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EDUCATION

Education Department: Districts should start now to improve 2024-25 attendance

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High dosage tutoring brings math gains, study finds; Chicago Public Schools and Georgia's Fulton County Schools' students showed progress after participating in consistent, school-day tutoring programs

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School Choice Serves as Reprieve for Special Needs Students

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

'If I Built a School' Is a Look at the Future of Schools

<https://bit.ly/3xhomP9>

How ESSER propelled improvements at school, district and state levels; From better lunchroom behaviors to statewide literacy initiatives, leaders share the benefits of COVID-19 aid and how they are sustaining that progress

<https://bit.ly/4cBy7Yz>

A push for universal after-school gains traction in New York

<https://bit.ly/43BbH5C>

Parents Don't Want Schools to Confiscate Kids' Phones; A new survey highlights how fear-based parenting drives phone-based childhoods

<https://bit.ly/3PAN2rZ>

Podcast: Migrant students navigate a new reality

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

It's Time for a Ceasefire in the Civics Wars; The country needs some shared understanding of what it means

to be an American and what's changed - and hasn't - over these several centuries

<https://bit.ly/4auo4Tm>

Kansas and other GOP-led states have sued the Biden administration over its plans to cancel student loans; President Biden has announced \$144B in student loan forgiveness since his original plan was struck down by the Supreme Court and devised a new plan

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

Students won't be able to correct FAFSA forms until April; The notice from the U.S. Department of Education marks yet another delay in the fraught rollout

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

Should college essays touch on race? Some feel the affirmative action ruling leaves them no choice

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

A look at 5 states weighing legacy admissions bans; Legislators are paying increased attention to policies that give alumni-related students a leg up when applying to college

<https://bit.ly/3PGdC3k>

Does Suing Colleges for Antisemitism Actually Work? At least 50 U.S. universities have been sued for Jew-hatred on campus since October 7. Will it solve the problem?

<https://bit.ly/3xdZ3gV>

Our Broken Youth Sports System Is Failing Kids; Rejuvenating youth sports programs should be a priority for educators and community leaders

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

NCAA president pushes to ban college prop bets amid string of gambling controversies; Prop bets on college games are legal in a number of states

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

Are sports betting scandals proving cynics right? Gross gaming revenue for sports betting climbed to \$10.9B in 2023, a 45% increase from the previous year alone

<https://es.pn/3VAayt2>

Online Gambling Has Swallowed Professional Sports

<https://bit.ly/3TSpsK3>

Sports Gambling Scandals Will Only Get Worse; Everyone in sports - leagues, teams, and media companies - desperately wanted sports gambling funds. Now, they have to face the music

<https://bit.ly/3TyKDQ1>

Inside the rush to cash in on fleeting March Madness fame

<https://bit.ly/49en0BR>

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

<https://tinyurl.com/y2fumd46>

Illinois faces educator shortage in nearly two-thirds of all educational agencies, report finds

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

Illinois schools have taken steps to weather an acute shortage of teachers with the state's help, but a survey points to ways to improve training, support and incentives for classroom instructors

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

Schools across Illinois, Indiana announce closures for rare solar eclipse; The closures come as many cities, particularly those in the path of totality, prepare to navigate unprecedented traffic as crowds flock

<https://bit.ly/3VBI5TB>

3 curricular approaches to bring the solar eclipse down to Earth; The rare astral event offers a variety of options for science lesson

<https://bit.ly/43GWy2H>

More than 70 school districts in Illinois to close for the upcoming solar eclipse

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

Oak Point University announced its closing at end of the semester in three weeks - leaving employees without a job and students confused and upset; The school is a private university with two locations in Oak Brook and Wicker Park. They focus on nursing and health sciences

<https://bit.ly/3Vy4DVx>

A new study looks at the major school districts, including Chicago, that have cut back on police officers in schools over the past four years

<https://bit.ly/4ayu39S>

New Poll Shows Widespread Support for Healthy School Meals for All Illinois Students

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

The Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ) celebrated the grand opening of a newly repurposed secure youth facility that will specialize in vocational, career, educational, and life skills development opportunities for high school graduates ages 17-20 who are in the custody of IDJJ.

