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EDUCATION

Building Democracy, and Common Ground, Begins in School

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

Mental health leave offered to Taiwanese students as youth suicides double; Scheme allows three days off each term as high school stress and depression rates soar

<https://tinyurl.com/mpt2yauX>

Woodshop has been disappearing from California schools for decades. Here's why one Bay Area teacher is bringing it back

<https://bayareane.ws/49A0Yuh>

The unintended consequences of test optional; By making college entrance exams universal and fair, we allow talented poor kids to earn the kind of distinctiveness that money can't buy

<https://bit.ly/3uV9NQm>

How Broken Is Academia? Misconduct is widespread and the academy may face a serious reckoning

<https://bit.ly/4c1MrcO>

Republican attacks on tenure ramp up in latest battle with higher education

<https://bit.ly/438ZZyX>

University of Florida terminates all DEI positions to comply with new law

<https://bit.ly/3SZa0tS>

A massive increase in foreign money and students on American campuses is driving radicalization and subsidizing institutional failure; Foreign students, first and foremost, serve as cash cows. They disproportionately pay full price for tuition and housing

<https://bit.ly/4bWK62C>

Tennessee poised to ban Pride flags in schools; Activists warn of 'creeping restrictions on expression' as bill forbidding schools from displaying flags is expected to clear Senate

<https://tinyurl.com/mr44tjw4>

University of Maryland suspends fraternities and sororities pending investigation; The school received multiple reports of unsafe activities

<https://nbcnews.to/3TIFkU3>

Shooting pledges and eating dirt: Inside the fraternity suspended from Coastal Carolina University

<https://bit.ly/48CG5h4>

Chicago Public School students help open container farm to provide fresh produce in the middle of South Side food desert

<https://bit.ly/3T46hLK>

Chicago Public Schools Will Be Even More Dangerous Without School Resource Officers

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

Central Illinois superintendent of school, child tax credit advocates react to proposed early childhood budget investments

<https://bit.ly/3P4x6yf>

The Illinois Commission on Equitable Public University Funding Submits New Formula Recommendations to General Assembly

<https://bit.ly/3TI7M9A>

Western Illinois University president steps down amid enrollment turmoil

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

Play offered through Paramount at local schools gets students thinking about AI

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

Evanston Township High School creating panel to combat hate

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

Top DePaul trustee a big donor to Chicago mayoral candidate, national Republicans

<https://bit.ly/3T4wZnk>

DeKalb City Council approves DeKalb School District 428's plans for Charter Street property

<https://bit.ly/3P4PRS8>

Oswego D-308 event lets students share their diverse experiences, challenges

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

EIU student government addresses sustainability

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

Illinois lawmakers skeptical of a funding request for teacher bonuses

<https://bit.ly/3V28vxx>

Alton School District has named Elaine Kane as the district's next superintendent

<https://bit.ly/48H2GZL>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Is Inflation on the Rise Again? There are at least two reasons to think the January uptick is just a blip, and will be followed by much smaller price increases in the months ahead

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

If One Megabank Collapses, the U.S. Economy Goes With It. Should We Have More?

<https://politi.co/42YXxoe>

U.S. Money Supply Is Making History for the First Time Since the Great Depression; This is the first significant drop in M2 since the Great Depression

<https://bit.ly/3V1uJje>

Just Say No to the World Trade Organization; The Appellate Body is a stick for beating the U.S. It should stay defunct

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

Why car and home insurance costs are surging

<https://n.pr/4c2nU7s>

Why stores and brands are shrinking product options; It's a reversal from the trend of giving consumers unlimited choices

<https://bit.ly/4c2283m>

Return-to-Work Policies Are the Latest Culture War Flashpoint; Only about 11% of American workers over the age of 16 were fully remote workers in January

<https://bit.ly/49zb7HD>

Of Course Special Interests Shaped California's New Minimum Wage Law

<https://bit.ly/49T4Y96>

California's minimum wage exemption is pure political graft

<https://bit.ly/49AyYa9>

'It's almost carbon-negative': how hemp became a surprise building material; Proponents of the material tout its non-toxic and mould, fire and infestation-resistant properties

<https://tinyurl.com/29f2pbk9>

Paris is heading for an Olympic-sized disaster; Paris will offer a picture-perfect backdrop for the 2024

Olympics but what is the reality for locals?

