 board members will need to determine if they will move forward with a third attempt at a referendum, or how cuts should be made to accommodate a state mandate that full-day kindergarten be implemented by 2027-28

<https://bit.ly/3x8a7fk>

LaHood pushes employer incentives during tour of HCC's new Advanced Manufacturing Center

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

Patricia Draves will be Monmouth College's 15th president

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

Lake Land College receives ICCB grant to support dual-credit programs

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

Illinois Treasurer Frerichs hopes Illinois lawmakers allow unused college savings to rollover into retirement plans

<https://bit.ly/3IS95qC>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Why Treasury Yields Are Rising Despite Rate-Cut Expectations; The yield on the 10-year note has climbed since the start of the year, propping up mortgage rates

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

America has a housing problem. New Dems have a solution; The YIMBY Act would streamline home construction by amending outdated permitting and zoning laws - and reallocating American Rescue Plan funds to provide emergency assistance to hard-working families at risk of eviction

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

Case-Shiller: National House Price Index Up 6.0% year-over-year in January

<https://bit.ly/4ac5yiN>

Renting is now cheaper than owning in all of America's 50 biggest metro areas

<https://on.mktw.net/4a5uQiy>

Repeat home sales price declined slightly in January; expect deceleration in the CPI measures of shelter to continue

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

Ski town struggles to fill 6-figure job because candidates can't afford housing

<https://cbsn.ws/3TUV95A>

The Baltimore bridge collapse could devastate supply chains and cost \$Bs; About \$80B worth of cargo moved through the Port of Baltimore last year

<https://bit.ly/4cvHhG1>

Baltimore bridge collapse: US braces for supply chain disruption; Downing of Francis Scott Key Bridge disrupts shipping of cars and parts and risks loss of Baltimore's cargo trade to other ports

<https://tinyurl.com/56ajzrps>

China's Xi meets American CEOs in bid to boost confidence in ailing economy; Xi said the Chinese economy was "healthy and sustainable," an achievement that "cannot be separated from international cooperation"

<https://nbcnews.to/4cBW7L5>

Fast-food companies seeing low-income diners pare orders; Whether consumed at home or in a restaurant, food prices rose 20% from Jan. 2021 to Jan. 2024, the fastest jump on record

<https://bit.ly/43AFGL2>

California fast food workers have been hit with layoffs ahead of new minimum wage law; The forthcoming law will award fast-food workers a 25 percent hourly raise, increasing their pay by four dollars

<https://bit.ly/3xd5DEj>

Two small solar manufacturers are joining forces to make panels that will enable their customers, U.S. solar project developers, to collect on a new federal subsidy for American-made clean energy equipment

<https://tinyurl.com/mtepzwdr>

Dutch hyperloop center aims to advance futuristic transport technology; A 420-meter or quarter-mile white steel tube running alongside a railway line in the windswept northern Netherlands could usher in a new era in the transportation of people and freight

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

California, home to Silicon Valley, is eager to rein in the deployment of artificial intelligence and is looking to Europe's tough-on-big-tech approach for inspiration

<https://tinyurl.com/43yfn5se>

Why great AI produces lazy humans; The AI-assisted group outperformed the no-AI group in almost every measure of performance. However, the AI-assisted group also tended to over-rely on the computer systems, opening up the possibility of errors slipping into their work

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

On chip self-sufficiency, Washinton must put up or shut up; As tensions and the risk of war between China and Taiwan increase, pundits and industry experts alike warn that near-total dependency on Taiwan-based productions could put the American economy and security at serious risk

<https://bit.ly/4cy6wal>

Illinoisans bet \$335M last year during 'March Madness.' Sports wagers put \$1B into Illinois government accounts last year, ranking it No. 3 in the U.S.

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

Tax season is underway, and Illinois sports bettors may need to pony up to the IRS and the Illinois Department of Revenue depending on their winnings

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

To get Chicagoans out of poverty, City Hall could work with Springfield to reduce expensive and time-intensive occupational licensing requirements. Illinois is one of the most regulation-bound states, costing Illinoisans an average of 234 days lost to education and experience requirements for relatively low-wage jobs

<https://bit.ly/3IXDrb2>

Sub-minimum wage for restaurant servers could go away in Illinois

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

Chicago: Blommer Chocolate Factory site could have a sweet future

<https://bit.ly/498Vw0J>

Edgewater and Logan Square could see new affordable housing towers as nonprofit developer spreads its wings

<https://bit.ly/3xo5tda>

Former Groupon headquarters renamed for Echo logistics firm, now the second-largest tenant of massive River North complex