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

Six things Chicagoans should know about Chicago's first school board election

<https://bit.ly/3TVGdE6>

Transition to partially elected school board will be 'chaos,' Johnson ally says

<https://bit.ly/49f0pVS>

How flawed IQ tests prevent kids from getting help in school

<https://bit.ly/3VAV1cs>

Former Waukegan Christian school teacher charged with West Side kidnappings, armed robberies, carjacking

<https://bit.ly/3PGIH6P>

Fenton superintendent could be placed on administrative leave

<https://bit.ly/4cxev7Z>

'I am incredibly sad': Mundelein preschool to close after 75 years

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

College of DuPage trustees have approved the third tuition increase in as many years. Students will pay \$8 more per credit hour starting with the fall 2024 semester.

<https://bit.ly/3xeHr4x>

Oak Point University abruptly closing

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

Black Business Organizations Say State-Funded Colleges and Universities Have 'Abysmal' Record of Minority Participation

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

How A Humboldt Park School Is Helping Immigrant Parents Learn English And Gain Confidence

<https://bit.ly/3PFSt97>

April kicks off with 'Week of the Young Child'

<https://bit.ly/4av0jKQ>

Joliet Junior College partners with local rescues to help pets get homes

<https://bit.ly/4cy9RqI>

ISU Athletics Department audits find no other expenditure problems

<https://bit.ly/4asWw0s>

EIU hosting job fair for media-oriented students

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

UI Board of Trustees extends system president's contract

<https://bit.ly/3vm6baB>

Heartland Community College offering FAFSA workshop

<https://bit.ly/3IVd8SO>

Illinois Regional College Fair puts focus on financial aid amid a setback in FAFSA's new launch

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

Walters: threats to schools from adults won't be tolerated in Kankakee

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

New state order helps schools treat respiratory distress

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

Effingham Unit 40 adapting to influx of students learning English as second language

<https://bit.ly/43C3SN2>

Teachers, parents at Fairview Heights school confront board about 'financial difficulty'

<https://bit.ly/3TWeMu0>

Granite City District 9 Superintendent Issues Statement About Weapon Incident

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

February New Home Sales: Builders Ready For Spring "Rush"

<https://tinyurl.com/42kv6t9k>

In real terms, national house prices are 10.2% above the bubble peak levels. There is an upward slope to real house prices, and it has been over 17 years since the previous peak, but real prices are historically high

<https://bit.ly/49k3Hag>

Simplifying the Renting vs. Buying Decision; The renting vs. buying decision is a dollar-for-dollar equivalent of all cash-flows across the life of the mortgage

<https://bit.ly/4ad693V>

How the math on early mortgage payments work; The value of those early extra-principal payments lies in the power of compounding over many, many years

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

Housing subsidy for community college students launches in Maryland county

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

Seattle-Area Landlord Struggling to Evict Serial Squatter over Two Years of Non-Payment; The tenant, who signed onto a lease in July 2022, has been receiving outside financing from a legal group after refusing to pay his rent

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

The Office Market Is in Turmoil. So Why Are Rents More Expensive? Owners will do everything they can to avoid cutting rents-a critical metric used to determine property values

<https://on.wsj.com/4cty2WZ>

Researchers study office-to-housing conversion as way to revive Downtown Atlanta

<https://bit.ly/3TABC8T>

Return-to-Work Is a Bigger Trend in Smaller Cities; Multiple factors can make getting back in the office an easier sell outside of the largest urban areas

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

Cars are king of the commute. But employers may have a once-in-a-generation chance to change that; A

perhaps overlooked element of the return-to-office conversation: How employees get to work in the first place

<https://bit.ly/4a9FhBV>

New York is on track to become the first U.S. city with congestion tolls on drivers entering its downtown after transit officials approved a \$15 fee for most motorists headed into part of Manhattan

<https://cnb.cx/49dH6we>

The Baltimore bridge collapse is only the latest - and least - of global shipping's problems; From drought in the Panama Canal to the Houthis in the Suez to pirates off Somalia, we're all paying the price

<https://bit.ly/4au9Xxi>

Are electric vehicles really selling? And which countries are leading the way? Explore data on electric car sales and stocks worldwide

<https://bit.ly/4cB2kqH>

'Shortcuts Everywhere': How Boeing Favored Speed Over Quality; Problems have plagued the manufacturer even after two fatal crashes, and many current and former employees blame its focus on making planes more quickly

<https://nyti.ms/3J3syEB>

Investing in productivity growth; It's time to raise investment and catch the next productivity wave

