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#### EDUCATION

Correct the Record; School districts need to debunk teachers' unions misleading talking points

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

Career and technical education: A path to success for many

<https://bit.ly/3T23Vht>

Charter schools bought two Indianapolis Public School buildings for a dollar each. What happened next? Indiana's so-called "\$1 law" has been on the books since 2011

<https://bit.ly/42K4i3p>

There has been no statistically significant difference in student achievement for Missouri school districts that switched to a four-day school week since 2011

<https://bit.ly/48kWu9q>

A Bronx school district offers lessons in boosting student mental health

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

The anti-China academic panic is hurting America; Creating an environment hostile to Chinese scientists reduces the competitiveness of U.S. science

<https://bit.ly/49A8IBK>

The lose-lose decision on the SAT; A few things seem to be true at once: The SAT does reflect long-standing racial and economic inequalities, but getting rid of it may actually be worse for underprivileged students. And elite colleges may be eliminating the SAT requirement as much for self-preservation as student wellbeing

<http://tinyurl.com/2s4b6pt3>

Could an HBCU Be Coming to California? San Francisco city officials and civil rights advocates are hoping to establish a historically Black satellite campus in the Bay Area

<https://bit.ly/48lF6Bu>

How HBCUs are building a stronger Black teacher pipeline; As HBCUs produce 50% of all Black educators nationwide, a United Negro College Fund report illustrates best practices for recruitment efforts

<https://bit.ly/3SXF9n>

Borrower Defense Toolkit: The legal process through which a student or graduate who was defrauded may have his or her student loan debt discharged by the Department of Education

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

Students should sue universities for anti-conservative bias, group says; America First Legal is launching a toolkit to help student loan borrowers get their debt waived if their university made "substantial misrepresentations" about intellectual diversity and their educational programs

<https://bit.ly/3T0CiFv>

House Republicans subpoena Harvard brass in campus antisemitism inquiry; Request comes six weeks after lawmakers grilled the school president, who lost her job in aftermath of contentious hearing

<http://tinyurl.com/34bdvxjc>

The Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights sent a letter to Oakland Unified School District announcing an investigation of alleged discrimination against Jewish students

<https://bit.ly/42G3SLC>

Indiana teachers call attorney general's 'Eyes on Education' portal dangerous; Site launched by Republican to report 'indoctrination' a nest of outdated and inaccurate information, educators say

<http://tinyurl.com/bdh7bytb>

After a Miami school drew attention for requiring parental approval before students could participate in a book-reading activity for Black History Month, Florida education officials went on the offensive, admonishing the principal and accusing her of engaging in "nothing more than a political ploy"

<http://tinyurl.com/bdhudr33>

Even Governor DeSantis Thinks Florida Book Removals Have Gone Too Far; The governor claimed Florida book bans are a "hoax," arguing the state has simply "empowered parents to object to obscene material in the classroom"

<http://tinyurl.com/2u5dfuha>

Georgia educators sue school district over race, LGBTQ classroom restrictions; Teachers are seeking relief from "vague" education restrictions

<https://abcn.ws/3l30l0d>

Teen cornhole players got athletic scholarships. Even they were shocked

<https://bit.ly/3OO9NbM>

No more amateur hour: How Dartmouth ruling could change college sports; What does a new ruling identifying basketball players as employees suggest about the need for compensation?

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

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An unresolved glitch keeps students with immigrant parents out of the new FAFSA

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

The Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University is planning to debut its Center for Enlightened Disagreement to address challenges in navigating differences to drive change and encourage critical thinking in solving pressing problems

<https://bit.ly/3wouox6>

How a Chicago counselor supports Latino boys in high school and beyond

<https://bit.ly/42K4IMD>

School of the Art Institute of Chicago picks first female president of color

<https://bit.ly/4bJM7PJ>

University of Chicago launches new center to fight inequities in cancer care

<https://bit.ly/3SZ7Ewm>

Grayslake Middle School students making do as damage forces them from building; 'Our students, staff, families and community have truly come together'

<https://bit.ly/49eRN2k>

Dr. Kwang-Wu Kim to Resign as Columbia College Chicago President Amid Financial and Labor Challenges

<https://bit.ly/3I1JbQD>

UIC receives NIH award for diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility in STEMM

<https://bit.ly/49HjFw5>

Learning about robots and college readiness

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

Plainfield D-202 adopts asthma medication program for quicker emergency response

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

UI proposes extension for Killeen; Extension would go into effect on July 1, and Killeen's current salary of \$916,770 would remain the same.