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

Niche dubs Naperville the No. 1 best city to live in America for the first time

<https://bit.ly/4ad1DSM>

Companies hoping to operate pot dispensaries in Wadsworth, a few miles from Wisconsin border

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

South Suburban PADS among first round of MacKenzie Scott grant recipients

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

Clark Street's Popular Outdoor Dining Program Won't Return This Summer, Downtown Alderman Says

<https://bit.ly/3VBb9dV>

Chicago: Giving the pedestrianized Clark Street dining district back to cars this summer would be a very foolish thing to do

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

Amid growing opposition, future of outdoor dining on Clark Street is up in the air

<https://bit.ly/3Vz2kBu>

Chicago Water Taxi to resume 7-day service for first time since 2019

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

Chicago businessman launches effort for community-owned shopping mall in Roseland

<https://cbsn.ws/4azx4Xt>

South Shore Voters Endorse Calls to Expand Protection From Gentrification Sparked by Obama Presidential Center

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

In Washington Heights, Undercover Books Turns Private Eye's Office Into Book Store, Community Hub

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

Edison Park Apartment Updates Appease Some Neighbors, But Others Still Worry About Density

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

Chicago: Designing with nature, maintaining the intimacy of a lakefront "oasis" and climate change took center stage at a meeting on the redesign of the Morgan Shoal shoreline last week

<https://bit.ly/3TRP7T9>

As evictions begin, migrants face hurdles on the path to resettlement

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

The Chicago Plan Commission approved the construction of an eight-unit apartment building in Woodlawn

<https://bit.ly/4ct2sZv>

Six teachers, nine educational support staffers, and four administrators have been told by Evanston/Skokie School District 65 that they will not be working there once the current school year ends

<https://bit.ly/3TDp0xO>

A new report from Niche.com says Evanston is the best place to live in Cook County

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

DuPage County approves new strategic plan

<https://bit.ly/49fW2K8>

Elk Grove Village Inks TIF Deal To Build Fueling Station On Higgins

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

Park Ridge Adopts Affordable Housing Plan

<https://bit.ly/3v ympNJ>

Elk Grove Parks Pull Pickleball From Marshall Park Plan

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

Prospect Heights Park District is undergoing a tennis and pickleball study and wants public input

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

5 New Single-Family Homes In Palatine Get Final Approval

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

Hawk Auto moving Cadillac, Volkswagen dealerships from Joliet to Plainfield

<https://bit.ly/3PEaNO6>

DeKalb County Board backs regional Amtrak feasibility study

<https://bit.ly/3IW8WCt>

'Not affordable': McLean County metro housing needs nearly doubled in two years

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

The City of Edinburg will soon be home to Sloan Implement's new 30,000-square-foot manufacturing, sales, maintenance, and parts facility

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

Madison County government issued a news release late Tuesday saying the plan for a 48-bed transitional housing shelter in Alton, operated by the Salvation Army, is on hold until a new location can be identified
<https://bit.ly/3Q2XSrl>

\$650M Investment for Solar Power Plant Considered in Southern Illinois
<https://bit.ly/3xfRpmh>

Rep. Budzinski Tours Wedge Innovation Center, Presents \$1,059,097 Check For Construction Of New Lovejoy Development
<https://bit.ly/3ITMHx9>

Baltimore port closure could impact Illinois
<https://bit.ly/4acESP5>

PUBLIC SAFETY

The cell is not a factory; Scientific narratives project social hierarchies onto nature. That's why we need better metaphors to describe cellular life
<https://bit.ly/49cfffU>

How Nature Can Alter Our Sense of Time; People report a sense of expanded time when they were in nature compared to when they were in an urban environment
<https://bit.ly/3TUsL2j>

The Race to Reinvent CPR; "There is this idea that people in cardiac arrest, you cannot harm them"
<https://bit.ly/3IVGe4H>

How genes work together to shape how much you smoke; Some variants influence how quickly we metabolize nicotine, while others underlie how sensitive we are to it
<https://bit.ly/4cwpHSm>

The Denver City Council approved a new law requiring restaurants that sell combo meals for children to list only milk, water or milk substitutes like almond milk as the default drink options in those meals
<https://bit.ly/49cQikj>

Seven of the nation's largest gaming companies are joining forces to create a trade group to promote responsible gaming, and for the first time ever, will share information about problem gamblers
<https://nbcnews.to/43zYiux>

Pennsylvania train crash highlights shortcomings of automated railroad braking system
<https://abcn.ws/3IR9kSO>

'Heroes' scrambled to stop traffic before Baltimore bridge collapsed; Within about 90 seconds, police officers responded that they had managed to stop vehicle traffic over the Baltimore bridge in both directions
<https://bit.ly/49f55ey>