<https://mck.co/3xnCxIB>

Why the U.S. could be on the cusp of a productivity boom

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

Low-carbon cement factory nabs Energy Department funds

<https://bit.ly/4cxw7AH>

The Colorado River rarely reaches the sea. Here's why; More than half of the Colorado River's water is used to grow crops, primarily livestock feed, a new study finds. The river and its users are facing tough decisions as the climate warms

<https://n.pr/49dKnf6>

Sinking Shores and Rising Seas Will Inundate 24 US Coastal Cities; Flooding could plague 1 in 50 residents, a new study estimates

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

AI already uses as much energy as a small country. It's only the beginning; The energy needed to support data storage is expected to double by 2026. You can do something to stop it

<https://bit.ly/4abn5Yh>

What's next for generative video; OpenAI's Sora has raised the bar for AI moviemaking. Here are four things to bear in mind as we wrap our heads around what's coming

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

Elon Musk: Goods And Services Will Be Abundant In Such Quantity That They Will Be Available For Everyone

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

Despite \$1B cost, mayor open to helping develop area around proposed new Bears stadium on lakefront

<https://bit.ly/3PJnj0S>

Chicago nonprofit recruits hundreds to apprenticeships; Hire360 targets recruiting minorities and women to the trades, leveraging partnerships with big name developers, contractors and unions

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

Illinoisans are expected to again bet big on college sports during March, driven by March Madness. Sports wagers put \$1B into Illinois government accounts last year, ranking it No. 3 in the U.S.

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

Former Governor Pat Quinn discusses push for public vote on stadium agreements; The Bears want to build a new stadium as well as the White Sox. There's been a lot of talk between team owners, politicians, and developers about where the new venues would be built, and who will pay for them

<https://bit.ly/3VzJ46P>

Chicago biking advocates raise concerns about plans for new bridges around Goose Island

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

Can a community-owned shopping center in Roseland help solve the long-standing challenge of building wealth in communities of color? A Chicago businessman is launching a first-of-its-kind campaign to help people in underserved neighborhoods to invest in local shopping centers

<https://bit.ly/4avkJU7>

\$11M in federal housing funds will go to renovations at Archer Courts in Chinatown

<https://bit.ly/3IV5B6u>

Tinley Park officials in the early stages of developing a new comprehensive plan are seeking the public's input

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

Chinatown apartment complex gets \$11M federal grant for energy efficiency upgrades

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

Former Signature Room workers awarded \$1.5M in back pay, benefits; employer failed to give 60 days notice of a closing or mass layoff, violating state law.

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

Elgin company's machine one of eight products in running for 'Coolest Thing Made in Illinois'

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

Teehan's, a 'favorite watering hole' in downtown Tinley Park, torn down; replica planned in its place

<https://bit.ly/4axA9ap>

End of a retail era: Stratford Square Mall to close next month

<https://bit.ly/43EYh8J>

Will Des Plaines finally condemn the old Leona's building?

<https://bit.ly/3PGJhS3>

Less road congestion, safer driving are goals for McHenry County's 2050 transportation plan

<https://bit.ly/4azl1li>

Crowdfunding campaign gives Roseland residents a chance to co-own a strip mall

<https://bit.ly/3lXm5Lr>

Federal leaders announced Thursday \$173M in funding will be available for affordable housing projects. The funding is expected to benefit low-income families in Chicago and across the country.

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

Employment Rises in 11 Illinois Metro Areas Despite Increase in Unemployment Rates

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

The 10 major submarkets that comprise the broader Chicagoland industrial market all performed at or above expectations in 2023.

<https://bit.ly/48WO3lX>

Illinois EPA Announces \$44M Notice of Funding Opportunity for Public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

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

Bike path work to resume near Lake County government campus in Libertyville

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

Changes coming to real estate commissions. What does it mean?

<https://bit.ly/4a9mZAw>

Oak Park considers ways to increase housing affordability, diversity

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

Kane board expected to reconsider no vote on Maple Park solar farm

<https://bit.ly/49g2Kjv>

Long-vacant downtown Pekin buildings getting new lease on life

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

'More than knowing the menu': Sub-minimum wage for restaurant servers could go away in Illinois

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

The Quad Cities was among just three metro areas in Illinois to lose jobs between February 2023 and February 2024

<https://bit.ly/3lYG8cq>

Nauvoo officials hope new site purchases boost tourism

<https://bit.ly/3vvO2a8>

Demolition of Springfield Pillsbury Mills site could begin in fall. What to know.