<https://bit.ly/432Lr3H>

Disaster for French President Macron as Paris faces fresh crisis months before 2024 Olympics; Residents of Paris have been left worried about the dilapidated transport system ahead of the Olympics

<https://tinyurl.com/4maufkt5>

Ski resorts' era of plentiful snow may be over due to climate crisis, study finds; US ski industry is losing \$Bs as average season has become five to seven days shorter in past half century

<https://tinyurl.com/476xdbdc>

Why electric bikes actually give more exercise than pedal bikes

<https://bit.ly/3v5atmh>

The American revolt against green energy has begun; Big, intrusive, ugly, and destructive industrial sites have been rejected by twice as many county governments as approved them

<https://bit.ly/3Thtr2v>

How to recycle the giant magnets inside wind turbines? These scientists have a few ideas; Many turbines rely on high-demand rare-earth minerals

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

Sheep may soon graze under solar panels in one of Wyoming's first 'agrivoltaic' projects; The elevated photovoltaic panels can actually improve grazing conditions

<https://bit.ly/3P1WvbG>

Frackers Are Now Drilling for Clean Power; Startups are tapping underground heat to generate electricity

<https://on.wsj.com/3T45DxT>

5G is 'now' eating cables lunch; Fixed wireless services have accounted for 101% of the approximately 3,625,000 net broadband additions over the past year

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

Vilsack: Ag census serves as a 'wake-up call'

<https://bit.ly/3P4lOc4>

Without immigration reform and higher education, the US risks losing the race for AI talent

<https://bit.ly/48F35vV>

AI's craving for data is matched only by a runaway thirst for water and energy; The computing power for AI models requires immense - and increasing - amounts of natural resources. Legislation is required to prevent environmental crisis

<https://tinyurl.com/3d36dbd5>

A.I. Frenzy Complicates Efforts to Keep Power-Hungry Data Sites Green; Artificial intelligence's booming growth is radically reshaping an already red-hot data center market, raising questions about whether these sites can be operated sustainably

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

AI startup Magic is building a "superhuman software engineer"; AI can now help software engineers write code. Magic aims to build a code-generating AI so advanced that it'll be like a software engineer itself
<https://bit.ly/3TlklIp>

Google DeepMind's new generative model makes Super Mario-like games from scratch; Genie learns how to control games by watching hours and hours of video. It could help train next-gen robots too
<https://bit.ly/48FdqYG>

High-speed humanoid feels like a step change in robotics
<https://bit.ly/3P18eHB>

An immersive new attraction that cost over \$40M to build will be taking flight at Navy Pier beginning, bringing a unique flight-like experience to Chicago for the first time
<https://bit.ly/3Tnjwsl>

EPA, Illinois EPA, and Chicago Settle Civil Rights Claims with Agreement to Prioritize Environmental Justice in Permitting
<https://bit.ly/49YZiu7>

Want To Buy Splash Station From Joliet's Park District? You Can Now; Splash Station opened in 2002
<https://bit.ly/48DYQR1>

Outback Steakhouse in Mount Prospect among 41 restaurants shuttered by parent company
<https://bit.ly/4bWGygN>

Chicago Heights Enzo's restaurant closes after over 75 years in business
<https://bit.ly/3lo3pUQ>

A WalletHub study found low-income Illinoisans pay 14% of their annual salary to sales, property and incomes taxes - more than anywhere else in the nation. The state's middle- and high-income earners weren't much better off
<https://bit.ly/49sajEB>

