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#### EDUCATION

Why Is the Nation Invested in Tearing Down Public Education? We need a new education story with children and teachers at the center

<https://bit.ly/3wk4uum>

The chronic absenteeism puzzle; High rates of absenteeism coexist with high daily attendance

<https://bit.ly/49AiNd3>

Why Schools Still Struggle to Provide Enough Mental Health Resources for Students; 39 percent of schools reported that lack of access to licensed professionals and mental health funding were major roadblocks to their efforts supporting student mental health

<https://bit.ly/3uB5sSp>

A proposed health care sciences-focused high school championed by the governor of Alabama for more than a year would be created

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

The school bus is disappearing. Welcome to the era of the school pickup line

<https://wapo.st/4bWm3B5>

We Tested an AI Tutor for Kids. It Struggled With Basic Math; Khanmigo, a ChatGPT-powered bot, made frequent calculation errors

<https://on.wsj.com/48hC8OA>

Building Better Collaboration Between Families and Schools

<https://bit.ly/3OO8wl2>

I'm a foster kid who went to Yale - and I think two-parent families are more important than college

<https://bit.ly/4bLM1Ho>

FAFSA website meltdown: How to avoid additional frustration with financial aid applications

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

South Carolina House lawmakers are considering legislation to prevent public universities from weighing diversity, equity and inclusion in their hiring and admissions policies amid a national blitz by conservatives to ban the practice

<https://bit.ly/4bLsA1o>

Texas colleges lose diversity programs under new law

<https://bit.ly/3I5lp6n>

Standardized Activism; Minnesota's new social studies benchmarks will force teachers to indoctrinate students

<https://bit.ly/3uFsXK0>

Utah Bill Would Require Teachers to Be Politically 'Neutral' In Class; HB303 advances to Utah House despite concerns about chilling effects on teachers, classroom 'sterilization,' and restrictions on LGBTQ+ symbols

<https://bit.ly/3OQTc73>

Teachers Sue California Governor Over Policy Forcing Them to Lie About Student's T-gender Status to Parents

<http://tinyurl.com/64esrmcp>

Why children are still playing tackle football, despite brain risks

<https://abcn.ws/49Gow0s>

College Athletes' Status as Employees Puts Student Visas at Risk; Employee status may conflict with student visa work limits; Workarounds to cash in on NIL not available on scale needed

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

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The chronic absenteeism puzzle; High rates of absenteeism coexist with high daily attendance

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

"Peace Warriors" courageously become violence interrupters in their schools

<https://cbsn.ws/3wf39Vp>

Peace Warriors host nonviolence training session at North Lawndale College Prep in wake of shootings

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

A new bill would revive a scholarship program that was stripped from 9,600 low-income Illinois students, ending their best chances to attend schools of their choice.

<https://bit.ly/49G4mDD>

Lawmakers consider renewing Invest in Kids scholarships; A new bill would revive a scholarship program that was stripped from 9,600 low-income Illinois students, ending their best chances to attend schools of their choice

<https://bit.ly/3I8fLAX>

Thousands of student athletes from across the Chicago area made an impact in the community on the last day of National Random Acts of Kindness Week; More than 2,000 athletes from over 100 high schools gave back to their communities

<https://bit.ly/3SSn0Se>

Chicago Public Schools recover from pandemic declines more than other districts, study shows

<https://bit.ly/49CY5sh>

CPS students' reading gains rank among top 3 large districts in the nation, study finds

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

Jewish college students in the U.S. face antisemitism, little help from officials

<https://bit.ly/3uEaNs5>

Chicago schools are bouncing back from the COVID pandemic more than other districts

<https://bit.ly/48q2cHj>

'Very big opportunity': College of Lake County expanding electric vehicle curriculum

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

St. Charles schools OK mold removal plan for mobile elementary classrooms

<https://bit.ly/49l0Mz8>

The Chicago Teachers Union Is Pushing to Green its Public Schools

<https://bit.ly/3T45NXb>

UIC joins worldwide effort to transcribe Frederick Douglass' papers for future researchers

<https://bit.ly/3SKWh9V>

UIC neuroscientist contributes to ambitious emotion-mapping project; International collaboration seeks to standardize the language of moods and feelings.