<https://bit.ly/3SL9pvX>

Rockford school's innovative reading program boosts student success

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

EIU student senate debates new grading system

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

'Eye opening': Students learn renewable energy in competition at Heartland Community College

<https://bit.ly/3uC8cyK>

ISU's board approves more funding for engineering college work, new sports communication degree

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

Rock Island-Milan school board report card: Pool update and policy proposals

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

The Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School District 307 School Board approved a policy this week that would allow a retired police officer working security at the high school to carry a gun.

<https://bit.ly/3uMqgh0>

The African-American history class at Mount Zion High School is the beneficiary of a Macon County Untold Stories grant.

<https://bit.ly/3T2nTsE>

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

January wholesale prices rise more than expected, another sign of persistent inflation

<https://cnb.cx/3SE4j4x>

Producer prices and consumer prices both came in hot in January

<https://bit.ly/42PytXe>

A measure of consumer sentiment ticked higher this month, after soaring in December and January, underscoring that Americans are starting to feel better about the economy after years of gloom

<https://abcn.ws/49zvPa7>

Recession has struck some of the world's top economies. The US keeps defying expectations

<https://bit.ly/3uDh5U1>

Renewed trade tensions with China could threaten America's 'Goldilocks economy'

<https://bit.ly/49ENop8>

Britain falls into recession, with worst GDP performance in 2023 in years; The worst performance since 2009 when the economy was still reeling from the global financial crisis

<http://tinyurl.com/vxjhevn7>

UK shoppers pick up their spending, signaling quick end to recession; Sales volumes increased by 3.4% from December, much stronger than the median forecast of a 1.5% increase

<http://tinyurl.com/3k2w9b76>

Does our zombie economy need a recession? Like all revolutions, crashes create opportunities

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

Liberals Dreamed of This Economy For Decades. What If Voters Don't Like It? Policymakers were determined to avoid the mistakes of the Great Recession - and they succeeded. But now they are in a mood of "fear and introspection"

<https://politi.co/3UETO3z>

California Senate Hopeful Barbara Lee Wants \$50 Per Hour Minimum Wage; If you're going to set arbitrary prices for labor, why not shoot for the moon?

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

Real Estate Agents Less Busy; With many homeowners locked into sub-4% mortgage rates, existing home sales are at the lowest level since 2010, and the number of home sales per real estate agent is at the lowest level in decades

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

US property investors snapped up 26.1% of low-priced homes in the fourth quarter, a record share; Single-family homes accounted for more than two-thirds of investors' purchases in Q4, at 68.6%

<https://bit.ly/3wmtl0z>

Why Boston's wealthy Back Bay said yes, in our backyard; NIMBY can be a powerful force in wealthy areas. Here is what happens when neighbors say yes

<https://bit.ly/3l9jcXr>

Faith-based institutions take on the affordable housing crisis; "Land-rich and cash-poor" religious institutions are among those looking at how they can meet their communities' low-income housing needs while shoring up their finances

<https://bit.ly/3T47y6N>

Old churches, new venues: Economics, loss of faith push houses of worship to the suburbs; The share of U.S. adults identifying as Christian in national polls has dropped from about 90% half a century ago to the mid-60s in recent years

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

Podcast: An update on energy reductions in commercial buildings, how local governments can benefit from Inflation Reduction Act funding related to updated building and energy codes, and how to stay up to date with the work of the U.S. Green Building Council

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

Audit Finds New York's \$700M Film Tax Credits Make Little Difference; The credit "is at best a break-even proposition and more likely a net cost" for the state

<https://bit.ly/3UJEG4T>

US Agriculture Secretary "Concerned About the State of Agriculture"; In five years, we've lost some 142,000 farms as methane-belching feedlots expanded

<https://bit.ly/3T2d8Xi>

Farmers are in revolt and Europe's climate policies are crumbling. Welcome to the age of 'greenlash'; Brussels is ditching green measures as EU leaders panic over rural protests, upcoming elections and the threat of the far right

<http://tinyurl.com/ysz448xx>

Scientists Say New Hybrid Beef Rice Could Cost Just \$1 per Pound

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

Universal Basic Income Has Been Tried Over and Over Again. It Works Every Time; As AI threatens jobs, policy advocates for UBI see it as a potential way to cushion the blow from a changing economy