Police radio captures calm, then panic, as bridge collapses

<https://tinyurl.com/bdd9edmt>

As a cargo ship the size of a skyscraper drifted dangerously close to a major Baltimore bridge that carried more than 30,000 cars a day, the crew of the Dali issued an urgent "mayday," hoping to avert disaster

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

A list of major US bridge collapses caused by ships and barges

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

Another Albuquerque police officer resigned last week amid a widening scandal involving cops who allegedly conspired with a local defense attorney to make drunk driving cases disappear in exchange for payoffs

<https://bit.ly/3xfY7Zp>

A Southern California police department has been handcuffed by Lego after the toy company asked the agency to stop adding Lego heads to cover the faces of suspects in images it shares on social media

<https://bit.ly/4ac09Z3>

Inside the Historic Suit That the Gun Industry and Republicans Are on the Verge of Killing

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

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Illinois parole official quits after police say a freed felon attacked a woman and killed her son; The Illinois Prisoner Review Board's handling of the case prompted Governor Pritzker to order that procedures for dealing with situations involving domestic violence be revamped

<https://nbcnews.to/3VDpGG6>

A shakeup at the Illinois Prisoner Review Board has Republicans calling for reforms

<https://bit.ly/3TRy6bJ>

Violent crime in Chicago increased by 11.5% in 2023, but the city's arrest rate dropped compared with 2022

<https://bit.ly/3xe2OTs>

City of Chicago files lawsuit against Glock gun manufacturer

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

Company raises bias concerns about grants for 'less-lethal' tools

<https://bit.ly/3TzUI4w>

Illinois police departments are canceling training sessions with Street Cop Training, a firm criticized for promoting illegal practices, following a critical report by the New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller

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

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

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

Oak Park police stop more Black individuals than white, data shows. The racial disparity in traffic stops reflects a statewide issue

<https://bit.ly/4a97yIH>

'No need to be scared,' doctor says, as measles spreads to Will, Lake counties

<https://bit.ly/3xeaVQ2>

5 more measles cases bring Chicago's outbreak total to 31

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

Measles outbreak in Chicago: What to know about the virus

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

Measles Outbreak Worsens at Pilsen Migrant Shelter, Prompting Officials to Tighten Vaccination Policy

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

Legislation strengthens child labor laws

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

Illinois could create grant program to support behavioral healthcare providers

<https://bit.ly/3lXo42u>

Lake County Sheriff's Office purchases 15 license plate reading cameras

<https://bit.ly/43E7kHe>

Buffalo Grove gets \$171.4K federal money to upgrade emergency operations

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

Buffalo Grove Next To Implement License Plate Reader Cameras

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

Public Integrity Bureau Of The Illinois Attorney General's Office Accepts Review Of Potential Criminal Case

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

Illinois AG Kwame Raoul Joins Multistate Coalition to Challenge Federal Rule Allegedly Allowing Healthcare Discrimination

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

The Shelby County State's Attorney filed a motion for the Court to appoint a Special Prosecutor in the criminal case against Teresa Boehm. Boehm is a Shelby County Board member who was collecting compensation for sitting on a Township Cemetery

<https://bit.ly/4awoMQ1>

The Illinois EPA seeks partners for the U.S. EPA's Clean Ports Program, aiming to implement zero-emission technology at ports, backed by a \$3B funding initiative

<https://bit.ly/4ad1peq>

The Illinois EPA held a meeting on Tuesday evening regarding the Ameren/CIPS Taylorville MGP site to

discuss and inquire about the five-year update and the current plans for the project

<https://bit.ly/3TDwH7a>

Illinois AG Raoul Battles for Abortion Pill Access, Challenges SCOTUS With Legal Clout

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

Jayden Perkins death: Family wants to change how domestic violence parole cases handled

<https://bit.ly/4czxP4j>

A look at the top nursery products taken off the shelves as recalls reach highest rate in over a decade

<https://bit.ly/3vv4YNY>

Device could help eliminate retail smash and grabs in Chicago, alderman says

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

Advocates say city's proposed building standards to protect migrating birds won't fly

<https://bit.ly/3xedx0b>

Advocates Cry Foul Over Forthcoming Policy to Make Chicago's Buildings Safe for Birds, Call Lack of Mandatory Requirements 'Enraging'

<https://bit.ly/3PF3IPs>

Evanston Fire Department officials received City Council support Monday to move ahead with plans to purchase a \$2.3M new ladder truck