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

Romeoville percussion teacher competes on 'America's Got Talent'

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

ISU's interim president talks vision of future in bid for permanent role

<https://bit.ly/42MY1Ei>

University of Illinois researchers developing coal-based semiconductor

<https://bit.ly/3T3kjya>

Career Closet helps Culver-Stockton seniors dress the part for upcoming job interviews

<https://bit.ly/3T1Tniv>

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Great Compression; Homes under 500 square feet are not taking over anytime soon: They are less than 1 percent of the new homes built in America

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

Legislation to change a controversial low-income housing law that gives tax breaks to developers has been filed at the Rhode Island State House, aiming in part to make affordable housing tax breaks apply only to affordable housing

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

Republicans in Washington Legislature bristle over collapse of rural housing bills; Democrats and conservation groups worry that building too aggressively in rural areas could strain water supplies, infrastructure, and services

<https://bit.ly/3uOxj1k>

Strategic Water Supply taps out as the governor of New Mexico insists she won't 'give up on it'; The plan wanted to create a commodity market to sell the treated water to replace freshwater in manufacturing solar and wind components and in hydrogen fuel

<https://bit.ly/49k4U2q>

What should the post post-pandemic city look like? This architect has a few ideas

<https://bit.ly/3weP4Y3>

How Third-World Countries Build Walkable Cities Without Central Planning; Why you don't need central planners to get pedestrian-friendly urban design

<https://bit.ly/49G0xhP>

Cities Can't Be About Moving Cars; Some complain that getting rid of parking mandates is just an underhanded way of making auto use harder and harder in cities. But harder for whom, exactly?

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

Podcast: Why U.S. Transit Is So Expensive (and How To Fix It)

<https://bit.ly/3T3qceT>

Inside Amtrak's bold plan to double ridership by 2040

<https://bit.ly/49n33tC>

You May Be Able to Repair Your Future EV's Battery Just by Resting It; Researchers have discovered a potential solution for a flaw plaguing the energy-dense, lightweight batteries of the future

<https://bit.ly/49F7MGH>

Burger King, Popeyes lean into kiosks, remodels to spur speedy service

<https://bit.ly/42ML50Z>

A look at the data center economy of Ireland, which had 82 data centers, amid concerns about rolling blackouts due to pressure on the electrical grid; Have we entrusted our memories to a system that might

destroy them?

<http://tinyurl.com/yck8tub2>

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Senate Bill 2921 looks to keep farmers from selling off their land. The proposed bill looks to raise the estate tax threshold for farms in Illinois

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

Cook County property tax rates are destroying the South Side's economy

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

New French restaurant La Grande Boucherie bets big on Chicago

<https://bit.ly/4bG9ae5>

Grocery store, restaurant planned for former Fresh Market site in Lincolnshire

<https://bit.ly/431mDJL>

Progress at Carol Stream's Mainfreight terminal and headquarters

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

Developer gets loan for Tesla sales/service center and adjacent parcel in Buffalo Grove

<https://bit.ly/42L8mk4>

The Future of Water Needs Plumbers

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

Evanston loses another auto dealership; Dealers in Niles and Chicago to take over the territory.

<https://bit.ly/49i90rN>

Shorewood Development Group will build a 50,720-square-foot automotive sales and service center for Tesla in the Chicago suburb of Buffalo Grove.

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

First Meeting On Proposed Maywood TIF Districts Scheduled Feb. 21

<https://bit.ly/49Ff8dl>

Des Plaines Wants To Buy Building At Lee-Walnut For Future Redevelopment

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

An update on the Downtown Morris Master Plan

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

Rockford named among top 20 emerging housing markets in US

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

Mahomet looks to expand commercial growth on the east side

<https://bit.ly/3OR5T1H>

Urbana leaders to discuss committing \$50,000 toward helping Willard Airport

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

Bloomington-Normal home sales fell in 2023 thanks to higher interest rates and low inventory

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

Petersen Health Care is preparing to file bankruptcy, according to Bloomberg

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

Signs went up on Monday for a new Mexican restaurant that's coming to Quincy.

<https://bit.ly/48nV0LT>

Effingham County is considering allocating funds to assist CEFS Economic Opportunity Corp. as it prepares to increase its child care capacity amid the county's child care shortage.