<https://bit.ly/3UG2c2z>

Can California show the way forward on AI safety? A new state bill aims to protect us from the most powerful and dangerous AI models

<https://bit.ly/3SI6p3d>

How much electricity does AI consume? "The generative AI revolution comes with a planetary cost that is completely unknown to us"

<https://bit.ly/49gOF5X>

Engineers have developed a new chip that uses light waves, rather than electricity, to perform the complex math essential to training AI. The chip has the potential to radically accelerate the processing speed of computers while also reducing their energy consumption

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

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Expert offers ways to revitalize downtown areas in rural Illinois

<https://bit.ly/48nws5D>

As the Illinois Equal Pay Certificate Deadline of March 24th draws near, here's what employers need to know; To receive an Equal Pay Registration Certificate private employers with 100 or more employees must confirm the following

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

With influx of state and federal funding, Illinois looks to add enough chargers to support 1M EVs; State EV coordinator says 30,000 more charging ports needed to reach energy goals

<https://bit.ly/49DVj6k>

Stellantis to layoff up to 120 union members at Belvidere plant

<https://bit.ly/48jMwW2>

Las Vegas is now chomping on Chicago's sports lunch. What can be done? The world has changed when it comes to the importance of stadium

<https://bit.ly/3T1pZsJ>

La Salle Street Blues; As businesses desert the once-vibrant corridor, boosters worry the mayor won't get behind a mixed-use revitalization plan

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

Huge Problems With Proterra Electric Transit Buses In Many Cities, Though CTA And PACE Say No Concerns

<https://bit.ly/42FeGjX>

Demolition begins at Northwestern University's Ryan Field

<https://bit.ly/3T0IUUj>

Citing confidential legal opinions and the impending demolition and reconstruction of Ryan Field, Wilmette village trustees opted against filing a lawsuit in an attempt to reverse the rezoning of the area Evanston alderpeople approved last year

<https://bit.ly/3wl6Ado>

Aurora will purchase four downtown buildings in the hopes of finding developers for them

<https://bit.ly/3uAw8CM>

More Elmhurst Apartments Coming Online

<https://bit.ly/3wmr31t>

Funds being raised to open country's deepest swimming pool in North Chicago; 'Oh my gosh, won't this be amazing'

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

Waukegan casino celebrates first anniversary as new restaurant opens; 'We're still growing'

<https://bit.ly/3l4qdce>

Library demolition paves the way for expansion of Lombard's Lilacia Park

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

Another new restaurant is coming to Des Plaines

<https://bit.ly/3wil7VX>

HUD awards \$80K to Kenwood affordable apartments for financial self-sufficiency program

<https://bit.ly/3V1ro43>

Beyond Cuisine: Why Chicago Black Restaurant Week Matters So Much

<https://bit.ly/3l81ofi>

ComEd launches system upgrade: Self-service tools offline until Feb. 19

<https://bit.ly/3uso5bf>

Marriott International will purchase the Sheraton Grand Chicago in the city's Streeterville neighborhood in a \$500M transaction

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

Egg Harbor Café to open location in Oak Park

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

Starbucks plans another Joliet store

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

Hudson Pointe residential development moving ahead in Oswego

<https://bit.ly/3l1KaQP>

Aging farmers and fewer farms in the new agriculture census should be a 'wake up call,' says Vilsack

<https://bit.ly/4bRvku6>

Stellantis to lay off up to 120 union members at Belvidere plant

<https://bit.ly/3l4OPBu>

Owner of Clinton nuclear power plant files license extension application

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

Neighbors In Urbana Voice Concerns About Solar Farm Proposal

<https://bit.ly/42KqU3Y>

Bloomington-Normal residents share ideas for updating Fairview Park skate park

<https://bit.ly/3l0suVM>

Moline seeks more input to improve riverfront

<https://bit.ly/48AESa5>

'We have an opportunity to restore some of what's been lost': Public input wanted for Quincy Bay Habitat Rehabilitation Project

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

Adams County program takes action to address need for affordable housing

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

Construction of a new Raising Canes fast food restaurant started this week in Quincy

<https://bit.ly/42FpzLL>

Multiple Hardee's locations in central Illinois abruptly close down

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

Energy efficiency upgrades for rural businesses funded; Budzinski announced that \$1.8M will come to area firms

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

Local architect presents music venue plans to Carbondale council, but questions linger about noise

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

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Americans' Vaccine Hesitancy Continues; Many of the American public still deeply distrust the official medical narrative