<https://bit.ly/3Vv2QR4>

Wilmette: In wake of pandemic challenges, Warming House and Haven unite to continue service to local youth

<https://bit.ly/4axgo2Q>

Danville Fire Department Hoping to Receive SAFER Grant for Personnel Assistance; Last Received in 2018

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

FAiR Asks Park Ridge To Pay For Home-Based Airplane Noise Monitors

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

The Will County Health Department has announced a partnership between the Will County Community Health Center and Genoa Healthcare to provide community pharmacy services

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

A non-for-profit group made up mostly of Taylorville residents has been collecting samples for air, water and soil testing near a toxic site next to a public park

<https://bit.ly/3vkR9lr>

Nuclear Regulatory Commission to discuss safety performance at Honeywell facility in Metropolis

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

311 Complaints and Fines Fail to Solve Usual City Winter Woe -Too Many Snow-Packed Sidewalks. As it

considers pilot program to clear sidewalks, Chicago can look to Toronto, Syracuse where the cities do the plowing

<https://bit.ly/4cx7W5k>

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Crops, Drops and Bonds: The Impact of Water Risk on U.S. Municipal Bond Yields; We study the relation between water availability, water demand, and U.S. municipal bond yields to explore how water stress affects local costs of debt

<https://bit.ly/3xm6kuX>

Can We Agree to Disagree Agreeably? There are plenty of explanations for why and how discourse has become so uncivil. But solutions to moderating temper and tone are few. Perhaps one is all we need

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

Some Things I've Learned About Public Speaking

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

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Eileen O'Neill Burke's Lead Widens Slightly Wednesday to 1,637 Votes in Cook County State's Attorney Contest

<https://bit.ly/3ITIXN4>

One week and half a M votes later, still no Democratic nominee for Cook County state's attorney

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

If state grocery tax goes away, local government will have hard choices to make

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

Why the Bring Chicago Home ballot measure failed

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

Aldermen call for Ald. Byron Sigcho-Lopez to resign committee chair over appearance with charred US flag

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

On brink of a strike, Chicago Park District union workers call for Mayor Brandon Johnson to intervene in contract talks

<https://bit.ly/3VE8QXE>

Dolton church sues village over plans to relocate, judge asks both sides to talk settlement

<https://bit.ly/3xa7wSd>

Aurora City Council approves spending about \$1.5M to expand city's fiber optic network

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

Proposed Waukegan budget would be fourth consecutive without property tax increase

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

Schaumburg officials seeking electricity tax to improve local power grid, bury more lines

<https://bit.ly/4ax9r1K>

Illinois Church Sues Dolton Village and Mayor Over Alleged Permitting Obstruction for Worship Space

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

Evanston to proceed with new version of guaranteed income program

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

Evanston alders voted to up the ante on a plan to buy electric leaf blowers for landscapers Monday night -- increasing funding for the project from \$80,000 to \$180,000

<https://bit.ly/3TVtfq7>

Evanston to give \$500 a month to families with young kids in 5th Ward. Council taps federal funds for 1-year guaranteed income program in census tract 8092

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

Oswego village trustees continue to study whether the village should regulate short-term rental properties.

<https://bit.ly/3xIMMa1>

Kendall County saw only 14% voter turnout during primary election

<https://bit.ly/4atU4XK>

Sewer fees to increase for Peoria homeowners

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

Sewer fees are set to increase in Peoria. Here's what to know

<https://bit.ly/3TyteH7>

Bloomington proposes largest budget in city's history

<https://bit.ly/3TDb4Ur>

Quincy's City Treasurer says 7,500 health insurance claims must be reprocessed; Coalition 'took heat' but did what it was hired to do

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

Quincy continues wading through old insurance claim issues

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

Director of Public Works Jeffrey Conte has two weeks to prepare different options to pay for \$30M worth of improvements to Quincy's water system

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

Residents voice displeasure over proposed central Illinois mail changes

<https://bit.ly/3TDb9Yf>

Springfield community speaks out against USPS downgrade plan

<https://bit.ly/4a9TChG>

USPS may process Springfield mail in St. Louis; residents spoke up against it Tuesday

<https://bit.ly/3TBC0nR>

City of Danville Needs Workers for New Garfield Pool; Lifeguard Training Will be Offered

<https://bit.ly/3TV0Lg8>

Water survey to analyze flood risks in Clinton, Fayette, Shelby and Washington counties

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

Metropolis Mayor Don Canada said he's not involved in the controversy surrounding his city's library. That's despite his decision Friday to remove three Metropolis Public Library board members

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

CDOT outlines transportation upgrades on Goose Island. Two new bridges, plus bike paths and landscaping improvements are planned. Cyclists express concern that the plan doesn't include protected bike lanes