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

Decatur council to discuss Eldorado Street streetscape improvements

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

Pecans profitable, but challenging to produce in southern Illinois; Pecans are a long-term commitment with 13 years from planting trees to harvest

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

A proposal to add a manufacturing facility and a gun range to the Gateway Commerce Center Enterprise Zone is set to go before the full Edwardsville City Council on Tuesday.

<https://bit.ly/3l5Hp12>

News remains a negative in grain markets

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

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Vaccines that protect against severe illness, death and lingering long Covid symptoms from a coronavirus infection were linked to small increases in neurological, blood, and heart-related conditions in the largest global vaccine safety study to date

<https://bit.ly/42NmE3S>

COVID-19 vaccines and adverse events of special interest: A multinational Global Vaccine Data Network cohort study of 99M vaccinated individuals

<https://bit.ly/42Mowd9>

The Florida Department of Health is carrying out an epidemiological investigation surrounding the multiple cases of measles at a Broward County elementary school

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

The Alabama Supreme Court has ruled that frozen embryos are children in a wrongful death lawsuit over the destruction of several frozen embryos, reversing a lower court's decision to dismiss the case

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

New study reveals diet link to PFAS 'forever chemicals' in human body; US research shows foods such as butter and processed meat likely to increase levels of toxic PFAS in blood over time

<http://tinyurl.com/2vw5z3st>

What Will It Take for the EPA to Ban a Pesticide Linked to Parkinson's? Over 60 years since Silent Spring, the Environmental Protection Agency still can't seem to bring itself to curtail products like Roundup or paraquat

<https://bit.ly/3l5Eaqd>

High levels of niacin linked to heart disease, new research suggests; Excess amounts of vitamin B3 - which is found in meat, fish, nuts, and fortified cereals and breads - may trigger inflammation and damage blood vessels

<https://nbcnews.to/3OQRa6V>

Prescribed Meal Kits Are a New Tool for Managing Diabetes

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

How Did an Aquarium Stingray Get Pregnant without a Mate? Researchers don't fully understand why parthenogenesis happens or what triggers it

<https://bit.ly/3UHj8WF>

Are psychedelics really the key to expanding our consciousness?

<https://bit.ly/4bK5w32>

Against Medical Advice: Another Deadly Consequence of Our Opioid Epidemic; People struggling with addiction cite untreated withdrawal, pain, discrimination and stringent policies as reasons for leaving hospitals against medical advice. We need to take their complaints seriously

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

New plasma-based treatment could help treat chronic wounds; Say goodbye to antibiotics and silver dressings - plasma-based treatments could be used to treat wounds

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

'Unconscionable' criminal justice bills could fuel soaring incarceration in Louisiana; Reform advocates condemn raft of measures expected to pass under new far-right governor

<http://tinyurl.com/2s4ctv5s>

A gunman killed and injured protesters at a BLM march in Portland, Oregon. Why did police blame the victims? Survivors of a mass shooting have publicly shared video contradicting police claims that victims were armed and part of a 'confrontation'

<http://tinyurl.com/ynjbp2a>

New US background database unlikely to stop police misconduct, critics warn; Experts say new DoJ program intended to track backgrounds of federal police unlikely to solve problem of 'wandering officers'

<http://tinyurl.com/2p8exe4z>

Missouri House Republicans scrap two gun bills after Kansas City Chiefs rally shooting

<https://bit.ly/3T4UBsf>

The Supreme Court will decide whether to let civilians own automatic weapons

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

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A new law allowed gun owners to keep assault weapons if they disclosed them. Illinois county registration rates ranged from 0.5% to 1.8%.

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

Chicago criminals out on probation/parole/pretrial release continue violence in 2024

<https://bit.ly/49C0mUL>

Office morale, performance key issues for Democratic Cook County state's attorney candidates

<https://bit.ly/3uGB1tX>

Moraine Valley Hosts Public Service Career Fair; Attendees will learn about Moraine Valley's Career Programs, which include criminal justice, fire academy, fitness trainer, paralegal, recreation therapy, and sport and recreation management

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

Researchers find that a stable circadian rhythm can mean a 40% to 60% lower risk of heart disease.