More luxury homes stall on Chicago market
<https://bit.ly/49sgxUZ>

Lower mortgage rates won't make buying a home much easier or cheaper. They could actually drive up home prices in Chicago and nationwide if demand surges and inventory remains tight
<https://bit.ly/3wAhR9L>

Art Institute of Chicago showed 'willful blindness' in buying Nazi-looted art, New York prosecutors say
<https://bit.ly/3Toxb2o>

Greater Chatham Initiative receives State of Illinois Cultural District Designation for Mahalia's Mile on Chicago's South Side
<https://bit.ly/3SYyh3j>

Almost 800 acres for economic development could be added to DeKalb County Enterprise Zone

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

Developer wants to build 224 units for senior living in DeKalb

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

U-Haul wants to overhaul Joliet hotel property

<https://bit.ly/3V7WcQE>

HomeGoods set to open furniture store in Oswego

<https://bit.ly/3P3ZGQd>

ICC staff recommends denial of permit for One Earth Sequestration Pipeline

<https://bit.ly/49wF37o>

The McLean County Regional Planning Commission has released a draft of its regional housing recovery plan for public comment

<https://bit.ly/4395bD6>

Laborers Home Development tries again to put apartments on Coachman motel site in Bloomington

<https://bit.ly/42YJ3Lv>

Developers, officials discuss factors holding back housing in Quincy

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

Chicago and Illinois move thousands of migrants from shelters into homes. But will they stay?

<https://bit.ly/3lman8k>

Transportation leaders urge Pritzker to not divert road funds to Chicago transit

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

Three projects receive grant funding to bolster Illinois' TV and film industry

<https://bit.ly/48FwE04>

PUBLIC SAFETY

Florida is swamped by disease outbreaks as quackery replaces science; The state is in the grip of a measles outbreak, yet the surgeon general continues to ignore medical science to stop it

<https://tinyurl.com/2mut6wn9>

Why Is the CDC Now Treating COVID Like It's the Flu? The new "pan-respiratory" approach makes sense, but there could be some downsides, too

<https://nym.ag/48FkkNm>

Hangovers suddenly worse? Researchers think COVID could be the cause

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

Deaths linked to excessive drinking surged during COVID-19 pandemic: CDC

<https://bit.ly/3T3G3c4>

Long-term data reveals SARS-CoV-2 infection and vaccine-induced antibody responses are long-lasting; New study results challenge the idea that vaccine immunity fades quickly

<https://bit.ly/3wy5efg>

Around the Globe, Virus Hunters Are Working to Avert the Next Pandemic; From covid to zika, New York City subways to Southeast Asian forests

<https://bit.ly/49X7taE>

How children's birthdays help show the best month for flu shots; Study confirms guidelines aimed at maximum immunity during peak flu season

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

Prostate cancer is not just one disease, reveals new study; Prostate cancer affects one in eight men. Now, AI has helped scientists make a discovery that could revolutionize future treatment

<https://tinyurl.com/2tkb3rbt>

'Gut Health' Has a Fatal Flaw; There's no clear definition of a healthy gut microbiome

<https://bit.ly/438U7py>

The 'average' revolutionized scientific research, but over-reliance on it has led to discrimination and injury

<https://bit.ly/4bT2J7H>

Governor DeSantis vetoes Florida bill banning social media for most kids; The governor said he is working with state legislators on an alternative, unspecified plan

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

A visual guide to the Texas wildfire; What has been the impact of the Smokehouse Creek fire in the Texas Panhandle, and what could happen now?