<https://bit.ly/4aC7VeN>

First general manager announced for planned Mattoon sports complex

<https://bit.ly/4aC8m8V>

Madison County has awarded more than \$1.3M in funding for various park and recreation projects in communities county-wide.

<https://bit.ly/3TCS2hh>

PUBLIC SAFETY

Military chaplains ask Supreme Court to hear case against DOD over COVID-19 shots

<https://bit.ly/4cBH9ER>

FDA Aims To Stifle Medical Innovation Again; After botching COVID test approvals, the it wants power over thousands of other tests

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

Why Are So Many Young People Getting Cancer? It's Complicated

<https://bit.ly/3x7C4E4>

Puerto Rico declares an epidemic after dengue cases spike

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

The radical conservative case for genetic enhancement; A new technique called polygenic screening allows parents who use IVF to sequence the embryos they create to reveal their genetic propensities

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

Scientists devise healthy mouse pups from two dads, without female DNA

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

Memories are made by breaking DNA - and fixing it; Nerve cells form long-term memories with the help of an inflammatory response, study in mice finds

<https://go.nature.com/43z3Wx7>

What are flashbulb memories? Flashbulb memories are defined as those related to learning about some shocking event, and a number of studies have compared these memories with "event memories" for the objective details of the occurrence

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

Working With Your Hands Is Good for Your Brain

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

Yes, even most temperate landscapes in the US can and will burn; Wildfire risk is increasing everywhere, especially in the East and South. Here's a major reason why

<https://bit.ly/3VDpM0v>

AI hustlers stole women's faces to put in ads. The law can't help them; Artificial intelligence is spurring a new type of identity theft - with ordinary people finding their faces and words twisted to push products and ideas

<https://wapo.st/3IXkp4J>

The changing face of protest; Mass protests used to offer a degree of safety in numbers. Facial recognition technology changes the equation

<https://bit.ly/3TUdP57>

Podcast: About Face (Recognition); Is your face truly your own, or is it a commodity to be sold, a weapon to be used against you?

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

Massachusetts: robotic police dog shot and credited with averting bloodshed; Robotic dog, controlled remotely by state troopers, deployed in house to locate person and found someone armed in basement

<https://tinyurl.com/z8hb3vtx>

Why Portland failed where Portugal succeeded in decriminalizing; Oregon lawmakers gave it three years. Portugal's program took longer to show results

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

Trump will attend the wake of a slain New York police officer as he goes after Biden over crime

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

It's been a year since the Covenant School mass shooting. What's changed? The Tennessee GOP governor pushed lawmakers to consider gun reform, making the state ripe for change. But a year later, many efforts have failed

<https://bit.ly/4acr9l2>

States are lining up to pass legislation that prevents the government from invading financial privacy when consumers purchase firearms and ammunition from retailers

<https://bit.ly/43Ta9UZ>

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Evaluation of the Pretrial Fairness Act's Implementation in Cook County

<https://bit.ly/4a3w0Lv>

Chicagoans suffer decade-high robberies, record-low arrest rate; Chicago saw more robbery victims in 2023 than in any year of the past decade, reporting 1 victim for every 250 residents. While crimes surged, robbery arrests hit a record low. Fewer cops is not helping

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

Chicago Weekly Crime Tracker

<https://bit.ly/3l3abzK>

Cook County Jail's inmate opioid treatment programs SMART and THRIVE are trailblazers in Illinois

<https://bit.ly/3J3rrop>

Staring at solar eclipse can damage your eyes for months if you don't use protection, Chicago doctors say

<https://bit.ly/43E4UZ1>

Inmate transfer delayed last fall after back and forth between Lake County departments on contract provisions; sheriff "forced" to enter independent agreement

<https://bit.ly/3xom9kP>

Every prison library in Illinois is getting a copy of a book about the Attica prison riot

<https://bit.ly/3xpzcT2>

Illinois Unveils Innovative PEACE Center for Young Offenders in St. Charles: A New Chapter in Juvenile Justice Reform

<https://bit.ly/49ev71A>

Illinois Supreme Court Agrees to Hear Jussie Smollett's Appeal on Disorderly Conduct Conviction

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

Chicago's Communities of Color May Have to Worry about the Toxic PFAS

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

Sgt. John Poulos, the Chicago police officer who ran for Cook County judge years after he killed two Black men while on the force, lost his campaign in the March 19 Primary.