<https://bit.ly/49n7fcQ>

Illinois DNR instructors hold hunter safety education course

<https://bit.ly/3T1WHKw>

The troubled past of the Joliet man accused of murdering his family in what officials called a 'reign of terror'

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

'It's very dangerous': Residents lobby for traffic light amid rise in fatal crashes across Illinois; Deadly traffic crashes increased 2.5% last year

<https://bit.ly/3V3Z3dp>

Ford Chicago Assembly Plant workers say their cars are being vandalized, stolen in lot; Union leaders claim at least 50 workers have been affected in the last year and a half.

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

Top cop admits homicide clearance rates wrong, dodges Crusader's questions

<https://bit.ly/3T4z6ZA>

UChicago nurses schedule strike vote due to unresolved patient safety concerns

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

River Forest moves toward police body cameras; Dashboard cameras in police vehicles are also upgraded

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



Illinois Attorney General calls for toxic metal testing after applesauce pouch recalls

<https://bit.ly/3l61bcB>

Peoria firefighter remains on job despite DUI arrest this weekend

<https://bit.ly/4blhN7W>

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Los Angeles Just Proved How Spongy a City Can Be; As relentless rains pounded LA, the city's "sponge" infrastructure helped gather 8.6B gallons of water-enough to sustain over 100,000 households for a year

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

Map: When and where double brood of cicadas will emerge - and what to expect

<http://tinyurl.com/3weye9u3>

Why the only way to ride the company AI wave is experimentation; AI is both a tool and a catalyst - and the key to successful integration is to rewrite your rule book and tinker

<https://bit.ly/3UKRY19>

How to Make Peace with a Company Decision You Don't Like; Eight prompts to work through your emotions and implement a plan you disagree with

<http://tinyurl.com/rfrb7zyx>

5 persuasive arguments that convince the most hesitant people to learn something new; Making the mindset shift required to learn something new can boost your career trajectory

<https://bit.ly/3SO7K8y>

Science-based strategies to help boost emotional intelligence at work and in life; The concept of emotional intelligence has been around for decades but still causes confusion. Here's exactly what EQ is, and how to improve yours

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

Why Data Breaches Spiked in 2023; And what companies can do to better secure users' personal information

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

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Is Mayor Brandon Johnson already campaigning for a second term?

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

Decades-long Chicago recycling effort comes to an end; The Resource Center is a nonprofit that collects recyclable materials from across the city. It separates out paper, glass, cans and other recyclables to reduce the risk of cross contamination

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

Early voting to resume Wednesday in Chicago after temporary pause

<https://bit.ly/3SCLGO8>

Court order delays early voting in Chicago

<https://bit.ly/3l8ulTb>

Quinn concerned for taxpayers over new Sox ballpark

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

Monarch butterfly's long reign as everyday Chicago summer treat could flutter away; Chicago residents can support monarch populations by planting milkweed and reducing pesticide use

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

What Chicago's official smell should be

<https://bit.ly/4bGs3O6>

Why the suburbs need to start planning for Chicago's 'mansion tax'

<https://bit.ly/3UH3s5J>

Mount Prospect has created a program to help residents who want to replace lead or galvanized steel water pipes with copper ones. They will reimburse 100% of the cost to replace the service line from the water main to the water shutoff valve.

<https://cbsn.ws/3l6Tdjk>

Cook County President Preckwinkle and clergy leaders endorsed Clayton Harris to replace outgoing Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx.

<https://cbsn.ws/3l5NXN5>

How to access Black history landmarks on the South Side via transit

<https://bit.ly/3OLe7bN>

Uptown Homeless Shelter Proposal Rejected By Zoning Board

<https://bit.ly/3UF9PGG>

Program Tries To Reach Homeless 'Where They're At' - On CTA Trains

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

Cook County Funds Purchase of Two Hotels in Effort to Provide Stable Housing, Necessary Supports

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

DuPage County takes positive steps with grants to help food pantries

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

Niles-Maine Library Staffing & Op Study Recommendation: Fill All Vacancies

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

Sauk Valley public transit providers, nonprofits receive vehicles through state program

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

DeKalb Alderwoman Zasada says 76th House District campaign solicited funds from city employees by 'mistake'

<https://bit.ly/4bG0VyJ>

Recovering addicts defend Rockford area sober-living homes

<https://bit.ly/49Dui2T>

\$200,000 in state grants available for small nonprofits, up to \$20,000 per organization.