<https://tinyurl.com/kxn5y6zc>

Teen firefighters step up to the flames as Texas wildfires spread throughout panhandle; Junior firefighters in Pampa, Texas, have assisted adult members all week

<https://abcn.ws/3T1XdH7>

We Are All Bad Drivers; Anyone rooting against self-driving cars is cheering for tens of thousands of deaths, year after year

<https://bit.ly/48E1J4t>

Turns out sports gambling was a gateway; Apps are betting that Americans want to gamble on more than just sports

<https://bit.ly/3V2A5e9>

California Violated the Second Amendment by Disarming People Based on Nullified Convictions; A federal judge ruled that three men who committed nonviolent felonies decades ago are entitled to buy, own, and possess guns

<https://bit.ly/3lhCk5U>

The Florida House of Representatives passed a bill that would lower the minimum age to purchase a firearm from 21 to 18

<https://bit.ly/48C3jUn>

ATF director says "we have to work within that system" since there is no federal gun registry

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

With ShotSpotter staying in Chicago for the time being, dispute continues over the system's usefulness

<https://bit.ly/3Tih0DB>

A Chicago ShotSpotter Alert Led To An Officer Firing At An Unarmed Child

<https://bit.ly/3V1hEGU>

Federal judge lays out roadmap for how challenge to Illinois' gun ban proceeds

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

One facility offers solutions to prisoners with developmental disabilities

<https://bit.ly/3V5KxBFm>

Science group raises concerns over Illinois' attempt to ban food additives

<https://bit.ly/3UXhpN1>

State and federal agencies deny role in diaper shortage at Chicago's migrant shelters

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

Chicago's Migrant Shelters Face Diaper Shortage as Agencies Dispute Responsibility

<https://bit.ly/3wES9B2>

Former patients say Endeavor Health failed to protect them from an abusive doctor

<https://bit.ly/4309Wi6>

Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority released a notice of a \$30M funding opportunity to provide Restore, Reinvest, and Renew programming in historically underserved Illinois communities

<https://bit.ly/3wArzc5>

Will County establishes domestic violence review team

<https://bit.ly/49F45S2>

Proposal to ship tons of Chicago garbage down the river is dead in the water

<https://bit.ly/3P4P3N6>

DePaul University student organizers offer free off-campus contraceptive delivery program

<https://bit.ly/3T4fAva>

New station, personnel and equipment allows Bradley Fire's response time to shine

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

Study: Corn genome can fight multiple pathogens at same time

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

Residential construction firm settles lawsuit with Chicago, paying \$2.2M over unlicensed work. The agreement establishes a restitution fund for homeowners allegedly victimized by ResiPro and its parent company's substandard work

<https://bit.ly/3Tkml3B>

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

How the Media Industry Keeps Losing the Future; There are signs that the whole concept of "news" is fading; A recent attempt to give people 'free' subscriptions to their local papers in Pennsylvania as part of an academic study drew almost no takers

<https://bit.ly/3SV0acs>

It shouldn't be so hard to become an educated voter; What's really needed is to shore up local news. Voters say they don't have access to clear, unbiased information on candidates amid a well-documented decline of local newspapers and news media

<https://bit.ly/3Tn7wXP>

'I'm Matt.' For Some Politicians, Addiction Battles Drive Policymaking

<https://bit.ly/4bVr0K9>

Homeless crackdown gains momentum in California as US Supreme Court test looms; The state has spent more than \$20B on housing and homelessness programs since the 2018-19 fiscal year but still has more than 180,000 homeless people

<https://tinyurl.com/2tys8tee>

On California ballot: Housing's role in addressing mental illness; Proposition 1 includes a \$6.4B state bond to secure supportive housing and treatment places for homeless people, with \$1B for veterans

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

Why Republicans are fighting the basic-income programs many cities and states are adopting: 'Is money a birthright now?'

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

More than 13M Americans picked up a pickleball paddle last year

<https://bit.ly/3P0rqoD>

The 3 myths of mindfulness; Is mindfulness really the panacea it's touted to be, or are we glossing over some

fundamental flaws?