<https://bit.ly/3x6XLEf>

Chicago man operated 'financial crime enterprise' by shoplifting more than 10 times since December: prosecutors

<https://bit.ly/49hr04O>

Study finds increase in suicides among Black and Latino Chicagoans

<https://bit.ly/3VAmQ4l>

Mokena Police Hiring Lateral Officers

<https://bit.ly/3TTzE54>

Measle case verified in Will County

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

Fight at Galesburg detention center 'morphed into 'riot' injuring 8 staff members

<https://bit.ly/3vvsrP8>

Local authorities say they're ready in case of bridge disaster

<https://bit.ly/3lY1FCb>

Bridges of Illinois: Where the state ranks on a national level of safety

<https://bit.ly/4czF0K0>

Accused attacker blames drg use for Rockford killing spree

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

Colona has had trouble keeping police officers and is running up its overtime budget due to a lack of officers.

<https://bit.ly/3TutO8M>

New Illinois State Police graduates slated to make \$90,000 as starting pay, per ISP Director

<https://bit.ly/3PCY3sY>

Republicans want change after Pritzker's board paroles now-alleged murderer

<https://bit.ly/4cDwRo2>

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

What's stifling city climate action? Municipal finance practices, one report says

<https://bit.ly/3PEK5XD>

Houston mayor admits city is 'broke,' proposes tax hikes and cuts to remedy massive budget deficit

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

Dog duty; Humans have a complex relationship with rules. Nowhere is that truth more apparent than the messy, contentious act of picking up after our pets

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

Daniel Kahneman Wanted You to Realize How Wrong You Are; He was the world's greatest scholar of how people get things wrong

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

'Linda the Bank Teller' Case Revisited; Our useful reliance on contextual and non-literal information

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

How leaders can overcome the fear of reinvention; The challenges of setting out in a new direction can be overwhelming - but we can learn to navigate the inflection moments

<https://bit.ly/4ay9cU4>

4 essential tactics for honing your leadership language; We tend to focus on "big" words in speech and writing, yet research shows that small words also have large effects

<https://bit.ly/3TA0D43>

Is It Even Possible to Become More Productive? I read all the books and tried all the hacks in a mad quest to optimize my time

<https://bit.ly/3vxqr93>

Podcast: The Happiness of Subtraction; Everything has an opportunity cost

<https://apple.co/4cxy1Bg>

Podcast: What Our Baby Bust Says About Modern America; Family Unfriendly - How Our Culture Made Raising Kids Much Harder Than It Needs to Be

<https://tinyurl.com/2shazfe7>

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Judges challenge IL Tier 2 pension reforms, say law was approved and applied unconstitutionally

<https://bit.ly/3VCkh2f>

Bridges of Illinois: Where the state ranks on a national level of safety

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

Pritzker sends Cook County Democratic Party \$250K 'to turn out voters' in November

<https://bit.ly/3U60yH7>

Advocates are urging Chicago to enhance its water infrastructure following a startling report. The report revealed that nearly 130,000 Chicago children were exposed to toxic lead through drinking water, constituting 70 percent of the city's children under the age of six

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

Chicago's inhumane migrant evictions are a symptom of a bigger problem; They point to much deeper holes in US immigration policy

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

Alderpeople advance plan to seek weekly reports on Chicago migrant evictions

<https://cbsn.ws/4a9IEtu>

Migrant eviction statistics need to be more 'transparent,' some Chicago City Council members say

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

Mayor Brandon Johnson defends alderman who spoke at rally in front of burned U.S. flag

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

North Chicago alderman facing felony charges wants to discuss matter with City Council, but not in public

<https://bit.ly/4cAj1CE>

It's up to the city - not reporters - to take the lead in recouping Chicago's unpaid bills; Calls from reporters led to businesses paying \$1M they owed for traffic control services

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

New book looks back at Lori Lightfoot's turbulent turn as mayor; "The City Is Up For Grabs," going behind the scenes with new revelations and lessons learned

<https://bit.ly/4ab1z6g>

Lombard is encouraging residents to participate in its "No Mow 'til Mother's Day." The green initiative helps support the local ecology, the habitats of pollinators and area wildlife

<https://bit.ly/49b8BGB>

Naper Settlement to digitize archives with help of \$800K federal grant: 'It's momentous for the museum'

<https://bit.ly/3VDu9Zn>

A one-of-a-kind healthcare collaborative, the Center for Better Aging (CBA) located at St. Bernard Hospital, opens in July with a health equity mandate to serve the growing 50+ population on Chicago's Greater South Side.