<https://bit.ly/3l42j0E>

Why the WHO Pandemic Treaty Threatens Freedom of Expression; The draft text under consideration would commit parties to "tackle" such things as misleading information, misinformation, or disinformation, without



offering a definition for these terms or specifying how this would be done

<https://bit.ly/3wms35J>

A New Version of Dengue Is Plaguing Florida: 'Unprecedented' Outbreaks

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

CRISPR gene editing tool gets a revolutionary high-tech upgrade; CRISPR-COPIES represents a cutting-edge solution designed to swiftly pinpoint ideal chromosomal sites for genetic modification across any species

<https://bit.ly/49iltM6>

Plan for US 'mini-city' of 30,000 monkeys for medical research faces backlash; Georgia residents and animal rights activists unhappy at proposal to house long-tailed macaques in sprawling complex

<http://tinyurl.com/4vc7azef>

Why the Tech Industry Won't Disrupt Health Care; Digital transformation will most likely come from established health systems. Here's what they need to do

<https://bit.ly/42EhXJz>

6 cultural norms that are accidentally beneficial for your health

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

Resistance training is linked to boosted brain health, especially in the elderly; Lifting weights helps balance metabolism, which may reduce Alzheimer's risk; Regular weightlifting may improve immune health and lower inflammation

<https://bit.ly/3T35GLe>

People who live alone are more likely to feel depressed, study finds; The difference was seen across gender, age and income groups - but your relationships are probably a more important factor

<http://tinyurl.com/yc387kw7>

More Than Half Of Federal Inmate Deaths In An 8-Year Span Were Caused By Suicide; The Justice Department's Office of Inspector General finds that "recurring policy violations and operational failures contributed to inmate suicides"

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

The Haunted Juror; In 1987, two innocent teen-agers went to prison for murder. Thirty-seven years later, a juror learned she got it wrong

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

Forest Service warns of budget cuts ahead of a risky wildfire season - what that means for safety

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

Could Wild Horses Help Fight Wildfires? The controversial animals graze on the grass and brush that fuel blazes. So one California naturalist asks: Why not send them to fire-prone wilderness?

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

East Palestine crash prompted rail safety bill. Why it stalled

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

The Pitfalls of Government-Mandated Car Kill Switches; Should your car decide whether you're able to drive?  
<http://tinyurl.com/4awzdbxr>

Put A 'Kill Switch' On Government Bureaucrats, Not Our Cars  
<https://bit.ly/3I9mQk5>

Drunken drivers would have to pay child support for victims' kids under these laws  
<https://bit.ly/49mHdGD>

Eyes on the road: Automated speed cameras get a fresh look as traffic deaths mount  
<https://n.pr/4bEP6c4>

More kids are dying of overdoses. Could pediatricians do more to help?  
<https://n.pr/3weU1QC>

The Addiction Recovery Story We Don't Hear Enough  
<https://nyti.ms/3OIAnD9>

Lawsuit accusing NRA of lavish misspending now heads to jury  
<https://n.pr/3SGSJWm>

After Kansas City mass shooting, Missouri Democrats demand stricter gun laws  
<https://bit.ly/48IFZKk>

What bullets do to kids; Gun deaths among children have risen to their highest level in more than 20 years. A pediatric trauma surgeon describes the physical toll  
<https://bit.ly/3T0vPdE>

Harvard professor says 'all hell broke loose' when his study found no racial bias in police shootings  
<https://bit.ly/3SKDCuQ>

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Supreme Court asked to settle controversy over state's gun ban  
<https://bit.ly/42HNZnL>

Chicago Mayor Johnson renewing ShotSpotter's contract for six months - to get the city through the summer months and the Democratic National Convention - before canceling it in September. It betrayed progressive doublethink: "This technology is ineffective and racist and must be ended immediately . . . but not right now during a politically perilous moment, because in reality we all know it works"  
<https://bit.ly/48ldpcd>

ShotSpotter disaster only the latest example of mayoral incompetence; Chicago suffers from these unforced errors, Mr. Mayor  
<https://bit.ly/3UGrm16>

ShotSpotter won't be shut down in Chicago Friday; Mayor Brandon Johnson's office is now hammering out a last-minute renewal to the nearly \$49M contract with ShotSpotter's parent company, SoundThinking

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

New mobile command unit brings Elgin's Emergency Operations Center directly to the scene

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

Anjanette Young continues fight to ban no-knock warrants 5 years after botched CPD raid