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

Carbondale council to start a national search for a permanent city manager

<https://bit.ly/3Vvb0ZI>

SPACE NEEDS - NEW PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Pat Quinn revisits nearly 25-year-old defeat in proposing a voter referendum for Bears or White Sox stadiums

<https://bit.ly/3IVRz4B>

Report: Bears president calls lakefront stadium plans chance for city to have 'a crown jewel' at NFL owners meetings

<https://bit.ly/3Jg9DqB>

A feasibility study eventually headed to City Council in late April puts a \$22M price tag on completely rehabilitating the 132-year-old Noyes Cultural Arts Center with necessary structural, engineering, and heating and cooling upgrades. Adding inflation and other cost increases could bring that number to \$29.7M

<https://bit.ly/49mAsE8>

Glencoe Golf Club project in design phase; trustees discuss geothermal system for heating, cooling. Plans to renovate the clubhouse have been underway since April 2023, when Glencoe voters approved a referendum allowing the Village to use up to \$15M in bond sales to fund the project

<https://bit.ly/3x75rX6>

Kane County board votes against using COVID-19 money for a new health building, for now

<https://bit.ly/43A4Vgu>

Bids Expected This Summer To Renovate, Expand Palatine Fire Station 82

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

The Morris Hospital YMCA in construction on the far west end of Dupont Ave now has a roof and concrete flooring, and an additional \$3.5M in funding thanks to the federal government's appropriations process

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

The decision to keep the UI Ice Arena has officially been certified. U of I will start the early stages of pricing the costs of renovations. The Board of Trustees will decide future steps

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

STATE & FEDERAL

A measure creating a task force to look into monthly guaranteed taxpayer-funded "unrestricted cash" subsidies to certain individuals in Illinois is being discussed in the state legislature

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

State begins talks about guaranteed \$1,000 income for Illinois residents

<https://bit.ly/49uw6ed>

Pritzker eyes bigger piece of Illinois sports betting action after 4 booming years

<https://bit.ly/3vmvn0C>

Did Gaza protest vote make a mark on Illinois primary and impact support for Biden?

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

Don't Buy Bunnies As Easter Presents, Advocates Warn As State Moves To Ban Rabbit Sales

<https://bit.ly/4ai9GOw>

Illinois law would require car insurance companies to seek state approval for rate increases

<https://bit.ly/3TTv6LP>

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Shards of glass: Inside media's 12 splintering realities; America is splintering into more than a dozen news bubbles based on ideology, wealth, jobs, age and location

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

Former Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer said the Supreme Court risks creating a "Constitution that no one wants" if it follows its current way of interpreting law

<https://bit.ly/3ISYI5E>

Justices were skeptical of abortion arguments. Anti-abortion groups have backup plans; Supreme Court case is one of many tools elected officials and activists are using to try to cut off access

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

Key takeaways from Supreme Court abortion arguments

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

Supreme Court to anti-abortion activists: You can't just challenge every policy you don't like

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

The Little-Remembered Supreme Court Precedent That Could Protect IVF - and Abortion

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

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. picks Nicole Shanahan as his running mate for his independent White House bid

<https://bit.ly/4awdzz2>

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. picks tech entrepreneur Nicole Shanahan as his vice president

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

RFK Jr's Strategic Choice for VP; The fact that both Kennedy and No Labels could make it this far indicates that the historic guardrails that the two-party system has erected to insulate itself from competition are beginning to fail

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

Biden and Trump know Kennedy's VP choice is a game changer; The 38-year-old grew up on welfare, is Asian-American, a lawyer, the founder and president of a nonprofit that issues grants for issues including reproductive rights, equality, criminal justice reform and the environment - is a single mother to a daughter with autism

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

Nicole Shanahan Tells Newsweek Why She's Running With RFK Jr.; A patent attorney specializing in technology and the former wife of Google founder Sergey Brin

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

55 Things You Need to Know About Nicole Shanahan

<https://politi.co/3x77JWa>

RFK Jr.'s VP pick shows his presidential bid for what it is: A vanity project all about him; Nicole Shanahan, a Silicon Valley tech entrepreneur with very deep pockets, serves as a perfect mirror for Kennedy's conspiratorial take on politics and corporations and medicine and America

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Democrats are stepping up their criticism of Robert F. Kennedy Jr. after he announced his pick of Nicole Shanahan for vice president Tuesday, arguing the duo will benefit former President Trump

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Q: What is the test for whether a public official's social media account represents the exercise of state action for the purpose of a First Amendment analysis?

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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