<https://prn.to/4aoJzoC>

Homewood budget anticipates more spending for police, revenue from casino

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

Calumet City Ald. James Patton announces run for mayor, possible challenge to Thaddeus Jones

<https://bit.ly/3PGn46O>

Factor, Fox Metro reach agreement on Aurora sewer overflow

<https://bit.ly/3Vy0EZ2>

Buffalo Grove rewards village manager with bonus

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

Rogers Park Church Demolishes 119-Year-Old Home, Angering Neighbors; St. George's Cathedral wanted to replace a home with a parking lot. The plan was rebuffed, but the home was demolished anyway.

<https://bit.ly/3VCVQS9>

Evanston council wrestles with homelessness, including Howard St. encampment

<https://bit.ly/3xh1hfz>

Evanston's Human Services Committee is to vote Monday on an ordinance to permit video gambling terminals in the city.

<https://bit.ly/43E7UEL>

Glencoe trustees support asking voters to give village home-rule status

<https://bit.ly/3Vyys8t>

Judge ousts oft-absent DeKalb city clerk from office

<https://bit.ly/4cyL6KG>

Morrison library receives \$394,000 from estate of longtime residents

<https://bit.ly/3VGI0hB>

Lee County Zoning: How it works and how you can have a say in the process

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

Bloomington city manager heading to Decatur

<https://bit.ly/4cCfuE0>

Point-In-Time statistics reveal Decatur homeless data

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

Springfield dispute over number of ambulances grow amid miscommunication claims

<https://bit.ly/4cxjky7>

SPACE NEEDS - NEW PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Kane County Board votes against construction of new health department building

<https://bit.ly/3xeGnO5>

What to know about the White Sox's future home

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

STATE & FEDERAL

Developmental disability advocates are calling out the state of Illinois for what they say is a lack of funding; Governor Pritzker's budget proposal would set aside about \$3B in services for the developmentally-disabled community

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

Senator Tammy Duckworth Is Demanding Rights for Disabled People; The Illinois senator knows what she was elected to do

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

Advocates push for guaranteed income, child care assistance

<https://bit.ly/4asR1Pm>

Federal appeals judges skeptical of Republican challenge to Illinois' vote-by-mail law

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

Pritzker reappoints IEMA Director Alicia Tate-Nadeau, but senators want more reform after payroll scandal

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

The Illinois Liquor Control Commission introduced an online system for licensees to schedule Pre-Disciplinary Conferences, aiming to streamline the process and improve efficiency.

<https://bit.ly/3TZ7NR6>

Senate Democrats Fight to Strengthen Outdated Child Labor Laws

<https://bit.ly/3lXn1Q0>

Legislation allows third-party software for parents to monitor children online

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

300 deer harvested for IL Deer Donation Program

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This year's cicada emergence may threaten trees across the Tri-States; cicadas are likely going to begin emerging in mid-May, when soil temperatures are expected to reach a certain threshold - that being 64 degrees.

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Recent National Climate Prediction Center forecast notes that Illinois is likely set for an early Spring

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Wisconsin Supreme Court Punishes Catholic Charities for Serving Everyone; Ministries in Wisconsin are now in danger of losing religious exemptions that the law plainly affords them

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For the first time in 27 years, the U.S. government is changing how it categorizes people by race and ethnicity, an effort that federal officials believe will more accurately count residents who identify as Hispanic and of Middle Eastern and North African heritage

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A 'Fairness Initiative' to Tackle Too-High Government-Employee Pay; Governments at every level ought to cap public-sector wages and benefits at private-sector comparables

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Biden and Trump Try To Wish Away the Looming Entitlement Crisis; Neither presidential candidate is willing to back the reforms necessary to close the gap between revenue and benefits

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Congress must not wait to refinance SS; The process of spending down its reserves is already increasing federal spending and pushing up annual deficits. Drawing down reserves in the trust fund requires the U.S. Treasury to sell bonds