<https://bit.ly/3l4Qlym>

Sx abuse lawsuit against ex-top cop Eddie Johnson includes new allegation of lewd bet

<https://bit.ly/49gOs2F>

Family of autistic boy claims he was handcuffed to hospital bed

<https://bit.ly/4996Jix>

Schaumburg approves new three-year contract with fire department captains

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

I-55 shut down in south suburbs for hazmat situation

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

Migrant Boy, 5, Died In Pilsen Shelter From Sepsis And Viruses, New Autopsy Results Show

<https://bit.ly/4bG8qFF>

Batavia starts new emergency notification system

<https://bit.ly/4bjf9Pe>

Mount Prospect To Name New Deputy Police Chief Soon

<https://bit.ly/3uE8RzL>

OSHA fines Oswego-based contractor over safety violations

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

Winnebago County Lawmakers discuss how to prevent violent juvenile crimes

<https://bit.ly/4bDAc5P>

Video: BPD Chief Jamal Simington talks about changing trends in gun violence

<https://bit.ly/3OLJBP2>

Some Taylorville worried about Ameren activity at old gas plant, fear of toxic chemicals

<https://bit.ly/3T2Pj0n>

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Federal permitting hampers climate goals and natural disaster mitigation, counties say; Environmental regulations shouldn't lead to years-long waits to build transmission lines or impede their ability to respond

to natural disaster

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

Congress reintroduces PFAS litigation bill; The PFAS Accountability Act would make it easier for those significantly exposed to forever chemicals to sue manufacturers

<https://bit.ly/49jt5Og>

San Francisco is poised to apologize for its role in decades of discrimination against Black residents amid an ongoing debate over whether to give cash payments and make other reparations to the African American community

<https://bit.ly/48nnEN7>

San Francisco Board of Supervisors to Apologize to Black Residents for Past Discrimination; A city advisory task force recommended in 2022 that San Francisco pay \$5M in reparations to each longtime black resident

<https://bit.ly/3SYT1ZY>

Denver cuts services in response to the migrant crisis that's costing the city \$180M; Announced cuts to the DMV and Parks & Recreation in response to the migrant crisis

<https://bit.ly/42GZXy0>

Denver's Fiscal Woes Climb as Illegal Aliens Overwhelm City

<http://tinyurl.com/ymkerx5s>

Stop Basing Your Self-Worth on Other People's Opinions; Your value stems from your being, not your doing

<http://tinyurl.com/3v3msaj8>

Chicago Mayor Johnson cites differences on migrant response for failure to pitch in on latest state, Cook County funding plan

<https://bit.ly/48kVu5a>

Chicago mayor faces questions about migrants and ARPA funds; Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson says the city will not be spending more federal pandemic relief funds on migrant care.

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

Mayor Brandon Johnson fires city's cultural affairs chief, building commissioner

<https://bit.ly/4bJGYH9>

Local officials keep proving why distrust in government is high in the Midwest; In Chicago alone, more than 30 alderman since 1972 have been convicted of crimes related to their official duties. The sprawling federal investigation targeting Madigan has also taken down other elected officials

<https://bit.ly/3T1pUoV>

Assistant public defender sues over right to display photo from her military service in Israel

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

To trace the origins of busing migrants to Chicago, start with Donald Trump, Tucker Carlson and Ted Cruz

<https://bit.ly/3I4bK04>

Democratic Party politics loom large over the fight for Cook County Circuit Court clerk

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

NW Side state Senate rematch tops batch of big money General Assembly primary races

<https://bit.ly/3SH0hsa>

Dolton 'super mayor' Tiffany Henyard's 'unbearable' spending out of control: \$1M on cop overtime, thousands for unapproved ice rink and constant parties, travel

<https://bit.ly/48kJ3X9>

DuPage extends water contract with Chicago but charges ahead on its own pipeline plans

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

Lake Michigan ice cover at record low

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

DuPage Water Commission extends Lake Michigan contract with Chicago for 17 years

<https://bit.ly/3l3VDzu>

Independent pediatricians who can't bill patients during Lurie Children's outage can apply for loans

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

Repossession isn't Dolton mayor's first car trouble

<https://bit.ly/3wk8jzD>

IL Labor Relation Boards dismisses charges Illinois Council of Police field against the Village of Dixmoor

<https://bit.ly/3uC6loa>

The search for Evanston's 'peers'; Where should city look for smart budget ideas?