<https://bit.ly/42Ndap3>

City of Peoria accepting Ameren utility assistance applications; The city could pay up to \$5,000 per household.

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

Urbana committee discussing Hotel Royer extension, \$500,000 penalties could later apply

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

Rock Island's new city app lets you report problems to Public Works

<https://bit.ly/3UM8OfX>

Expired terms leave Bloomington Human Relations Commission idle for six months

<https://bit.ly/3wp0bxT>

National veterinarian shortage impacting central Illinois clinics and shelters

<https://bit.ly/42Jp2bM>

## SPACE NEEDS - NEW PUBLIC BUILDINGS

## STATE & FEDERAL

Why Illinois' state budget matters to you; Illinois will spend over \$50B this year to operate state government, which is \$10B more than when Governor Pritzker first started

<https://bit.ly/42Jb2Pg>

Illinois public-sector unions are perfecting and promulgating a model for subjugating Americans to union interests. Their model has three steps: control the kids, control politicians and control the law

<http://tinyurl.com/2p8fsv85>

As corruption trials continue, Illinois lobbyist reform effort pushed in General Assembly

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

Pritzker to mull tightening fiscal landscape in budget address this week

<https://bit.ly/3l3sioT>

A new measure would provide a \$500 tax credit for abortion providers, abortion seekers, legal guardians of abortion seekers and public school teachers who move to Illinois due to abortion bans and content-based restrictions on educational materials in other states.

<https://bit.ly/3OOkp5Q>

Op-Ed: Illinois must act now to curtail rampant lawsuit abuse, protect local businesses

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

Illinois Comptroller's Office warns of tax scams; Scammers pretending to be from the IRS are using tax season to con people.

<https://bit.ly/3wl9izr>

Advocates continue push for child tax credit in Illinois

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

As corruption trials continue, Illinois lobbyist reform effort pushed in General Assembly

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

Illinois woman's work in Indiana creates cross-state tax return mess

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

The Illinois Tollway is urging drivers to get a sticker tag, but is there a deadline? Here's what to know

<https://bit.ly/3UH3zOH>

A map of where to expect cicadas in 2024 and which broods will hit Illinois

<https://bit.ly/3T3oLwV>

The feds sent letters to 44 states to fix SNAP application errors and inefficiencies

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

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is planning to host public scoping meetings for the Lower Mississippi River Comprehensive Management Study (LMR Comp) at venues throughout the study area between Feb. 27 and March 11.

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

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High-profile Republicans head for the exits amid House GOP dysfunction; Recent high-profile retirements have included powerful committee chairs and rising stars inside the GOP

<http://tinyurl.com/3kx29vyj>

A guide to the 5 GOP factions roiling the House; It can get dizzying to watch Speaker Mike Johnson navigate - or at least try to - the various camps in his GOP. Here's a handbook

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

Matt Gaetz's Chaos Agenda; The Florida Republican is among the most brazen and controversial figures in

Donald Trump's G.O.P. He's also among the most influential

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

Trump's first remarks about Navalny compare Russian's death to his own legal situation

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

"We are worse than a third world country": Trump claims his "persecution" will lead to demise of US

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

Trump lashes out at 'compromised' legal system as he confronts cash crunch

<https://bit.ly/3T3vyqv>

Trump tells supporters his \$355M fraud fine is election interference

<http://tinyurl.com/43pyw3wz>

Step Aside, Fani Willis; Trump's claims that "everybody cheats and lies" will feed off allegations, true or false, against the Fulton County prosecutors. Some Americans, disgusted with both Trump's and the prosecutors' conduct, may simply ignore the verdict

<https://bit.ly/3SJ2xPu>

The Big Thing About Trump's Presidency That Team Biden Needs to Get; For liberals and Democrats, Trump's presidency was a moral hellscape. But swing voters have a very different view. Accepting this is absolutely vital

<https://bit.ly/3SJ834K>

How Trump Is Killing Off the 'Reagan Republican' in Congress

<https://bit.ly/3OPQa2T>

The GOP Has Crossed an Ominous Threshold on Foreign Policy; The bigger question is whether a second Trump term would also mean the effective end for the American-led system of alliances and international institutions that has underpinned the global order since World War II