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

Dishabituation: How to trick your brain to find more joy in life; Learning a psychological trick to overcome your brain's tendency to stop noticing things could help you love your old clothes, notice the effects of climate change and fix gender biases

<https://bit.ly/3P60iVg>

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Illinois redirecting \$30M of pot taxes to minority communities through Restore, Reinvest, and Renew program; Eligible programs include civil legal aid, economic development, re-entry from the criminal justice system, violence prevention, and youth development

<https://bit.ly/3V2GPsp>

Chicago 'mansion' tax to fund homeless services stuck in legal limbo while on the ballot

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

Over 100 groups demand action: United call for vote count in Bring Chicago Home case

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

State and federal agencies deny role in diaper shortage at Chicago's migrant shelters

<https://bit.ly/3Ti33FI>

Podcast: Pastor Brooks on how D.E.I. policies are hurting his community

<https://bit.ly/3T2HIP3o>

Dropping grocery tax in Illinois could bite cities, counties

<https://bit.ly/48D1G98>

Kane County clerk would open satellite office in Elgin's Schock Centre under deal

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

Harvey Ald. Colby Chapman faces possible censure over use of police van for video, city prosecutor says

<https://bit.ly/3P8HKnt>

Evanston's Human Services Committee Monday is scheduled to debate provisions of a potential new ordinance that would permit video gaming in the city.

<https://bit.ly/3P4HeHa>

The City of Evanston announces a citywide ban on the sale of all flavored tobacco products, effective April 1, 2024

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

Town of Normal to consider banning more smoke shops in Uptown and pedestrian loitering near busy intersections

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

Evanston landscapers rally against ban on gas-powered leaf blowers

<https://bit.ly/3P72YIA>

Northlake Public Library Asking Residents To Vote 'Yes' For 'Zero Tax Rate Increase'

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

Downers Grove library trustees support removal of controversial board member

<https://bit.ly/3wFPW8v>

DuPage County to remove invasive species from portions of Illinois Prairie Path

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

Contractor lined up to demolish gym at old Joliet Catholic High School

<https://bit.ly/3V3K2lu>

Village of Orland Park: Invitation to Bid for Fiber Build to Police Training Facility. Due 3/28/2024

<https://bit.ly/42ZwS12>

Village of Orland Park: Invitation to Bid for Water System Asset Management Program. Due 3/18/202

<https://bit.ly/3wGd6eY>

City of Evanston Invitation to Bid for 2024 Water Main Improvements. Due April 2, 2024

<https://bit.ly/3T3hBaH>

Invitation to Bid for LOCKPORT TOWNSHIP WELLHOUSE DEMOLITION. Due 3/15/2024

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

The Village of Oswego will be accepting sealed bids for an Impact Fee Distribution Analysis until March 22, 2024

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

The City of Champaign is accepting proposals for a classification and compensation study

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

The City of Champaign is accepting proposals for a Records Management Consultant to review current records management policies, procedures, and processes and provide solutions to opportunities identified through the process

<https://bit.ly/3TmeNH2>

The City of Bloomington is accepting sealed bids for Bid #2024-40, Meadowbrook Subdivision Improvement Project until March 26, 2024

<https://bit.ly/3V0SF6m>

The City of Bloomington is accepting sealed bids for Bid #2024-42, Highland Golf Course Building Demolition - Phase 1 until March 21, 2024

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

Invitation to Bid for replacement of metal roofing at the City of Carbondale's Cedar Lake Office. Due 3/19/2024

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

SPACE NEEDS - NEW PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Wheeling Park District: RFQ for Family Aquatic Center Planning and Feasibility Study. Due 2024-03-28

<https://bit.ly/3T2FCyF>

Danville Mass Transit requests proposals from qualified individuals, firms, or teams to complete the design of the project, assist with the completion of the bid documents for construction and provide oversight for the project at our transit facility. Due 4/19/2024

<https://bit.ly/4c0sOBF>

Edwardsville schools face backlash over bathroom plan

<https://bit.ly/3TkmC03>

STATE & FEDERAL

State of Illinois Forecast Report; Prepared for the State of Illinois Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability

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

Public corruption is one of the factors hampering social mobility in Illinois, according to a recent report.