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Conservatives Are Getting Comfortable Talking Openly About a National Abortion Ban

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The Disney-DeSantis détente is here; Florida Governor DeSantis and Disney were at each other's throats. Now Disney is dropping its lawsuit and the governor is putting up a technocrat to oversee the theme park's governance as tensions cool

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Forget Kennedy Democrats. Here Comes the 2024 Kennedy Voter; Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s coalition of the disaffected and the dismayed ask not what their government can do for them, but what it's done to them

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Where RFK Jr. Goes From Here; The outsider candidate has funding, a running mate, and a growing army of supporters determined to upend the election

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Will RFK Jr. and Other Third-Party Candidates Help Doom Democracy? It's tough to break the partisan duopoly without empowering spoilers

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RFK Jr. set to hurt Biden more than Trump - but it's complicated

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Chris Christie decides against No Labels presidential run

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New estimate says U.S. now has 13.7M illegal immigrants, up 37% under Biden; Biden border surge reverses trend on immigrants' education levels

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A decade of documenting more than 63,000 migrant deaths shows that fleeing is more lethal than ever; The Mediterranean Sea is the world's largest migrant grave with more than 28,000 deaths recorded in the last decade

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At least 8,500 migrants died on land and sea routes worldwide last year, the most in a decade

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The Other Border Wall Going Up South of the U.S.; The Dominican Republic is constructing a wall to keep out Haitians, as chaos engulfs the neighboring country. It's the latest phase in centuries of bitter division there

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Army Seeks Retirees to Come Back to Work Amid Manpower Crisis

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America's Nuclear War Plan in the 1960s Was Utter Madness. It Still Is; We rarely consider the dangers these days, but our existence depends on it

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How Vladimir Putin and Xi Jinping define democracy; Autocrats like Xi Jinping and Vladimir Putin fear democracy, yet go to great lengths to present themselves as democratic leaders

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Democrats see rescuing House Speaker Johnson as best bet for Ukraine aid

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U.S. Officials Believe That 'We' Are at War With Russia; American officials should unashamedly act for the American people

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Russia says NATO's Eastern European push sign of preparation for war; U.S., alliance leaders say Kremlin's own aggression sparked surge

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Putin on attacking NATO: 'Complete nonsense'; Russia has no plans to invade the rest of Europe, President Putin said, despite numerous warnings to NATO by Russian officials and Putin's own musings about nuclear war

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Putin says he will not attack NATO, but will shoot down F-16 jets

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Ukraine needs to open up about hard truths from battlefield, US diplomat says

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Friendly Mentors Help Ukrainians Find Their Footing in Vilnius; In the Lithuanian capital, locals and newcomers are pairing up to navigate paperwork and other challenges while building community

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There's a shadow fleet sneaking Russian oil around the world. It's an ecological disaster waiting to happen; The world's next big maritime catastrophe could involve sanctions-dodging rustbuckets

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How Biden Boxed Himself In on Gaza; The president draws on 50 years of unflagging support for Israel, and not even a humanitarian crisis can dislodge him from that viewpoint

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House Republicans accuse Biden of 'undermining' Israel after UN ceasefire resolution passes

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Biden is conciliating, rather than confronting, pro-Hamas Democrats

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Biden administration officials are in preliminary "conversations" about options for stabilizing post-war Gaza, including a proposal for the Pentagon to help fund either a multinational force or a Palestinian peacekeeping team; U.S. officials have been clear the plan would not include American boots on the ground

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Israel admits it may not be able to destroy Hamas now US has turned its back

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Benjamin Netanyahu Is Israel's Worst Prime Minister Ever; One man's ambition has undermined Israel's security and consumed its politics

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Doctors visiting a Gaza hospital are stunned by the war's toll on Palestinian children

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The situation in chaos-wracked Haiti is "cataclysmic", with more than 1,500 people killed by gang violence so far this year and more weapons pouring into the country, the UN said

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Is Javier Milei Making Argentina Great Again? The new Argentine president is popular with American libertarians, but his record at home looks increasingly populist and authoritarian

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Archaeologists finding microplastics in ancient remains; In an unprecedented scientific revelation, ancient soil samples have borne witness to the infiltration of microplastics, marking their presence in historical contexts where none would expect them

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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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