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

Regretful Wisconsin fake elector says he was tricked into signing phony document claiming Trump won in 2020

<https://cbsn.ws/49FKT61>

How judges in D.C. federal court are increasingly pushing back against Jan. 6 conspiracy theories

<https://cbsn.ws/3SGU3Zj>

Want Gemini and ChatGPT to Write Political Campaigns? Just Gaslight Them; Google and OpenAI's chatbots have almost no safeguards against creating AI disinformation for the 2024 presidential election

<https://bit.ly/3OPD9X5>

The Mainstream Media Are Dying of Self-Inflicted Wounds; Years of professional irresponsibility has consequences

<https://bit.ly/3uE4CnO>

The Biden presidency needs a digital reboot; President Biden's biggest problem stems from being trapped in the old analog TV politics

<https://bit.ly/42S7U3x>

Biden's rightward shift on immigration angers advocates. But it's resonating with many Democrats

<https://bit.ly/3wn5PjV>

Something's Fishy About the 'Migrant Crisis'; It's a function of our elected leaders' refusal to build a legal-immigration system capable of handling the current volume of asylum applicants in an efficient, humane way. If New York City is overwhelmed, that will not be because of migrants, but because of native-born political dysfunction

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

Leak of Russian 'Threat' Part of a Bid to Kill US Surveillance Reform, Sources Say; A surprise disclosure of a national security threat by the House Intelligence chair was part of an effort to block legislation that aimed to limit cops and spies from buying Americans' private data

<https://bit.ly/49IzPv2>

US Army says it could run out of funding to protect Europe and Africa without Ukraine's aid package

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

Inside Alexei Navalny's Final Months, in His Own Words

<http://tinyurl.com/4v9ke83w>

Most of Russia's opposition is either dead, in exile abroad or in prison at home. What happens now?

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

Widow of Alexei Navalny takes center stage in Russia's opposition

<https://n.pr/49YiqJ5>

Yulia Navalnaya, Russia's steely new opposition politician out to avenge husband's death

<http://tinyurl.com/44fcejdu>

Yulia Navalnaya vows to continue husband Alexei's fight and says Putin killed him; Widow of Alexei Navalny says she wants to 'build a free Russia' and says she will reveal why 'Putin killed him'

<http://tinyurl.com/4pfks46z>

Putin must be shown he can't kill with impunity; Russia has been exposed a rogue state that is a menace to the rest of the world

<http://tinyurl.com/5684jrc4>

Russia says it has crushed the last pocket of resistance in Avdiivka to complete the city's capture

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

After retreat, Ukraine digs in to repel new Russian attacks in east

<http://tinyurl.com/hje3pcys>

Ukraine's defeat at Avdiivka darkens the mood in the West; It is a pivotal moment, where both Russian

advances and Western atrophy threaten to transform the biggest land war in Europe since the 1940s

<https://bit.ly/49fA0YS>

Ukraine's Allies Are Gaming Out a World in Which the US Retreats

<http://tinyurl.com/55zxcvcs>

The West is suffering a "colossal failure of imagination" in thinking Russia's war in Ukraine will not hit them next, defense policymakers heard at Munich Security Conference

<https://bit.ly/42HBp8d>

As Putin Threatens, Despair and Hedging in Europe; As the leaders of the West gathered in Munich, President Putin had a message for them: Nothing they've done so far - sanctions, condemnation, attempted containment - would alter his intentions to disrupt the current world order

<http://tinyurl.com/yvv9fm6r>

Blocking Ukraine aid is no way to put America first

<http://tinyurl.com/y8p382ec>

The Kremlin has never been richer - thanks to a US strategic partner; India has increased its purchases of Russian crude by over 13 times its pre-war amounts

<http://tinyurl.com/2hhjh35v>

Ukraine aid lifts the US economy, backers say; Of the \$61B earmarked for Ukraine, 64% would flow back to US defense contractors that make the weapons

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

US could send long-range missiles to Ukraine if funding passes - report; White House prepared to send weapons that could strike inside Crimea if Congress approves \$60bn aid package