<https://bit.ly/3UZmW5C>

Governor Pritzker doesn't call out critics, just calls them names; He lambasted unnamed critics, conjuring up a new insult: "Doom Grifters"

<https://bit.ly/49STen5>

Illinois Republicans question affordability of Governor's budget, call for tax reforms

<https://bit.ly/3P0sCZ9>

In Virginia, Governor Pritzker steps up attacks on 'stupid and ignorant' Donald Trump

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

Downstate congressional race highlights the GOP's hard move to the right

<https://bit.ly/4bT1CVz>

How would Illinois fare if Supreme Court rules in favor of GOP states' efforts to regulate social media platforms?

<https://bit.ly/3lkH4rh>

IL House Insurance Committee weighs regulating insurance rate hikes

<https://bit.ly/3TILip5>

Some Illinois lawmakers look to enhance health care coverage for in vitro fertilization

<https://bit.ly/3TliAV9>

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Not Real News: 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/435ToFp>

The U.S. national debt is rising by \$1T about every 100 days; Spot gold is currently hovering around \$2,084 an ounce, while bitcoin was recently around \$61,443

<https://cnb.cx/3uUm5bl>

Data prove it: The Trump tax cuts soaked the rich; High-income earners shelter less and earn more when top tax rates fall. That shouldn't astonish anyone

<https://bit.ly/3T2cKqp>

America's Largest Companies Dodged Nearly \$300B In Taxes, Report Finds

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

More than inconvenient: Preparing for a cellular outage on Election Day

<https://bit.ly/3wNB47O>

The turnout gap between white and Black voters is growing, study finds

<https://nbcnews.to/3Tk1HKA>

Map: 29M Americans live under new voter ID laws put in place since 2020; One in nine voting-age adults live in a state with a new identification law

<https://nbcnews.to/3V7KwNP>

The Republicans Celebrating the End of Mitch McConnell's Reign; Despite his role in delivering many of the GOP's most consequential victories, the Kentucky senator is considered by some of his colleagues to be an unbearable moderate

<https://bit.ly/3lk9stB>

McConnell and Haley fight losing battles against Trump's 'America First' worldview

<https://bit.ly/4c0h2Ht>

Sunset for Mitch McConnell-and Joe Biden? Old age is driving a period of generational transformation in American politics

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

Conservatives bash 'uniparty' Republicans in push to dissuade bipartisanship; The MAGA wing of the party is using the term to disparage fellow Republicans who work with Democrats to pass bills that fall short of conservative preferences

<https://nbcnews.to/4bYGFZ8>

Biden vs. Trump Polls: Joe's Battleground Problem

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

For Democrats Pining for an Alternative, Biden Team Has a Message: Get Over It

<https://bit.ly/3P0fD9R>

Majority of Biden's 2020 Voters Now Say He's Too Old to Be Effective

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

How Can Biden Stay In Now? One thing Biden really cannot do is get any younger

<https://bit.ly/3V16cuU>

Jill Biden puts Donald Trump on notice as her campaign role comes into focus

<https://tinyurl.com/bdhp6e3x>

Chinese gift of diamond to Hunter Biden spurs contradictory stories from Biden clan

<https://bit.ly/4bW5iWt>

A Large Percentage of Republican Primary Voters Can't Stomach Trump; New polling analyses indicate what Trump is up against within his own party

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

Commander in Chains: 7 Scenarios If Trump Is Jailed and Wins the Election; There is nothing in the Constitution that prevents an inmate from winning the presidency

<https://bit.ly/3V2liAe>

The Trump trials: A former president faces justice

<https://cbsn.ws/433MBMn>

The Red Pill Revolution; As the cases against Trump begin to unravel so does the public's trust

<https://bit.ly/3ST2KQg>

It Can Happen Here; A new project tracking creeping authoritarianism

<https://bit.ly/3uUjej4>

What if no candidate wins 270 electoral votes? 70 percent of Americans have indicated that they don't want the major presidential candidates they now appear stuck with

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

Trump Escalates Immigration Rhetoric, Claims Biden Is Trying To 'Overthrow' The U.S.