<https://bit.ly/49AMzh3>

DeKalb group wants city to apply for state grant to support migrants in the area

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

Property tax relief coming to Machesney Park residents

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

Winnebago Co. Board discusses resolution for potential migrant crisis

<https://bit.ly/49CC9h1>

Why some in Peoria object to sober living house in historic neighborhood

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

Two more Petersen Health Care facilities are placed in receivership

<https://bit.ly/3whG1Wy>

McLean County Board advances proposal for 2nd waste transfer site

<https://bit.ly/3SZJz8K>

Landowners in Scott, Sangamon and Macoupin counties can apply for federal financial assistance to help protect the Lake Springfield watershed.

<https://bit.ly/3l3eevt>

Rock Island officials seek federal funding in D.C.

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

Galesburg to get seven new paratransit vehicles

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

Quad-Cities flood risk below normal for spring 2024

<https://bit.ly/4999sZj>

Effingham drafting potential regulations for data centers, cryptocurrency mines

<https://bit.ly/3T2tPBV>

In race to prevent lead in our drinking water, who is being left behind?

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

## SPACE NEEDS - NEW PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Work Wraps On Adventure Falls Sprayground And Mini Golf in Downers Grove

<https://bit.ly/49F8Sm6>

How Elk Grove is using TIF money for new high school culinary lab

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

Rosemont OKs \$1.372M For Convention Center Improvements

<https://bit.ly/3ON7x4F>

## STATE & FEDERAL

Illinois remains the nation's second-most corrupt state, but despite keeping prosecutors busy the political machine keeps grinding. The cost is \$550M a year. Here are the Illinois corruption headlines for 2024.

<https://bit.ly/3wnw0XC>

In last-minute reversal, former Senator Sam McCann pleads guilty to corruption charges; In April 2018 he left the Republican party and formed the Conservative Party of Illinois in order to run as a third-party candidate for governor

<https://bit.ly/49Bt4oS>

Judge denies McCann's request for home confinement, orders him held in custody; Former state senator, third-party governor candidate to be sentenced in June after guilty plea

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

Ruling expected next week on bid to block Trump from Illinois ballot

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

Competing priorities for Illinois taxpayer funds ahead of Pritzker's address

<https://bit.ly/42Ewlfr>

A think tank that promotes fiscal transparency is calling on state and local governments to come clean when reporting their so-called balanced budgets.

<https://bit.ly/42GXROG>

Several area legislators strongly support \$95B foreign aid package awaiting House vote - but some don't

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

Unions target far-right Illinois state representatives; Unions representing teachers, laborers and police officers are spending big bucks to try primarying southern Illinois Republicans.

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

Is it legal to marry someone under the age of 18 in Illinois? Here's what the law says

<https://bit.ly/4bIZ6AU>

Presidents Day is coming up. Are Illinois schools open, and is mail delivered?

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

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Not Real News: A look at what didn't happen this week; A roundup of some of the most popular but completely untrue stories and visuals of the week. None of these are legit, even though they were shared widely on social media

<https://bit.ly/3l3Rrzl>

US Census Bureau to trial questions on gender identity and s. orientation; Test questions will be sent to 480,000 households for possible inclusion in the American Community Survey

<http://tinyurl.com/4tb3fdwt>

The Case for Spending Way More on Babies; Kids are two or three times as likely to grow up in poverty in the United States as they are in most of our rich-country peers. That is a direct consequence of the United States spending such a small share of its GDP on family benefits

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

5 Charts Show Why Congress Must Stop Deficit Spending

<http://tinyurl.com/36bey4ys>

A chaotic US House is losing three Republican committee chairs to retirement in the span of a week

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--Danny Meyer

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A: No. This question was recently addressed in the case City of Rock Falls v. Aims Industrial Services, LLC. The Appellate Court stated that "where a governmental agency is expressly authorized by statute to seek injunctive relief, the traditional equitable elements necessary to obtain an injunction need not be satisfied." Further, the Appellate Court explained that "because there is a presumption of harm to the public when an ordinance is violated, a governmental agency seeking an injunction need only show that the ordinance was violated and that the ordinance specifically provides for injunctive relief." On appeal to the Illinois Supreme Court, the Court emphasized when a trial court is confronted "with a continuing violation of statutory law, it has no discretion or authority to balance the equities so as to permit that violation to continue." The trial court should only have considered whether the City met its burden in establishing a violation of the ordinance had occurred.

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