<http://tinyurl.com/4v44c4mb>

Biden administration is leaning toward supplying Ukraine with long-range missiles; If Republicans continue to block U.S. military aid to Ukraine, the White House could turn to an ally to provide Kyiv with ATACM missiles capable of striking Russian-held Crimea

<https://nbcnews.to/48IYHBQ>

The High Cost of the GOP's Reckless Decision to Withhold Aid to Ukraine

<https://bit.ly/3l5rpfp>

Stalled US aid for Ukraine underscores GOP's shift away from confronting Russia

<https://bit.ly/3SJ91hd>

The war in Ukraine is based on lies - lies about how it started, how it's going, and how it will end; We are told that Ukraine is winning when in fact it is losing. We are told that the war makes NATO stronger when in fact it is depleting it

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The Peril of Ukraine's Ammo Shortage; Russia understands the importance of artillery in a war of attrition

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The Danger Lurking Just Below Ukraine's Surface; The widespread use of mines has left Ukrainians scrambling to find ways to clear the explosives. New efforts to develop mine-clearing technology may help them push back Russia's invading forces

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Are US nuclear weapons set to return to UK soil? Prospect of nuclear weapons being stored in Suffolk causes concern that they could become a target

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Is Russia looking to put nukes in space? Doing so would undermine global stability and ignite an anti-satellite arms race

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Palestinian factions are set to meet with the Putin regime in Russia for unity talks as Israel rejects the possibility of Palestinian statehood after the war in Gaza concludes

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Israeli minister says ground offensive in Rafah will begin by Ramadan if hostages aren't returned

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Israeli officials appear to have set a deadline to invade the southern Gaza city of Rafah - the largest refugee camp in the coastal territory - for the Muslim holy day of Ramadan on March 10th

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The Palestinian foreign minister accused Israel of apartheid and urged the United Nations' top court to declare that Israel's occupation of lands sought for a Palestinian state is illegal and must end immediately and unconditionally for any hope for a two-state future to survive

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Palestinian minister accuses Israel of 'colonialism and apartheid' at International Court of Justice

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The United States has proposed an alternative draft United Nations Security Council resolution calling for a temporary ceasefire in the Israel-Hamas war and opposing a major Israeli ground offensive in Rafah in southern Gaza

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Gaza Health Ministry says over 29,000 Palestinians have been killed in Israel-Hamas war

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U.S. Middle East Commander Confirms That Iran Was Arming Houthis before Obama Nuclear Agreement; The Biden administration remains deep in a self-made myth about Tehran's ultimate goodness

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International Atomic Energy Agency chief says Iran's nuclear enrichment activity remains high

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Biden's relaxation of Trump-era sanctions netted Tehran at least \$77B, some of which Iran directs to proxies across the region. Yet the president's other policies also emboldened Iran's proxies

<http://tinyurl.com/3sr2wvzr>

Navy counters Houthi Red Sea attacks in its first major battle at sea of the 21st century; Yemen is the poorest country in the Middle East, but its 1,200 miles of coastline leads in and out of the Suez Canal, the primary route by sea between Europe and Asia, responsible for \$1T a year in global trade

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China offers to deepen security ties with Hungary; Beijing's move comes at a time when Budapest's relationship with its EU and NATO allies is at a low point

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China's latest stealth tech promises invisible fighter jets, says report; New plasma stealth device targets specific areas, not entire aircraft

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The Chinese government has announced that it will no longer respect a de facto maritime boundary with Taiwan and will expand Coast Guard activities around a Taiwan-controlled island off China's coast

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'We won't win this war': U.S. faces few good options in Somalia mission; Under-the-radar clash with al-Shabab terror group drags on for Biden

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New research reveals that dozens of New York universities, hospitals, museums and non-profits are employing lobbyists that also work for fossil fuel companies, which some say is blatantly "aiding and abetting" climate crisis

<http://tinyurl.com/2wrf7emd>

Water molecules detected on the surface of an asteroid in space for the first time; Pinpointing where water could exist can drive where to look for life in our solar system and even beyond

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call these Type 1 decisions. But most decisions aren't like that - they are changeable, reversible - they're two-way doors. If you've made a suboptimal Type 2 decision, you don't have to live with the consequences for that long. You can reopen the door and go back through. Type 2 decisions can and should be made quickly by high judgment individuals or small groups."

--Jeff Bezos

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