<https://bit.ly/4c317Z9>

Homeland Security Secretary Mayorkas: Executive orders aren't enough to solve the migrant crisis; "When we take administrative actions as we have done a number of times, we are challenged in court"

<https://politi.co/3ljvc90>

'We need a chance': Migrants willing but unable to work; Community organizers say most migrants desire to work; Attorneys say there is no easy way for migrants to apply for authorization

<https://bit.ly/3uJHkx6>

The Myth of the Migrant Crime Wave; The "data that exist for this year show consistent declines in major crimes in major cities"

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

Georgia student's death emerges as touchstone in immigration battle

<https://bit.ly/433HLPa>

Georgia lays down the law after Laken Riley's death: Anyone in country illegally will be arrested

<https://bit.ly/4bVz8uf>

As Sweden joins NATO, it bids farewell to more than two centuries of neutrality

<https://bit.ly/4bVlml3>

Hawkish Ukraine remarks focus minds on Europe's future; The French president's bellicose comments on NATO troop deployments highlight the need for action, not more plans

<https://tinyurl.com/2za2f668>

Inside Ukraine's last stand in Avdiivka and its 'road of death'

<https://bit.ly/3wK4jsa>

American tech fueling Russian war machine, lawmakers say; Senate probe says Kremlin obtaining key tech despite sanctions

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

Israel under pressure to justify its use of AI in Gaza; In Washington, however, scrutiny of Israel's use of AI warfare appears to be low on the priority list

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

What Joe Biden Must Tell the Israeli Public; Amid the escalating horror in Gaza, the President will have to go around Benjamin Netanyahu to forge a postwar vision for the region

<https://bit.ly/49y24qw>

Israel's wartime Cabinet is shaken by a dispute between Netanyahu and his top political rival

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

More than 40 percent of Americans believe Israel has gone too far in Hamas war response: Poll

<https://bit.ly/3wy3BOG>

Gaza - A defining moment in our moral history

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

Israeli military review of Gaza aid convoy deaths finds most killed in stampede

<https://tinyurl.com/22ew7ca6>

New York Times accused of racial targeting in leak hunt over Israel stories

<https://bit.ly/3TfTk2B>

New York Times Launches Leak Investigation Over Report on Its Israel-Gaza Coverage

<https://bit.ly/3V182f1>

Has Zionism Lost the Argument? American Jews' long-standing consensus about Israel has fractured. There may be no going back

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Human Artificial Reality Is a Mortal Threat; Artificial Reality is when political or cultural beliefs distort sensory processing, causing the perception of reality to disconnect from observable reality

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Q: Is written correspondence addressed only to a Mayor a public record available for copying under FOIA?

A: Possibly not. This question was recently addressed again by the Illinois Appellate Court in Shehadeh v. City of Taylorville, where the court reviewed the City's denial of a FOIA request for a copy of the requester's own letter to the Mayor. The most interesting result of the case arises from the Appellate Court ruling that the requester's letter addressed to the Mayor did not qualify as a public record under FOIA because it was not "received by, in the possession of, or under the control of a public body." After analyzing FOIA's definition of a "public body" and prior Illinois cases concluding that an individual alderperson was not a "public body" under FOIA, the Appellate Court concluded that the Mayor is not a "public body" under FOIA. The Court rejected the requestor's argument that an individual Alderperson should be distinguished from a Mayor, noting that even though a Mayor (unlike an individual Alderperson) has legal authority to make certain unilateral decisions and actions, that distinction does not transform a Mayor into a "public body" under FOIA. It is important to note that there is mixed precedent regarding this question.

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